

**EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP
 SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER
 ~ 300th Anniversary Edition ~**

SENATOR DINNIMAN 300TH CITATION



In the Senate, July 25, 2018

Whereas, The Senate of Pennsylvania is always pleased to recognize those exceptional municipalities which, through the observance of significant events in their history, contribute to preserving the continuity of Pennsylvania's great heritage; and

Whereas, East Nottingham Township and West Nottingham Township are celebrating the joyous occasion of their three hundredth anniversary; and

Whereas, In 1701, the Nottingham Lots were settled by William Penn and Quaker settlers in Chester County. The thirty-seven lots were given as grants, and they were settled by fifteen families. In November 1717, township officers voted on the split between East and West Nottingham and, in 1718, the township was officially separated. Fifty years later, the Mason-Dixon Line was created, and both East and West Nottingham Townships became a part of Pennsylvania. Throughout their history, the townships have been blessed with dedicated civic leaders who have helped them to grow and flourish, as well as diligent and productive citizens who have helped them become an inspiring presence in this Commonwealth.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania celebrates with East Nottingham Township and West Nottingham Township upon this special occasion; proudly notes their many contributions to this Commonwealth's rich history;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Andrew E. Dinniman, be transmitted to East Nottingham Township and West Nottingham Township.



Andrew E. Dinniman
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Joseph J. Barnatt III
 Joseph J. Barnatt III, President Pro Tempore
 Attest:
Megan Martin
 Megan Martin, Secretary



Consider writing for us. Do you have an interesting township story you would like to share? Please contact our Township Secretary at secretary@zoominternet.net

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- Vice-Chairman, John Wallace
- Supervisor, Sam Goodley, Jr.
- Supervisor, Art Rieck
- Supervisor, Bill Weaver

SOME TOWNSHIP HISTORY ~ THE NOTTINGHAM LOTS



Brick Meeting House or “Friends Meeting House” is located just a few minutes away in Maryland at 1 Brick Meetinghouse Rd, Rising Sun, MD



THE NOTTINGHAM LOTS— as we know, Chester County actually began as an appreciatory “gift of deed” from King Charles II to William the son of Sir William Penn out of “*regard to the memory and merits of his late father*”. Now William (Jr.) had already been aware of the settlement possibilities of land between the colonies of Maryland and Connecticut and was busy cobbling together his plans for a great Quaker based settlement colony. Between 1681 and 1682 Penn received the lands lying North of Maryland and South of New York Colony. In addition, The Duke of York sold what is now Delaware (called the lower three counties of the colony the Crown called) “Pennsylvania”.

William Penn also began purchasing lands from the Indigenous Susquehannock people. Thus in 1682 (or 1683, as history is unclear of the exact dates), Penn acquired the “Nottingham Lots” from the native people and continued to amass their lands to the west to accrete to his growing colony. We must remember that this area was the western wilderness boundary of Great Britain’s territory and future acquisition by Penn interests would be accomplished by trading, purchase, or actual fraudulent self-dealing mostly with the Native Peoples. The “Nottingham Tract” (later called the Lots) consisted of 18000 acres 37 lots of 500 acres each and to confuse it further, these lot boundaries were never surveyed till years later. Settlers began to arrive in 1701 and the lots were divvied up among the colonists and they deeded to the Quaker Church “the commons” required by the Quaker leadership.

Thus one can see a boundary dispute in the making. Both William Penn and (the then) Lord Baltimore

returned to England to basically plead with the King that the other guy was stealing his border land. (Maryland had a better argument since their 1632 charter described their land boundaries near 40 degrees latitude (closer to Philadelphia), but in 1685 James II gave Penn a piece of property that drew Philadelphia into the Pennsylvania column of land acquisitions.

Actually, when we look at it analytically, Penn was using the Nottingham Lots as a bargaining chip before the crown, since he laid them out and described their boundaries, they have to lay in Pennsylvania, right?

Fortunately, at the same time, Lord Baltimore was more interested in the stabilization of his own border with Virginia so the strip of land (later surveyed by Mason and Dixon) was for 50 years, left as an uncontested boundary. However, as it turned out by Mason and Dixon’s almost obsessive survey description, Maryland wound up with most of the 18000 acres and only 1300 acres of the Nottingham Lots remained in Chester County. Less than 500 acres of the original lots lies in our township.

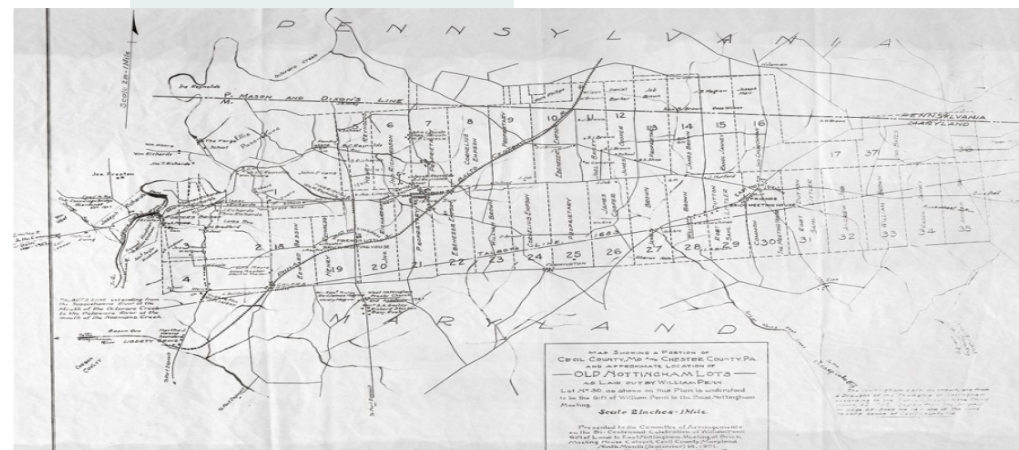
How much did a lot cost? From PA records from 1701, Every 100 acres would cost us 8 pounds sterling, with an additional” quitrent” of one shilling *FOREVER*. (A quitrent is an agricultural land rent that relieves the renter from serving as a soldier).

The FRIENDS laid out a log road that connected with the main road from Philadelphia to Chester, Kennett Square, New London, then Nottingham The first two settlers in the Nottingham Lots were two brothers and their families. They were accompanied by William Penn who, carved out a 50 acre tract for the first Nottingham Meeting House, school, and burial land (the original Brick Meeting House in Calvert Maryland , which was originally within East Nottingham township before Mason and Dixon’s survey)

The first thirty years of settlement of the Lots saw mostly clearing, building of homes, building the meeting house, and completing several tradesmen’s shops. The first homes were called “Beehives” (the home types can be seen at today’s “Beehive historical site along the Little Elk Creek near Fair Hill Maryland).

The fact that confuses the actual location of the historical Nottingham and their place on state maps is that Mason and Dixon required the state boundaries to be altered quite a bit. The resulting effect was that the town of Nottingham was moved once, The town of Brick Meetinghouse was changed to Calvert because the Post Office felt that the name of the town was just too long..

While East Nottingham had a very small piece of the Nottingham Lots, our township history was conceivably based upon William Penn and his land manager’s desires to acquire and extend the metes and bounds of all Pennsylvania. But apparently most of our state’s growth began within a 25 mile radius about us.



East Nottingham Townships 300th Birthday Celebration



Back on October 13th, 2018 during the Oxford Main Street Car Show, East Nottingham Township celebrated our 300th Birthday at the Oxford Main Streets Car show along with West Nottingham Township.



First day of Spring, our trucks are all cleaned up from the snow and salt.



~ K I D S Z O N E ~

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ANSWER KEY:

Township, Nottingham, Oxford,
Permit, Zoning, Roadmaster, Chair-
man, Supervisor. Ordinance, Board,
Election

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

- ◆ Jordan Bank School—610-932-6625
- ◆ Nottingham School—610-932-6632
- ◆ Elk Ridge School—610-932-6670
- ◆ Penns Grove Middle—610-932-6615
- ◆ Oxford Area High—610-932-6640
- ◆ Avondale Police 610-268-2022
- ◆ Oxford Fire Co. 610-932-2411
- ◆ Oxford Library 610-932-9625
- ◆ Poison Control—800-722-7112
- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous 610-644-9675
- ◆ Domestic Violence 610-431-1430
- ◆ Crisis Intervention 610-918-2100
- ◆ Prescription Drug / Heroin Hotline 800-662-HELP
- ◆ Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-273-8255
- ◆ Chester County Hospital 610-431-5000
- ◆ Jennersville Hospital 610-869-1000
- ◆ PA ONE CALL 800-242-1776
- ◆ Chester County Health Dept. 610-869-0560
- ◆ Chester County Senior Citizen Services 610-431-4242
- ◆ Oxford Area Senior Center 610-932-5244
- ◆ PennDot RE: Roads <https://customercare.penndot.gov/>

2019 EARLY SEASON GARDENING



Here we are, entering the gardening season for calendar 2019. Hopefully your activity has already begun for the year. All your seeds should have been selected and the following veggies are already in the ground or are started in seed starter pots.

I'll use me as an example. Here is what I have already done this season:

OVERWINTERING VEGGIES—I have cleaned the fall leaves and dead plant material out of my raised garden beds (since 2015 I have shifted all my veggie gardening to raised bed boxes. I now have 12, 4'X 8'X10" cypress board raised beds) I have devoted 3 boxes to overwintered crops that include:

- 1 box contains 18 strawberry plants that should bear profusely this year.
- 1 box contains 2 separate crops, each occupying 16 square feet devoted to spinach and 16 square feet devoted to onions. Both crops really do well by sowing spinach seed and onion sets in the mid fall. I like sowing these veggies in early October so the plants can develop good root systems and toughen up for the winter. I have been overwinter planting my spinach for about 10 years and in my estimation it's the best way to assure getting large spinach salad leaves by late April. This is only my second year where I have overwintered onions so it's still a method being researched.

I have cleaned up the other boxes and am beginning to "re-top" these beds with a mixture of potting soil and composted manure. (I am a bit late on finishing all these and I got caught in that mind numbing cold of late January of the new year.

EARLY SEEDING. — I will within the February/March time accomplish the following seeding:

- I plan to direct seed my PEA POD seeds by late February. Some of my Amish neighbors attest to sowing their pea pods and pea seeds in mid-February and cover with compost, and another seeding in mid-March, "Just Before St. Patrick's Day". Peas should be side dressed with a balanced fertilizer that is not Nitrogen rich or else you will have beautiful tall plants but few peas.
- I will do another setting of SPRING ONION sets and SPANISH ONION sets. I either buy the Spanish onions as seedlings or I start them as seed in mid-December. This year I am using seedlings from a local nursery.
- I will sow MESCULEN GREENS, LETTUCE, and COLLARDS in by mid-March (St. Patty's day is a good early garden starting date for beginners).

MID SEASON SEEDING —

I start my TOMATOES as seeds and no matter what each year I have difficulty in making up my mind about which tomato varieties I want to grow. All my tomato seeds are started in deep starter kits in my garage using LED lighting (daylight bulbs). I buy new varieties and have been saving non-hybrid seeds for several decades for some special varieties, like my Aunts seeds that were brought from the Ukraine during one of her visits to the "Family Homeland".

I will start my seeds by mid-February and after several repotting's and "selection episodes", I'll have about 8 plants that I will set out in a bed. A note on tomatoes in case you're a rookie. DO NOT plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants or potatoes over areas that were used for plants of this family (the SOLENACIOUS VEGGIES) the year before. We should plan so that we've got at least a year that include none of these plants in the same spot. It could affect their ability to ward off stuff like "early blight" or "die off". BE AWARE. We plan to set our tomato plants into the garden by early May.

LETTUCES—I will set out several plantings of lettuce plants. I like to choose plants that I know are grown by local seed growers and I'll ask whether they grow their own or buy their started sets through a catalog. Local is best and some starter sets sold by Big Box stores had been implicated in powder mildews several years back.

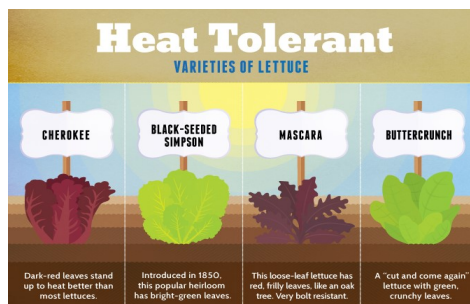
ASPARAGUS—We love our homegrown asparagus and have about 10 senior plants that were it not for some big maple trees they would be in a perfect spot to live for a century or more. However, this year I'll have to replant a new asparagus line into a more permanently sunny spot where I will prepare a deep trench to accept the new plants. I will do this by late March or early April. Our existing plants have at least another decade before they start being overshadowed and will begin to decline. It takes about 3 years to establish a line of asparagus and each year a good cleanup of the plant bed is an excellent idea. I usually top-off the cleaned beds with a nitrogen rich mulch and do some pH adjustment with a "lime rickey" of Calcium Magnesium water before the ground freezes in December.

BEANS—(all varieties) are a puzzle to me. I can't get them to be an early season plant at all, so I don't even try, that's my advice and if anyone has news to the contrary, I'm a good listener!

CORN—Sweet corn has taken to be an early season crop quite well. However, in an area where so many vegetable farmers grow such magnificent varieties of sweet corn, I say, what's the point? Their quality and value are so great, I am not going to waste garden space on stuff like sweet corn, potatoes or even pumpkins.

Sow What? What to Plant When

Plant	Start Indoors	Transplant Outdoors
Parsley	March 1	May 1
Broccoli	March 15	May 1
Cabbage	March 15	May 1
Cauliflower	March 15	May 1
Eggplant	March 15	June 1
Peppers	April 1	June 1
Okra	April 15	June 1
Tomatoes	April 15	May 20
Basil	April 15	May 20
Marigolds	April 15	May 20
Muskmelon	May 1	May 20
Pumpkin	May 1	May 20
Winter Squash	May 1	May 20



I will provide some more opinions about local gardening in the next issue. If you have any ideas that you would like to share about gardening please let me know. You can get me through the township e-mail.

~ WALT LEIS

WELCOME OUR FIRST JUNIOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, ELIZABTH ESTES



Our objective in establishing the junior supervisor program is to inspire young people in the township to become more involved with local government by giving them the opportunity to gain insights into how local government functions and learn about the duties of local government.

ELIZABETH'S SPEECH:

My name is Elizabeth Estes and I am honored to be serving as the East Nottingham Township Junior Supervisor for the upcoming year. First and foremost I'd like to say thank you to the board members and the community for allowing me this opportunity as well as Judge Massey for presenting me with the honor of being sworn in. Secondly, I'd like to introduce myself. I am a junior at Oxford Area High School and an active member of my school community. I participate in cross country and track, as well as clubs like Student council, helping hands, interact, the Chester county student forum, National Honor Society, and my personal favorite, Future Business Leaders of America. FBLA was first to spark my interest in business and government and I trust that I'll have the opportunity to utilize skills I have learned through the club in my position as junior Township Supervisor. I have lived in East Nottingham for all 16 years of my life. This is where I have gone to school, made friends, lost my first tooth, and learned how to drive. In every sense of the word, it is my home. I hope that through this position I can give back to this community, even if it is a fraction of what the community has given me over the years. The main goal that I

hope to accomplish in my upcoming months as junior Supervisor is to provide insight regarding the concerns of my peers that could be beneficial to the community. I hope to find ways to connect the different spheres within the Township that I am a part of in order to aid in the improvement of the community. I plan to develop a clean up project to help reduce litter that takes away from the health and natural beauty of our environment. I also hope to gain insight from other teenagers in my school as well as the general public as to what they'd like to see to further improve our community and implement those ideas in a second project. In short, I am elated to have the opportunity to serve

Street sweeping 4/15 thru 4/18/19. Please avoid parking on township roads during this time to ensure all areas are swept thoroughly. Thank you.



Elizabeth was sworn in on November 13, 2018 by Magisterial District Judge, Scott Massey.



JUNIOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR PROGRAM

OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS RESIDING IN
EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PURPOSE:

- To educate, inspire, and involve the youth of East Nottingham Township about the duties of local government, while enabling the selected student to develop leadership skills by being involved in public affairs of the community

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
September 1, 2019

(ONE STUDENT WILL BE CHOSEN)

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Township Secretary, Kelli Karlton
East Nottingham Township
610-932-8494

EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETINGS

7 PM AT TOWNSHIP

- January 7, 2019
- February 12, 2019
- March 12, 2019
- April 9, 2019
- May 14, 2019
- June 11, 2019
- July 9, 2019
- August 13, 2019
- September 10, 2019
- October 8, 2019
- November 12, 2019
- December 10, 2019

BE IN THE KNOW

Roads Managed By PennDot

(Not East Nottingham Township)

- Baltimore Pike
- Barnsley Chrome
- Christine Road, Rt. 272
- Chrome Road
- Elldale Road
- Fifth Street
- Forge Road (north side of Baltimore Pike)
- Hickory Hill Road
- Hopewell Road
- Media Road
- Oxford Road
- Saginaw Road



APRIL 12, 2019

7 AM - 6 PM

APRIL 13, 2019

7AM - 3PM

EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP DUMPSTER DAY

EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

ID WITH PROOF OF EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP RESIDENCE REQUIRED

Residential Items Only

NO Business, Construction or Commercial Items Allowed

NO Tires, Oil Based Paint, or Propane Tank

NO Dumping in Trash Bins prior to Dumpster Day

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There will be a chipper however, NO stumps

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**Township Hours:
Monday—Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm
Or by Appointment**

