

East Fallowfield News



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I am honored to introduce myself as the newly appointed Chair of the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors. It is a privilege to serve our community in this role, and I look forward to working with residents, fellow board members, and township staff to continue building a strong and vibrant future for East Fallowfield.

As we welcome the fall season, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to our township. The change in the seasons is a reminder of the importance of growth and adaptation—and our community continues to demonstrate both.

We've had a busy spring and summer, filled with special events that brought neighbors together and celebrated all that makes East Fallowfield Township a wonderful place to live. From family-friendly festivals and our Rescue Rally to the Summertime Music Series and countless hours of committee meetings and planning sessions, it's been a season of connection and shared purpose. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and contributed their time and efforts to ensure the success of these events.

This season has also been a time for reflection and thoughtful preparation as we look ahead to 2026. Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors adopted updated procedures for public participation at Board meetings. These changes are designed to ensure our meetings remain productive, inclusive, and respectful. They give every resident a fair opportunity to speak while maintaining the order needed for the board to conduct business efficiently. Before attending a meeting, I encourage all residents to review the updated meeting guidelines, which are available on our township website: https://eastfallowfield.org/2015pdf/Resolution.2025-15_Public.Participation.Rules.pdf.

On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for your ongoing support and involvement. Your voice and your participation are essential to shaping the future of East Fallowfield Township.

Warm regards,

Clare Small-McEvoy
Chair, Board of Supervisors





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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Dear Residents and Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a beautiful fall season. I'm pleased to share an important update on a traffic calming project that directly responds to safety concerns raised by residents in the Newlinville section of East Fallowfield Township.

At the May 13, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting, the Township awarded the contract for the Newlinville Traffic Calming Project to **Construction Masters Services**, the lowest responsible bidder, with a bid of **\$156,121.85**.

This initiative is a key recommendation from the **Newlinville Village Master Plan**, which was developed with extensive input from the Newlinville Task Force and village residents. The plan identified traffic calming as the highest priority, with **speeding along Doe Run Road (Route 82)** cited as a major safety concern.

To support the project, the Township collected traffic data and reviewed crash history from PennDOT. Because Route 82 is a state highway, all traffic calming measures required PennDOT's review and approval. Based on the data—showing excessive speeds and a history of crashes—Newlinville met the required thresholds and qualified for state-approved traffic calming improvements.

The project will include the following safety improvements along Doe Run Road:

- Two traffic-calming medians
- New roadway signage and striping
- Thermoplastic transverse pavement markings (similar to rumble strips) to alert and slow down drivers

The Township will also install speed display boards at key locations throughout Newlinville. These boards serve as visual deterrents, raise driver awareness, and have been shown to reduce vehicle speeds in residential neighborhoods.

The project is fully funded by two state grants:

- **\$150,000 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund grant**
- **\$100,000 DCED Local Share Account grant**

Construction is scheduled to begin this fall. We are optimistic that these improvements will lead to a noticeable increase in safety and quality of life for Newlinville residents.

The Township remains committed to taking proactive steps to enhance traffic safety. We sincerely thank the residents of Newlinville for their continued engagement and partnership in bringing this important safety project to life.

Sincerely,

Scott Swichar
Township Manager



Protect Our Streams! Report Illicit Discharges to Streams and Storm Sewers



Signs of an illicit discharge:

- Oil, antifreeze and household chemicals dumped down a storm sewer
- Make-shift pipes or hoses coming from a home or business to a creek
- Foul-smelling and off-color streams and waterways
- Dead fish and other wildlife in a water body

These pollutants can be harmful to human health as well as for wildlife and water quality. To report an illicit discharge, call East Fallowfield Township, Chester County Conservation District or PADEP Incident Report at 866-255-5158 or on-line at: <https://greenport.pa.gov/obPublic/EnvironmentalComplaintForm/>



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Saluting Our Heroes: Celebrating National Police Woman Day

On September 12, communities across the nation paused to honor the women who serve and protect. National Police Woman Day recognizes the vital role female officers play in modern policing and highlights the importance of diversity and representation in law enforcement.

At the East Fallowfield Township Police Department, we proudly recognize two exceptional officers whose dedication and professionalism embody these values every day.

Officer Briana Rivera joined our department in March 2024, following her graduation from the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Neumann University and is committed to building strong community relationships through proactive and compassionate policing.

Officer Desiree Rhoades became a member of the department in April 2025. A fellow graduate of the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from West Chester University. In addition to her service in East Fallowfield, she also serves as a full-time police officer with the West Caln Township Police Department. Officer Rhoades values the variety of challenges each shift brings and is passionate about being a positive role model for women considering careers in law enforcement.

We are proud to have Officers Rivera and Rhoades as part of our East Fallowfield community and thank them for their dedication, professionalism, and service.



Pictured: Officer Rivera

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to acknowledge the impact of domestic abuse and reaffirm our commitment to supporting victims and survivors—including those in our own community.

Each year, the East Fallowfield Township Police Department responds to numerous domestic violence-related calls. In some cases, officers determine that a crime has occurred and take the appropriate enforcement action. In others, they respond to domestic disputes that, while not criminal, still require intervention and support.

To aid in these efforts, our officers use a Lethality Assessment Tool provided by the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC). This tool helps assess a victim's risk of serious harm and allows officers to quickly connect individuals with critical services and support.



Pictured: Officer Rhoades

The DVCCC provides a wide range of services, including:

- 24-hour hotline support
- Counseling for adults and children
- Legal advocacy
- Emergency and transitional housing

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call 911 in an emergency. For confidential support, contact the Domestic Violence Center's 24-hour hotline at:

 **1-888-711-6270 or 610-431-2462**

Together, we can raise awareness, support survivors, and work toward a safer community for all.

TAG'S GARDEN: A BLOOMING TRIBUTE TO A BELOVED FRIEND



Tucked beside the pavilion in our township park, you'll find a small but mighty patch of beauty and life—Tag's Garden, a pollinator garden planted in memory of Barry "Tag" Gathercole, our former Road Foreman and a dearly missed member of our community.

Since its creation a few years ago, Tag's Garden has grown into more than just a memorial—it's a living, buzzing, blooming tribute that nourishes bees, butterflies, and the hearts of all who pass by. Thanks to native plants and flowers that attract essential pollinators, it's become a peaceful and purposeful spot to sit and take in the natural beauty around us.

What began with community support continues with community care. While many helped with the initial planting, maintaining the garden has become a true labor of love. The garden requires regular watering, weeding, and care to keep it thriving—and that's where two dedicated residents have quietly stepped up in a big way.

Maureen Dailey and Jan Johnson may shrug off the praise, but they've been the garden's steady hands and green thumbs. Maureen, a master gardener through the Penn State Extension program, brings deep knowledge and passion to the project. Jan, who says she "just likes to garden," brings equal dedication and heart. Between the two of them,



the garden is in expert hands—though both will humbly insist otherwise.

In fact, on one of the hottest, most humid days of the summer, we caught up with Maureen and Jan in the garden, pulling weeds as if it were a crisp spring morning. "We just can't help ourselves!" laughed Jan.

This past year, we added benches and a permeable stone walkway to make the garden more inviting and accessible. If you haven't stopped by, we encourage you to take a moment to sit, breathe, and watch the butterflies flutter by. We're also in the process of adding plant tags and educational signage, so visitors can learn more about the benefits of native species and how they help support our local ecosystem.

Tag's Garden is a reminder of what community, care, and a love of nature can grow. Stop by, enjoy a bench, and take in a garden planted in memory and nurtured with love. If you are interested in volunteering to help us maintain Tag's Garden, please contact us at manager@eastfallowfield.org



Jan Johnson and Maureen Dailey

AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

East Fallowfield to Celebrate America's 250th Birthday in 2026!

On July 4, 2026, East Fallowfield Township will proudly join the nation in celebrating America's 250th birthday! To mark this historic milestone, the East Fallowfield Historical Commission and Parks & Recreation Board are teaming up to host a series of exciting events throughout the year.

These events will honor East Fallowfield's rich history and vibrant community spirit. Planned activities include:

- A Fourth of July community picnic and parade
- Educational displays on the township's historic buildings
- An Open House at People's Hall
- Planting a Liberty Tree to symbolize freedom and growth
- Burying a community time capsule in the park to preserve memories for future generations
- Community service projects to give back and strengthen local ties

Events will take place throughout 2026, offering residents of all ages an opportunity to participate, learn, and celebrate together.

Volunteers are welcome and encouraged!

If you're interested in helping with planning or events, please contact Jennifer Wright at eftparkandrec@gmail.com.

Let's make America 250 a year to remember in East Fallowfield!



2025: A YEAR IN REVIEW FOR PARKS & RECREATION

By: Teri Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Chairperson

The East Fallowfield Township Parks and Recreation Board is committed to identifying the needs of our community and finding the best ways to meet them. We encourage residents to attend our Parks and Recreation meetings to share ideas, provide feedback, and help shape the future of our parks and programs. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM at the Township Building. We'd love for you to get involved!

Our 2025 Parks season kicked off with the Rescue Rally, a pet-friendly event that supported local animal rescues—Wagon Tailz, Scallywags, Phoenix, Lucky Dawg, and LaMancha—and helped several rescue animals find their forever homes.

Next up was the Star-Spangled Bike Parade, a festive celebration of our nation's 249th birthday. Residents of all ages joined in a colorful display of patriotism, riding decorated bikes, big wheels, strollers, and even parading pets through the park in red, white, and blue.

New this year was the Family Fun Fest, featuring music, vendors, food trucks, bounce houses, face painters, and a special guest appearance by Bluey. The event drew hundreds of residents and created a joyful sense of community in our Township Park.

And we're not done yet! Still to come this year

- Touch-a-Truck
- Flea Market & Vendor Sale
- Trunk or Treat
- Fall Cleanup
- Holiday Tree Lighting Event

We're also introducing a brand-new event: the Fall Fest, which will feature our first-ever Cornhole Tournament—or as we like to call it, the Cornament! Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to have fun with family and friends, this event is sure to be a hit.

But our Parks and Recreation team does more than just plan events. We aim to bring people together through fun, inclusive, and meaningful community engagement. This year, we added food collection boxes at every event—and thanks to your generosity, we've donated hundreds of pounds of food to local food cupboards. This initiative will continue into 2026 and beyond.



Park sustainability is also a top priority. Did you know we have a Pond Watch group? Brian Carling and Wes Stanczyk have been monitoring the health of our pond for more than a decade. This year, I had the opportunity to witness the depth of their work firsthand. We're exploring ways to restore the pond's usability through dredging and invasive species control along the shoreline.

Invasive plant growth in the park's wooded areas is threatening native trees and vegetation, and we're actively evaluating solutions to manage these challenges. We're also looking to improve our trail system and responsibly develop a small portion of the southern park area—initiatives that were requested by residents in the 2024 Open Space and Recreation Plan.



You can stay informed about upcoming events and park projects by following us on Facebook at East Fallowfield Parks & Recreation. There are many ways to get involved—volunteer, become a vendor, attend a meeting, or just come out and enjoy the events.

If you have questions, suggestions, or just want to learn more, feel free to reach out to me at tad411@comcast.net. We can't wait to see you in the park!

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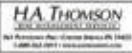
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WE WANT YOUR INPUT ON THE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS ORDINANCE

In 2024, the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance banning the distribution of single-use plastic carry-out bags and plastic straws by commercial establishments. The goal: to reduce the harmful environmental impact of single-use plastics in our community.

The ordinance went into effect on April 20, 2025. On August 26, 2025, the Township placed a 6-month pause on enforcement to allow time for community input.

Now is your chance to share your thoughts.

Whether you're a resident, business owner, or shopper—we want to hear from you.

- What do you think about bans on single-use plastics?
- Which programs would you support to help reduce single-use plastics?

Please take a few minutes to complete our community survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHY6VSW>

Your response will help us determine whether any changes or improvements to the ordinance are needed.

Call the office at 610-384-2104 if you need more information about the survey.



ACCESS YOUR TAX INFORMATION ONLINE

East Fallowfield Township residents can now easily access their tax information online through Berkheimer's convenient self-service portal. This user-friendly tool allows you to view your account balance, download tax bills, and access payment receipts—no phone calls or emails required.

How to Access Your Tax Information Online:

1. Visit: <https://customer.hab-inc.com/pub/MiscTax/GetBalance>
2. A tax search screen will appear with multiple search options.
3. For best results, enter:
 - Your street number
 - Your street name only (do not include Road, Drive, Circle, etc.)
 - Your zip code
4. Your property will appear in the search results at the bottom of the page.

From there, you can quickly view and download all relevant tax documents.

Acceptable Items



REV 07/06/15

METAL:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Steel food & beverage cans, aerosol cans, paint cans

GLASS:

- Clear, brown, blue, and green glass food & beverage containers

- ✓ Remove caps/lids
- ✓ Rinse thoroughly to remove all contaminants
- ✓ It is OK to leave on labels and neck rings

PLASTIC:

- #1 through #7 – All materials must be thoroughly cleaned before placing them in your recycle container.

PAPER, PAPERBOARD & CARDBOARD:

Recycle Any Size. Any Quantity.

*Please break down boxes as flat as possible and put them out next to your recycle bin(s) on your pick-up day. * Please bundle excess cardboard.*

- All sizes of cardboard boxes
- Clean pizza boxes
- Food boxes (i.e. cereal & gelatin boxes)
- EMPTY paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Paperboard packaging (i.e. tissue boxes)
- Office paper (any color)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and brochures
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Paper bags
- Phone books & other soft cover books
- Paperboard food & drink cartons

- ✓ Remove all packaging (Styrofoam, peanuts, plastic bubble wrap, plastic liners, etc.)
- ✓ Flatten ALL boxes
- ✓ Bundle all cardboard that does not fit into the recycling bin
- ✓ Cover loose paper with heavier items to prevent it from blowing away
- ✓ If the weather forecast calls for high winds or wet weather, if possible, keep your paper recyclables until next week. Wet paper products are difficult to process.

Non-Recyclable Items

• NEEDLES & MEDICAL WASTE

DO NOT place used needles or any other medical waste with recycling! This is a serious health hazard to everyone!

- Broken glass
- Windows, mirrors, ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Aluminum foil
- Scrap metal
- Clothing hangers (metal and plastic)
- Plastic tableware (knives, forks, spoons, etc.)
- Plastic grocery bags
- Light bulbs
- Food soiled material
- Wet papers or cardboard
- Shredded paper
- Plastic food wrappers
- Used paper towels or tissues
- Styrofoam
- Pool chemicals
- Packing peanuts
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Hose
- Christmas lights
- Diapers
- Food waste
- Propane tanks

The Covered Devices Recycling Act prohibits residents and businesses from placing their electronic waste at the curb or in their trash.

Covered devices include: desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer, and speakers), televisions, or e-readers that browse the internet.



For more information on how to legally dispose of your electronic waste, please contact A.J. Bloenski, Inc. at 610-942-2707 or visit www.ajbloenski.com.



REV 2/20/17

East Fallowfield Township 2026 Recycling Schedule

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Observed holidays are noted in **BLUE**. Collection days that fall on or after the holiday will be delayed one day. EXCEPTION: If holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is no change in service prior to or after the holiday.

Important Information from East Fallowfield Township:

- The first scheduled trash pickup will be during a "scheduled" holiday week, so it will be pushed back one day from Friday, January 2 to **Saturday, January 3, 2026**.
- The first scheduled recycle day for the **WEST** side will be on **Saturday, January 3, 2026**. The next West recycle day will be two weeks later, on Friday, January 16, and so on.
- The first scheduled recycle day for the **EAST** side will be on **Friday, January 9, 2026**. The next East recycle day will be two weeks later, on Friday, January 23, and so on.
- If you have any questions or need to report a missed pickup, please contact the East Fallowfield Township office at trash@eastfallowfield.org, or call 610-384-7144 and press the prompt for "TRASH."
- Bulk Trash Collection is held on the first Friday of every month (limit 2 bulk items)!



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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

A New Municipal Complex for East Fallowfield Township

Why a New Municipal Building?

East Fallowfield Township has been exploring the need for a modern police station and administrative complex for many years. Currently, the police department operates out of a small, outdated one-story home that was converted into a police station. The administrative offices are located in a small space attached to the public works garage. While both buildings have served the Township well over the years, they no longer meet the operational, technological, or safety requirements of modern local government or law enforcement.

In 2022, the Township conducted a comprehensive assessment of the police department funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The report identified several critical deficiencies, including:

- No holding cell
- No secure lobby separating staff from the public
- No secure evidence storage room

The DCED report concluded that the lack of adequate space was a significant limiting factor for the department's operations.

A new municipal facility will allow the Township to:

- Provide a "one-stop shop" for municipal services by housing the police and administrative offices under one roof
- Operate a secure, modern police station that enhances public safety and operational efficiency
- Create a dedicated, ADA-accessible public meeting space suitable for community events and public hearings

Project Progress & Timeline

Land Purchase Completed (January 2023)

The Township purchased a 10.9-acre parcel on Wilmington Road in January 2023 for \$257,000. This centrally located property is the proposed site for the future municipal complex. The purchase was funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with no impact on the Township's general budget.

Feasibility Study Completed (January 2025)

The Township hired Heckendorn Shiles Architects in 2024 to complete a feasibility study evaluating the proposed site and long-term facility needs. The feasibility study process was conducted through multiple public meetings and was presented to the Board of Supervisors in January 2025. The study included:

- A proposed site plan and floor plan
- A schematic architectural rendering
- A project schedule and preliminary cost estimate
- A proposed construction budget of approximately \$7.9 million

Click below to view the full Feasibility Study:

<https://eastfallowfield.org/2015pdf/Feasibility.Study.budget%20revision.2.20.2025.pdf>

Funding and Design Phase (Underway)

The Township's Municipal Building Committee is actively reviewing construction cost estimates, long-term financing strategies, and grant opportunities. The committee recently recommended retaining Heckendorn Shiles Architects to move the project into the architectural and engineering design phase. This phase, which is grant-funded, will provide a more detailed design and help refine construction cost estimates. The Township is currently completing technical and administrative steps required by the grant program before initiating the design work.

Funding & Fiscal Responsibility

East Fallowfield Township is committed to completing this project responsibly and with minimal impact to taxpayers. We are pleased to share that the Township has already secured two significant state and federal grants:

- \$555,000 Community Project Funding Grant (for planning, architecture, and design)
- \$1,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant (for land development and construction activities)

These grant awards will help offset design and construction costs and reduce the Township's financial burden.

Looking Ahead

As the project moves into the design phase, the Township will continue to pursue additional funding opportunities and grants. Just as importantly, we remain committed to transparency and public involvement throughout this process.

Your continued input and participation are vital to shaping a facility that reflects the priorities and needs of East Fallowfield residents. We look forward to sharing continued updates and encourage all residents to stay informed through public meetings and the Township website.



TOWNSHIP COMPLETES 2025 PAVING PROGRAM

This summer, East Fallowfield Township wrapped up its 2025 Road Paving Program — part of an aggressive, multi-year initiative to make local roads smoother, safer, and more durable for drivers, pedestrians, and emergency responders.

After receiving three competitive bids, the Board of Supervisors awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, Long's Asphalt, in the amount of \$301,913.65 during its May 13, 2025, public meeting.

Roads resurfaced in 2025:

- Mount Carmel Road (Park Avenue to Strasburg Road)
- Ramsey Road
- Molineaux Lane
- Elizabeth Drive
- Bedford Drive
- Rebecca Lane

In addition, Township Public Works staff will complete base repairs on West Chester Road and South Caln Road. These roads are being evaluated for paving in the 2026 program.

A Growing Investment in Road Safety

Since 2019, the Township has steadily increased investment in road improvements to address aging infrastructure. Before 2018, only \$150,000 per year was dedicated to paving. In



comparison, the Township invested \$364,000 in 2024 and budgeted a record \$425,000 in 2025 from the capital fund and liquid fuels fund.

East Fallowfield Township maintains 54.84 miles of roadway. "Repaving Township roads not only creates a smoother roadway surface, but also improves driver safety," said Township Manager Scott Swichar. "The Township places great importance on maintaining the roadway infrastructure."

These improvements will benefit drivers and residents for years to come, and the Township is committed to continuing this momentum into 2026 and beyond.



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Coloring Our World: Summer Fun & Exciting Fall at Coatesville Area Public Library



At Coatesville Area Public Library, we've had an exciting summer celebrating our theme "Color Our World." We explored creativity in every form—dancing with Ms. Jada, painting ocean scenes with Ms. Nanci, experimenting with polymer clay, ceramics, and rocks, and discovering the science behind color and art. Our Teen Mural Club has also been hard at work designing a vibrant new mural for our Kid's Zone, which is now nearly ready for its grand reopening!

Looking ahead to fall, we have an amazing lineup of programs. Our Virtual Author Talks will feature several great guests, including local author and TikTok sensation Hannah Nicole Maehrer, known for her award-winning Assistant to the Villain series. The Indian Run Environmental Education Center will visit to share "Animals on the Move," bringing along two of their animal ambassadors. Plus, Super STEM Saturday returns in October with hands-on science fun.

The biggest news? Our Kid's Zone grand reopening is coming in early September! Stay tuned to our social media for updates—you won't want to miss it.



Permitting Made Easier: Township to Launch New Online Permitting System

We're excited to share some great news! Our township will soon be upgrading our current paper-based permitting process to include a new online system called Cloudpermit. This user-friendly platform will make it faster, easier, and more convenient for residents and contractors to submit permit applications, track their progress, and stay informed—right from their computers or smartphones.

What is Cloudpermit?

Cloudpermit is a secure, web-based tool designed to streamline the permitting process. Instead of printing forms, dropping them off at the Township office, or waiting for phone calls, you'll soon be able to handle it all online.

What You'll Be Able to Do:

- **Set up and login** to your account from any computer or smartphone.
- **Submit permit applications online** anytime, from anywhere.
- **Track the status** of your application in real time.
- **Communicate directly** with Township staff through the system.
- **Pay permit fees online** – reduce the need for checks or in-person visits.
- **Contractors can register online** to simplify the permitting process for future projects.

Why Are We Making the Switch?

Moving to an online system means:

- **Fewer delays** - When permit information is submitted online, applications can be processed and tracked more efficiently.
- **Better communication** - You'll get automatic updates on your permit status.
- **Increased transparency** - You'll always know what step your permit is in.
- **Greater convenience** - No need to visit the Township office during business hours.

What's Next?

We're currently finalizing the setup and testing of the new system. In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more information about when and how Cloudpermit will roll out, including guides and support to help you get started. We'll make sure the transition is as smooth as possible. And for those who prefer paper-based permit applications, we will still have that option available for you.

This is a big step forward for the Township, and we're confident that this change will benefit our residents, contractors, and the community as a whole. Thank you for your patience and support as we move toward a more modern, efficient way to serve you.

Stay tuned for more updates—coming soon!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: JOIN THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION!



Do you have a passion for history and preserving our community's heritage? The Township is seeking dedicated volunteers to join the Historical Commission. We currently have three vacancies available.

As a member of the Historical Commission, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Advise the Board of Supervisors on historic preservation matters
- Review demolition permits for historic resources
- Evaluate applications for rehabilitation, enlargement, or alterations of historic sites
- Participate in exciting projects that enhance our Township's historical legacy

The Commission meets once a month, and it's a great way to get involved, meet like-minded neighbors, and make a meaningful impact.

If you're interested, please submit a letter of interest via email to: manager@eastfallowfield.org

Help us protect and celebrate the history of our community—**volunteer today!**

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

5 M Annual Reorganization Mtg.*
6 T Annual Auditor's Meeting*
7 W Historical Commission Mtg.
12 M Planning Commission Mtg.
13 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
14 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
19 M Planning Commission Mtg.
20 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
21 W Historical Commission Mtg.
26 M Municipal Building Comm.
27 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

FEBRUARY

2 M Planning Commission Mtg.
3 T Parks & Rec Meeting
4 W Historic Commission Mtg.
9 M Planning Commission Mtg.
10 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
11 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
16 M Planning Commission Mtg.
17 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
18 W Historical Commission Mtg.
23 M Municipal Building Comm.
24 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

MARCH

2 M Planning Commission Mtg.
3 T Parks & Rec Meeting
4 W Historic Commission Mtg.
10 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
11 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
16 M Planning Commission Mtg.
17 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
18 W Historical Commission Mtg.
23 M Municipal Building Comm.
24 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

APRIL

1 W Historic Commission Mtg.
6 M Planning Commission Mtg.
7 T Parks & Rec Meeting
8 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
14 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
15 W Historical Commission Mtg.
20 M Planning Commission Mtg.
21 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
27 M Municipal Building Comm.
28 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

MAY

4 M Planning Commission Mtg.
5 T Parks & Rec Meeting
6 W Historic Commission Mtg.
12 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
13 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
18 M Planning Commission Mtg.
19 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
20 W Historical Commission Mtg.
26 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
27 W Municipal Building Comm.

JUNE

1 M Planning Commission Mtg.
2 T Parks & Rec Meeting
3 W Historic Commission Mtg.
9 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
10 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
15 M Planning Commission Mtg.
16 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
17 W Historical Commission Mtg.
22 M Municipal Building Comm.
23 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

JULY

1 W Historic Commission Mtg.
6 M Planning Commission Mtg.
7 T Parks & Rec Meeting
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AUGUST

3 M Planning Commission Mtg.
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5 W Historic Commission Mtg.
11 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
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17 M Planning Commission Mtg.
18 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
19 W Historical Commission Mtg.
24 M Municipal Building Comm.
25 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

SEPTEMBER

1 T Parks & Rec Meeting
2 W Historic Commission Mtg.
7 M Planning Commission Mtg.
8 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
9 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
14 M Planning Commission Mtg.
15 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
16 W Historical Commission Mtg.
21 M Planning Commission Mtg.
22 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
28 M Municipal Building Comm.

OCTOBER

5 M Planning Commission Mtg.
6 T Parks & Rec Meeting
7 W Historical Commission Mtg.
13 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
14 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
19 M Planning Commission Mtg.
20 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
21 W Historical Commission Mtg.
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27 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

NOVEMBER

2 M Planning Commission Mtg.
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10 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
11 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
16 M Planning Commission Mtg.
17 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
18 W Historical Commission Mtg.
23 M Municipal Building Comm.
24 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

DECEMBER

1 T Parks & Rec Meeting
2 W Historic Commission Mtg.
7 M Planning Commission Mtg.
8 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
9 W Envir. Advisory Council Mtg.
15 T Parks & Rec Committee Mtg.
16 W Historical Commission Mtg.
21 M Planning Commission Mtg.
22 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.
28 M Municipal Building Comm.
29 T Board of Supervisors Mtg.

All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the EFT Township Building, 2264 Strasburg Road, unless noted *6:00 p.m. For meeting updates, please visit our website at www.eastfallowfield.org or the Official East Fallowfield Township Facebook Page.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) UPDATE

by John Nielsen, EAC Chair

Salt Season Suggestions

The EPA estimates that \$5 billion is spent annually in the U.S. on damage caused by road salt to infrastructure and equipment. Even more concerning, excess salt runoff can severely impact local waterways, harming aquatic life and degrading drinking water quality.

This winter, let's deice responsibly by following these smart practices:

- Remove snow before applying any deicer.
- Use calcium magnesium acetate instead of traditional road salt.
- Try sand, wood ash, or kitty litter for traction.
- Avoid applying salt near storm drains or waterways.

Too much salt increases salinity in our streams, creating conditions that many freshwater species cannot survive.

Learn more: www.extension.psu.edu/watershed-friendly-deicing

EAC's Winter Salt Monitoring Efforts

As part of Winter Salt Watch in January, EAC members helped monitor salt pollution by collecting 13 water samples from local streams. Samples were analyzed for chloride (Cl) and conductivity, with the following results:

- Chloride concentration: 29–83 mg/L (average: 42 mg/L)
- Conductivity: 172–461 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ (average: 310 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$)
- For context:
- EPA max chloride for drinking water: 250 mg/L
- Typical conductivity for our region (Piedmont): 120–400 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- Distilled water: 0 mg/L chloride, 1 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ conductivity

Due to the lack of snow and deicing in late 2024 and early 2025, these readings were relatively low.

Let's continue practicing responsible deicing to protect our waterways!

For more information or to get involved in the next sampling event this October, visit:

www.stroudcenter.org/salt

Or contact the EAC at 484-983-9522 to include your favorite waterway.

Exceptional Value Streams: A Local Legacy

We're excited to share that the EAC is nearly finished naming another Exceptional Value (EV) stream along Misty Patch Road, near the Shale Run watershed.

In Pennsylvania, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) designates streams as High Quality (HQ) or Exceptional Value (EV) based on water purity and ecological importance

Special thanks to Jeanne Berlin and our dedicated volunteers for their efforts in the federal naming application process and ongoing work to protect our pristine waterways.

Learn more: Chester County Protected Stream Uses

Fall Park Clean-Up Day – Volunteers Needed!

Join us on Saturday, November 8th, from 9 AM to 12 noon at the park located at 900 Buck Run Road for a morning of invasive species removal and forest restoration.

Bring pruners or loppers if you have them—no power tools, please. We'll be working alongside Parks & Rec volunteers to help maintain a healthy, forested park space.

Thank you for your continued support—and we hope to see you there!



We're on Facebook!

Did you know the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) has a Facebook page? This group is a valuable resource for timely updates on environmental topics and events relevant to East Fallowfield Township.

You'll find content about:

- Native gardening
- Water conservation
- Greenhouse gas reduction
- Local clean-up activities (streams, roadsides, parks)
- Updates on EAC initiatives

Group members are also welcome to share their interests and concerns about environmental issues affecting the township.

To join, visit the link below or search for "East Fallowfield Township Environmental Advisory Council" on Facebook. You'll be asked to complete a short questionnaire and agree to the group rules.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2862932468242>

We hope you'll join us and be a part of preserving the natural beauty and well-being of our community!



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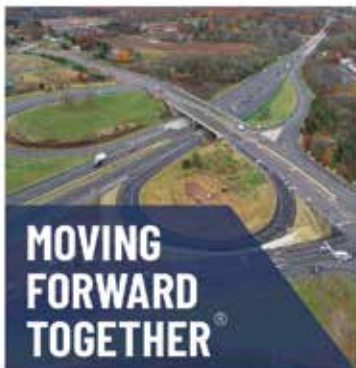
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