



EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Staff

We're back. It has been a while. We've all been busy with our lives. Sometimes volunteering must take a back seat to more important issues.

Speaking of volunteering, we are still looking for folks to help out with the newsletter. We are only two now and it is hard finding subjects to write about without some outside stimulation. Many people have told us how much they enjoy the newsletter and, in some cases, have depended upon it for information. But it has been difficult, make that impossible, finding people to help. It takes a lot of time and effort to put together. We have over 8000 residents in East Nottingham Township, surely at least one or two of you are willing to give up some of your time to help us keep this useful and informative tool going. We've had many compliments about the newsletter, as well as complaints. It is hard to keep it fresh without some new blood to revitalize the effort.

A lot has happened since the last one was issued and this is one way to get the news out. It comes to your door at no direct cost to you. It's great bathroom reading. There are often useful health and cleaning tips in here. And we try to keep you up to date on any significant happenings in the Township, such as the open space effort, taxes, and prospective subdivisions, to name a few.

With the current political and economic climate everyone has an opinion. Share your views with us. Tell us what you want to read. Give us some input on what is important to you. We would like this to be an open forum. It is not a political machine trying to move an agenda forward. That's not what this is about. It never was. We've always checked our facts before printing anything. Imagine the beating we would take if we did not.

So will you please consider contributing some of your time to keep the newsletter fresh and interesting? High School Seniors, wouldn't this be a great senior project to undertake if you are thinking of going into the media and communications fields?

If you have a question or comment please send it to enteditor@zoominternet.net.

Township ordinance §4-106 requires ALL residences to have street addresses displayed on property, or both sides of your mailbox. You can view the ordinance on line or call the Township for more details.

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Minimizing Your Risk of Becoming a Victim of Identity Theft or Fraud

Identity theft has become an ever-increasing occurrence in the United States. ID thieves obtain personal information of their victims in various ways: internet, trash searches, mail theft, etc. The results can be devastating both emotionally and financially for the victim and their family. Here are some tips to help you protect yourself from identity theft.

- Never give your personal information out over the phone.
- Do not carry extra credit cards, your social security card, birth certificates or passports in your wallet or purse.
- Get a copy of your credit report once a year and check it – you are entitled to one free credit report per year in Pennsylvania.
- Regularly check your banking and financial accounts. Do not throw away pre-approved credit offers or financial information without shredding.
- Deposit outgoing mail in the post office mailboxes or at the post office, instead of your residential mailbox.

If you suspect you are a victim of identity theft, take action immediately to minimize the damage to your financial accounts. Contact credit reporting agencies Equifax 1-888-766-0008, Experian 1-888-397-3742, and TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 as well as the police.

Poison Ivy?

It's that time of year again. For those of you who suffer even when you just look at a leaf, here of some effective ways to combat the effects of poison ivy.

- Mix bluestone (copper sulfate) with water & apply it to the area. The infected area scabs over immediately and the itching is relieved.
- Apply HOT (as hot as you can stand without scalding.) wet washcloths to the affected area twice a day and then apply calamine lotion. You will get a very intense sensation from the application of heat, but will have no itching for the next 8 to 12 hours. The easiest way to heat the washcloths is in your good old-fashioned microwave oven.
- Use white vinegar. When it itches, scratch to your heart's content but use vinegar on the area first and then break the blisters. They dry up quickly and don't spread. Keep some in each vehicle; so if you start itching, you can relieve it quickly and not unintentionally spread it.

Rural Living

After this past winter, everyone is ready to "take it outside" with their motorcycles, sports cars, and off road vehicles. After months of cabin fever we are all a bit rammy. Try to remember that the roads are not your own personal freeway. Careening around corners, not knowing what will be in front of you or coming from the opposite direction, is very dangerous. We are all anxious to get home from work so we can get the grass cut, or take the boat to the river, or just be outside. But another five minutes isn't going to make that much difference in the whole scheme of things.

And those of us with off road vehicles, need to respect our neighbors' property and personal well being by keeping our vehicles only on property on which we are allowed, and by not riding around in loud vehicles late into the night, especially on week nights. Our neighbors would also like to enjoy their backyards, and have the right to expect courtesy from all of us.

There is a township ordinance that requires us to keep our grass and weeds cut during the warm months. The height limitation is 15 inches between May 15th and October 15th every year.

I notice a lot more people are planting gardens this year. A sign of the current economic climate. Our Amish neighbors have a lot of wisdom in this area, as they have been doing it a very long time. There are several locations around the township where you will find them selling vegetable seedlings, as well as ornamental plants, fresh fruits and vegetables. And it is a way to keep our money within our immediate area, thereby boosting the local economy. Every little bit helps. Included in this newsletter is a list of some of those local markets.

For those of us who cannot afford to take an "away" vacation this year, take advantage of the local parks. Nottingham Park has a great fishing pond, as well as hiking trails. You may even run into your odd equestrian during your walk or bike ride. And there are wonderful cookout and picnic pavilions available for large groups to get together. Also ball fields are there.

Fair Hill is not far away either. It's in Maryland. There are entrances from Route 273, Appleton Road, Gallaher Road, to name a few. There is a small fee of \$4.00 per car, or you can purchase a yearly pass for \$100.00. The river is another great place to fish. Remember to get your fishing license first, though.

Here's to everyone having a safe and fun summer!

Subdivision Update

Although things have slowed down significantly in the last couple of years, there are still a number of proposed subdivisions on the books. For instance:

Langston - 180-lot subdivision is in the preliminary phase of the planning process. It is 80.42 acres, located in the Fulton Road, Frog Hollow Road, and Route 472 area. On one side of 472 it backs up to Phase 1 of Wiltshire at Oxford. Part of it is also directly on the other side of Route 472. This one is using TDR, so the lots may be as small as 7500 SF. These houses will be on public sewer and water.

Elkdale Green - 85-lot subdivision is between the preliminary and final phases. It is about 69.31 acres, located on Little Elk Creek Road, between Briar Hollow Farm and Oxford Road. It will also have an entrance onto Oxford Road. The developer is proposing a community drip irrigation field and public water.

Jordan Manor - 165-lot subdivision is also between the preliminary and final phases of the process. It is about 250.6 acres, located on both sides Little Elk Creek Road between Fifth Street and Mount Pleasant Road. About 163 acres will be in an open space area, 112 of which will be deed restricted to be a working farm. The rest of the open space will be owned by the Homeowners' Association. The most recent proposal is that this subdivision will be hooked up the public sewer, operated by the Oxford Area Sewer Authority. It will also be served by public water.

Wicklow - 160-lot subdivision is in the Final phase of the planning process. Seventy-four (74) acres of this is in ENT, located in the general area of the northwest corner of the intersection of Baltimore Pike and Forge Road. It borders on the West Nottingham line. This one also uses TDR. Approximately one half of it is intended to be an age restricted community. It will be using public sewer and water.

Reserves at Dunlap - 111-lot subdivision is between the preliminary and final process. This is about 74 acres located partly along Barnsley Road and Baltimore Pike. It proposes public sewer and water. Rumor has that the owner of this property may be looking to convert it to a commercial use, but this is unconfirmed.

Oxford Sewer Authority Update

The Sewer Authority is getting very close to sending its new Act 537 Plan on to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The previous attempt, mostly driven by a developers' consortium, fell through when all but a few developers backed

out, due to the downturn in the housing market. While we can't blame them, considering the state of the economy, this left the Sewer Authority on its own to address the member municipalities' needs. This could actually be a good thing since it keeps control of the design and financing with the sewer authority and not with the developers.

The plan includes the construction of the Osborn Lagoon, equipping the Ross spray field and the construction of a 1.25 MGD mechanical treatment plant. Funding for the construction projects is coming from an H2O-PA grant and a USDA loan. The plan should be submitted to DEP no later than August 30th 2010. Once the USDA loan is finalized, the Osborn Lagoon phase of the plan will begin. The remaining projects will not start until DEP approves the ACT 537 plan. Once completed, in about 3 years, this expansion will address the needs of our community for at least the next 10 years or longer.

Open Space Update

Since the last update, in the Spring of 2007 newsletter, a number of open space easement purchases have been made. The County Challenge Grant Program has resulted in 423.79 acres that no longer have the potential to turn into houses. The Township program has kept 196.52 acres of farmland from development.

These farms are located in all areas of the Township. Some of them are contiguous with previously preserved parcels, but there are locations of country vista in every corner of the Township which have been preserved by these programs.

For more information regarding this program you may contact the Township. There is an open space map, showing all preserved ground available for all citizens to view in the meeting room.



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 Amish farms:

- Briar Hollow Farm Market
476 Little Elk Creek Road, Lincoln University
- Toot Valley Farm Market
204 Crowl Toot Road, Lincoln University
- A local farm takes produce and baked goods to West Grove Farmers Market at Harmony Park

Results of Primary Election



Well the primary has taken place and the people have spoken. Here are our choices for the November election:

U.S. Senator Joe Sestak (D) & Pat Toomey (R)
Governor Dan Onorato (D) & Tom Corbett (R)
Lt. Governor H. Scott Conklin (D) & Jim Cawley (R)
State Rep Tom Houghton (D) & John Lawrence (R)

In case we are late in getting the fall newsletter out...Remember to vote in November. This is your opportunity to have your say. Don't leave it up to others. No matter how you vote, the important thing to remember is to have your voice heard.

Meeting Schedule

Following is a list of all the regularly scheduled Township meetings for the year 2010. All regular meetings are held in the meeting room of the Township building at 7:00 p.m. This is not to say there

will not be special meetings held, but they will be advertized throughout the year, as needed.

Board of Supervisor Meetings

Monday, June 14 th	Monday, October 11 th
Monday, July 12 th	Monday, November 8 th
Monday, August 9 th	Monday December 13 th
Monday, September 13 th	

Work Sessions

Monday, June 21 st	Monday, October 18 th
Monday, July 19 th	Monday, November 15 th
Monday, August 16 th	None in December
Monday, September 20 th	

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, June 28 th	Monday, October 25 th
Monday, July 26 th	Monday, November 22 nd
Monday, August 23 rd	Monday, December 20 th
Monday, September 27 th	

Next big trash weekend is in October. Call Township early in the month for exact dates.

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