



# EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2006

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### Letter from the Editor



After we put the winter edition of the East Nottingham Township newsletter to bed, the staff sat around the table and reflected on the short life of the newsletter. There were times, when we first started, that we wondered if we would be able to fill the pages with news from ENT, or where we would find the news. Now we wonder if we have enough room for some of the articles and what stories are we missing. Should we add another page or stay with the pages we have? These burning questions are the purpose of this letter.

East Nottingham Township is a large, ever growing, diverse community. There are only the six of us reporting the events and we know we are missing some major happenings. We would love for community members to write an article for the newsletter. Maybe there was something wonderful or unusual that happened in your corner of ENT. Write a short article, we will even give you a by-line for it. Or maybe you live near a long time resident of ENT, or maybe you have lived your entire life here and want to write about the changes you have seen, good and bad. We would love an article from you. Or maybe you have a child or grandchild who has written a poem or story about living in ENT, we would love to hear from some of the younger residents.

Please don't be shy. None of us are professional writers. We write from our hearts about topics that interest us. We might correct your spelling or punctuation, but we will not touch the intent of your article. We would love nothing better than to be bombarded with letters about things our residents feel strongly about. If something matters to you, it probably means a lot to some of the other residents in our township.

You can send it via email, or the U.S. Postal Service. Both addresses are contained in this newsletter. So, give it a try. Summer is coming, and we would love to include your article in our next newsletter.



If you have a question or comments, please send your letter to the editor at [enteditor@zoominternet.net](mailto:enteditor@zoominternet.net)!

### TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

#### *Additions and Corrections*

We would like to amend the Township Directory in the winter issue of the newsletter. The changes are as follows:

#### **Sewer Authority Representatives**

Percy E. Reynolds, Jr.

Joseph L. Scheese, Jr.

#### **Agricultural Security Committee**

William Freese

Robert Mason

Paul Smoker

Samuel A. Goodley, Jr.

#### **Zoning Hearing Board Representatives**

William Blackburn

G. William Freese

Joseph Taylor

#### **Emergency Management Director**

John C. Reynolds, Jr.

#### **Building Inspector Appeal Board**

Kenneth B. King

John Lynch

#### **Planning Commission open seats were filled by:**

Marianne H. Russo

John Wallace

#### **Oxford Area Rec. Authority Rep. Correction**

Edwin Lobley was replaced by Mike Vitale

#### **Historical Commission changes**

Add:

Barbara Pollock

Cooky Howett

Marianne Russo

Stevie DeMott

Remove: Scott Moran

#### **New Road Master**

William C. Weaver

We apologize to William Duffy, Auditor, for misspelling his name in the winter issue.



In case you were wondering why the winter issue was so late, or perhaps why you did not receive it, here is what happened. First, we needed to wait for an updated Township Directory. Then the U.S. Postal Service had some problems getting them out. Apparently they ended up in a huge distribution center, where they disappeared. Hopefully, it will not happen again. If you have not received a copy, you can find additional copies at the township building.



## Proposed Subdivisions & Land Developments

### In Preliminary Plan Process

1. Cook Brothers: **10** lots on 17 acres bordering Elk Creek Road.
2. Elizabeth Miller Farm: **124** lots on 81 acres bordering Twin House Road and Oaks Road.
3. Elkdale Green: **85** lots on 69 acres bordering Little Elk Creek Road and Oxford Road.
4. Hickory Hill Road Tract Phase II: **124** Town houses on 83 acres bordering Wilson Mill Road.
5. Jordan Manor: **165** lots on 250 acres bordering Little Elk Creek Road and Fifth Street.
6. Meadowview Estates: **47** lots (cluster) or **21** one-acre lots 29 acres bordering Hopewell Road and Route 1 Bypass.
7. Wicklow: **172** lots on 80 acres bordering Route 1 Bypass, Forge Road and Old Baltimore Pike.

### Between Preliminary and Final

8. Hickory Hill Road Tract Phase I: **211** lots on 63 acres bordering Brick Street and Oxford Road.
9. Reserves at Dunlap: **111** lots on 74 acres bordering Old Baltimore Pike, Twin House Road and Waterway Road.

### In Final Plan Process

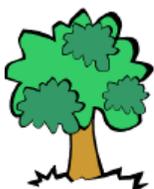
10. Cooper Farms Phase 2: **17** lots on 9 acres bordering Mt. Pleasant Road and Waterway Road (55 total lots proposed).
11. Hickory Hill Treatment Plant: Land Development Plan on 90 acres bordering Wilson Mill Road.
12. Lewis Tract: **14** lots on 17 acres on Reedville Road and Wilson Mill Road.

### Approved Plans

13. Hopewell Ridge: **29** lots on 66 acres bordering Forge Road and Lees Bridge Road.
14. Century Oak/Lawrlane Farms: **72** lots on 107 acres between Mt. Pleasant Rd and Waterway Road.
15. Woods at Nottingham: **7** lots on 16 acres on Wilson Mill Road.

These are just the Major Subdivisions totaling approximately **1188** houses, **45% more houses than currently exist**, on about 961 acres of East Nottingham Township real estate.

## Open Space Update



The deal has been closed for the 46.4 acre farm, located along Media Road at the Elk Township border. The other 74.4 acre farm, along the southwest corner of the intersection of Mt. Pleasant Road and Little Elk Creek Road, is in the process and should be finalized later this year. The money is coming from a \$3 million bond fund and will be repaid by the money collected from the ½% earned income tax instituted for this purpose.

The 74.4-acre farm is directly across the street from the 84-acre Lapp farm, which is being preserved through the use of Transferable Development Rights (TDRs). The Tigue farm on the northeast corner of that intersection will become Jordan Manor (see Subdivisions), with 165 homes on it and will be served by community sewer and water. This subdivision will have at least 40% open space, as they are clustering the homes. This should give you a visual of how that corner will look in a few years.

## Community Star



The newsletter enjoys profiling a great member of our community. But because of space limitations, the Community Star will now be in only the winter and summer issues. If you know a person to be commended, please let us know.

## Rural Living



Have you ever wondered how to help that baby bird you found in your yard? Well here are some ideas. A newly-feathered baby bird is like a three-year-old child.

It leaves its nest curious about the world around it, but is still dependent on its parents for survival. Its parents teach it to find food, recognize danger, and adapt to its surroundings.

Let parent birds do their job. With three or four young birds to watch, a parent may temporarily lose track of one of its babies. If you find a newly-feathered bird on the lawn, watch from a window to see if adult birds are nearby and if they return to feed the baby on the ground. Do everything you can to leave a young bird with its parents. Return naked nestlings to the nest. A parent bird will not reject a nestling just because it was handled by a human being.

Baby birds need professional care. If you should have to rescue a baby bird you should:

1. Place the bird on paper towels in a box if it is an older baby.
2. Place it on tissue in a little box if it is very young.
3. Keep the bird warm, but out of direct sunlight.
4. Keep the bird away from people and pets.

Emergency Feeding: Very young birds need to be fed every 10 minutes from sunrise to sunset. If you cannot bring the bird to a licensed rehabilitator immediately, you can feed it this temporary diet: Mix a hard-cooked egg yolk with 1/3 cup Ken-L-Ration canned dog food. Feed the bird tiny pieces of this mixture from a watercolor brush or the blunt end of a flat toothpick. Keep a firm grip on the toothpick and place the food far back in the gaping mouth, above

the tongue. Wait for the bird to swallow before giving it more. Do not give milk or bread to baby birds because they cannot digest it. Never squirt liquids into a bird's mouth since it can cause pneumonia. Water can also be administered on a watercolor brush.

One of the closest rehabilitators to us is Tri-State Bird Rescue at 110 Possum Hollow Road, Newark, DE 19711 (302)737-9543 and they do have transporters if the caller is unable to deliver. They will also answer any of your questions.

A note to cat owners: Over 20% of nestling and fledgling birds brought to wildlife rehabilitators each year are injured by cats. If you value songbirds, try to keep your cat indoors during June and July until the nesting and fledgling season is over, or put a small bell on the cat's collar to make it difficult to ambush a bird.

This spring, enjoy fresh and healthy vegetables with this wonderful recipe from our Amish neighbors.



### Spinach Salad



1 pound fresh spinach (bite size pieces)  
fresh dandelion greens, endive or lettuce can also be used.

4 eggs (hard-boiled and grated)

½ pound bacon (fried and crumbled)

#### Dressing:

¼ cup oil	2 tsp salt
¾ cup sugar	1 medium onion, chopped
¼ cup vinegar	⅓ cup catsup
1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce	

Mix dressing, which can be warmed, and pour over spinach at serving time. Toss lightly until well coated. Top with bacon & eggs.

### Well Water Primer

We all have a list of household chores for the spring, how about testing your water? Some new residents unfamiliar to well water may be interested in how to check it. For those well-wise, remember that anything that dissolves in water can find its way into your well, so test frequently. The best time to sample is when the probability of contamination is greatest such as in early spring just after the thaw, after an extended dry spell, following heavy rains or after lengthy periods of non-use.

Typically, groundwater is naturally clean and safe for consumption. Non-hazardous minerals, such as calcium, iron and sulfur, can alter the hardness, taste, odor or color of the water when present in excess quantities. They can usually be eliminated with an appropriate filtration device. But in order to

prevent illness, water should be regularly tested for the presence of contaminants. Here are some problems to look for:

- Acid water causes green stains in sinks and toilets.
- Bacteria in your water can be serious. Standard water testing consists of a total coli form bacteria test for fecal coli forms as well as e-coli. Bacteria home test kits are quick and inexpensive.
- Clay Silt causes an orange film in toilets.
- Hard Water causes white chalky spots and scales. It will shorten the life and ruin the appearance of all faucets and plumbing fixtures.
- Hydrogen Sulfide causes a rotten egg smell.
- Iron causes rusty orange stains.
- Manganese causes brown stains.
- \*Nitrates can be especially harmful to infants and pregnant women. High nitrate levels in your water can happen when fertilizers and sewage waste gets into the ground and finds its way into the water supply. A particular digestive bacterium in an infant's stomach converts nitrates into nitrites, which attach themselves to red blood cells preventing them from carrying oxygen, resulting in a condition called methemoglobinemia, also known as "blue baby syndrome"
- \*Radon in Water.
- \*Volatile Organic Chemicals, known as VOCs.

\* Please note these contaminants are undetectable without testing. Contact a certified water specialist to help you correct any of these problems. To learn more, visit Penn State's Agricultural Science site at <http://pubs.cas.psu.edu/publications.asp> and scroll down to Water and Water Quality link.

The Board of Supervisors is in the process of trying to approve stop signs in various locations around the township. They are the following:

1. A three-way stop at the intersection of Barnsley Road and Twin House Road. The objective is to have signs put on the north and south sides of Barnsley Rd. to slow down traffic for the cars turning into the Charter School.
2. Temporary signs at the intersection of Old Baltimore Pike, Waterway Road and Barnsley Road. This would be a temporary solution until the signal light is installed. The goal is to have the light in by Fall 2006.
3. A four-way stop at the intersection of Fifth Street and Waterway Road.

Barnsley Road, Old Baltimore Pike, and Fifth Street are state roads, so the township cannot install new stop signs without the permission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## Township Services



Spring Clean Up will be held Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 23 at the township building. Appliances are accepted. No tires, hazardous materials, batteries or propane tanks. For additional clean up options, SECCRA placed new recycling containers at the township building. You can recycle:

- Combined glass and plastic (bottles with recycle symbols 1 and 2)
- Aluminum and metal cans
- Newspaper, junk mail, catalogs, and cardboard such as cereal boxes
- Flattened corrugated cardboard

Need to cut down the amount of catalogs filling up your mailbox and recycling bin? When ordering online or calling a company to purchase an item, you must tell the company "not to rent or sell your name and address". Contact those companies who are currently sending you catalogs and tell them to remove your name from their rent and sell lists and if you no longer want to receive their company's catalog.

SECCRA offers a The "Junk Mail Reduction Kit" which includes tear-off postcards and toll-free telephone numbers residents can use to contact the direct-mail advertisers and data-compiling companies

to remove their names from their mailing lists. To receive one, contact the SECCRA office at 610-869-2452 or visit their website at [www.seccra.org](http://www.seccra.org). Kits are also available at the township building.

## Primary Election

A primary election will be held May 16, 2006. Local elections will be held for the two new Board of Supervisors seats, one will serve a three-year term and the other will serve a five-year term in order to stagger the term expiration for those seats. All board members elected after that time will serve the standard six-year term. The primary candidates are:

### Three-Year Supervisor

Christine Bennett, Democrat	Jeffrey J. Kegley, Republican
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### Five-Year Supervisor

Samuel A. Goodley, Jr., Democrat	Percy E. Reynolds, Jr., Republican
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Please remember you must be a registered Republican or Democrat to vote for candidates in the primary election. Independents cannot vote for candidates in PA primaries. The last day to register to vote in the primary election is April 17, 2006.

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2006 Meeting Dates  
Supervisors  
Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 9	Monday, May 22
Tuesday, June 13	Monday, June 26
Tuesday, July 11	Monday, July 24

Supervisors meetings are now held the second Tuesday of the month.  
All meetings are at 7 pm at the Twp. Bldg.