



EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Staff



It is winter again. One of the most beautiful sights of the season can also be one of its most troublesome problems. Snow! Yes, that fluffy white stuff that we love for sledding, skiing and snowboarding, can also be a deadly for driving and shoveling.

Each year, when that first snow lands on the roadway, it seems we have to remind ourselves how to drive in it. The most critical safety advice is to slow down. Snow on these country roads can be a nightmare, with the curves, hills and dips. Driving on the snow takes more care and patience than regular driving. A driver has much better control of a vehicle on snowy or slippery roads when driving at slower speeds. For those of us who have drive four-wheel drive vehicles, it is important to remember that four-wheel drive does not mean four-wheel stop, especially on packed snow or ice. And remember four-wheel drive may make it easier to drive through deeper snow, but it does not make it safer to drive at higher speeds. We need to slow down, especially on our country roads.

The other major problem is getting rid of that snow in our driveways. If you still use the old-fashioned shovel method for getting rid of the snow, please be careful. Each year, too many people suffer from heart attacks and strokes because of shoveling snow. Try to hire a neighbor's child or find someone to plow your driveway instead of doing it yourself. When shoveling alone, remember to take plenty of breaks and drink lots of fluids. Even if you have a snow blower, remember you still need to be careful; and please be aware of where you are blowing the snow. Your neighbors will not appreciate finding their driveways covered with your snow, and the highway crews will give the snow back if it ends up in the road. Putting the snow into the road is also extremely dangerous for drivers. Once those piles of snow freeze, they are there for a long time. And do not forget the mailbox! If the postal delivery people cannot get to your mailbox, then you are not going to get your mail.

Above all, enjoy the snow and be careful. We would like to keep you as a reader of the newsletter.



If you have a question or a comment, please send your letter to the editor at enteditor@zoominternet.net!

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Community Star

Contributed by Anne Broomall



Virginia Burt graduated from Northwestern University, as Virginia Payne, with an English major in 1945.

She was married in 1948 in Illinois to James Burt, an organic chemist. In 1952 Virginia and James bought property on Little Elk Creek Road, which at the time was a dirt road, in East Nottingham. The twenty-five acre property has an historic gatehouse (PA bank house) and a fieldstone farmhouse. In 1952, they moved into the gatehouse where they raised five children. They finished renovating the fieldstone farmhouse in 1960 and moved in. Prior to the renovations, the house had tree logs for floor support and no heat or electricity.

Mrs. Burt has accomplished many things in both her family and professional life, as well as for the Oxford area community. Virginia is one of four who founded St. Christopher's Church. She was Vestry and treasurer for the first twelve years and a kindergarten teacher. Virginia taught TESL (teaching English second language) at Lincoln University African Center between 1967 and 1969 and was the first president of LU faculty Women's Club. She was a member of LU community chorus under Orrin Clayton Suthern.

Virginia taught at Oxford High School as a substitute teacher and served two terms on the English Speaking Union, Del Chapter. In 1970, she became an instructor of freshman English and the Assistant Director at the University of Delaware. And eventually became the Assistant Dean of the Graduate Studies Program in the English Department at U of D. In 1974, Virginia earned a Master's degree in American History while raising five teenagers and working at U of D in a challenging position.

The changes in our community that Virginia has witnessed over the years include new developments, and increases in noise, light, traffic and taxes. She has watched this sleepy farm community grow in leaps and bound. Virginia will soon be leaving East Nottingham and moving to Columbia, Maryland, to be closer to her son and daughter. She possesses good health and a sharp mind. Virginia is bright, beautifully youthful, and to top it all off, has a great sense of humor. WOW!

Thanks, Virginia, for sharing your story!

Anne Broomall has decided to leave the newsletter staff, but we would like to thank her for all the ideas and work she contributed to the newsletter

If you are interested in joining the newsletter staff, or would just like to submit an article or a topic of interest, please contact us.

Winter Chills

The winter season is here, bringing us gray skies, bare trees, snow-covered hillsides, freezing temperatures and its own set of viral illnesses.

A virus is a pathogen which enters the body through contact with an infected person, from the air, or from fluids. Viruses enter healthy cells which then burst, multiplying and spreading the pathogen to other healthy cells. Generally, antibiotics are not effective against viruses.

The most common virus is the cold virus. The cold pathogen grows mainly in nasal cells and may be present in droplets expelled during coughing and sneezing which contaminate hands and other surfaces in the immediate area. The cold virus can then be spread to others who touch these surfaces. The best cure is to drink plenty of fluid such as water and juices and to rest. The best prevention against the common cold is frequent hand washing.

The same virus which causes colds can also cause acute bronchitis. Bronchitis occurs when the inner walls that line the main air passageway of the lungs become infected and inflamed. A productive cough of yellow, gray or green sputum is the main symptom of bronchitis, but others include lung or chest pain, sore throat, congestion, breathlessness, wheezing, slight fever, chills and fatigue. Again, antibiotics are not an effective treatment. Rest and increased fluid intake are the best treatments. A non prescriptive cough medicine may be helpful at night.

Another common winter virus is the influenza virus. Symptoms of the flu may include high fever, headache, extreme fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. The flu is generally spread by respiratory droplets passed from one person to another. Treatment is usually aimed at relieving symptoms. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a vaccination each fall. October or November is the best time to receive the vaccine but can be obtained up until February, since the flu season can last until May. You should consult your doctor before receiving a flu vaccine.

All of the above illnesses may advance to the more serious condition known as pneumonia, an infection of the lungs. Those most susceptible to pneumonia are infants and the elderly. Symptoms vary according to the type of pneumonia but may include high fever, chills, yellow, green or brown sputum, chest pain, shortness of breath, headache, body aches, and fatigue. Anyone who suspects they have pneumonia should be seen by a doctor.

The best advice is to beat the winter chills is to bundle up, stay rested and well hydrated, wash your hands and help keep our community healthy this winter.

911- Your Emergency Hotline



WHAT IS 9-1-1?

911 is an easy to remember, three-digit emergency telephone number which provides the fastest access to police, fire, and medical services.

WHEN TO USE 9-1-1?

Call 9-1-1 to report a situation that requires the *immediate* response of police, fire department, or ambulance service.

Do not call 9-1-1 for road/travel and severe weather information, repair for your household appliances or your car, complaints of excessive noise, littering, pets up a tree, legal advice, the time, directions, etc.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR 9-1-1:

The **address** where the emergency is located.

The **municipality** where the emergency is located.

The **cross street** closest to the emergency location.

The **phone number** of the reporting party.

The **nature** of the problem.

When responding to an emergency, it is very important that the police, fire department, or emergency medical service can locate you. So be sure to display your house number prominently on both your mailbox and house or property. In an emergency, response time can increase significantly if the service cannot determine where you live.

When you give directions to the emergency location to the 9-1-1 dispatcher, make them simple and direct. It is not the same as giving directions to your house for friends to come visit. Plus, help may be coming from as far away as Chadds Ford or West Chester, if our local facilities are already engaged. Why add crucial extra time to their trip?

So the next time you pull into your driveway, check your house to make sure your address is displayed prominently enough for an emergency situation. It could be the difference between life and death for you or someone you love.

Do not wait for an emergency, check your address by calling 610-344-5260!



The OARA has again set aside areas in ENT for sledding this winter. Parking is available.

- Site 1 is out Locust Street, cross over the bypass, there is a lane on the left, almost directly across from the entrance to the sewage treatment plant.
- Site 2 is out Locust Street to Oaks Road, left onto Oaks to the lane entrance on the left.

For more information call the OARA at (610) 932-8447 or Lee Towner at (610) 932-3371.

SLOW DOWN! That is all some of our neighbors are asking! Recently a resident from one of the township's newer subdivisions asked the Supervisors for some speed limit signs to be put up in his development. Installing these signs upset other residents who called to say they did not want the speed limit signs on their property. So the signs were removed and the speeding continues. In some developments, the signs are posted at the entrance of developments.



These signs are posted to not only inform drivers of the speed limit, but also to remind them there is a speed limit. Everyone is in such a hurry these days, and drivers tend to travel faster in familiar places. But these roads are not always predictable with children playing, Amish buggies, and deer out looking for food. Even the best driver cannot be sure to stop in time for unexpected events in the road.

Many of the speed limits on roads in the township have been lowered in the past year, so please remember the speed limit signs are there for a purpose. If you want to get somewhere sooner, then leave sooner. Do not pass other cars on a country road. Nine times out of ten nothing will happen. But if you have ever been that number ten, it is something you will never forget.

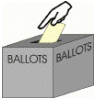
Santa comes to ENT!

ENT had another visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus in December. Families came to visit, take pictures, and enjoy a treat. We all had a wonderful time!



We would like to thank everyone who helped make Santa's visit a memorable one, including Robinson's Furniture, the Oxford Tribune, Union Fire Company No.1, and especially Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Election Results



Welcome our new five-member Board of Supervisors! After the November election, two supervisors were added to the board, Percy Reynolds and Gene Turns. Shortly after the election, Thomas Olivieri tendered his resignation. In December, Michael Miller was appointed to fill the vacated seat until the next election. Come to a meeting and meet the new board!



The East Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors

Pictured from left to right are: Dave Shelton, Leo Levandowski, Gene Turns, Percy Reynolds, and Michael Miller

Also, we would like to welcome all new township officials and thank outgoing officials for their efforts this past year. Both elected and appointed officials donate much of their personal time for the benefit of ENT residents.

Township Services

For problems regarding snow removal on township roads, call the township office at (610) 932-8494. Be aware, however, not all roads are township owned. State-maintained roads are:

Baltimore Pike	Fifth Street
Route 472	Forge Road
Route 272	Media Road
Chrome Road	Oxford Road
Barnsley Road	Saginaw Road
Elkdale Road	

For snow removal on these roads call PennDOT at (610) 436-1900.

!!! A Note from the Township Building !!!

Regular trash is being left in and around the SECCRA recycling bins at the township building, including asphalt shingles and other non-recyclable items. These bins are not to be used for non-recyclable trash disposal. We realize that non-ENT residents sometimes use the township recycle bins and may be the culprits. However, we would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone to please follow the recycle instructions on the bins and not to not leave anything lying next to them if they are full.

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Supervisors Planning Commission
 Monday, Feb. 12
 Monday, March 12
 Monday, April 9
 Monday, April 23
 Supervisors meetings are now held the second Monday of the month.
 All meetings are at 7 pm at the Twp. Bldg.

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