



# EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## FALL 2010

### Township Services



Fall Clean Up will be held Friday, October 15, from 7 am to 6pm, and Saturday, October 16, from 7am to 3pm at the township building.

Appliances are accepted. No tires, hazardous materials, batteries or propane tanks. For additional clean up options, SECCRA has recycling containers at the township building.

### Don't Miss



The Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, starts at 7 p.m. and goes North down S. Third Street. Then Trick or Treating will be on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m.



If you were not at the Oxford Mainstreet Christmas Tree lighting last year, it is something you do not want to miss this year!

All the stores remained open for it, some even served hot chocolate or warmed cider. There were bag pipes, and a brass quartette. It was a real taste of small town living, the likes of which I hadn't seen in a while. Had a real

Norman Rockwell feel to it. This is a great way to start off the Holiday Season!

This year it is on Fri. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. from 5-8 pm. There will be carriage rides, carolers, an art stroll, and live music.

Then on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, get your picture taken with Santa Claus and ride the Doodlebug Railroad car ride at Oxford Feed and Lumber. And don't miss their model train setup. It's all that weekend! On December 9<sup>th</sup> they are having a Holiday Wine and Cheese night.

For a more thorough activity calendar of the Borough go to [www.oxfordmainstreet.org](http://www.oxfordmainstreet.org). There's lots going on around here!

### ENT Meeting Schedule

BOS Reg. Mtngs	Work Sessions	PC Reg. Mtngs
Mon. 10/11	Mon. 10/18	Mon. 10/25
Mon. 11/8	Mon. 11/15	Mon. 11/22
Mon. 12/13	None	Mon. 12/20

Monday, 1/3/11 is the Board's Organizational meeting. Then the next regular meeting is Monday, 1/10/11. As a general rule the BOS meetings take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, the Work Sessions the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, and the PC meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

### Community Star



East Nottingham Township's Community Star, this issue, is going to be 100 years old on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Jennie DiLiberto of Autumn Hill was born in Philadelphia where she grew up as Jennie Caggiula. Jennie went to a business college and was a secretary before she married Philip DeLiberto in 1938, at which time she became a stay at home wife and eventually, mom. Her husband passed away in 1978. Together they had three children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, so far.

The fourth of five children of Marina and Antonio Caggiula, immigrants who came over from a small town in Italy, Jennie was their first child born in America. Sadly she is now the only surviving sibling.

She remembers some interesting stories about growing up in Philadelphia during the Roaring Twenties. Like the time she witnessed a Mafia shootout when she was just ten years old. Throughout her lifetime she has witnessed a great many changes and can reminisce about the days before the existence of so many of the modern conveniences we take for granted.

She moved to East Nottingham in 1999 with her daughter, Joann, and son, Richard, to grab a piece of the country life. Sometimes neighbors can see her going around the neighborhood in her wheelchair with her daughter beside her. Jenny still loves going to the Jersey shore with her family.

A very religious person, she has kept active in her church and neighborhood. Her home has always been a meeting place for family, friends and neighbors. Many of her children's friends consider Jennie their second mom.

Described by her kids as an excellent cook, Jennie compiled a book of recipes that have been in her family for many years. Her cheesecake is legendary.

Jennie has instilled in her family a strong work ethic and the importance of education, as well as a sense of patriotism. She is deeply loved by her grandchildren, whom she helped raise.

**Happy Birthday Jennie!**

Do you know a Community Star? Many people just go about their lives quietly without any fanfare, but they've had a significant impact on you or someone you know. If so, we want to hear from you. Call us a (610)932-9812.

### Rural Living How Does Your Garden Grow?



There seemed to be an increase in the number of personal vegetable gardens this year. Growing your own vegetables is very rewarding. There's nothing like picking fresh produce from your own garden and putting it on your table for dinner that same evening. With the rising cost of food, we will probably see more and more of this.

Rural living gives us the opportunity to see this done on a much larger scale. Remember when the farmers were spreading compost to make the ground more fertile for the growing season? It may not smell pretty, but it sure does make those vegetables mighty tasty. There is a lesson to be learned here.

We can all make our gardens grow better by simply composting on a smaller scale. Grass clippings are an excellent ingredient. It is nitrogenous material and has a lot of moisture in it which will help the compost pile "cook." Another good ingredient is leaves, which is carbonaceous material. So instead of raking, when you cut your grass for the last time this year leave the leaves on the ground and bag your clippings to start a compost pile. This is better for the environment than burning the leaves anyway.

Another great ingredient is manure. With all the horse farms in the area it's very likely you have a neighbor who might be willing to give you some of their manure. This is good whether it is dried out or moist. However, the moister the manure is, the better it helps the compost cook.

You can even add ingredients from inside your home. How often do we throw table scraps into the trash? And what about leftovers that never get eaten? Believe it or not much of this can go into a compost pile. Leftover vegetables, egg shells, coffee grounds, corn cobs, even napkins are useful ingredients to a compost pile. And don't forget that anything in your garden that you do not eat can be put back into the compost. These items must be buried deep into the compost. If they are just thrown on top of it you will attract skunks, groundhogs, raccoons, and other wildlife. Do not put meat, milk products or citrus fruits into your compost.

The last required ingredient to help compost cook is air. As compost compacts, due to the breakdown of the other ingredients, it will need to be

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turned and mixed up so more air is provided. A small pile can be turned by hand with a pitch fork.

Another option for smaller composts is to build a bin from materials such as recycled pallets, or two-by-fours and plywood. Also, there are many commercial bins on the market. Check with Oxford Grain & Hay, Camerons Hardware, or Tractor Supply about this. Larger piles will need to be turned and mixed by something larger, like a small front end loader. Really good compost is worked for at least a year before it is used. For more information about composting there is a great website at [www.vegweb.com/composting](http://www.vegweb.com/composting).

### Where Do Your Township Taxes Go?



For the past several years the Board of Supervisors has voted for a zero millage rate. East Nottingham Township residents do not pay a property tax to the Township. You do pay a 1.5% earned income tax, collected by Berkheimer. Out of that .5% goes directly to the Oxford Area School District, .5% goes to the Open Space Fund, and .5% goes to the General Fund from which the Township pays its bills. That is one half of one percent.

Revenues come from your taxes, as well as License and Permit fees, Fines & Forfeits, Interest, Rent & Royalties, Intergovernmental Revenues, Charges for Services and other Operating Revenues. These pay the Expenditures, such as General Government (Salaries), Public Safety, Recreation, Community Development, Debt Service, Insurance, and other miscellaneous expenditures.

Every March a condensed financial report is published in the Daily Local News. The budget meeting is held in October, and the public is welcome to attend. All residents have the right to inspect the budget before it gets approved in December.

### Fire Hydrants



Twice a year the Township receives phone calls from residents who pay a fee for living within access of a fire hydrant. To clear up any confusion here is how the invoicing works. Chester Water Authority provides the hydrants and will only bill municipalities. So when the Township receives the CWA invoice this cost is passed to either your homeowners' association, or to the developer who built your subdivision. How they handle getting reimbursed by their residents is up to them. You may receive an individual bill, or perhaps this fee is included in your HOA dues. In any event payment is required.

### Road Crew



Last winter was unusually harsh. This past summer we had a number of very strong thunder storms which took tree limbs down all over the township. During and after these storms the Township received phone calls from residents regarding various issues.

In the winter the calls were about some of the roads not having been plowed yet, mailboxes that got knocked down by snow coming off a plow, to mention a couple. The Township's road crew spent 36 hours straight plowing the roads as fast as they could, until they finally had to take a break for the sake of safety. In many cases a front end loader was the only way to move the snow. We had to call in all the outside help we could muster. It was made even harder by the fact that some of the state roads had not been cleared yet, and the only way our road crew could get to some of the township roads was to clear a path through a state road first. People complained about their driveways being blocked by snow when the plows went through, and wanted the plows to come back to clear the ends of their driveways. And then there are the people who would clear their sidewalks or driveways by shoveling the snow back onto the roads, creating icy spots and large lumps in the road.

After the summer thunderstorms we received calls about tree limbs being down in yards. If a tree is blocking the road or in the road right of way the road crew will come out to remove it. The right of way in most places is 25 feet from the center of the road. If you live in a cul-de-sac measure in about 10 feet from the road's edge. Please do not call the township to have tree limbs chipped and/or removed from your property. This is NOT one of the services provided for by your tax dollars.

For the most part residents have been very understanding. So when these storms happen and issues regarding public safety come up, by all means do call the Township to alert us or to check on progress. But also please be patient. Our road crew is on it. It might just take some time before they get to your particular issue.

### Know Your Roads

Below is a list of the roads in ENT which the state maintains. All Issues regarding these roads should be directed to Penn Dot (610-436-1900).

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| Hopewell Road  | Route 472      |
| Forge Road     | Christina Lane |
| Barnsley Road  | Media Road     |
| Fifth Street   | Oxford Road    |
| Elkdale Road   | Chrome Road    |
| Baltimore Pike |                |

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Bark in Park – Nottingham Park
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Kid's Day Fall family fun fall fest.
10 Pink 50 Poker Prance at Fair Hill Equestrian Cntr	11 ENT BOS Mting Teacher In-service	12 School Board Work Session	13	14	15 Dumpster Day 7 a.m. – 6 pm	16 Dumpster Day 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
17	18 ENTWork Session	19 School Board Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25 ENTPC Meeting	26	27	28	29 Halloween Parade Starts at 7pm goes North down S. 3rd St	30
31 Trick or Treating 6 – 8 p.m.						
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
	1	2 Election Day Teacher In-service	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends	8 ENT BOS Mting	9 School Board Work Session	10	11 Veterans Day 10% Discount for Vets on selected items	12	13
14	15 ENT Work Session	16 School Board Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22 ENT PC Meeting	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day ENTBldg Closed	26 School Closed Sales Begin	27
28	29 School Closed	30				
<b>DECEMBER</b> Oxford Feed & Lumber – Doodlebug RR Car Rides on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> - Tentative						
			1	2 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Night	3 Model Train set up 5 – 8 pm Country Christmas	4 Santa Photos & Model Train set up
5 Model Train set up	6	7	8	9 Pets & Friends Holiday Wine & Cheese	10	11 Santa at Store Face Painting, photo & Gifts
12	13 ENT BOS Mting	14	15	16	17	18 Candy Lane Days Discounts for All
19 Candy Lane Days Discounts for All	20 ENT PCMeeting	21	22	23	24 School Closed	25 Christmas Day
26	27 School Closed	28 School Closed	29 School Closed	30 School Closed	31 School Closed	

Legend: Oxford Area School District (yellow), Oxford Borough / Oxford Mainstreet (orange), East Nottingham Township Camerons (green), Oxford Feed & Lumber National (red)