

FALL 2004 EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Editor

In this, the first issue of the East Nottingham Township Newsletter, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the residents of our township, both new and old. Our community has grown very quickly in the past few years and with this growth has come numerous issues and concerns. This newsletter will be dedicated to keeping residents aware of these issues and to providing background information so we can make informed decisions when we are called upon to do so. Some of these issues are: new developments that are being considered, road improvements that are being planned, regulatory changes that are being suggested, township-wide activities that are being sponsored, and local controversies. Anyone who is interested in being kept even better informed about these issues or in affecting the outcome of decisions that must be made is invited to attend the Supervisors' meetings which are held at 7 pm on the second Monday of each month and the Planning Commission meetings held at 7 pm on the fourth Monday of each month. Decisions are influenced by those who attend.

This newsletter will, no doubt, garner its own share of critics and detractors. Therefore, we would like to state at the very outset that we welcome all such criticism. In fact, we invite residents to express all their objections and suggestions at our biweekly work sessions, which are held at 6 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Township building on Election Road. Of course, before doing so, residents will be asked to volunteer their time to help improve at least one small aspect of township life. The world is already overburdened with people who claim the right to be very vocal in criticism but completely exempt from action. We wouldn't want to add to this burden.

To contact the editor send email to enteditor@zoominternet.net. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

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Proposed Amendments to Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance

For those of you who don't already know there are some zoning changes in East Nottingham Township. They are as follows:

1. Re-title I-1 District as "Industrial District."
2. Change current I-1 designation of lands in northeast corner, bounded by Oxford Rd. and the Big Elk Creek, to I-2 Limited Industrial District.
3. Change current I-1 designation of Zook farm/Reserves of Dunlap properties to R-2 Residential District
4. Change current C-1 designation of lands bounded by Rt. 1 Bypass, Union Square Rd., and West Nottingham Township line to R-2 Residential District.
5. Change current C-2 designation of lands bounded by Graves Rd., rail line, and West Nottingham Township line to C-1 Commercial District.
6. Change current R-3 designation of lands bounded by rail line, Shadyside Rd. and West Nottingham Township line to C-1 Commercial District.
7. Change current R-3 designation of lands west of Baltimore Pike and roughly bisected by Twin House Rd., to C-2 Commercial.
8. Change current R-4 designation of lands in northwest corner abutting Lower Oxford Township and Oxford Borough to R-3 Residential District.
9. Change current C-2 designation of selected lands on either side of Barnsley-Chrome Rd., between Twin House Rd. and Chrome Rd. to R-1 Agricultural-Residential District.
10. Change current R-1 designation of parcel at northwest corner of Barnsley-Chrome Rd. and Twin House Rd. to C-2 Commercial District.

The proposed amendments are being discussed at both the Supervisors' and Planning Board's regular meetings, as well as specially scheduled joint meetings. Residents who have concerns should check the classifieds in the *Oxford Tribune* or the *Daily Local News* for the dates of these meetings.

Subdivision/Land Developments Preliminary Plans Currently Being Considered

1. James Mark - E/S Barnsley-Chrome Road, S/O Twin House Rd. 2.357 acres. New storage building.
2. Jordan Manor - Tighe Farm - 170 Lot Subdivision - Little Elk Creek Road & Fifth Street; 250 acres; Edward B. Walsh & Associates, Inc.
3. Woods at Nottingham - 8 Lot Subdivision; Wilson Mill Road; 16.1902 acres; Steve Frost (developer)
4. Elkdale Development - Little Elk Creek Road & Oxford Rd. - 83 houses, 2 existing dwellings; 69.3 acres - Jahan Sheikholeslami.
5. Meadowview Estates - 134 Lot Subdivision w/47 lots in ENT - Wedgewood Rd/bypass off of Locust (across from Gray Farm); 28.5 acres in ENT; Frost Development Company.
6. Liz Miller Farm - 124 Lot Subdivision - SW quadrant of intersection of Fulton & Hickory Hill Rd, 80.42 acres; Keystone Custom Homes.
7. Shepherd Farm - 45 Lots, 43 Units plus existing farm - Twin House Rd. & Oaks Rd; 81 acres; Ryan Homes.
8. Ruth Coldiron - 7 Lot Subdivision - East side of Wickersham Rd. South side of Market St. (in ENT & Borough) 6.1 acres.
9. Lawrlane - 72 Lot Subdivision - in discussion.
10. Hickory Hill - 71 Lot Subdivision - in discussion.

Currently there are 176 lots in final plan. That's over 900 proposed new homes in East Nottingham Township, folks.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

The conventions are over, the candidates are down to serious campaigning, and Election Day 2004 is rapidly approaching. Both President George W. Bush and John Kerry have decided that Pennsylvania is a key state in the 2004 elections. Every effort is being made by the political parties to get their candidate's message out to you, and both are making a big push to get the

vote out on November 2nd, 2004. The only thing stopping you from voting is you.

On November 2nd, 2004, the polls on Election Road, at the township building, open at 7am and will remain open until 8pm. First thing in the morning can be very busy with people voting before they go to work. The best times to vote are between 9am and 11am, and later between 1PM and 3PM. From 3pm on, expect to wait in a line to vote.

With the growth of East Nottingham Township, the wait time for voting is getting longer and longer. Make sure if you are voting during one of the peak times that you come prepared to stand in line. Wear a comfortable pair of shoes. Put this wait time to good use by getting to know your neighbors who are also voting. Having patience in the election process is very important. So, please wait and vote.

Just a reminder - make sure there are no hanging chads after you vote. Since we use paper ballots similar to the ones that had problems in the 2000 election, make sure your ballot is clean of hanging chads before you put it in the ballot box. Every vote counts.

If you are new in East Nottingham Township, the township building is located on Election Road. To get to the township building take the left fork in the road by the new Happy Harry's Drug Store. Election road is the first road on the left. But be careful, it is very easy to go past the road.

Registration Information

You must be registered 30 days before an election or primary.

In person: Photo License Center across from Margarita's Pizza.

By Mail: Get form at Township Bldg.

On Line: www.declareyourself.com

Open Space Referendum

The Open Space Referendum is on the ballot in November. There will be two public meetings on the subject, October 14th and 21st, both at 7pm in the East Nottingham Township building. Also, check your mail for an educational flyer, courtesy of the Township. Oxford Area Vision Project, who is in favor of the referendum, will be sending out a flyer as well. Residents can also check the East Nottingham Township website, www.eastnottingham.org for links with more information. Be an informed voter.

Alternatives to Burning Leaves

By Harlan Holmes

In the past, one of the options available to township residents wishing to dispose of leaves has been open burning. However, just as the township landscape has undergone significant changes in recent years, so also has the thinking regarding the practice of burning leaves. Recent studies have shown a connection between the smoke from piles of burning leaves and a host of personal and environmental health concerns.

So as we begin to reexamine ways to deal with leaves, the first thing to note is that the most obvious thing to do with a fall of leaves is as little as possible! Certainly clean them out of rain gutters; clogged gutters are one of the prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes. And it's probably a good idea to sweep, rake, or blow them off walkways and driveways if Nature doesn't do it first with a windy day. But consider allowing them to remain on perennial beds and around shrubs, or mow them onto and into your grass where they will decompose, improving and contributing important nutrients to the soil.

The landowner with a great many mature trees may call for some additional methods of leaf removal and handling. These methods will depend on the size of the area involved, its proximity to a wooded area, the availability of equipment, and the desire of the landowner for healthy exercise out in the fresh air.

One of the easiest ways to deal with a heavier fall of leaves is simply to pick them up along with the grass during the final mowing of the season. Then pile them in an inconspicuous place on your property, and you have just created a compost pile. It has in abundance three of the four ingredients necessary for rapid decomposition: green nitrogenous material (the grass), brown carbonaceous material (the chopped leaves), and moisture (contained in the green grass).

The fourth ingredient, air, is there also but will slowly decrease as the pile begins to compact. You can compensate for this compaction by turning it with a hayfork two or three times during the year. By next fall it will be ready to use.

What Else Is New?

New housing developments seem to be springing up everywhere. Happy Harry's and Tommy Tinker are moving in. Change is inevitable, even a necessity, but is anyone concerned that we may be losing the last remnants of our heritage? The Answer is "yes." We now have a group of people dedicated to protecting our treasures from the past - the East Nottingham Historical Commission.

Over the last several years, the state of Pennsylvania has been urging individual townships to form commissions to preserve historical buildings. Our Township Supervisors have formed a commission by appointing residents who demonstrated an interest and knowledge of the history of East Nottingham. The nine-member commission is a working historical group associated with and under the guidance of the government of East Nottingham.

The Commission's first task is to confirm the existence and correct location of approximately 160 historical sites in our Township. Anyone who owns property with a structure (home, barn,

ruins, etc.) over 50 years old could assist the commission by listing:

- site location
- site age
- structure type
- historical significance
- research results of site

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The Historical Commission has a working meeting every 4th Tuesday of the month. The meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

Township Services

Fall Clean Up Dates: October 22nd & 23rd, behind township building. Appliances allowed, however \$15 charge for each item that contains freon. No tires, batteries or propane tanks.

Christmas tree recycling begins the day after Christmas. Residents who wish to participate are asked to drop trees off in the designated area behind the township building

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