



# East Bradford

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### The Place for Plastic Bags

All recycling should be loose in the recycling bin. Please do not put recycling in plastic bags before placing into the bin. During processing, plastic bags can cause the sorting machinery at the recycling center to jam. Plastic bags can be recycled at the grocery store along with plastic wrap from paper towels and toilet paper, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic wrap from cases of drinks, and just about any other type of plastic bag, provided no food residue is left in the bag.



### Zoning Code Update

The Township is working on a comprehensive update to the East Bradford Township Zoning Ordinance. The update is intended to implement the recommendations contained in the Township's Comprehensive Plan, reorganize the Ordinance to make it more user friendly, and assess all current zoning districts to ensure that the list of permitted uses and corresponding bulk and area regulations are appropriate. The Planning Commission, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, is overseeing this project with support and funding from the Chester County Planning Commission. Public attendance is welcome at these meetings. To learn more, visit [www.eastbradford.org/284/Zoning-Ordinance-Update](http://www.eastbradford.org/284/Zoning-Ordinance-Update). Questions should be directed to Director of Planning and Zoning, Andrea Campisi, at (610) 436-5108 x110 or [acampisi@eastbradford.org](mailto:acampisi@eastbradford.org).

### Ambulance Services Change for Residents North of Harmony Hill Road

At the December 13, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting, Good Fellowship Ambulance was designated as the sole provider of ambulance services to the entire township of East Bradford starting in 2023. The Supervisors also approved a three-year funding agreement with Good Fellowship to ensure their continued sustainability as they face significant challenges with insurance reimbursements and skyrocketing costs to provide this important service to our community. This investment in our emergency medical services continues East Bradford's commitment to public safety.

For many years, ambulance service in East Bradford Township has been split geographically at Harmony Hill Road. Previously, Good Fellowship Ambulance provided services to the areas south of Harmony Hill Road, while Minquas Fire Company Ambulance provided service to the areas north of Harmony Hill Road.

**This change has generated several questions:**

**Q: Why was this change made?**

**A:** In 2019, Good Fellowship Ambulance opened a new station at 961 Downingtown Pike in East Bradford Township. This move was made to reduce response times to the western portions of Good Fellowship's coverage area. The ambulance at this location is now the closest to the vast majority of the Township. The Supervisors made this decision after an analysis of response times to all areas of East Bradford Township to ensure residents were receiving the fastest possible emergency medical care when needed.

**Q: Will there be any change to quality or type of service provided?**

**A:** No. Both Good Fellowship Ambulance and Minquas Fire Company Ambulance have long histories of providing exceptional emergency medical care to the community. Both services have been recognized for their expert-level clinical care, compassion, and professionalism. Residents north of Harmony Hill Road will continue to receive the very best emergency medical services as quickly as possible.

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## Important Tax Information

### EARNED INCOME TAX

The resident Earned Income Tax (EIT) Rate is 1.25%. Half of a percent goes to West Chester Area School District, 0.25% is reserved for East Bradford Township open space preservation efforts, and 0.5% is for general Township purposes. The non-resident EIT rate is 1.0%.

Annual EIT returns are due by April 15, 2023, and can be filed electronically through Keystone's website. Even if you have employer withholding or are not expecting a refund, you are required by State law to file an annual EIT return.

### For more information, contact:

Keystone Collections Group  
(866) 539-1100; choose prompt #5  
(724) 978-2866 for Spanish  
[keystonecollects.com](http://keystonecollects.com)

### MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE TAXES

The Township property tax rate is 1.75 mills, unchanged from 2022. Real estate taxes are collected by the Chester County Treasurer under an annual contract. County real estate taxes are also collected by the County Treasurer's Office.

**If you (or your mortgage holder, if you have taxes escrowed) have not yet received your 2023 tax bills in the mail, please contact the County Treasurer's office:**

Chester County Treasurer  
(610) 344-6370  
[chesco.org/161/Treasurer](http://chesco.org/161/Treasurer)

**For information about the West Chester Area School District real estate taxes, contact:**

Berkheimer Associates  
(610) 599-3143 or (866) 300-1714  
[hab-inc.com](http://hab-inc.com)

Please contact Berkheimer Associates if you do not receive your school real estate tax bill by July 7.

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### **Q: What happens if I have a current membership/subscription with Minquas Fire Company Ambulance?**

**A:** Good Fellowship and Minquas have a longstanding agreement to honor each other's ambulance memberships/subscriptions/clubs. Good Fellowship will continue to honor all Minquas Ambulance Club members. Going forward, all East Bradford residents will receive Good Fellowship Ambulance subscription mailers in the fall. As a reminder, this valuable program eliminates any out-of-pocket expenses for ambulance services not covered by your insurance, while providing a much-needed fundraiser for these non-profit ambulance services.

More information about Good Fellowship Ambulance can be found on their website or social media platforms: [www.GoodFellowship.org](http://www.GoodFellowship.org), @GFACEMS, and @GoodFellowship. ●



## East Bradford's Own Mark Lucas Wins Photography Award

Our own Township Engineer, Mark Lucas, won the Judge's Choice Award in the Forests category of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation's Annual Photo Contest.

The 2022 photo contest's theme was "Clean Water and Forested Ecosystems" with categories selected to highlight the value of clean water and the role forests play in watershed health. With nearly 600 photo entries, there was stiff competition for the 20 prize awards.

Mark's photo was captured at Gallitzin State Forest. He was walking on the John P. Saylor Trail when he observed the morning sun coming through the tree cover and illuminating the bright green moss and tiny orange mushrooms at the base of the decaying tree. "I decided that I needed to try to tell the story of the once magnificent tree being reclaimed by the forest floor. With the young trees in the background looking on, the scene seemed to portray the forest's circle of life," Mark said in a press release. His winning shot truly captures that magical calm that one finds in nature. Congratulations, Mark!



## 2023 Budget

The overall 2023 Budget consists of seven separate budgets: General, Sewer, Highway Improvement, Capital Investment, Liquid Fuels, Capital Reserve, and Open Space. The Township is projected to end 2023 with combined fund balances of approximately \$11.8 million.

The **General Fund**, which is the principal operating fund for the Township, is primarily supported by property taxes (\$1.494 million) and the earned income tax (\$2.9 million). Other funding sources are the real estate transfer tax (\$312,500), along with fees, fines, interest earnings, grants, and transfers from other funds (\$900,000). Total General Fund revenues for 2023 are projected at \$5.6 million, with the property tax rate of 1.75 mills unchanged for 2023.

The biggest General Fund expense is a \$1.65 million payment to West Chester Borough to provide police services to East Bradford Township. Police, fire and ambulance combined total over \$2 million – 40% more than property tax receipts. Employee salaries account for 22% of the budget, which includes two or three new employees to be hired this year. Traditionally, the Board of Supervisors reserves at least 10% of General Fund revenues for future capital needs. For 2023, that will increase to 24% with a budgeted transfer of \$1,362,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund.

The **Sewer Fund** supports the operation and maintenance of public sewer service at the Darlington Ridge subdivision on Route 52. The Township is preparing to sell this infrastructure in 2023, with most of the proceeds directed to the Capital Reserve and Capital Investment Funds.

The **Highway Improvement Fund** functions as a contingency account for roads and related infrastructure. A pedestrian safety project at Route 322 near Bradford Plaza is included in the 2023 budget, along with line painting and traffic studies.

## Account Balance Summary, 2021-2023

FUND NAME	BALANCE 12/31/2021 (Actual)	BALANCE 12/31/2022 (Final Unaudited)	BALANCE 12/31/2023 (Budgeted)
General Fund (01)	\$3,204,166.62	\$4,554,795.56	\$1,831,731.19
Sewer Fund (08)	\$632,807.00	\$782,447.19	\$ —
Highway Improvement Fund (18)	\$125,021.00	\$91,355.98	\$48,541.00
Capital Investment Fund (30)	\$4,964,928.00	\$4,964,580.57	\$5,763,508.00
Liquid Fuels Fund (35)	\$236,248.00	\$322,506.07	\$271,789.48
Capital Reserve Fund (50)	\$464,918.00	\$1,167,449.10	\$100,399.66
Open Space Fund (99)	\$283,156.57	\$1,327,873.89	\$3,843,025.73
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$9,911,245.19</b>	<b>\$13,211,008.36</b>	<b>\$11,858,995.06</b>

The **Capital Investment Fund** was established in 2018 with the proceeds from the sale of the public sewer system. The revenue anticipated from the 2023 sewer sale will likewise be deposited into this account. The Board of Supervisors continues to conserve the principal (\$4.96 million) while transferring the annual investment returns (estimated at \$185,000 for 2023) to the Capital Reserve Fund to address ongoing infrastructure needs.

The **Liquid Fuels Fund** is supported by an annual allocation from PennDOT based on the state gasoline tax. East Bradford expects to receive \$341,000 in 2023, all of which is designated for road paving.

The **Capital Reserve Fund** will receive over \$2 million in transfers from the General, Sewer, and Capital Investment funds to support the Board's commitment to infrastructure upgrades. Planned expenses include \$1.17 million for road work including Ravine Road and the Ashbridge Street bridge; \$910,000 for stormwater projects; \$217,000 for the Township Campus; and \$135,000 for parks and trails capital improvements. Another \$533,500 is earmarked for the purchase of vehicles and equipment. Some of these expenses are being paid from the \$1 million in American Rescue Plan funds received in 2021-2022, but those funds will be fully obligated by the end of 2023.

The **Open Space Fund** is funded primarily from a designated 0.25% Earned Income Tax. The Township expects to receive \$1.2 million in open space grants in 2023—on top of \$1.325 million in Chester County grant funds received in late 2022—related to the 2020 acquisition of 156 acres of open space in the northwestern corner of the Township. ●

## Have a Concern or Complaint?

The Township is receiving an increase in complaints related to various issues including broken down vehicles and trash stored on residential properties, grass in excess of 12 inches, poorly maintained structures in danger of collapse, and the number of animals on residential properties. East Bradford Township has ordinances that regulate these issues.

In order to track the complaints and determine whether a violation of Township ordinances exists, the Township created a Complaint Form that is available on the Township website at [www.eastbradford.org/DocumentCenter/Index/39](http://www.eastbradford.org/DocumentCenter/Index/39).

If you wish to file a complaint with the Township and have it investigated, please use this form and submit it to [mneedles@eastbradford.org](mailto:mneedles@eastbradford.org). Any questions should be directed to Melissa Needles at (610) 436-5108, x105.

# How to Reduce or Eliminate your Energy Bills

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) was signed into law by President Biden on August 16, 2022. The law contains significant rebates and tax credits for homeowners that can help save a lot of money each month and even eliminate home energy bills. Visit [www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator](http://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator) for more information on rebates and tax credits. These programs are paid for with federal tax dollars and will only help those who participate. Below are some actions to consider:

## HOME WEATHERIZATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

Credit Available: 30% tax credit, up to \$1,200 total per year for any combination of the options listed below. You can distribute these purchases over multiple years to maximize credits. Low-to-moderate income houses can potentially have 100% of the cost covered.

- **Adding insulation to your attic and air sealing:** Adequate attic insulation and air sealing can lower heating and cooling costs by up to 20% and improve indoor comfort.
- **Electric heat pump clothes dryer:** These dryers are about 50% more efficient than conventional electric and gas dryers. An average load costs about \$0.25 vs. \$0.54 for electric and \$0.38 for gas. This was as of December 2021, before natural gas prices started to spike. If you do one or two loads per day, the savings add up fast.
- **Electric or induction ranges:** Electric ranges, including induction ranges, provide better energy efficiency and indoor air quality than gas stoves, helping families save money and keep unhealthy pollution out of their homes. Induction ranges, while usually costing the most, are about 10% more efficient than electric ranges and three times more efficient than gas ranges.
- **Home Energy Audit:** A \$150 credit is available to cover the costs of a home energy audit so that an inspector can identify the best improvement options.

## ELECTRIC HEAT PUMPS FOR HEATING, COOLING, AND WATER HEATING

Credit Available: Tax credit of 30% or up to \$2,000 per year to purchase and install a heat pump. For low-to-moderate income households, rebates of up to \$8,000 at the point of sale are available.

- **Electric air-sourced heat pump:** A heat pump provides both heating and cooling for homes and is a super-efficient alternative to gas or oil furnaces and air conditioners. Heat pumps can save a family hundreds of dollars each year on energy bills. They eliminate the need for oil or gas to heat your home, improving indoor air quality and removing price fluctuations often seen for these heating fuels. Because heat pumps run on electricity you have the ability to power them with rooftop solar and potentially eliminate all future energy bills.
- **Electric heat pump water heater:** Heat pump water heaters can be two to three times more efficient than conventional water heaters. Water heating is the largest household energy user after heating and cooling, so savings can be significant especially for large families who use a lot of hot water.

## SOLAR

Credit Available: 30% tax credit (no limit). While solar is one of the biggest energy investments a homeowner can make, most projects pay back the upfront investment in seven to 10 years depending on the orientation of your roof. Systems last 25 to 30 years, so once you break even, you can have 15 to 20 years of nearly free electricity, assuming the system is sized to cover all the electricity you use. Systems can also be financed or leased so that your monthly loan/lease payment is less than your current electricity bill allowing you to save money immediately. Energy Sage is a great website to get competitive quotes from screened installers very quickly ([www.energysage.com](http://www.energysage.com)).

**The three actions listed above could help you to completely eliminate your energy bills with this three-prong approach:**

- 1. Reduce your energy usage** as much as possible through home weatherization and purchasing energy efficient electric appliances. While not mentioned above, switching as much lighting as possible to LED bulbs will save a lot.
- 2. Electrify your home** by replacing oil, gas, or propane heating with a heat pump and replacing gas water heaters with electric or even better heat pump water heaters. This will also further reduce your energy usage.
- 3. Transition to renewable electricity** by purchasing, financing, or leasing enough solar panels to cover 100% of your electric bill. If you plan to purchase an electric vehicle, make sure that is taken into account when your system is sized as that will increase your electricity usage. (If you don't have the space on your roof (or space in your yard for a ground mounted system) it is possible to purchase your electricity from a renewable energy provider. You'll be powering your home with 100% renewable energy; however, you will still have an electricity bill.)

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### BUT THERE ARE STILL MORE OPTIONS IF YOU WANT TO DO MORE:

- **Purchase an Electric Vehicle (EV) and EV Chargers:** Credit Available: \$7,500 tax credit for new vehicles and \$4,000 for used. They must be assembled in the US, and cost \$80,000 or less for pickup trucks, vans, and SUVs, and \$55,000 or less for other vehicles. In addition, there is a 30% credit for EV charger hardware and installation up to \$1,000. More options are becoming available for electric vehicles, costs are coming down, and EV chargers are getting faster and more widespread. Fuel savings and maintenance savings for EVs are significant and they can often easily be charged over night at home. EVs save families an average of \$950 per year on fuel costs. Starting in 2024 the tax credit will be converted to an upfront discount.
- **Geothermal Heat Pumps:** Credit Available: 30% tax credit for both the wells and system (same as the solar credit). Geothermal heat pumps work much like air-sourced heat pumps to heat and cool your home. As opposed to using air they use the constant temperature from the ground to heat and cool your home. They are by far the most efficient way to heat and cool your home; however, they are a big up-front investment. They are worth considering if you plan to be in your house 10 or more years.

Anyone interested in pursuing the measures listed above can find additional useful information at [www.wcacleaneenergy.org/post/what-do-the-iiija-ira-mean-for-west-chester](http://www.wcacleaneenergy.org/post/what-do-the-iiija-ira-mean-for-west-chester) or reach out to Ed McConnell (East Bradford EAC member, [esmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:esmcconnell@gmail.com)) with any questions. ●

## Home-Based Businesses

The Township is seeing an increase in complaints related to residents operating businesses from their homes. East Bradford Township has regulations that control home-based businesses in residentially zoned areas. There are two categories of home-based businesses. The first type are no-impact home-based businesses. These are very innocuous businesses that do not involve customers, clients, or patients, and they do not require pickup, delivery, or removal functions. Essentially, there is to be no noticeable activity in excess of that normally associated with residential use. An example of a no-impact business would be a resident that creates a product for sale at off-site locations. This level of business may only employ people who reside on the property.

The second level of home-based business is a major home occupation. This use allows a limited number of employees; some level of customer, client, or patient traffic; and some signage to advertise the business. However, major home occupations require submission of an application and review and approval by the elected officials. Examples of this type of business include in-home daycares, professional offices, furniture refinishing, and pet grooming.

Neither of these types of home occupations apply to residents that work remotely for a private employer. If you are considering opening a home-based business, please contact the Director of Planning and Zoning, Andrea Campisi, at [acampisi@eastbradford.org](mailto:acampisi@eastbradford.org). ●



## Stormwater True and False

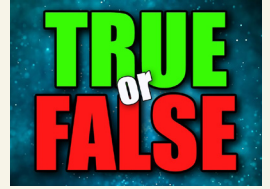
Rain, rain and more rain. Since approximately 2017, we've been getting much more of it than we used to, and

in larger chunks and more than most of us want. As a result, the Township has been hearing many things regarding stormwater runoff from its residents that aren't completely accurate. Regardless of what may be causing this phenomenon, higher rainfall appears to be something that we need to adjust to and understand the concepts and related laws.

In upcoming newsletters, the Township Engineer will continue to present a series of articles based on misconceptions heard from our residents regarding stormwater. In each article, a statement will be presented, along with an explanation of why each statement is a misunderstanding of the concept of stormwater management, drainage conveyance, and other related topics regarding stormwater.

**Statement:** "There's nothing wrong with blowing grass into the street. It's only me and it goes right through the storm grates without clogging them."

**Analysis: False.** This statement is false for a variety of reasons. First, grass clippings, particularly when wet, are a road hazard, especially to motorcyclists and bicyclists. Second, there are numerous homeowners and contractors doing this in the Township to the point where it is occurring more often than not. Third, grass clippings clog storm grates routinely, particularly at low points in the drainage system, where they accumulate after bypassing upslope inlets. Often, these are the inlets that are the most critical in capturing upslope runoff and conveying it to a stormwater management basin. Finally, if clippings are captured by the storm drainage system, they are often loaded with pesticides and fertilizers that are eventually transported to streams flowing through the Township. If you are maintaining your own lawn, please refrain from this activity and if you are contracting this work, please discuss this issue with your contractor and seek alternatives.





## East Bradford Parks Benefit from Community Donations

This past autumn, several charitable donations were made by groups and individuals to the betterment of East Bradford Township's parks system. The MOMS Club of West Chester donated a Little Free Library to East Bradford Park. The little library is located next to the park's picnic pavilion where it is visible and easily accessible to the many families and residents who use the park. This is the Township's second Little Free Library, adding to the one that was installed at Starr Farm Park a couple of years ago. The little library at Starr Farm Park has been well-used by the community and no doubt the new one at East Bradford Park will be as well. The Township would like to recognize and thank the MOMS Club of West Chester for the kind donation to our parks system and is always appreciative of the community support that helps our parks remain vibrant community gathering places.

A generous donation was also made by Tom Russo, a member of the Historical Commission, and his family, to cover the expense of manufacturing and

acquiring the two new historical information panels that have been placed at the Jefferis Ford Nature Area, located at the intersection of Allerton Road and North Creek Road. The signage completes an improvement plan for the park that has been ongoing for several years and pays homage to the Battle of Brandywine as well as the Worth/Jefferis Rural Historic District.

Donations also resulted in the placement of new trailside benches at two different park locations in the Township. The Kilkuskie family donated a new bench to Shaw's Bridge Park, located next to the new canoe launch on the Brandywine Creek. The Messner family donated a new bench to Sugar's Bridge Nature Area, located along the



Brandywine Trail overlooking the wooded hillslopes adjacent to the Brandywine Creek. With appreciation, the Township would like to thank all of the individuals and groups whose donations helped enhance our parks and trails in 2022.

Information and/or questions regarding East Bradford Township's parks can be directed to Rich Phifer, Director of Property and Recreation, at [rphifer@eastbradford.org](mailto:rphifer@eastbradford.org) or (610) 436-5108 x108. ●

## I don't want to throw it out, but what can I do with it?

Diverting trash from the landfill has become a priority. Many items that find their way into the landfill are still usable and could be put to good use by people in need. If you find yourself cleaning out, downsizing, moving, or just updating your decor, consider some of the options listed below. Some of these organizations will pick-up items for free, depending on what they are. By donating, you are not only helping others, but you are also helping the environment by not putting additional items into the landfill.

### Community Warehouse Project of Chester County

*Good used furniture, household goods, small appliances.*  
Located in West Chester must contact through website to donate. [communitywarehouseproject.com](http://communitywarehouseproject.com)

### Chester County Habitat for Humanity

*Furniture, building materials, appliances, and more.*  
*Certain items may be eligible for pickup.*  
1853 East Lincoln Highway Coatesville, PA 19320  
(610) 466-1890  
[restore.hfhcc.org/donations](http://restore.hfhcc.org/donations)

### Green Drop (supports numerous organizations)

*Clothing, household items, small appliances, and more.*  
810 West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA 19382  
[www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com)

### Goodwill Donation Centers

Exton - *Clothing and household goods, no furniture.*  
Thorndale - *Clothing, furniture, and household items.*  
[www.yourgoodwill.org](http://www.yourgoodwill.org)

### Westminster Thrift Shop

*Clothing, household items, and some furniture.*  
543-545 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19382  
[www.westminsterpc.org](http://www.westminsterpc.org)

In addition, the Lanchester Landfill is able to recycle many items that cannot be recycled curbside. In 2022, they received more than 154 tons of televisions, computers, computer attachments, and small electronics for recycling. They also accepted roughly 2,000 pounds of plastic bags and film and 4,000 pounds of Styrofoam, which they recycled into plastic lumber and picture frames. Check out their website ([www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)) for a list of what they accept. The landfill is located at 7224 Division Highway (Rt. 322), Narvon, PA 17555.

# 2023 Elected and Appointed Officials

Thank you to all who dedicate their time to serve East Bradford Township!

## Supervisors (Elected)

Bruce W. Laverty, Esq., Chair  
John D. Snook, Vice Chair  
J. Patrick Davis, Member

## Auditors (Elected)

Kathleen Davis  
James VanderWaal  
Joseph Hamel, EdD

## Constable (Elected)

Eric D. Ruggeri

## Real Estate Tax Collector

Chester County Treasurer, R.E. Tax,  
(Appointed)  
Scott Riedinger (Elected)

## Earned Income Tax Collector

Keystone Collections Group (Appointed)

## ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### Agricultural Area Advisory Committee

Joseph Armstrong  
Mark Bedwell  
Beatrice Duffy  
Betsey Mehl  
John D. Snook

### Art Scholarship Committee

Kathryn Y. Deaville  
Barbie Johnson  
Terri Morse

### Environmental Advisory Council

Kathy Bergmann  
Brooke E. Davis  
Rhona Klein  
Paul Lewis  
Paul Lucot  
Edward McConnell  
Maura Sheehan, ScD, CIH, FAIHA

### Historical Architectural Review Board

Ann Armstrong  
Richard Buchanan, AIA  
Stewart Gross  
Tom Russo  
Keystone Municipal Services (BCO)

### Historical Commission

Ann Armstrong  
John Marshall, AIA  
Brett McHugh

Steve Novak  
Jean Renshaw  
Brad Roeder  
Tom Russo

## Parks and Recreation Board

Marianne Bausinger  
Mark Beaugard, MD  
Michael Colley  
John Fidler  
Harry Hatzipavlidis  
Matt Maturani  
John H. Spangler

## Planning Commission

Zach Barner  
Anthony J. Biacchi, EdD  
Kathryn Y. Deaville  
Robert A. Korbonits  
Lucia Millet-Lajusticia  
Ash Swayne  
Wesley Thomas, PhD

## Traffic Committee

Ken Cavanaugh  
Andrew DeFonzo, P.E.  
Charles Myhre, Jr.  
Ed Nathan, PhD, CPV  
Laura Pitt  
Michele Porco, West Chester Area  
School District  
West Chester Police Department

## Trails Committee

Linda Barchet  
Maria Kenny  
Betsey Mehl  
P. Andrew Schaum, Esq.  
Jane Scriptunas  
Jacob Singer  
Rebecca Smith  
John H. Spangler  
Jim Wakefield

## Vacancy Board

Thomas A. Egan, PhD

## Zoning Hearing Board

Kamil Ali-Jackson, Esq.  
Daniel Bush, Esq.  
P. Andrew Schaum, Esq.  
Alfred Gollatz, Esq., Alternate  
Seth Whitelaw, Esq., S.J.D., Alternate

## REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### Brandywine Valley Scenic Byways Commission

James Haigney  
Rich Phifer

### Community (WCU) Campus Coalition

April L. Locke

### WCACOG Building Code Appeals Board

John Lister, AIA, GGP, FGBI, LEED AP

## STAFF AND PROFESSIONALS

### Township Manager

Mandie Cantlin, DPA

### Director of Finance

Peggy Lennon

### Township Engineer

Mark J. Lucas, P.E.

### Director of Planning and Zoning / Zoning Officer

Andrea Campisi

### Codes Enforcement Officer

Terry McCue

### Permit Coordinator / Assistant Zoning and Codes Officer

Melissa Needles

### Building Codes Official

Keystone Municipal Services (Nick Vendetta)

### Fire Marshal

Rich Hicks

### Director of Public Works

Randy Behmke

### Administrative Assistant

Tenley Adams

### Director of Property and Recreation

Richard A. Phifer

### Property Steward

Ryan Staiber

### Emergency Coordinator

William Ronayne

### Township Solicitor

Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees

## Milkweed for Monarchs

As you're contemplating your spring landscaping projects, consider planting milkweed. Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on the leaves of milkweed, the only host plant for this iconic butterfly species. As such, milkweed is critical for the survival of monarchs. Without it, they cannot complete their life cycle and their populations decline. The good news is that planting milkweed is one of the easiest ways that each of us can make a difference for monarchs. There are several dozen species of this wildflower native to North America, so no matter where you live, there is at least one milkweed species naturally found in your area.

### Here are two resources to help you find the best milkweed for your area:

- Twelve Native Milkweeds for Monarchs: [blog.nwf.org/2015/02/twelve-native-milkweeds-for-monarchs/](http://blog.nwf.org/2015/02/twelve-native-milkweeds-for-monarchs/)
- Fact Sheet about Milkweed: [monarchjointventure.org/images/uploads/documents/MilkweedFactSheetFINAL.pdf](http://monarchjointventure.org/images/uploads/documents/MilkweedFactSheetFINAL.pdf)

For more information about supporting monarchs, visit [www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/Milkweed](http://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/Milkweed).

Milkweed is just one example of an important native species, but there are many others. Native plants are core to the wildlife garden. Intentional use of native plants, which have formed symbiotic relationships with native wildlife over millions of years, creates the most productive and sustainable wildlife habitat. While some plants play a singular role for one or limited types of wildlife, others are essential to the life cycle of many species. The local species of these plants vary by ecoregion, that is, areas where ecosystems (and the type, quality, and quantity of environmental resources) are generally similar. Keystone plant genera are unique to local food webs within ecoregions. Remove keystone plants and the diversity and abundance of many essential insect species, which 96% of terrestrial birds rely on for food sources, will be diminished. To learn more about the native species in your area, visit [www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/keystone-plants-by-ecoregion](http://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/keystone-plants-by-ecoregion).

## Capital Improvement Projects Completed in Several Parks

Several recreation-oriented capital improvement projects were completed in the last quarter of the 2022 calendar year. The most complex of those projects was the formal canoe launch site at Shaw's Bridge Park.

Planned since 2018, the canoe launch project was funded by grants from the Boating Facility Grant Program of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the PECO Green Region Open Space Program administered by Natural Lands, and the William Penn Foundation through the Brandywine Conservancy. The new launch was constructed under budget thanks to the talent and efficiency of the Township's Public Works Department. Providing paddle-craft access to the Brandywine Creek, the new launch is intended to become one of the first trailheads along an officially designated Brandywine Creek Water Trail network that is being coordinated through the Brandywine Conservancy and its municipal partners. In tandem with the completed canoe launch, the restroom station at Shaw's Bridge Park was removed in favor of an expanded parking area that will better serve the public during the peak summer recreation season.



The Township's only basketball court, located at Copeland School Park, received a well-deserved facelift. The Township contracted with Miller Sports of West Chester to completely resurface the court surfaces and to replace aged court hardware, including the basketball backboard and rim structures. The enhanced basketball court now features a blue and green coloring system and tempered glass backboards supported by perforated steel with breakaway double rims for durability and safety.

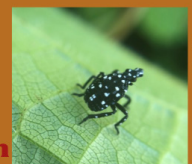
Additionally, the gap in the paved walking trail that connects the Township's municipal campus to the neighboring East Bradford Elementary School was completed by the Public Works Department. While short in length, the completion of this trail gap is a significant convenience to the many children and families that walk to school through the Township campus and/or make use of the historic Copeland Schoolhouse for after-school activities.

Information and/or questions regarding East Bradford Township's parks can be directed to Rich Phifer, Director of Property and Recreation, at [rphifer@eastbradford.org](mailto:rphifer@eastbradford.org) or (610) 436-5108 x108. ●

## Spotted Lanternflies

Pennsylvania Pest

Nymph (Juvenile)



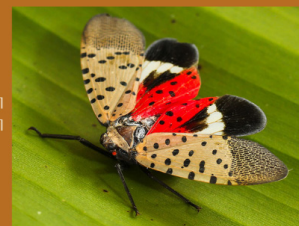
1. Destroy the eggs
2. Kill the nymphs (red and black, age dependent)
3. Eradicate the adults if seen

Adult



## HELP PA:

### Kill Spotted Lanternflies





## Contemplating an Improvement to Your Historic Home?

Do you live in an older or historic home? If so, it may be listed on the Township's Historic Resource Inventory and subject to additional zoning regulations. The Historic Resource Inventory contains Class 1, Class 1 Determination of Eligibility (DOE), and Class 2 properties. Township review and approval is required before demolishing a Class 1, Class 1 DOE, or Class 2 resource, and/or before making changes to the exterior of Class 1 properties. This review must occur, regardless of whether a permit is otherwise required by the Township.

Exterior changes include construction of an addition, adding new window or door openings, closing an existing opening, demolition of a portion of the dwelling, construction of a porch or enclosure of an existing porch. Additional changes include replacing a roof with a different type of material, such as removing a slate roof and replacing it with asphalt shingles or replacing original wood windows with vinyl windows. Township review is required because these changes alter the defining characteristics of the building. This review does not apply to ordinary maintenance or in-kind repairs to correct any deterioration, decay, or damage, provided the building is restored to its original condition prior to the occurrence of the damage. You can find out whether your property is included in our Inventory by viewing the Historic Resource Map at [www.eastbradford.org/DocumentCenter/Index/29](http://www.eastbradford.org/DocumentCenter/Index/29).

The Township also recently adopted Design Guidelines, a historic preservation tool, to help property owners make informed decisions when proposing alterations, restoration, or additions to historic buildings. The Design Guidelines are used by both the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) and the Historical Commission, when they review exterior changes to historic buildings and new construction in historic districts to ensure that the changes are consistent with the guidelines. The Design Guidelines are available on the Township website and at the Township Building. Please contact the Township's Director of Planning and Zoning, Andrea Campisi, at (610) 436-5108 x 110 or [acampisi@eastbradford.org](mailto:acampisi@eastbradford.org) with any questions. ●

## Be Happier, Volunteer!

National Institute of Health has found that volunteering is predictive of better mental and physical health. Yet, according to the PA Youth Survey, less than one-quarter of teens in the West Chester area report they have volunteered in the last 12 months. Visit [www.wccctc.org/volunteering-boosts-your-mood](http://www.wccctc.org/volunteering-boosts-your-mood) to learn more about the value of volunteering.



**INSPIRE THEM TO**  
**Share Their**  
**Time.**

**Volunteering Can**  
**BOOST THEIR MOOD!**  
**Discover How:**

**#wcyouthmatter**  
**WCCCTC.ORG**  
*Dedicated to Improving Outcomes for Our Youth*

## One Little Thing...

Due to its rolling terrain, East Bradford is wealthy in streams of all kinds, including perennial, seasonal, and ephemeral. Many individual property owners in the Township have a stream or other waterway located on their property, whether it be an acre in the suburban areas in the Township or a historic multi-acre farm in the rural outskirts. Regardless, all these waterways are important to the ecosystem in the Township and keeping them as clean as possible benefits not only the residents of the Township, but also our downstream neighbors.

One thing that often can be seen, particularly on smaller properties, is the clearing of vegetation to the tops of the stream embankments, including lawn mowing. While this practice may enable maximum use of the limited acreage and a cleaner looking aesthetic, it is harmful to the stream. Trees and woodland understory keep the streamflow at cooler temperatures, which is better for its inhabitants. Grasses and shrubbery adjacent to the stream create filters for stormwater runoff containing pollutants from upslope areas caused by lawn fertilizers, pesticides, detergents, etc. Most importantly, the root systems of this type of vegetation help hold the streambank in place to slow the progression of stream erosion, to keep your property where it is supposed to be.

One little thing you can do to help keep the streams in the Township cleaner is to allow the area along the stream embankment to naturalize and return to a wooded state (or plant native species to restore this area). An area only five to 10 feet in width can help accomplish this if your space is extremely limited, and obviously the wider the better if you have space to spare. An added bonus of this practice is less lawn mowing to be done (who doesn't like that?). If appearance is a concern, some relatively simple planting plans can be developed by most landscapers to create a very aesthetically pleasing outcome.

## Cardboard Recycling

Please follow these guidelines for curbside pickup and for drop-off at the Township building (in the designated dumpster):

- Flatten cardboard
- Remove packing materials
- Remove binder straps
- If bundling cardboard left for curbside pickup, only use string
- Do not bundle cardboard if dropping off at the Township building
- If the Township dumpster is full, do not leave boxes next to the dumpster

## Call Before You Dig

April is National Safe Digging Month, and safe digging is everyone's responsibility. Whether digging to plant a tree, install a fence, or lay a foundation – any contact with underground power lines can injure or kill. Contact PA One Call at 811 or [www.pa1call.org](http://www.pa1call.org) three business days before digging. They will coordinate with local utilities to locate and mark gas, electric, and telephone lines. Even properties that are not served by a particular service may still have utility lines running below ground.

**The following is a list of color codes should you see colored markings on your property or on the road:**

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|---------------|--|
| <b>White</b>  | Proposed excavation  |
| <b>Pink</b>   | Temporary survey markings  |
| <b>Red</b>    | Electric power lines, cables, conduit, and lighting cables                 |
| <b>Yellow</b> | Gas, oil, steam, petroleum, or gaseous materials                           |
| <b>Orange</b> | Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit, and traffic loops |
| <b>Blue</b>   | Potable water  |
| <b>Purple</b> | Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines                               |
| <b>Green</b>  | Sewer and drain lines  |

## Trash and Recycling Trends

Statewide recycling in Pennsylvania began in 1988 with the adoption of the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101). This is the legislation that requires larger municipalities to recycle. East Bradford Township started its program in 1992, as required by Act 101. Since that time, the Township has been required to document the amount of recycling that is collected from its residents. Over the years, the Township has seen these figures fluctuate as the products being recycled have gotten lighter (e.g., glass bottles and jars transitioned to plastics).

TONS OF RECYCLING PER YEAR	YEAR	SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	CARDBOARD DROP OFF	TOTAL RECYCLING	TRASH
	2018	1,040.74	42.89	1,083.63	2,867.36
	2019	969.09	45.28	1,014.37	2,825.64
	2020	1,067.07	59.26	1,126.33	3,082.63
	2021	993.65	46.75	1,040.40	3,169.07
	2022	929.61	37.85	967.46	2,898.85

On average, the amount of waste recycled and disposed has remained relatively consistent over the last five years, with about 25% of the total tonnage coming from recyclables and about 75% from trash. The pandemic years (2020-2021) saw an overall increase of about 300 tons (trash and recycling) per year, likely due to more people being home during the day. ●

## Start Composting Today!

Composting is easy to do in your backyard. No special equipment is needed, but if you want you can make or buy a compost bin – just search “Composting” online and numerous options will come up.

### Why compost?

It improves the structure and health of your soil by adding organic matter. Composting also helps the soil retain moisture and nutrients, attracts beneficial organisms to the soil, and reduces the need for pesticides and fertilizers. It also helps reduce the amount of trash that goes into the landfill, a win-win for everyone! Check out all the things you can compost on the list above.

CAN BE COMPOSTED	SHOULD NOT BE COMPOSTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cardboard (uncoated, small pieces)</li><li>• Coffee grounds and filters</li><li>• Eggshells</li><li>• Fireplace ashes (from natural wood only)</li><li>• Fruits and vegetables</li><li>• Grass clippings</li><li>• Hair and fur</li><li>• Hay and straw</li><li>• Houseplants</li><li>• Leaves</li><li>• Newspaper (shredded)</li><li>• Nutshells</li><li>• Paper (uncoated, small pieces)</li><li>• Sawdust</li><li>• Tea bags</li><li>• Wood chips</li><li>• Yard trimmings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black walnut tree leaves or twigs (release substances that might be harmful to plants)</li><li>• Coal or charcoal ash (might contain substances harmful to plants)</li><li>• Dairy products and eggs* (create odor problems and attract pests such as rodents and flies)</li><li>• Diseased or insect-ridden plants (diseases or insects might survive and be transferred to other plants)</li><li>• Fats, grease, lard, oils* (create odor problems and attract pests such as rodents and flies)</li><li>• Meat or fish bones and scraps* (create odor problems, attract pests such as rodents and flies, and might also carry pathogens)</li><li>• Pet feces or litter* (might contain parasites, bacteria, germs, pathogens, and viruses harmful to humans)</li><li>• Yard trimmings treated with chemical pesticides (might kill beneficial composting organisms)</li></ul> <p>*These materials should not be composted at home but may be accepted by your community curbside or drop-off composting program. Check with your local composting or recycling coordinator.</p>


Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "Composting at Home," [www2.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home](http://www2.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home).

# EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP TRASH & RECYCLING INFORMATION SHEET

A. J. Blosenski, Inc. was awarded the contract for the collection of solid waste and recyclables from all East Bradford Township residents. The quarterly fee for 2023 will be \$100.80 and is billed quarterly by A. J. Blosenski, Inc. The contract provides for once-a-week collection of three 32-gallon cans or bags or one 96-gallon toter of trash, recyclable items, and once-a-month pick up of a bulk item. Curbside yard waste collection is scheduled the third Saturday of each month, March through December. Watch the Township newsletter and Facebook for updates. Trash toters (equal to three bags or cans) are available for purchase from Blosenski at a one-time cost of \$114, or you may purchase your own container of equal size.

## QUESTIONS:

Contact the Township  
at (610) 436-5108 x106  
or A. J. Blosenski  
at (610) 942-2707

**Recycling items are commingled in the same container. Please prepare items as described below and place them in the red recycling bin or in a covered tote you purchase from a store and label with the recycling logo . Only include the listed approved items in your recycling container. When in doubt, throw it out! Do not place in plastic bags.** (Additional recycling bins are available free of charge from AJB.)

### METALS (Only cans are accepted):

- **Aluminum Beverage Cans:** Rinse cans clean. You may flatten them to conserve space.
- **Bi-Metal Cans:** Rinse cans clean. You may flatten them to conserve space. Bi-metal cans include juice cans, soup cans, tuna cans, cat and dog food cans, etc. It is not necessary to remove labels.
- **Empty Aerosol Cans:** Cans must be empty
- **DO NOT put any other metal materials in the recycling container.**

### GLASS:

- Only clear, brown, and green glass jars and bottles are accepted. Rinse glass clean; remove metal rings and lids. It is not necessary to remove labels.
- **DO NOT put any other glass materials in the recycling container.**

### PLASTIC:

- Most #1 through #7 bottles and containers are accepted. On the bottom of the bottle/container you will see a triangle made of arrows with a number in it. This is the content number for the bottle/container.

### DO NOT PUT THE FOLLOWING IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER:

- MOTOR OIL OR ANTI-FREEZE BOTTLES
- PLASTIC BAGS (you can recycle these at some grocers)
- PLASTIC WRAP
- PLASTIC PACKING MATERIAL OR STYROFOAM OR OTHER PLASTIC TRAYS, PEANUTS OR HINGED CONTAINERS (e.g. clamshells for take-out or berries)
- ANY OTHER PLASTIC MATERIALS

### MILK CARTONS, JUICE CARTONS & BOXES:

- Rinse cartons and remove caps. You do not need to remove the attached plastic opening.

**Please place the following items in the recycle bin as long as they are weighted down by other recycling so they don't blow away. Do not place in plastic bags.**

### NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES &

**TELEPHONE BOOKS:** Place these in the recycling bin with the other recycling. You may place them in a paper bag or bundle and tie with string and place on top of recycling bin or next to the bin.

### JUNK MAIL & HOME OFFICE PAPER:

This category includes home office paper, envelopes, file folders, index cards and copy/computer paper. Place these in the recycling bin with the other recycling. You may place these in a paper bag or bundle and tie with string and place on top of recycling bin or next to the bin.

**CARDBOARD:** Must be flattened and bundled no larger than three square feet and tied with string or placed in a brown paper bag. You may include corrugated cardboard boxes, cereal, cracker, macaroni, tissue boxes, and pizza boxes if they are not greasy. Please remove all inner wrappers, and flatten all boxes. Any boxes larger than three square feet or not flattened will not be picked up. Place on top of or along side recycling bin.

### ADDITIONAL CARDBOARD DROP-OFF:

A designated dumpster is located at the Township building in the back parking lot for CARDBOARD ONLY. BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED, but do not need to be cut down in size. *DO NOT put packing material or any items other than cardboard in the dumpster.*

### LANCHESTER LANDFILL

Many items that cannot be recycled curbside in East Bradford Township can be dropped off at the Lanchester Landfill ([www.chestercountyswa.org/170/Recycling-at-the-Lanchester-Landfill](http://www.chestercountyswa.org/170/Recycling-at-the-Lanchester-Landfill)) where they will be recycled.

**MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS:** These require a special pick-up for a fee (call Blosenski). When you purchase a new mattress and box spring, see if there is a free haul away option.

**APPLIANCE RECYCLING:** This includes washers (metal drum), dryers, stoves, dishwashers (metal interior), etc. Washers and dishwashers with plastic drums can be placed curbside for bulk pick-up.

**APPLIANCES WITH FREON:** This includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers, and the like. An additional charge will be due. Freon must be removed properly and certified before it can be recycled.

**BULK PICK-UP:** One item/set is allowed on the first pick-up of the month. This item could be a sofa, carpet, chair, table, etc. and you do not need to call and schedule a pick-up for these items.

**ELECTRONICS:** *Electronics CANNOT be placed curbside for trash/recycling pick-up.* Recycle these at electronic vendors or at Chester County Solid Waste Authority Lanchester Landfill, 7224 Division Highway (Rte. 322W, Honey Brook) Narvon, PA 17555; (610) 273-3771. See [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).

**ADDITIONAL BAGS:** Stickers are available at the Township Building for additional bags. Stickers cannot be used for bags of yard waste. They are sold in packs of ten for \$39.00. Payment will only be accepted by check payable to A. J. Blosenski Inc. Stickers may only be used on 32-gallon bags.

**HOLIDAY PICK-UP:** For holidays that fall during the week, trash and recycling will be picked up on Saturday. In 2023, these holidays are Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

**TIMING:** Trash containers and recycling bins may not be placed curbside until 6:00 p.m. of the night prior to collection and must be removed by 11:00 p.m. on the day of collection.





## EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

676 Copeland School Road  
West Chester PA 19380-1822

**HOURS** 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday

**TEL** 610.436.5108 | **FAX** 610.436.8652

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**WEB** [www.eastbradford.org](http://www.eastbradford.org)

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## East Bradford Township Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public (with the exception of executive sessions). Check the calendar on the Township website for cancellations. Agendas and minutes can also be found on the Township website, [www.eastbradford.org](http://www.eastbradford.org).

### Board of Supervisors

1st Thursday of each month (6:30 p.m.)

2nd Thursday of each month

(only if needed) (6:30 p.m.)

### Environmental Advisory Council

4th Monday of each month (7:00 p.m.)

### Historical Commission

3rd Tuesday of each month (7:00 p.m.)

### Parks & Recreation Board

4th Wednesday of each month (7:00 p.m.)

### Planning Commission

4th Tuesday of each month (7:00 p.m.)

### Traffic Committee (As needed)

3rd Thursday of each month (8:00 a.m.)

### Trails Committee

4th Thursday of each month (12 noon)

### Zoning Hearing Board, HARB, and

### Building Code Appeals Board

(As needed)



## Household Hazardous Waste Events

The HHW events for 2023 will start in April and run through October:

Saturday, April 22 – Phoenixville

Friday, June 23 – Coatesville

Saturday, August 26 – Oxford

Saturday, October 7 – West Chester

Pre-registration is required for each event.

You can register at [www.chestercountyswa.org/117/Household-Hazardous-Waste](http://www.chestercountyswa.org/117/Household-Hazardous-Waste).

## Upcoming 2023 Park Events

### VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING

**Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.**

Shaw's Bridge Park

274 S. Creek Road, West Chester

### VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING

**Saturday, April 22, 9:00 a.m.**

Plum Run Preserve

972 Tighe Road, West Chester

### TRAIL BLAZER RUN

**Thursday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.**

CCWA Paradise Farm Camps

1300 Valley Creek Road Downingtown

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

All concerts start at 7:00 p.m at

East Bradford Park, 835 Kenmara Drive.

**6/15** Echoes of the British Invasion

**6/29** West Chester Community Band

**7/13** Little Red Rooster Blues Band

**7/27** Slingshot

**8/10** Flying Komorowski Brothers

**8/24** One Alternative

See [www.eastbradford.org](http://www.eastbradford.org) "events" for more information.