



EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2015-2016

Letter from the Editor



By now most of you know that Supervisor Gene Turns passed away from cancer this past April. I've know Gene since 2005 when he became a member of the Township's Planning Commission. Then in 2007 I had the honor of swearing him in, along with Percy Reynolds, as a Township Supervisor, onto the first five member Board. He stayed on as a member of the Planning Commission, doing double duty, until June 2010. Gene was a steady fixture at the Township building. We never knew when he was going to drop by. He would come in sounding gruff, but we all knew he had a teddy bear side as well.

Even before he was involved with the Township, Gene was well known around the Oxford area. He was heavily involved in the kids' sports programs and always seemed to be walking around with banquet tickets for one charity or another. There wasn't anything that happened in the area that Gene wasn't one of the first to know. We never could figure out how he found out about things before anyone else.

It was interesting to see that even though he had passed away a few months before the primary election, his name was on the ballot and he received 65 votes! He would have gotten a kick out of that.

So here's to you, Gene. I'm sure you and Dave Shelton are somewhere together telling people how to run things. You are missed.

In the interim, resident Joe Raffa was appointed Supervisor to finish Gene's term which ends this December. Supervisor John P. Coldiron's term is also up at year end. November's election will result in two new members to our Board of Supervisors.

Also, during the interim of writing this issue of the newsletter, the Township lost another resident who should be mentioned. Helen Shelton, the late Dave Shelton's wife, passed away in August. Those of us who knew Dave and Helen know how generous Helen was in allowing her husband to give so much of his time to the Township. Between the meetings, phone calls and people dropping by at all hours at their house and business, not to mention the interrupted meals at the Post House, Helen put up with a lot. This deserves recognition. We often forget that the families of those who serve the residents of East Nottingham Township are also serving the township by giving up family time with their spouses. Helen did it for 16 years. Thank you, Helen.



If you have a question or a comment, please send an email to the township at zoningofficer@zoominternet.net

Township Services

Dumpster Day

Fall Dumpster day will be on Friday, October 16th from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday October 17th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the Township for further details.

Christmas Trees

Did you know the Township will take your live Christmas trees and mulch them when you take them down? There is a drop off in back of the township garages.

What's new in the Township?

ACTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY

The Board authorized the expenditure of \$18,675.00 to Longs Asphalt for the construction of speed calming devices also known as speed humps on Wickersham Road in the area of the Elk Ridge School. This resulted after Township residents expressed a concern about the safety of school children on the road in the vicinity of the school. The speed humps have been installed.

Subdivisions in the Works

The following large subdivisions are currently in the planning phase:

	<u>Subdivision Name</u>	<u>Future</u>	
		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Acres</u>
	Langston	165	80
	Wicklow	160	74
	Meadowview Estates	47	29
	Reserves at Dunlap	111	74
		<u>483</u>	<u>257</u>

The following large subdivisions were recently preserved as permanent open space by the County and State:

<u>Subdivision Name</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Jordan Manor (Tigue Farm)	165	251
Elkdale Green	84	69
	<u>249</u>	<u>320</u>

For details about these subdivision feel free to contact the Township.

Are You Ready for Winter?

Get Supplies Together Now in Anticipation of Snow and Ice



With any luck, the approaching winter season won't be as nasty as the one many Pennsylvanians endured last year. Mother Nature, though, isn't known for her predictability. With that in mind, here are some tips

from www.ready.gov, a Federal Emergency Management Agency preparedness campaign, to help you and your family get ready before the snow, ice, winds, and frigid temps come our way.

Before winter and storms arrive

To prepare for a winter storm, ready.gov recommends the following:

Stock up on the following supplies:

- Rock salt or an alternative, environmentally safe product to melt ice on walkways.
- Sand or other antiskid materials to improve traction on sidewalks and driveways.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home, and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

Create a "family communication plan."

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get together, and what you will do in case of an emergency. To learn more about developing a plan, go to www.ready.gov/family-communications.

Homeowners should consider purchasing a NOAA weather radio, which broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the National Weather Service for all hazards. Many county emergency management organizations provide phone and text notifications, too. Check with them, and if they do, register your contact information.

Also, download FEMA's Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings for a summary of notifications at www.ready.gov/prepare. Free smart phone apps, such as those available from FEMA and the American Red Cross, provide information about finding shelters, providing first aid, and seeking recovery assistance.

Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supply kit in your vehicle. To learn more about what to include in this kit, visit www.ready.gov/kit-storage-locations.

Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

During a storm and extreme cold

Once a storm arrives or the temperatures dip to bone-chilling single digits, take the following steps:

Stay indoors as much as possible.

Walk carefully on snowy, icy walkways.

Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack, a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.

Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive, travel during the day, don't travel alone, keep others informed of your schedule, and avoid back roads and shortcuts.

If the pipes freeze in your house, remove any insulation and wrap the pipes in rags. Open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).

Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least 3 feet from flammable objects.

If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home and don't set the temperature any lower than 55 degrees.

Signs of frostbite: Frostbite occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. Symptoms include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, earlobes, face, and the tip of the nose.

What to do if you suspect frostbite: Cover exposed skin but do not rub the affected area in an attempt to warm it up. Seek medical help immediately.

Signs of hypothermia: This is dangerously low body temperature that could lead to uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and exhaustion.

What to do if you suspect hypothermia: If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95 degrees, seek medical attention immediately. Get the victim to a warm location. Remove wet clothing. Warm the center of the body first by wrapping the person in blankets or putting on dry clothing. Give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious.

After a storm

Keep these things in mind after the snow, ice, and cold temperatures move on:

If your home loses power or heat for more than a few hours or if you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm there overnight, you may want to go to a designated public shelter if you can get there safely. Text **SHELTER** + your **ZIP code** to **43362 (4FEMA)** to find the nearest shelter in your area.

Bring personal items that you would need to spend the night (such as toiletries and medicine). Take precautions when traveling to the shelter. Dress warmly in layers and wear boots, mittens, and a hat.

Continue to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers. Stay indoors if possible.

If you choose to stay in your home, never run a generator indoors or in an attached garage. Place the generator outside in a well-ventilated, dry area, away from air intakes to the home. Also, be sure to protect it from direct exposure to rain and snow.

Learn from every storm

When life returns to normal, consider the recent storm as a learning experience and do the following:

- Restock your emergency supplies to be ready in case another storm hits.
- Assess how well your supplies and family plan worked. What could you have done better?

Source of this article is www.ready.gov

Some other Reminders

There are a few other things worth mentioning as houses will be closed up for a few months. And in any case the following should be done at least once a year:

- Check the batteries on your smoke alarms.
- Clean your chimneys.
- Have your heaters serviced.
- Check or install a CO₂ alarms.
- Have your water tested.

Snow Plowing

ENT's Road Crew did a terrific job last winter clearing the snow from the roads. Of course there are some glitches once in a while. Here are some things that residents could do to help the process.

- In order to help the road crew see where the edge of your property is you can place tall markers along the edge of the road so they can see where the road edge is. This will help the road crew from mistakenly turving your lawn.
- Do not park cars in the road before it has been plowed. This will cause difficulties for the road crew and may end in your car being blocked in by snow.
- Do not leave basketball stands in the right of way, even the nets hanging in the road right of way can cause problems when snow plowing.
- If your road needs to be cleared on trash day, please do not put your trash cans out in the street. This slows the snow plowing process considerably. Place them in your driveway or off to the side of your driveway where the grass is.
- Our road crew does their best not to block or close in driveways, but if there is a lot of snow on the roads it cannot be helped sometimes. Please understand that this is not done deliberately.

One other note. During a heavy storm the road crew may end up working anywhere from 18 to 30 hours straight in difficult and dangerous conditions. Imagine being sleep deprived, driving at night in a snow storm. Our guys work very hard to keep township roads open, even when the state roads are not kept as clear. Please try to be understanding about mistakes. Priority is given to emergency situations. And when it is a really bad snowstorm, please consider staying safe and warm at home.

For problems regarding snow and ice 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
Elkdale Road
Media Road
Hopewell Road
Oxford Road
Saginaw Road

Fifth Street
Forge Road
Hopewell Road
Hickory Hill Rd (aka Rte.472)
Christine Rd (aka Rte. 272)
Barnsley Road

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

Rural Living

As the holidays approach, celebrate with your friends and family by sharing this wonderful recipe from our Amish neighbors.



Friendship Cake

(Do not refrigerate batter!)



- Day 1:** To make your own starter from scratch, mix 1 cup each of flour, sugar and milk in a bowl, cover lightly.
- Day 2:** Relax
- Days 3-4:** Mixture is bubbling, please stir!
- Day 5:** Add 1 cup each of flour, sugar and milk. Stir well!
- Day 6:** Relax
- Days 7-8:** Mixture is bubbling, please stir
- Day 9:** Yup! Needs to be stirred one last time!
- Day 10:** Add 1 cup each of flour, sugar and milk. Stir well!

To share your cake starter with friends, take out 3 cups of starter and put 1 cup into each of 3 small containers. Your friends need to put it into a larger container & start with Day 2. Give to 3 friends with a set of these entire instructions and include a personal note of friendship. To finish the cake, add the following to the starter add:

2/3 cup oil	1 cup sugar	1 ½ tsp cinnamon
3 eggs	2 tsp vanilla	2 tsp baking powder
2 cups flour	½ tsp salt	1 ½ tsp baking soda

For variety, add apples, nuts, raisins, dates, chocolate chips, cocoa, drained fruit cocktail or up to 4 bananas. Bake in a floured and greased bundt pan at 350 for 40-50 minutes.

Optional: Add frosting or sprinkle with powdered sugar – or combine 1 tsp cinnamon and 3 tbsps sugar and sprinkle before baking.

Chester County Services



Bring unwanted hazardous household, automotive, home maintenance, lawn and pest control products to the next Chester County Household Waste Event at the Government Services Center at 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA. The event is on October 10th starting 9am and ending 3pm sharp. This event is for residential only. Businesses and contractors will be turned away. The maximum amount accepted is 25 gals or 220 lbs. No metal drums, no Freon appliances, no electronics accepted.

Use these words to help identify Household Hazardous Waste: Caution, Toxic, Explosive, Reactive, Danger, Combustible, Flammable, Poisonous, Hazardous, Warning Corrosive

Please note the following are Unacceptable Materials: Latex (water-based) paint, Explosives, Ammunition, Appliances, Radioactive waste, Tires, Infectious waste, and unidentified waste.

Dates to Remember

- Dumpster Day – Fri, Oct 16th from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat Oct 17th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oxford Halloween Parade – Contact the Borough of Oxford for this date (610)932-2500.
- Trick or Treating in ENT – Saturday, October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 2015 remaining Board of Supervisor Meetings:
✚ Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8 at 7 p.m.
- 2015 remaining Planning Commission Meetings:
✚ Oct 26, Nov 16 at 7, Dec 14 at 7 p.m.
- Hazardous Waste Disposal event on Oct 10 from 9am to 3pm.
- Election Day – Nov 3rd 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oxford Area High School & Bethany Christian School

Oxford Public Library

Did you know that the public library provides the following services?

- Collaborating with 4-H and Penn State Extension to bring classes in gardening, textiles and healthy living to school age children.
- Preparing young children for school with Story Time, Music and Me and their one on one reading sessions with trained therapy dogs.
- Maintaining a local history collection which includes the Oxford Press, dating back to 1866.

- Expanding the facility to provide a welcoming space to gather, learn read, research and relax.
- Providing public access computers and free Wi-Fi.

Visit us on the Township Website www.eastnottingham.org

There are occasions when the Board needs to schedule a special meeting to take care of business that comes up between meetings and is date sensitive. A notice to the public gets put in the *Daily Local News* three days before the meetings. However, we realize that not everyone reads the paper and so these special meetings will be posted on the township website. Also, when there are special projects taking place that affect township roads, such as the new speed humps on Wickersham, we will post this information on the website. So it may be a good idea, if you want to keep informed about township business, to log onto the website to see if anything new has been posted. The minutes from the Board meetings and Planning Commission meetings are also posted within a few days after they have been approved. If you think of other things you would like to see on the website, please contact the township.

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www.eastnottingham.org

Board of Supervisors 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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