



EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP

2015 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Township Ordinances



Stormwater Management (SWM) Ordinance

Impervious Surface is surface that has been compacted or covered with a layer of material that prevents or is resistant to infiltration of water, including but not limited to: structures such as roofs, buildings, storage sheds, other solid, paved or concrete areas such as streets, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, patios, tennis or other paved courts, or athletic playfields comprised of synthetic turf material. For the purposes of determining compliance with this Ordinance, compacted soils or stone surfaces used for vehicle parking and movement shall be considered impervious.

Below is a brief synopsis of the new requirements regarding stormwater management for residential properties.

- The ordinance tracking all new impervious surface was enacted on 1/6/2014. At that point, unless impervious surface is limited by the zoning ordinance, all residential properties are credited with a 1000 square foot (SF) new impervious surface exemption.
- The new ordinance allows the first 1000 square feet of new impervious surface to be exempted from having to do a SWM plan. A *Stormwater Management Exemption Application* can be found on our website or picked up from the office.
- Between 1001 SF and under 2000 SF of new impervious surface a Simplified Approach to SWM must be submitted by the land owner. The township supplies the application and information required to do this on its website in the permit section or you can contact the Zoning Officer for guidance.
- Once the threshold of a cumulative new impervious surface of 2000 SF has been breached, the applicant is then required to submit a sealed engineered plan with the application.
- All SWM plans require a SWM Agreement between the applicant and the Township to be executed and recorded at the Recorder of Deeds in West Chester.
- Both thresholds, the 1000 SF exemption and the <2000 SF allowance for using the Simplified Approach also require no more than 5000 SF threshold of area of disturbance.

This is an abbreviated version of a 134 page ordinance, so not all situations are the same. To read the entire ordinance, or find out the regulations regarding agricultural and commercial properties, go to the Township website or contact the Zoning Officer at (610)932-9812.

Dates to Remember



- Dumpster Weekend – **April 24-25, 2015** – details are on the township website and the Armstrong Cable Channel. Or call the township at 610-932-8494.

- Regular Board of Supervisor meetings:

April 14	May 12	June 9
July 14	August 11	September 8
October 13	November 10	December 8

- Regular Planning Commission meetings:

April 27	May 26	June 22
July 27	August 24	September 28
October 26	November 16	December 14

All meetings are held at 7pm in the Township Building.

- Primary Election Day is Tuesday **May 19, 2015**.

- Elder Justice Seminar for Older Adults presented by the Chester Co. Elder Abuse Task Force on "How to avoid being a victim of a scam Power of Attorney – What You Need to Know" - **Wed. May 13, 2015** from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester - Continental Breakfast & Lunch Served. This is a sponsored ride with Rover for 75 cents one way.

Township Tidbits

The barricades have been removed from the north side of Fulton Road so now there is free access to Oxford Road from Route 472 and vice versa.

Regarding miscellaneous signs from yard sales and lost animals and such, please be considerate of township residents and after a yard sale or once a pet has been found, remove all the signs you put up around the area. Don't let them become litter blowing throughout our neighborhoods.

In case you are wondering when the stones on the township roads leftover from the winter snow plowing will be swept up, the plans is for some time around the middle of April when there no longer is any danger of it snowing again.

Other Sources of Information

Did you know that the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors puts out a quarterly newsletter specifically for residents? It is called "Townships Today," is posted exclusively online, and can be found as a link on the ENT website. This quarter it features how to help us to stop illegal dumping and littering.

Recycling



Just a little reminder to all of our East Nottingham Township residents, recycling facilities can be found at the township building at 158 Election Road.

ALUMINUM

Do's: Aluminum Beverage Cans

Don'ts: Foil, pie plates, chair legs, aluminum siding

METAL FOOD CONTAINERS

Do's: Rinsed metal food cans

Don'ts: Paint cans, misc. metal, pipe, cylinders, anything which is not a metal food or beverage can

GLASS, CLEAR, GREEN, & BROWN

Do's: Glass food containers, and glass beverage containers

Don'ts: plate glass, mirrors, Pyrex, light bulbs, head lamps, ceramics, or anything that is not a glass beverage or food container

PLASTIC BOTTLES

Do's: PETE #1, soda bottles HDPE #2, unpigmented jugs HDPE #2, pigmented bottles and jugs. These numbers are generally located on the bottom of the container

Don'ts: Butter tubs, plastic pots, plastic sheets, plastic bags, Styrofoam, polypropylene, PVC, buckets, or anything that does not have a #1 or #2. These materials should be rinsed and lids removed. Breakage of glass should be minimized. Cans and plastic containers may be crushed.

NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PAPERS

Do's: Newspapers (including inserts) Magazines, Junk mail, Catalogs, Phone Books, Cereal boxes /flat (minus plastic insert), Office paper

Don'ts: Waxed papers, milk cartons, metal reinforced packaging, metal coated papers, plastic coated papers, fiberboard, hardbound books, and other heavy materials Recycle corrugated boxes, and high volumes of office paper separately stack and bind with twine or bag in brown paper grocery bags. Please do not use synthetic cords or metal to bind or plastic bags for packaging.

CARDBOARD

Do's: Flatten boxes only dispose in marked containers

Don'ts: Leave materials around drop-off centers if dumpsters are full.

USED MOTOR OIL*

Used motor oil is only accepted at the SECCRA Landfill drop off center

Do's: Prevent spills Collect at home with a drip pan Bring oil in a sealed container

Don'ts:

Do not mix oil with anything, including gasoline and antifreeze

Do not bring commercially generated oil

Do not bring more than 5 gallons at one time.

Thank you for taking the time and the effort to Recycle.

Updates

Oxford Area Sewer Authority

The Oxford Area Sewer Authority has now completed the second phase of its three phase treatment/storage/disposal capacity upgrades. Phase 1 the 38.4 million gallon Osborne Storage Lagoon was placed into operation in December 2012. The completion of the Lagoon satisfied the last requirement of PADEP's 2004 Consent Order and allowed the Authority to lift the moratorium on new connections to the sewer system. Phase 2 the Ross Spray Field project was completed and placed into operation in July 2014. The completion of the project has now increased the Authority's overall capacity to 760,000 gallons per day. Phase 3 of the capacity expansion, the new 1.25 million gallon per day Waste Water Treatment Plant is currently under construction with completion slated for early May 2015.

Rural Living



As we all know spring and summer are the growing season, and in rural Southern Chester County that means the aroma of manure fills the country air.

This is one of the elements of organic farming. Rather than using chemical fertilizer most of our farmers use the liquefied manure from farm animals such as horses, cows, pigs and chickens to name a few. To new, and some not so new, residents of ENT this can be a shock when you walk outside after a field has been fertilized. This is part of country life and the odors dissipate within a few days.

Another issue for which the township will receive complaints is that sometimes when the manure is being spread it ends up on the roads. To the farmers, we ask that you respect our residents' vehicles and obey requirements of tilling fields no closer than 6 feet to a road and not driving manure spreaders on the roads. By the same token, we would ask our non-farming residents to contact the township to advise us if there has been a violation with regard to manure and the roads. This community belongs to all of us and so we need to respect varying ways of life.

The benefit from our farming activities is something we all enjoy in the form of fresh indigenous fruit, veggies, eggs, and milk.



A list of farms that have produce, flowers and baked goods for sale is being constructed. If you would like your farm listed, please call or write the township. Here are a few local farms:

- Briar Hollow Farm Market, 476 Little Elk Creek Road
- Jim's Market, intersection of Barnsley Road, Rte. 272, Chrome Road, and Greenhouse Road.
- Toot Valley Farm Market, 204 Crawl Toot Road.
- Windy Acres takes produce and baked goods to the West Grove Farmers Market at Harmony Park.

Subdivision & Land Development Plans



- **Jordan Manor (Tigue Farm)** – This 259 acre farm proposed for 165 new houses is located on both sides of Little Elk Creek Road between Fifth Street and Mount Pleasant Road.
- **Cooper Farms** – The next phase of this will have 55 more houses on ¼ - ½ acre lots, and another road coming out onto Mount Pleasant Road. The developer is ready to start building again.
- **Century Oak Phase 2B** – The second phase of the Century Oak subdivision consists of 14 lots for single family houses with public sewer and water.
- **Dollar General Store** – And yes another Dollar store is in the land development phase of planning. This one is going to be on the southeast corner of Baltimore Pike and Old Forge Road.
- **State Street Products Company, Ltd.** – Located at 155 Barnsley Road (where Mr. Mulch used to be, between Barnsley Road and Baltimore Pike is in the preliminary plan phase of putting in a 30,500 SF light manufacturing facility. They will be making raised garden beds.

Election Time Again



ENT has been split into 2 precincts now. The dividing line is Fifth Street and Barren Road. All ENT registered voters living on the east side of these roads continue to vote at the high school. All ENT registered voters living to the west of these 2 roads are now required to vote at Bethany Christian School. All registered ENT voters should have received a new voter's registration card indicating which polling place they should use.

The Primary Election is on Tuesday, May 19th. Following is the list of offices for which you will be asked to vote:

State Offices (10 year terms)

Justice of the Supreme Court
Judge of the Superior Court
Judge of the Commonwealth Court
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

County Offices (4 year terms)

County Commissioner – 2 offices
District Attorney
Sheriff
Prothonotary
Register of Wills
Recorder of Deeds

Local Offices:

School Director at Large (4 year term)
School Director Oxford Region III (4 year term)
Twp Supervisors – 2 offices (6 year terms)

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

CHESTER COUNTY SPCA



The CCSPCA believes that difficulty paying for food should not be a reason for owners to surrender their pets to the shelter. The establishment of the Pet Food Pantry will ensure that all members of the community will have accessible food to keep their families together.

The Pet Food Pantry is open from 9 am to 12 pm the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. For more information contact jandy@ccspca.org or 610-692-6113 x216. Free dog/cat food will be offered for qualified participants and they will need to bring one of the following proof of hardship: State or Federal Welfare, Food stamps, Medicaid, Social Security or SSI, Unemployment, Low income (under \$20,000/year - \$24,000 if dependents)

MENTOR, TUTOR, VOLUNTEER... WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOU? OXFORD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OFFERS CHOICES

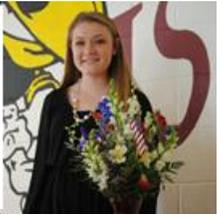


Would you like to find another way to use your business expertise? Run a school store! Do you have an artistic side? Create a bulletin board! Maybe you just want to share a smile with kids as they meet a goal successfully. Then tutoring may be just the thing for you. Whether it is help with beginning Algebra, Chemistry, more practice reading, learning to organize school work, or help with an essay, volunteers, acting as classroom tutors and aides are being sought.

Visible in classrooms; senior citizens helping students with computer assignments, students reading to adults, chemistry students conducting experiments and presenting information to college students, and special needs students making use of equipment to help them better concentrate on lessons. And that's just the beginning. Mentors work one on one with students who just need a little guidance and attention from an interested adult. In this challenging economy, families, and therefore students, are more stressed. With a mentor with whom they can share their ups and downs, students are more likely to strive for success not only in the classroom, but in life.

Oxford Educational Foundation is seeking volunteers to serve as tutors, mentors, and classroom assistants in Oxford Area Schools. Tutors work on a regular basis with one or two students having problems in math, science or other subjects. Mentors meet on a regular basis with one student who seems to be in need of adult support and advice. Classroom assistants go into classrooms and listen to students read or help the teacher with a variety of tasks to help meet the educational needs of the students. For further information please send an email to oxfordedfound@yahoo.com or call (610)932-7200.

COMMUNITY STAR UPDATE



In the previous issue of the township newsletter we told you about Kassidy England's Girl Scout Gold Award project to create an Oxford Area High School Alumni Veteran's Display. This is the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve, and took her over a year to research and finish.

On Nov 9, 2014 a plaque with 538 brass plates with the names, year of graduation, and branch of service of these veterans was unveiled at an official ceremony in the High School. Hundreds of people were in attendance, some from as far as West Virginia. At the end of the ceremony the veterans in attendance saluted Kassidy and gave her roses.

The plaque, displayed in the cafeteria near the gymnasium, will be kept current by the PTO.

BRAVO, Kassidy!

Local Food Banks



Oxford Church of God / Devine Food Cupboard

443-553-5587

www.oxfordchurchofgod.com

198 Barnsley Road, Oxford, PA 19363

Hours: Tues., 9:15 am – 4:00 pm &

Wed. 6:16 m – 8:00 pm

Oxford Neighborhood Services

610-932-8557

www.oxfordnsc.org

35 N. 3rd St., Oxford, PA 19363

Hours: Mon. – Tues. – Thurs., 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Call for Appointment

Spanish spoken

Serves residents of Oxford, Avon Grove

Meals on Wheels

610-255-3971

www.mowcc.org

This is offered to people who are housebound, regardless of age and economic status, and cannot prepare their own meals.

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158 Election Road
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Tel: (610)932-9812



Visit Us on the Web
www.eastnottingham.org

Board of Supervisor meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Township Building

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