



# EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 2005

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### Letter from the Editor



The ENT Newsletter would like to thank those residents who responded to the first issue with their e-mails and comments at Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings. It is good to know there are citizens concerned enough about our township to take the time to write and attend these meetings. The hope of this staff is that each newsletter will be taken to heart by more residents each time it is mailed.

Currently the plan is to have four seasonal mailings a year. If there are issues or concerns you would like to see covered in this newsletter, please let us know via e-mail or phone call to the township secretary, who will pass your messages along to the newsletter staff.

Each issue will include a section dedicated to highlighting particular individuals who live in East Nottingham or explaining the duties of an employee or elected official of our township. If you know of a resident you think should be recognized, for any reason, or a job description you wish to be explained, please contact the editor and we will try to accommodate requests in subsequent issues.

To contact the editor send e-mail to [enteditor@zoominternet.net](mailto:enteditor@zoominternet.net) or leave a message with our township's secretary, Pat Brady, 610-932-8494. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

### Getting to Know Your Local Government



As the township grows and new residents arrive, many questions arise about the structure of the local government and its members. This article is the first of several that will describe the roles and responsibilities of the East Nottingham Township government, highlight some of its members, and maybe give you ideas on how to participate.

The guidelines for the township government are enacted by the Pennsylvania Legislature. Some officials are elected (must live in the township for at least one year prior to the election) while others are appointed. The elected officials are:

- Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors serves as

the township's legislative body, setting policy, enacting local ordinances, adopting budgets, and levying taxes, adopting budgets, and paying bills. ENT has three supervisors, each elected for a six-year term. Supervisors must be a registered voter of the township.

- Auditors: East Nottingham Township has three auditors, each elected for a six-year term.
- Tax Collector: East Nottingham Township has one tax collector elected for a four-year term.

If any member of these offices cannot complete his or her term, an elector of the township may be appointed by the supervisors. Sometime during the first week of each year, the supervisors appoint both the treasurer and the secretary. Other officers that may be appointed include a roadmaster, a solicitor, an engineer, and a building inspector.

The documents referenced in the article are available for browsing at the township office or online at [www.psats.org/townshipcode](http://www.psats.org/townshipcode).

### Proposed Amendments to Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Update

In the last edition of the newsletter were ten proposed amendments. For the most part these amendments were passed, with a few changes made as a result of concerns expressed by some residents at the open meeting. These changes affected some real estate on Waterway Road and some on Barnsley-Chrome Road.

### Subdivision/Land Developments Preliminary Plans Under Consideration

As stated in the previous edition there are currently over 900 proposed new homes in East Nottingham Township. These are all in various stages of the development process. Each Supervisor or Planning Commission meeting provides an opportunity for residents to meet the developers and see exactly what this process entails. And, as mentioned in the first Newsletter, residents do have an impact on the development process by showing up to the meetings and voicing their concerns.



## Open Space Referendum



The final count is in and the Open Space Referendum was passed. The objective of this referendum is to preserve farmland in the township. What does this mean to the residents of East Nottingham Township? It is an effort to slow the rate of housing developments, limit traffic on local country roads, slow the rate of property tax increases, and protect our delicate groundwater supply.

What happens now? Well, there are several steps that need to be taken. It is important to note here that everything is done in an open forum, where the residents of ENT are invited to voice their opinions.

On January 3, 2005 there was a public hearing on the ordinance to enact an earned income tax of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% for the purpose of preserving open space. At their regular monthly meeting, the Supervisors voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance. This will be in affect starting January, 2005.

Who decides how the money is spent? For the Township Only program, either the Planning Commission or a committee of concerned residents can make recommendations about which farms should be selected. Then a public meeting is held to discuss the various options, after which the Supervisors will vote on whether to preserve certain farms and how to do it. A couple of options here are pay as you go or float a bond.

Larger farms will be able to participate in the County Challenge Grant Program. This is where the county will match the township funds, up to a combined total of \$12,000.

It is hoped that this effort will help to maintain the rural atmosphere of East Nottingham Township. To date owners of 454 acres of farmland in our township have applied for preservation.

## Rural Living



Newcomers relocating to East Nottingham from the surrounding cities and suburbs will find that rural living is a whole new adventure. One of the first things you realize after moving here is that you have to drive some distance to do virtually anything.

Some of you new to the area may not be familiar with the Amish culture. Your first experience

may be a traffic hold-up on your way to town due to a horse-drawn buggy. Do not be impatient with their mode of transportation, it is their way of life. Please be courteous and aware that the horse pulling the buggy can be startled by honking horns or by a car that pulls too closely in front of it while passing.

Also, keep an eye out for the Amish children walking to and from their schools mornings and afternoons. Many must walk on roads that have no sidewalks.

## Community Star



The staff of this newsletter would like to profile a resident of East Nottingham Township each edition. We believe many residents work hard, serving our community, and never receive the recognition they deserve. We welcome any suggestions for this column; just e-mail us a name and why you think they should be profiled.

Our first community member to be featured is a teacher. This woman has taught in the Oxford Area School District for 33 years! Our community star is Betty Summers.

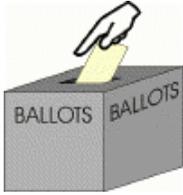
Betty grew up in Abington Township, Montgomery County. She attended West Chester University. After graduation, teaching jobs were scarce and Betty had to work for a year outside of her area of interest. One of Betty's characteristics is persistence, and after applying for over 200 positions, the Oxford Area School District made her an offer.

Ms. Summers was a new teacher in the new Nottingham School. She enjoyed teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade for 20 years in that building, and after the district restructured, Betty moved into the new Elk Ridge School. Betty has continued to teach 5<sup>th</sup>, seeing many changes during her tenure. Her major interest has been in curriculum. She has served on so many curriculum committees that a colleague noted she would never be able to list all of her experiences on a resume.

Betty has lived in this area for 13 years and is concerned about its development and changes. Her wish for East Nottingham is that we preserve the character and history of our community. Betty reminds her students how the Oxford area is a part of the history of Pennsylvania. She teaches respect for the local farmers and our neighbors, the Amish.

**Thank you, Betty, for all your years of service. Keep up the good work!**

## Thank You From the Township!



The Township would like to thank all the voters who stood in line to vote on November 2. We know it was frustrating. The township is looking into opening another voting district. However, this will take some time so

please be patient.

Residents, would you be interested in having an ENT Post Office? Currently we are split among three: Oxford, Lincoln University and Nottingham. Please respond by e-mailing the editor, dropping a note to the township building, or coming to a Supervisors' meeting.

## Dog Licenses



All dogs three months of age or older are required by Chester County to have a current year Dog License. Non-compliance could result in fines up to \$300.00.

Applications are available through the website, [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org), or the Office of the Treasurer.

**Fees payable to:** Chester County Treasurer  
**Mail to:** Alan Randzin  
Chester County Treasurer  
2 High Street Suite, Suite 120  
West Chester, PA 19380

The township supervisors have signed the SPCA 2005 contract. For problems with strays or animal cruelty complaints call (610)692-6113. Please note that the SPCA will not come to pick up any animals that are not already confined.

Annual Fees		
Regular Fees:		Disabilities/Sr. Citizens
Not neutered/spayed:	\$8:00	\$6.00
Neutered/spayed	\$6.00	\$4.00
Lifetime License Fees*		
Regular Fees:		Disabilities/Sr. Citizens
Not neutered/spayed:	\$51.00	\$31.00
Neutered/spayed	\$31.00	\$21.00
*Dog must be tattooed on upper part of inner right rear thigh, or have a microchip inserted between the shoulder blades.		
Please call Treasurer's Office, (610) 344-6370, for information on obtaining a license.		

## Township Services

For problems regarding snow and ice removal on township roads, call the township secretary at (619)932-8494. Be aware, however, not all roads are township owned. State-maintained roads are:

Hopewell Road	Route 472
Forge Road	Christina Lane
Barnsley Road	Media Road
Fifth Street	Oxford Road
Elkdale Road	Chrome Road
Baltimore Pike (Old Route 1)	

For snow removal on these roads call PennDot at (610)436-1900.

## Sledding

The **Oxford Area Recreational Authority** has an area set aside in East Nottingham Township for sledding this winter. Two parking lots are available to accommodate approximately 50 vehicles.

- **Site 1** is out Locust Street, cross over the bypass, there is a lane on the left, almost directly across from the entrance to the sewage treatment plant.
- **Site 2** is out Locust Street to Oaks Road, left onto Oaks to the lane entrance on the left, just past the new house.

For more information call the **OARA** (610-932-8447) or Lee Towner (610-932-3371).

## Chester County Services



Bring unwanted hazardous household, automotive, home maintenance, lawn and pest control products to the next Regional Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Times for 2005 collection dates are from 9 am to 3 pm:

- April 23 at Tredyffrin Township Building, 110 DuPortail Road, Berwyn, PA 19312 (computer recycling at this event)
- May 14 at Owen J. Roberts H.S., 981 Ridge Road, Posttown, PA 19465

**Use these words to help identify Household Hazardous Waste: Caution, Toxic, Explosive, Reactive, Danger, Combustible, Flammable, Poisonous, Hazardous, Warning Corrosive**

**Please note the following are Unacceptable Materials: Latex (water-based) paint, Explosives, Ammunition, Appliances, Radioactive waste, Tires, Infectious waste, and unidentified waste**

In the fall there will be locations a bit closer to home. Look for those in summer and fall issues of this newsletter. For more information call (610)344-6692 or visit [dsf.chesco.org/health/dswm](http://dsf.chesco.org/health/dswm).

## Tsunami Relief

We, the elected members of the East Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors, wish to express publicly our horror and sadness over the plight of the victims of the tsunami in southern Asia. We are sure we speak for our fellow residents when we say that this incomprehensible tragedy, that took from so many virtually all they associated with life and living, has touched all of us profoundly.

We invite the public to visit our website [www.eastnottingham.org](http://www.eastnottingham.org) for a list of charitable organizations to which individuals may contribute to the international relief efforts.

## Newsletter Staff Needs Your Help



The township newsletter informs our community about what is happening! The feedback from our first newsletter was positive and encouraging. Now we need an official name for this paper and are looking for help from you! We urge you to submit a title that would attract more readers and stimulate our community members to attend Supervisor and Planning Commission meetings. East Nottingham residents

need to take ownership of their township and have a say in the decisions that are being made.

So put on your thinking caps and send us an idea for our newsletter's name, via e-mail or by filling in this coupon. The winning entry owner will receive four movie passes to the Peoples Plaza Theater.

Complete this form and mail to:

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Oxford, PA 19363  
or  
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### Come Join Us!

Supervisors	Monday, January 3
Monday, February 14	Monday, March 14
Monday, April 11	Monday, May 9
Monday, June 13	Monday, June 27
Planning Commission	Tuesday, January 18
Monday, February 28	Monday, March 28
Monday, April 25	Monday, May 23
Monday, June 27	

### 2005 Meeting Dates

East Nottingham Township  
158 Election Road  
Oxford, PA 19363  
[www.eastnottingham.org](http://www.eastnottingham.org)