



EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP AUTUMN 2014 NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Editor

Back by popular demand, the East Nottingham Township Newsletter!

Yes, the Board of Supervisors has decided to resurrect the ENT Newsletter of old. You know the one with the helpful hints, community star, Rural Living, and calendar reminders. We have no purpose other than to keep our residents informed and entertained.

So what has been going on lately in the Township? Well, as I am writing this now it is a beautiful summer day in July. After this past winter and all the recent rain, it's nice to have some truly comfortable weather. But, by the time this is read Township wide we will be well into autumn. That is why the focus of this newsletter is on upcoming events in fall and winter, so the information we have is delivered on a timely basis and is relevant.

I've always felt the purpose of this newsletter is to connect residents with the goings on in the Township. Each season has its own set of issues. Along with the beauty that autumn brings in the form of a collage of colorful leaves, the kids are getting back into the swing of things at school. The wintertime tends to separate people more from their neighbors as everyone is trying to keep warm inside. Then in the spring, life once again starts to emerge from hidden outside crevices in the form of plant life and newborn animals. When spring flows into summer, we are all outside most of the time again, soaking up the sweet sunshine.

Please remember that this is your newsletter. Tell us what you would like to read about and we will do our best to include it in upcoming issues.

This issue is sort of a catch up letter to let you all know about the subdivisions and land development plans that are on the books, as well as information about Dumpster Day in October and some things you, as residents can do to help our road crew maintain the roads during the winter months.

Also, the Board of Supervisors has asked me to reach out to local businesses to see if there is interest in advertising in the Township Newsletter. We will be mailing it out on a regular basis. Anyone interested please contact PJ Scheese at 610-932-9812.



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

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Major Subdivisions in the Planning Process

- **Langston** – This preliminary plan proposes 180 new houses to be built on what is currently a 80.5 acre farm located on both sides of Hickory Hill Road (Rte. 472) just after the point where Oxford Road splits off. It is along both sides of the south end of Fulton Road. Some of the lots may be as small as 7500 SF. It will be serviced by the Oxford Area Sewer Authority (OASA) and Chester Water Authority (CWA). Developer, E. Miller Property, LLC and the builder is Keystone Custom Homes.
- **Meadowview Estates** – This subdivision is split between the Borough of Oxford and ENT, along the north side of Locust Street/Hopewell Road between Valley Ave. (in the Borough) and the Route 1 Bypass (in ENT). The entire plan will replace a 98 acre farm with 133 new houses. Forty-seven of those houses will be on 30 acres in ENT. The average lot size will be 10,000 SF. It too will be serviced by the OASA and CWA and is in the preliminary plan phase. The applicant and probable builder is Stephen Frost.
- **Wicklow** – This is in the final planning phase of the subdivision process and is located at the west end of Baltimore Pike, and down Forge Road on the southwest side up to the Rte 1 Bypass. It proposes 160 new houses, one half of which are to be age restricted, on a 70 acre farm. The developer is BK Campbell Inc. with Cedar Knoll as the probable builder.
- **Reserves of Dunlap** – This plan is between the preliminary and final phases of the subdivision process. It is currently a 74 acre farm that borders portions of Barnsley Road, Twin House Road, and Baltimore Pike. Next to an across the street from the Barnsley Academy. The plan proposes 92 single family dwellings and 19 townhouses. Developer is Wilmer Hostetter.
- **Jordan Manor** – This is a 259 acre farm proposed for 165 new houses. It is located on both sides Little Elk Creek Road between Fifth Street and Mount Pleasant Road. However, this property is being considered for open space preservation by state/county programs.

Commercial Plans in Process

- **Family Dollar Store** – This property is across the street from the light at Barnsley Road. The project is proposing a 8,320 SF retail building with 40 parking spaces and the creation of two stormwater management ponds along Baltimore Pike. This project will be connecting its sanitary line to an existing private sanitary system across Baltimore Pike. A 6" waterline will be extended from Baltimore Pike and Waterway Road to service the new building.

- **Herr Foods Inc.** – This property is adjacent to the western border of Reserves of Dunlap and also along Baltimore Pike to Graves Road. The purpose for this plan is to subdivide the property to establish Business Park lots and their related infrastructure. The plan proposes the construction of an access road and the utilities serving the site.

Rural Living



Following is an article that was in the very first ENT Newsletter issued in fall of 2004. It was written by Harlan Holmes:

In the past, one of the options available to township residents wishing to dispose of leaves has been open burning. However, just as the township landscape has undergone significant changes in recent years, so also has the thinking regarding the practice of burning leaves. Recent studies have shown a connection between the smoke from piles of burning leaves and the host of personal and environmental health concerns.

So as we begin to reexamine ways to deal with leaves, the first thing to note is that the most obvious thing to do with a fall of leaves is as little as possible! Certainly clean them out of rain gutters, clogged gutters are one of the prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes. And it's probably a good idea to sweep, rake, or blow them off walkways and driveways if Nature doesn't do it first with a windy day. But consider allowing them to remain on perennial beds and around shrubs, or mow them onto and into your grass where they will decompose, improving and contributing important nutrients to the soil.

The landowner with a great many mature trees may call for some additional methods of leaf removal and handling. These methods will depend on the size of the area involved, its proximity to a wooded area, the availability of equipment, and the desire of the landowner for health exercise out in the fresh air.

One of the easiest ways to deal with a heavier fall of leaves is simply to pick them up along with the grass during the final mowing of the season. Then pile them in an inconspicuous place on your property, and you have just created a compost pile. It has in abundance three of the four ingredients necessary for rapid decomposition: green nitrogenous material (the grass), brown carbonaceous material (the chopped leaves), and moisture (contained in the green grass).

The fourth ingredient, air, is there also but will slowly decrease as the pile begins to compact. You can compensate for this compaction by turning it with a hayfork two or three times during the year. By next fall it will be ready to use.

Township Services

Dumpster Day

Fall Dumpster day will be on Friday, October 10th from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday October 11th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

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

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

Community Star

Honoring Oxford Veterans by Kassidy England



For my Girl Scout Gold Award I have chosen to create an Oxford Area High School Alumni Veteran's Display. This is an honorary display recognizing and saluting my community's veterans that will become permanent in my high school. I have chosen this particular project because I appreciate the sacrifices these service men and women have made for me and my freedom, and this is a small token of my appreciation.

Over the last 18 months I have been collecting and researching the names of veterans who have graduated from Oxford Area High School (or attended OAHS until going into the military) through various sources. Currently I have approximately four hundred veterans' names on my list.

After I have exhausted all avenues, I will submit a spreadsheet of each veteran's name, their graduating year (or year they would have graduated), and branch of service to a local engraver. He will then engrave this information on individual black brass plates and place them on wooden plaques. Oxford Area High School has also given me a large glass display case in which I am collecting memorabilia from local veterans to be displayed next to where the plaques with their names will hang.

I will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony for veterans, their families, and the community to see my finished project on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 10 a.m., in the Oxford Area High School, located at 705 Waterway Road, Oxford, PA. I have arranged for the singing of our national anthem, a color guard to be present, and I will be reading each veteran's name.

If you, a friend, or a loved one is an Oxford alumni veteran and would like to be included on the display please forward your name, graduating year, and branch of service to:

oahs.veterans@yahoo.com.

The only requirements are that the veteran must have graduated from Oxford High School, or attended Oxford until going into the military and they must have an honorable discharge.

If you have any additional questions please contact Kassidy England through Oxford Area High School, or oahs.veterans@yahoo.com.

Township Ordinances

Stormwater Management Ordinance

This past January all municipalities in Chester County were required to pass an ordinance that involves the tracking of every square foot of new impervious surface. For more information check it out on the township's website.

Updates

Earned Income Tax update

Since 2012 the interest rate on the township's \$4 million municipal bond debt has been lowered to 1.070%. This has made it possible to make larger payments toward the principal and accelerate the pay-off of this debt. As of July 25, 2014 the municipal bond is paid off completely.

Also, in 2014 the Board of Supervisors voted to lower the open space portion of the earned income tax to .00125%. This controlled having only funds needed to pay off the debt collected. With the completed payment of the municipal bond in July of 2014, a referendum for the people to vote on terminating this additional open space tax was proposed for the November 2014 election. If a majority of the voters opposed the open space tax, the tax would have terminated. However, if the voters supported continuing the open space tax, the tax rate would go back up to .5% for a minimum of 5 years. Following a public hearing at its regular

meeting on July 15, 2014 the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 against putting the referendum on the ballot.

The Board of Supervisors plans to discuss the option of lowering this open space portion of the earned income tax to 0% for 2015, but the tax would continue to exist on the books. Working people in East Nottingham Township would then pay a total of 1% earned income tax, not the 1.125% that is 2014's tax rate.

Dates to Remember

- Dumpster Day – Fri, Oct 10th from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat Oct 11th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oxford Halloween Parade – Thursday, October 30th at 7 p.m. – same route as last year. There is no rain date.
- Trick or Treating in ENT – Friday, October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Election Day – Nov 4th 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oxford Area High School.
- Ribbon cutting ceremony for veteran's wall in the Oxford Area H.S. - Nov 8 at 10 a.m.
- 2014 remaining Board of Supervisor Meetings:
 - ✚ Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9 at 7 p.m.
- 2014 remaining Planning Commission Meetings:
 - ✚ Oct 27, Nov 17 at 7, Dec 15 at 7 p.m.

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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.