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Letter from the Staff



Have you been to any Public Hearings lately? You may have received a registered letter or seen a number of public notices in the paper this past spring.

One of the meetings was about the Oxford Area Sewer Authority's (OASA) "Get Well" plan. At their April public hearing Ed Lennex, Executive Director, demonstrated how the current system would be brought up to DEP standards, and the plan for its future expansion. Good news for current OASA users, the rates will not be increased. A group of developers will be footing the bill for both the upgrade in the current system, as well as the increase in usage and improvements. Those same developers currently have plans in the subdivision process. There was some opposition from the public regarding the locations of various parts of the new system, mostly by those residents who will be living in close proximity to spray fields and drip fields. The OASA has been working on this plan for about two years, all done at public meetings. They meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the ENT meeting room.

Another public hearing took place on April 20. This was a Conditional Use Hearing (CUH) regarding the area and bulk regulations for a development proposed for the Shephard and Decarlo properties on Twin House, Oak, and Shadyside Roads. The developer intends to put in 276 houses on 120 acres of ground. This subdivision plans on using approximately 90 TDRs (see Fall 2005 Newsletter or Zoning Ordinance on the township website for definition) from Andy King's farm on Media Road and David Blank's farm on Barren Road. The CUH is about decreasing the size of the lots from a minimum 10,000 ft² to 7,500 ft². Setback requirements would be reduced as well. These properties are going to be developed. It is a question of how many houses and how big the lots will be. Add this to the Wicklow subdivision (proposed 172 lots behind the WaWa at 272 and Route 1) currently in the planning process in the planning process and we are looking at almost 450 new houses in less than one square mile.

You might consider getting a group together in your neighborhood to take turns going to the various regular meetings that take place each month, in an effort to keep informed of what is going to happen in the future. The Supervisors meetings and Planning Commission meetings are listed on the address side of this newsletter. As we have stated in previous newsletters, decisions are influenced by those who show up to the meetings. The impact on the township's infrastructure and the school district need not be completely shouldered by the residents of the community. Show the Supervisors some support in requiring the developers to tow the line. If just one person from every development showed up at every regular meeting, it would go along way in keeping people informed.

Open Space Update



On the front page of the May 3rd Daily Local News was a picture of Governor Rendell walking through the Stroud Preserve in East Bradford. The article was titled "County to receive \$2.5 million in Growing Greener grants". That \$2.5 million is County Challenge Grant money. Last year ENT had two of its farms, a total of 120 acres, enter into this program to be permanently preserved. All development rights were retired on these two farms. This year no money seems to be coming to our township from this County program, so there is nothing more to report.

Weed Ordinance

Some residents may not be aware that ENT has a weed ordinance. If you are not sure of your responsibility, here is the ordinance:

"No person, firm or corporation, owning or occupying any property with the Township of East Nottingham, shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises during any year between May 15 and October 15 so as to exceed a height of fifteen (15) inches ..."

To read the rest of this ordinance, visit the township website. As our community continues to become more densely populated let's all try to be good neighbors.



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

Rural Living

Dianna's Helpful Hints

Dianna is a longtime resident of ENT and has graciously volunteered to share some country wisdom with us all. Here it is:



- When I was younger, I had a great-aunt who told me to dry up poison ivy blisters, mix bluestone (copper sulfate) with water and apply it to the area. This has worked for me better than any store bought remedy.
- Another Poison Ivy treatment is to apply HOT, but not 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.
- Poison Ivy AGAIN? 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 do not spread. I keep some in each vehicle; so if I start itching, I can relieve it quickly and not unintentionally spread it. (Apparently Diana gets this often.)
- To soften hardened paintbrushes simmer them in boiling vinegar for a few minutes. Then wash them in soapy water and rinse thoroughly.
- What exactly do those three numbers on a bag of fertilizer mean? When you buy a bag of fertilizer, it usually has a set of numbers that look something like this: '10-5-15' or '10-10-10'. These numbers represent the levels of major nutrients contained in the fertilizer, which are represented as 'N-P-K' or 'Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium'. Nitrogen (N) percentage is the first number. This is a primary nutrient that makes plants grow. Phosphorus (P) percentage is the middle number. This is a primary nutrient that encourages rooting, blooming and fruit production. Potassium (K) percentage is the last number on the bag. Potassium helps plants to resist disease and aids in hardiness.
- To make your roses bloom better, bury banana peels around the bottom of the bush
- How do you get the smell of skunk off your dog? The traditional method of neutralizing the smell is to take several cans (depending on the size of your dog) of tomato sauce and saturate him all over with it. Then either let him lick it off, hose it off, or throw him in the tub. Something about the acid in the tomato sauce gets rid of most of the skunk smell.
- Another method to remove skunk smell is to wash your dog with whatever you normally do. After towel drying, heavily rub baking soda all over dog. Let it sit

for as long as possible, at least five minutes, and then rinse. I've tried everything and this worked the best.

- Okay, I am about ready to get rid of the dog and adopt the skunk! As a last resort pour one quart of 3% peroxide, ¼ cup of baking soda, and a tablespoon of liquid dish soap into a bowl. Mix it well and rub it all over the sprayed area. Rinse it well. If it is winter dry your critter well.
- If a bee stings you, cut a potato in half and put one half of the potato (the inside part) onto the area that was stung. The poison will be drawn out of your skin. It sounds crazy, but it really works!

Buying Local Produce



There are many benefits of living in East Nottingham Township. One of our favorites is the ability to buy locally grown produce. Here are some reasons for purchasing food from your neighborhood farmer.

- Money spent locally tends to stay local, bolstering the community's economy.
- Locally grown fruits and vegetables are allowed to ripen on the plant longer which enhances their taste.
- Local produce is the freshest food you can get other than from your own garden.
- Naturally ripened, fresh fruits and vegetables have higher nutritional value for you and your family.
- Food grown and purchased in the community has not been transported across wide distances, thereby decreasing fuel consumption and pollution.
- Supporting our local farmers supports open space and responsible growth and development of our township.

We would like to compile a list of farms in the township that have fresh produce, flowers, and baked goods for sale so that we can inform all our neighbors. If you know a great farm to include or would like your farm listed, let us know. Here are a few local Amish farms to visit this season:

Briar Hollow Farm Market

476 Little Elk Creek Road, Lincoln University

Toot Valley Farm Market

204 Crowl Toot Road, Lincoln University

Windy Acres

Available at the West Grove Farmers Market at Harmony Park

DID YOU KNOW THE NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET? FIND IT ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE, WWW.EASTNOTTINGHAM.ORG/

Well Water Primer – Part 2

Now that you tested your well water, and it seems like it rains all spring, but as soon as summer arrives, we hear about the drought. Regardless of rainfall, water conservation is always a good idea, even if you do not have a well. Here are some helpful suggestions for conserving water during the summer:

- Most healthy grass needs about 1 inch of water per week. Invest in a rain gauge, so that you know how much water to apply weekly. To determine how long to run your sprinkler, space 3 to 5 empty cans at different distances away from your sprinkler. Water for 15 minutes and measure the amount of water collected in each can. Calculate average water depth and how long you need to run the sprinkler. Remember, one deep soaking is better for the lawn's root system instead of daily watering.
- Water lawns and plants during the early morning or in the evening to prevent evaporation loss. Do not water on windy days.
- Keep your grass cut taller. Taller grass holds moisture better and encourages a deeper root system. Keep grass trimmed to about 3 inches.
- Test your soil! A good soil test will determine if you need to fertilize your lawn. The right ratio of nutrients helps grass withstand stress, uses less water, and reduces excess nutrient runoff. Leaving grass clippings on your lawn reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.
- Harvest rainwater! Funnel the water from your gutters into a rain barrel and use it to water your plants. Place a bucket in the shower with you, and use this water for potted plants around the house.
- Water only lawns and plants. Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks.

Summer outdoor water use can account for 30 to 50 percent of the yearly home water use, and much is wasted through inefficient landscaping practices. Efficient water use saves energy and money, but more importantly protects a precious resource that we take far too much for granted.

Dogs

My neighbors have wonderful dogs. They are sweet, kind and they stay on their own property. I do not have to worry about them scaring my guests or using my property as their bathroom. My neighbors take excellent care of their dogs and make sure that they do not impose on their neighbors.

It was not always this way. An old neighbor of mine let his large dog roam about the houses. This dog took pleasure in digging up my flowerbeds and burying bones and different parts of a deer carcass among my freshly planted tulips. He also took pleasure in knocking down the bird feeders that had

suet blocks on them so that he could have a snack. One day he even dared to follow me into the garage. He stood their growling at me until my handy boom persuaded him to leave. Nothing I said to my neighbor changed the dog's behavior. I was very glad when that neighbor and his dog moved.

All of us need to be good neighbors when it comes to our pets. At one time, we lived in the country, but now we live in a suburban area. Many of us have never had neighbors this close before, and our animals are in the habit of going anywhere they like. We can no longer allow this to happen. So the next time you leave your dog out for exercise, make sure they exercise on your own property and not your neighbors'.

A fifth grade class at Elk Ridge School has offered some of their wonderful poems to celebrate summer:

Summer

Is fun and hot

Eating ice cream all day

Always playing games with your friends

Summer

submitted by Tyler Brough



Look at the ocean

See the waves and seagulls pass

Just lay down, relax

submitted by Jackie Martin-Sanchez



The golden flower

it stands out from the green grass
and the big forest.

submitted by Arthur Cahill



Patriots

Smart, wise

Fighting, hoping running

Independence, smiling – sneak, pay

Taxing, buying, brewing

Evil, rich

Loyalist

submitted by Alan Rivest



The moon

So very bright

When you look at the stars

It seems all you troubles have gone

So great

submitted by Estella Giammatteo



Darkness consumes light

But time consumes everything

Light consumes darkness

submitted by Dylan Rosas

Primary Election Results



No surprise here! Four candidates, four winners. The primary election candidates for the Board of Supervisors will continue to the General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Once again, they are:

Three-Year Supervisor	Christine Bennett, Democrat chris@bennettsathome.com
	Jeffrey J. Kegley, Republican (610) 932-9405 or jkegley@zoominternet.net

Five-Year Supervisor	Samuel A. Goodley, Jr., Democrat samgoodley@yahoo.com
	Percy E. Reynolds, Jr., Republican preynolds@zoominternet.net

The candidates have kindly provided contact information if you would like to take the opportunity to get to know them better.

The Fall newsletter will include a question and answer interview of the candidates. If you have a topic you would like addressed, please contact us. The newsletter staff is trying their best to inform you about the candidates and the issues, so please take the time to vote in this very important election. The last day to register to vote is October 10, 2006.

The Fair is Back in Town!



August 31 - Sept. 4

**Food Rides Games
Crafts Entertainment**

Here we come...are you ready Oxford? The revitalization of **The Oxford Fair** has begun and the Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA) is bringing the excitement, enthusiasm and family fun back to the Oxford area and all residents in the tri-state region! It will be held at the Oxford Area Regional Park on Locust Street.

For details visit their website, www.theoxfordfair.org, or www.eastnottingham.org and click on the link.

The OARA is looking for people to direct parking for this event, as well as other types of volunteers. Sounds like a good project for an organized youth group. Interested parties can contact the OARA via its website.

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Supervisors Planning Commission
 Tuesday, August 8 Monday, August 28
 Tuesday, Sept. 12 Monday, Sept. 25
 Tuesday, October 10 Monday, October 23
 Supervisors meetings are now held the second Tuesday of the month.
 All meetings are at 7 pm at the Twp. Bldg.

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