



EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2008

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Letter from the Staff



We apologize that the fall newsletter arrived at your homes after the fall clean-up took place. There were circumstances beyond our control. For future reference, please mark our calendars that the spring cleanup is **usually** in April and the fall cleanup is **usually** in October; and they both take place **usually** around the third weekend of those months. These times are not cast in concrete so we recommend you call the township in the beginning of these months to check. Other sources for this information are the Daily Local News, Oxford Tribune, cable TV channel 4, and of course www.eastnottingham.org.

Please understand that we are all volunteers with full time jobs and getting the newsletter out is very time consuming. We have in the past made pleas via this newsletter, to our residents, to volunteer time to the Township, whether for the newsletter or any of the other volunteer committees or appointed positions. We know everyone is busy with their lives, as it should be. But if everyone volunteered just a little of their time to the township, it would be less of a burden on everyone.

What we would really like to see is some of our younger residents participating. For instance, it would be nice to have a column written by a student that is dedicated to issues pertinent to students. This would be a good opportunity for any student interested in furthering their career in journalism to get some firsthand experience. It would also look good on resumes or college applications that you have been published.

When the newsletter was first started there was a section entitled "Community Star." We would like to continue that, but we need you to contact us with names of people you think are deserving of that title.

Our newsletter appears to be widely depended upon for information about our community, and East Nottingham Township in particular. Why not take advantage of our newsletter to pass along information regarding upcoming activities. Just keep in mind that this is a quarterly publication and we do need advance notice so we can plan column space.

Okay, we've made our pitch. Have a great winter!



If you have a question or a comment, please send your letter to the editor at enteditor@zoominternet.net!

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What Can You Do for Your Township? Communities of all sizes need a helping hand.....Whether you live in a township that's large or small, it takes a team to run it. Township supervisors, managers, secretaries, road crews, code enforcement officials, and many others work together to ensure your family and home are safe and that you get the answers you need - when you need them.

Of course, on the surface, your community may appear to be a quiet place. Behind the scenes, however, it's a different story. You may not realize it, but each and every day the township is humming with activity as local officials take care of business so they can take care of the township and you. That means passing ordinances, patching potholes and paving roads, plowing snow, solving problems, and always, always, carefully watching tax dollars. And while your township may run like a well-oiled machine, townships of all sizes and budgets can always use more help. So maybe it's time to ask yourself: What can I do for my township? The answer to that question is simple enough: Get involved. Despite their busy lives, many people have.

Pennsylvania has millions of volunteers! Last year, in fact, almost 2.7 million Pennsylvanians dedicated 350.2 million hours of their time to volunteer service, according to a 2007 report from the Corporation for National and Community Service, which sponsors such programs as AmeriCorps. While that figure is down slightly over the last two years, it represents an increase of almost 8 percent since 1989. Not surprisingly, residents 65 or older did the most volunteering, followed by 35- to 64-year-olds. Those 25 to 34 years of age averaged the fewest hours of service but still exceeded the national average by a few percentage points.

As others have found, volunteering in a township can be personally rewarding. Think of it this way: By offering to help, you're choosing to give something back to the community that has given you, your family, and neighbors so much. It can be an educational experience, too. With an insider's view of your local government, you'll see how township officials tackle issues and reach decisions to serve the best interests of the whole community. Volunteering also allows you to play a role in shaping your community. That's what prompted John Haiko, a Chester County supervisor and an officer of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, to get involved in his municipality, where he began his public service career on the planning commission. "At the time, the township was sparsely populated but was beginning to see some development," he says. "If this change was going to happen, I wanted to have an opportunity to help manage it." Two years later, Haiko was appointed to the board of supervisors, where for the past 17 years he and his colleagues have been employing innovative land use strategies to encourage growth in the township while maintaining its natural and historic beauty.

Above all else, though, when you donate your time and talents to your township, you're helping it reduce costs. For instance, in Jackson Township, Cambria County, a local business owner saved the community hundreds of dollars over the years by simply fixing its computer problems for free.

How much time you give is entirely up to you. While you can make a big commitment to your township by serving on its planning commission, the parks and recreation board, or its environmental advisory committee, if it has one of these, you can opt instead to perform smaller tasks, such as helping out with a mailing, planting flowers and trees, writing articles for the newsletter, taking photos at a township-sponsored event, or doing some filing.

To get the volunteer ball rolling, pick up the phone and call your township. Talk to officials about your skills, tell them how much time you have to offer, and ask them what help they need. Township officials will appreciate your willingness to pitch in and will work with you to find opportunities.

Make time for a meeting! Volunteering is just one way to get involved in your township; attending meetings is another. Sure, it's important to give something back to the place you've put down roots, but it's equally important to understand the issues first hand, learn about projects the township supervisors are working on, and determine how these things will impact your municipality.

The supervisors meet once a month - sometimes twice - and it's at these get-togethers that you will learn the most about your township. You can call the township or log onto to its Web site, if it has one, to find out about upcoming meeting dates and times. Typically, the board meetings are over within an hour or two and cover a variety of topics, from spending to new developments. Keep in mind, too, that the law requires the township supervisors to set aside time for public comment so you will have an opportunity to address the board face-to-face and help guide its decisions.

If, however, it's difficult for you to attend a meeting, you can always read about it in the local newspaper, check out a rerun on the local public access channel, or visit the township's Web site. Many communities post meeting minutes on the Web and these detail what decisions were made and why.

Getting involved in your township is as simple as devoting a few hours a week, a few hours a month, or a few hours a year. And if you're still a bit hesitant, remember these wise words: "Do all you can with what you have, in the time you have, in the place you are."

Now, don't you have a phone call to make?



Cleaning your Mouse

Some of my friends have mentioned that they bought a new mouse because the old one died. I even know of one person who buys more than one mouse at a time, since their mouse fails on a regular basis. For those other people who follow the same procedure, I thought I would pass along some instructions for cleaning your mouse and save you some money. In my experience, mice seldom break, they just get dirty. If your mouse only moves in one direction on the screen and you have to struggle with it to point where you want, it means that the rollers are wrapped in lint. It takes a very short time to clean a mouse and get it back into perfect working condition. Before you start, you will need the following tools: rubbing alcohol, Q-tips and an Exacto Knife or something similar.

The first step is to remove the plate that retains the ball. For those with newer models, twist the plate in the direction of the arrow (older styles have a screw plate with two screws to remove). The first thing you'll see when you remove the plate is the tracking ball. The purpose of the ball is to maintain contact with the desktop and mouse pad and transfer motion to the rollers. THE ROLLERS ARE THE KEY. Remove the ball by turning the mouse upside down. Check the ball for

foreign objects or dirt. If it appears to be clean, set it aside, if not, clean with rubbing alcohol. After removing the ball, you will see 3 sets of rollers where lint and hair have collected. Use a Q-tip soaked in alcohol to saturate the lint covered roller, then with the blade of choice carefully scrap the lint off the roller and use your finger to carefully peel off the lint. If some lint should fall into the mouse, don't fret, just turn it upside down, shake it a little and the lint should fall out. After you have cleaned all three rollers, reattach the plate. I would also suggest cleaning the crease where the plate fits before reassembling it. Now you have a mouse as good as new.

The ENT Staff would like to offer their condolences to the family of Marianne Russo. Marianne passed away in November after her battle with cancer. Marianne was an invaluable member of both the township's planning and historical commissions. For more information on the contributions Marianne provided the local community, check the Spring 2006 newsletter where she was profiled as our Community Star.



A Note from the Board of Supervisors

Dear ENT Residents:

As we near the winter season, East Nottingham Township is preparing for its snow removal program. Snow removal on Township roads is a service provided by the Township.

In order for the Township road crews to clear the snow from all Township roads, the roads must be clear of all obstructions so that the snow removal equipment may access all sections of the roadway, including cul-de-sacs. Therefore, the Township requests that, between November 1st and April 1st, all Township roads, including cul-de-sacs, be kept completely clear. Accordingly, please remove all vehicles, recreational equipment, including basketball hoops, hockey cages and other equipment, trash cans and all other items from the Township roadways. Snow removal will not be possible in any area where these items remain.

Further, please be aware that during heavy snows the accumulation of heavy snow on the roads may result in damage to mailboxes during plowing of the roads. Such damage is the result of snow accumulation and is not the responsibility of the Township. Township road crews will take all possible precautions to avoid such damage, however, cannot be responsible to repair or replace mailboxes damaged in this manner.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Township snow removal program, please contact the Township secretary, Pat Brady. In the meantime, your consideration and adherence to these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
East Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors

The Township Needs Your Help!

Residents should be aware of their deed restrictions pertaining to their property when applying for a building or zoning permit. This could save a lot of aggravation in the long run. Although the township may not enforce deed restrictions, your neighbors may take civil action against you if you ignore one.

In an effort to protect our residents from becoming involved in these situations, the township is requesting all Home Owners' Associations to send a copy of their restrictions to the township Zoning Officer. We realize that there are neighborhoods without an HOA who have deed restrictions. The township is requesting that a designated person from each of these subdivisions send a copy as well. The township appreciates and thanks you for your cooperation in this endeavor. If you have any questions, contact the Zoning Officer at 610-932-9812.

Election Results



Welcome back East Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors! After the November election, Dave Shelton and Mike Miller returned to their respective seats.



The East Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors

Pictured from left to right: Dave Shelton, Leo Levandowski, Gene Turns, Percy Reynolds, and Michael Miller

Also, we would like to welcome all new township officials and thank outgoing officials for their efforts this past year. Both elected and appointed officials donate much of their personal time for the benefit of ENT residents.

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All meetings are at 7 pm at the Township Building
Board of Supervisors meetings are held the second Monday of each month.
Planning Commission meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month.

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