

East Fallowfield News

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Dear Residents,

I am pleased that we are able to once again have a township newsletter. It is a great way to keep everyone informed on what is happening in our township. We are looking forward to continuing with timely newsletters to help keep everyone informed, along with postings to our website and Facebook sites.

In October, we had our annual Park Day, which was once again a success, even though the weather did not fully cooperate. We still had around 1,100 people turn out for the event. The township staff did a great job putting this day together and running it the day of. The car cutting demonstration by our fire companies, Modena and Westwood, was a big hit again this year. Park Day is a great event because it allows everyone to meet our emergency providers that service us throughout the year.

If you have been thinking about getting involved locally, we have open positions on the Park and Recreation Committee, the Planning Commission and the Historic Commission. These are all great ways to get involved within our community to help keep our township moving forward.

This next year also offers a unique opportunity to get even more involved, as we will have 3 positions on the board up for elects – 1 - 2 year term and 2 - 6 year terms. For me, my first three years on the board has been very rewarding. I have been able to give back to my community and I hope we can get several great candidates for these 3 positions. The only requirement to run is that your primary residence is in East Fallowfield, that you have lived here for at least 1 year and are a registered voter. If you are interested in running, please contact Chester County Voter Services for a list of documents you will need to complete to be able to run.

Steve Herzog – Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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2017 BUDGET

Budget meetings are already underway as of June 2016 for the Fiscal Year 2017. Budget meetings tend to fall on the day of the Boards Workshop, an hour before they are scheduled. There will be more times announced as we get into the fall and discussions intensify. Please keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for updates and announcements on additional budget meeting date and times.

Last year the board enacted a 1.25 mil real estate millage for the first time in over 20 years. For many years the Township and the Board has relied on savings, capital projects funds, Earned Income tax etc to keep the books balanced. After years of having no tax, the reserves and savings had dwindled and unfortunately, like everywhere else, costs continue to rise. This forced the Board to put in a minimal millage tax to balance our books.

Please join us for these meetings or send thoughts/concerns regarding the budget to our Board of Supervisors at board@eastfallowfield.org

2017 PROPOSED BUDGET UNDER REVIEW

East Fallowfield Township: Budget Draft Proposal - 10/11/16

	<u>2017 Projected</u>
INCOME	
1310 - Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$ 134,000.00
1310 - Earned Income/Local Services Tax	\$ 1,553,611.00
1310 - Municipal Millage - 1.25 mil	\$ 469,657.00
1320 - Licenses and permits	\$ 216,140.00
1331 - Fines and Forfeits	\$ 18,250.00
1341 - Interest Earned	\$ 600.00
1350 - Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 146,800.00
1361 - Charges for Services	\$ 36,182.00
1362 - Public Safety	\$ 1,000.00
1364 - Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 604,380.00
1389 - Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 750.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,181,370.00
EXPENSE	
1400 - Board of Supervisors	\$ 14,456.00
1401 - Administration	\$ 233,490.00
1402 - Auditing	\$ 15,400.00
1403 - CCTCC	\$ 275.00
1404 - Legal Services	\$ 56,000.00
1406 - Other Gen Govt Administration	\$ 60,947.00
1407 - Adm - IT/Network/Data Processing	\$ 12,895.00
1408 - Engineering Services	\$ 60,000.00
1409 - Township Building	\$ 18,050.00
1410 - Police - Personnel Costs	\$ 1,203,579.00
1411 - Police - Other Expenses	\$ 50,245.00
1412 - Police Vehicles	\$ 83,800.00
1413 - Police - Building	\$ 17,050.00
1414 - Pol - IT/Network/Data Processing	\$ 8,000.00
1430 - Public Works - Personnel Costs	\$ 473,414.00
1431 - Public Works - Other Expenses	\$ 19,200.00
1432 - Public Works - Vehicles	\$ 8,500.00
1433 - Public Works - Buildings	\$ 9,800.00
1435 - Public Works - Park Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
1441 - Fire Protection	\$ 198,018.00
1442 - Code Enforcement	\$ 26,500.00
1443 - Planning & Zoning	\$ 10,562.00
1444 - Animal Control	\$ 8,000.00
1445 - Solid Waste Collection	\$ 581,932.00
1446 - Culture	\$ 5,750.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 3,180,863.00
NEXT INCOME	\$ 149.00

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR LAMBERT UPDATE

In early 2016, Wilson Lambert was appointed by our Board of Supervisors to serve as a Township Supervisor for the remaining term for Charles Kilgore, who had to unexpectedly resign. Since becoming one of our Township Supervisors, Wilson has attended the following workshops and educational conferences to better serve the residents of our Township and help aid in addressing concerns of safety and quality of life.

In April, he attended the Brandywine Conservancy's first Subscribers Program of 2016. This was a primer and refresher course on the four major planning and regulatory tools available to East Fallowfield Township for community development, in addition to Planning, Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development, and the Official Map.

He also attended the PSATS Educational Conference called "Making Your Roads Safer". This conference addressed concerns regarding compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Safe Highway Engineering has identified a 44% reduction in traffic accidents if warning, hazard, or other traffic control signs are placed where they are needed.

Wilson also went out and surveyed the majority of the roads in our Township with our Public Works Director to better assess the state of our roads and which roads need attention first.

We thank Wilson as well as all of our Board of Supervisor members for stepping up to the challenge of being on our Board as well as thank them for their time and commitment to East Fallowfield Township.

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Our Map

Dear Community Members and Residents of East Fallowfield,

We at the East Fallowfield Township – Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and over 150 concerned residents came together and spent many long and countless hours going thru the process of making a Comprehensive Plan for the East Fallowfield Community. All were welcomed to attend the numerous Planning Commission Workshops and to respond to a community wide survey and workshops at the South Brandywine Middle School. This process was to balance our local community rights of directing our own future goals with our legal obligations to provide a “fair share” for population growth according to state and federally mandated laws. Basically, we were creating a map to guide us to achieve those goals we collectively thought were most important.



We listened to your numerous concerns and worked as diligently as possible to find a fair and equitable happy medium to the extremes of some issues. One of these extreme issues was land use, where we had federal and state requirements to have available specific land for future housing and various zoning types. Despite that we were still able to keep 45% to 50% of our total land area preserved/ protected in open space or agricultural conservation space. This is by far one of the best plans of land use for a township of our type which has 3 out of the 4 classifications from Urban up to the north side of our township to the completely opposite Rural at the southern side.

We had many nights of rigorous debates that went into many different topics of how to make our Township sustainable not only for today but for the future of our community as the building stock grows older. How do we preserve the best of the past while making room for the needs of future residents? Will our community be able to continue to provide the services that lead to the health, safety, and moral peace for our families and residents in East Fallowfield? Due to the long two year process and a time limit on our grant we had to agree on a few compromises and rate them on their importance. After a few more issues were addressed at the 11th hour that surfaced at the final draft stage, we worked out with more investigation the final changes that you see today.

The Comprehensive Plan is a map of sorts that guides the general direction we all want to go in. It is a middle ground that all who came to have their voices heard was a reflection of that whole spectrum. The recommendation as a whole plan by the Planning Commission was presented to the Board of Supervisors and ultimately accepted. Most of the Board of Supervisors came at different times and participated in many of the discussions. This Plan is a living document and needs to be reviewed annually to see if we are on track with the priorities we collectively placed on many items listed in that document. Our highest priorities need to be implemented as soon as possible or we must find ways for that to be staged to accomplish what we saw as important. If we still cannot accomplish these goals we must ask why not? After that we must re-adjust our goals again and collectively make a plan of action to accomplish these goals realistically. If not, we’ve concluded that it was just wishful thinking with very low priority.

We thank all who participated in the process, directly and indirectly. This shows the love and concern for our fellow neighbors as a community as a whole. For those of you who could not contribute at that particular time we still plead for you to participate. We are looking for ways to improve communications within the community as many residents requested better communication in the Comp Plan survey. One way is through the distribution of a newsletter with this issue being the first newsletter distributed to all Township residents via regular US Mail in a few years. We encourage residents to contribute content for further surveys to find the services desired from the township and the real opinion of the township majority.

We also have many openings on township commissions and have need of skilled volunteer people in areas from social media to gardening or environmental awareness to many we can’t even imagine yet. Come have your voice heard and your opinion noted, in person or via the internet. We need you to help make this community the place you dream of or to help preserve it to fit your picture of a community you are proud to live in.

We must keep in mind that to not be diligent to a map, we welcome getting lost and having undesirable outcomes. For example, if we do not plan, we will get decay and unwanted properties that may lead to a place not wanted by our children or others. The map must include revitalization, rehabilitation, and desirable characteristics wanted by people in the future. So we must make accommodations to continue to keep a conversation going on what our community should look like. What will be the cost for the services we expect? And are we willing to make some trade-offs to keep them or find other ways to fund them?

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Similar to the Constitution of the United States, the first drafts were not accepted as the final version and many issues were not settled by the final signing, but was a beginning to a direction and "A MAP" to start the journey into a more democratic society. Part of the system for majority rule was that the welfare for the minorities be met for a just, fair, and moral society to exist. If not tyranny would still exist. So an ongoing system must be put in place to create checks and balances. This system adjusts as our society changed and still we are open to debate. Our comprehensive plan is in place and has many similar issues that will need addressed. We must continue to debate in an open and safe environment with real hard surveyed opinions of the residents of East Fallowfield. Give real hard choices of factual problems with open concern for the results and consequences of those choices. You are building this community by being here whether you speak or don't let your opinion be known.

Please come forward and help us all make this community work by making our Map work for all, by being open to adjusting the goals and make up of our neighborhood. Being open to positive change benefits us all for peace and understanding. This takes a lot of work and we need much help to get to our destination.

Sincerely,
Dennis Crook, Chairman, East Fallowfield Township Planning Commission

PARK DAY 2016

On Saturday, October 8th, 2016, East Fallowfield Township hosted their annual Park Day. Park Day has been a community tradition for years! This year we encouraged people to come out and meet your neighbors! And despite the rain, we had over 1100+ people in attendance. The day kicked off with an opening ceremony where the Boy Scouts served as honor guard and Brooke Hanson sang the star spangled banner. Senator Andrew Dinniman was able to join us and give a small speech on open space, the Park, and community. Our chairman of the Board of Supervisors for East Fallowfield, Steve Herzog, finished up the opening ceremony and welcomed everyone to Park Day.

There were so many activities happening at the Park this day. Some of the highlights were the costume parade, led by Hilda, the Turkey Hill turkey; Free Zip lining; Free Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Face Painting and Balloons; Free Moon bounces; YMCA Activan activities and Mini Train Rides.

We wanted to give special thanks to:

- **Towerville Christian Church** for their Children's corner where they had many games and prizes for the children.
- **Hidden Valley Estates** for running hay rides through the park all day long.
- **Modena and Westwood Fire Companies** for their amazing Cut-A-Car demonstration. The fire companies had two cars towed in for this event where they proceeded to show the crowd what happens at the scene of a car accident and how they all work together to go about extracting people trapped in cars.

This day would not have been possible without all the help from the East Fallowfield Township Road Crew (Barry Gathercole, Justin Gathercole, Timmy Gathercole, Greg Leonard, and John Weaver), Office Staff (Lisa Valaitis, Katherine Archibald and Pani Martin) and Supervisors (Steve Herzog, Carol Kulp, Wilson Lambert and Ed Porter), The Boy Scouts, South Brandywine Middle School Teachers, Kim Gredzinski, Tony Olseski, Mona, The Chester County Sheriff's Office, David's Drive, Michael McDevitt, Michael Green, Brooke Hanson, Westwood and Modena Fire Companies and the many volunteers who helped us all throughout the day!! Without their help, this day would not have been possible.

And of course, this day would also not have been possible without the generosity and donations of our sponsors. Our Park Day Major Sponsors were David's Drive 831, Herbert MacCombie, Jr. PE, and Hidden Valley Estates. Our Park Day Benefactors were Siana, Bellwoar and McAndrew, LLP and ServPro of Kennett Square/Oxford. Our Park Day Supporters were Reardon Dental, J. Gallagher Septic and Wastewater, Madsen Tree Service, Brandywine Valley Veterinary Hospital, Coatesville Scrap Iron & Metal Company and Mitchell Mechanical. Plus many businesses supported us as Friends of the Park.

Thank you to all the residents who came out to join us on this special day! We hope you had as much fun as we did. See you next year! (Park Day falls on the second Saturday in October annually.)





“Have an Impact on Where You Live”

Nowhere else in the branches of government can you have more of an impact like the one you can have with your local government right here in East Fallowfield Township. A lot of important decisions are made by your Township Commission members and Township Supervisors that can possibly have an effect on your surroundings, your property, and your way of life. Getting involved in your local government, whether joining one of the open Township commission positions or running for the elected position of Township Supervisor, is the best way to have your voice heard, as well as, offer the skills and knowledge that every one of us in this Township has to offer.

We have roughly 8,000 residents in the Township but turnout to our Township meetings is unfortunately low, but over the recent months has been getting better. Our meetings, at this time, is only way to have a public discussion on the issues at hand and hopefully develop a consensus. If you made one meeting a year you could possibly be the one at that particular time to offer an opinion, an idea, or a solution that really helps everyone in our Township. The meetings provide you the opportunity to learn more about current events before us and also meet others that live here in East Fallowfield.

Next year in 2017 there will be an unusual election for three open Township Supervisor positions that will begin in January 2018. There is plenty of time from now to the Primary next year to think about running for office and I hope you do. For a time commitment comparable in exchange for a few TV shows a month you really can help this Township navigate in the coming years and keep East Fallowfield “A Nice Place to Live.” If you are interested you can research the election process more by contacting Chester County Voter Services to find out the complete details.

Edward

Edward S. Porter, Township Supervisor & Neighbor

HAVE A TAX QUESTION?

- Questions on **Earned Income Tax** – call Keystone Collections at 610-269-4402
- Questions on **Municipal or County Real Estate Tax** – call Chester County Treasurer at 610-344-6370
- Questions on **School District Tax** – Call Berkheimer at 610-599-3143



OPEN BURNING

According to our Township's Ordinance §7-301 Regulations it shall be unlawful for any person to burn or cause to be burned any material upon any land in East Fallowfield Township except after applying for and receiving a permit and shall comply with all rules and regulations incorporated in our Permit and Burning Regulations. Permits can be obtained at the Township Building for \$10.

Some of the items that cannot be burned: new construction or demolition waste; leaf waste such as leaves, garden residues, shrubbery or tree trimmings; any items or materials that are required to be recycled by the Township including paper, newspaper, tin/aluminum cans, glass, plastic; trash, garbage and municipal waste; cleaners, solvents, paint, motor oil, fuels or gasoline; household appliances, debris or any other similar items.

Pretty much – if you want to have a fire – it must be seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper.

The Township Police Department, Fire Code Official and other code enforcement personnel designated by the Board of Supervisors are authorized to investigate alleged violations.



ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
from 7 AM – 8 PM

East Side Residents
Hephzibah Baptist Church
2237 Strasburg Road

West Side Residents
South Brandywine Middle School
600 Doe Run Road

Questions about
voting/registering visit:
www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services
or call 610-344-6410

Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste in East Fallowfield

IN 2015, EAST FALLOWFIELD RESIDENTS RECYCLED 627 TONS OF RECYCLABLES! THAT'S 12 TONS MORE THAN LAST YEAR. THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED EFFORT TO MAKE EAST FALLOWFIELD MORE GREEN.

Ever wonder what constitutes the "East Side" of the Township versus the "West Side"? The dividing line is Frog Hollow Road and Youngsбург Road.



TRASH / RECYCLING:

TRASH is EVERY Friday. Please put trash out Thursday night as pick up can start very early in the morning. If you think your trash has been "missed," contact Allied Waste at 610-869-2222.

RECYCLING is every other week rotating between east side and west side pick up. Full full schedule, check the Calendar of Events on our website www.eastfallowfield.org.

BULK TRASH is collected on the First Friday of each month. You may put out 2 bulk items for collection by Republic Services/Allied Waste. You MUST call them at 610-869-2222 to be put on the list for bulk trash day. The truck does not drive every street of the Township anymore for cost reasons. If you have a "scrapable" metal item please call the Township at 610-384-7144 to have our Public Works Department pick it up. Mattresses must be wrapped fully in order for Allied Waste to dispose of them. TV's, Electronics, White Appliances or AC units are not considered bulk trash and will not be picked up. The township or other organizations will dispose of them for a fee. For items containing freon/coolant – you can dispose of at Lanchester Landfill with the freon still in it for \$20 or you must have a certified technician remove freon/coolant (for a fee) and certify unit and then for an additional fee Allied Waste or the Township would dispose of it.

Did you know?

- We do **LEAF PICKUP** Days – By appointment only. Leaves are picked up every Monday in October and November. Must be in biodegradable bags. The Township sells them 5 for \$3.
- We do **BRUSH PICKUP** – By appointment only. We take piles of branches no more than 4" in diameter. The first 15 minutes are free. Chipping is not done on the spot, but brush is moved to our compost site for chipping. 1st Monday of EVERY month.
- We do **CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP** – By appointment only. Christmas Trees are picked up every Monday in January and February. For appointments call the Township at 610-384-7144.
- We also have a Shared **COMPOST SITE** – Open every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 AM – 2 PM. 2240 Upper Gap Road, South Coatesville.
- Our trash haulers will only pick up **one trash tote a week, unless an additional trash totter service is purchased**. Still have trash you need to get rid of? We sell trash bags for \$3.50 each or if you have a pick up truck and can haul to the Township, you can dump in our dumpster for a fee starting at \$35 and up. (No tv's, electronics, white appliances or freon containing units may be dumped in dumpster. Separate fees apply.)
- **TIRES** can be disposed of at the Township for \$3 per passenger/light truck tire up to \$10 per truck tire.
- **Excessive Amounts of Cardboard?** Bundle and put on top of your recycle can and you MUST contact Allied Waste at 610-869-2222 and ask if they can pick it up.

URBAN WATERSHED FORESTRY

Urban watershed management has traditionally focused on managing the effects of runoff and associated pollutants from roads, buildings, parking lots, and other harder surfaces. The extent of these 'impervious surfaces' collectively have been viewed as important indicators of the health of a watershed. More recently, researchers and managers have turned their attention to the role of trees and forests as indicators of watershed health based on their ability to moderate the impacts of urbanization. This spurred creation of a 'new' field called 'urban watershed forestry,' which tracks and manages forest cover at the watershed scale and acknowledges the importance of trees and forests in protecting water resources.

Recent studies have illustrated the link between watershed forest cover and stream health.

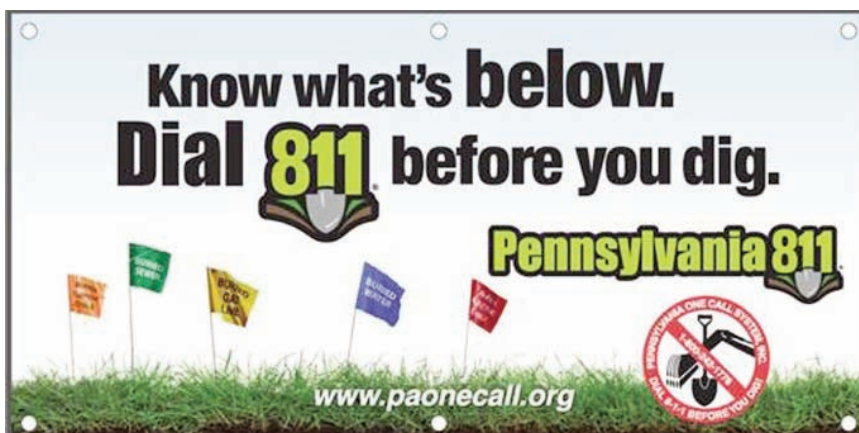
Forests, particularly healthy ones contribute greatly to the health of a watershed by reducing runoff, improving air quality, reducing erosion, removing pollutants, providing habitat, and moderating temperature. More research is needed, but it appears that the watershed forest cover, particularly streamside forest cover, may be able to minimize the impacts of land development up to a certain point. Recent studies have illustrated the link between watershed forest cover and stream health.

- A study in Puget Sound, Washington found that at least 65% watershed forest cover is needed for the presence of a healthy aquatic insect community.
- A Montgomery County, Maryland Study found that in order for streams to have a health rating of 'Excellent' it required at least 65% of the stream network in the watershed to be forested. At least 45% streamside forest cover was required for streams to have a health rating of 'Good'.

The intersection of forestry and watershed management has coincided with a renewed interest in the use of trees and forests as "best management practices" to reduce runoff and remove pollutants. Scientists and regulators are in need of data to quantify these benefits and give proper 'credit' to those who use them. As with most natural systems, this is difficult to do given their inherent variability.

A related field that has exploded recently with the interest in forests' ability to sequester carbon is economic valuation of ecosystem services. These studies, which place a value on the free products and services provided by the natural systems, can help to put them on a level playing field with end-of-pipe solutions. When factoring in the numerous societal benefits provided by forests (e.g. improved health and well-being, increased property values), trees may actually come out on top.

Urban watershed forestry has become increasingly relevant as a way to help manage forest losses associated with urban and suburban growth, and to protect our drinking water supplies in the face of changing climate. *Additional Information on the 3-part Urban Watershed Forestry Manual can be found at <http://www.forestsforwatersheds.org>.*



Please remember . . .

Do not blow leaves or grass into the street.

AND

Do not shovel or blow snow onto any of the Township roads.

EAST FALLOWFIELD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION NEEDS YOU!

As of June 2016, East Fallowfield's Parks & Recreation committee has new members:

John Zwirzina – *Voting Member*

Kevin Walls - *Voting Member*

We are all committed to the East Fallowfield Parks & Recreation mission, "to facilitate the development and maintenance of safe, accessible, passive and active park & recreational facilities to meet the identified needs and interests of the residents of East Fallowfield Township, Pennsylvania."



But **We Need YOUR Help!** The commission is still actively seeking volunteers and four additional committee members. If you are interested in making a difference, while having fun please email your letter of interest and/or resume to secretary@eastfallowfield.org. For more information visit www.eastfallowfield.org. **Please Join Us** so we can make the park a place all residents of East Fallowfield can not only enjoy, but also be proud of!

Stay Tuned! We are working to update our Facebook page in order to provide residents with news and activities related to the park. Be sure to like us and visit often!

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Our Park Pavilion can be rented by residents for \$50 or non-residents for \$100.
Call the Township for reservations.

May we have just a minute of your time?

East Fallowfield's Park & Recreation Committee is dedicated to making the Park a safe and pleasant place for you and your family! We want to know what elements of the park are important to you, so we have created a survey. Your responses will greatly influence the improvement of our park.

To complete via web use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X3YDRTC> and provide your feedback. You can also reach out to us via Facebook. If you would like to provide your feedback, but do not wish to do so via the web, please contact the township office at (610)384-7144 and ask to be put in touch with one of the P&R committee members who will be happy to record your feedback!

We know your time is valuable, so we thank you for taking the time to help us make East Fallowfield Park a place all residents can not only be proud of but also enjoy!



photograph by Lindsay Abel

FROG HOLLOW ROAD – NOW OPEN!

Frog Hollow Road has been closed due to work being done to the covered bridge. The restoration and improvement project is complete.

IRS URGES PUBLIC TO STAY ALERT FOR SCAM PHONE CALLS

*IRS Special Edition Tax Tip 2015-18,
October 21, 2015*

The IRS continues to warn consumers to guard against scam phone calls from thieves intent on stealing their money or their identity. Criminals pose as the IRS to trick victims out of their money or personal information. Here are several tips to help you avoid being a victim of these scams:



- **Scammers make unsolicited calls.** Thieves call taxpayers claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls," or via phishing email.
- **Callers try to scare their victims.** Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don't get the money.
- **Scams use caller ID spoofing.** Scammers often alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.
- **Cons try new tricks all the time.** Some schemes provide an actual IRS address where they tell the victim to mail a receipt for the payment they make. Others use emails that contain a fake IRS document with a phone number or an email address for a reply. These scams often use official IRS letterhead in emails or regular mail that they send to their victims. They try these ploys to make the ruse look official.
- **Scams cost victims over \$23 million.** The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, or TIGTA, has received reports of about 736,000 scam contacts since October 2013. Nearly 4,550 victims have collectively paid over \$23 million as a result of the scam.

The IRS will not:

- **Call you to demand immediate payment.** The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.
- **Demand that you pay taxes** and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe.
- **Require that you pay your taxes a certain way.** For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card.
- **Ask for your credit or debit card numbers** over the phone.
- **Threaten to bring in police or other agencies** to arrest you for not paying.

If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do:

- **Do not give out any information.** Hang up immediately.
- **Contact TIGTA to report the call.** Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page. You can also call 800-366-4484.
- **Report it to the Federal Trade Commission.** Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

If you know you owe, or think you may owe tax:

- **Call the IRS at 800-829-1040.** IRS workers can help you.

Phone scams first tried to sting older people, new immigrants to the U.S. and those who speak English as a second language. Now the crooks try to swindle just about anyone. And they've ripped off people in every state in the nation.

Stay alert to scams that use the IRS as a lure. Tax scams can happen any time of year, not just at tax time. For more, visit "Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts" on IRS.gov. Each and every taxpayer has a set of fundamental rights they should be aware of when dealing with the IRS. These are your Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Explore your rights and our obligations to protect them on IRS.gov.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF



We have found that Social Networking, such as Facebook, MySpace, texting, etc. has become problematic for everyone. This has created a challenge to all law enforcement agencies. We would recommend to all parents of young children to be aware of some of the challenges that we are facing.

If your son or daughters' are utilizing a social network or even simply using a cell phone with texting, it is imperative that you set your child's appropriate privacy settings and educate yourselves on the dangers that could be faced if they are not properly supervised.

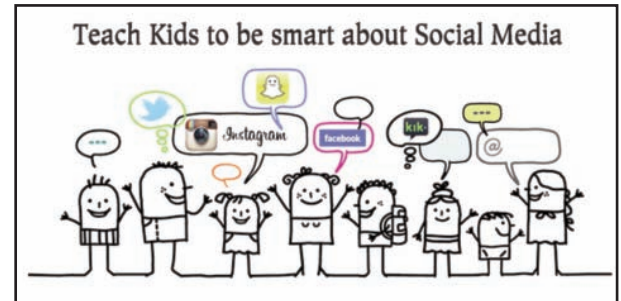
Through this current school year there has been an increase in the reported police investigations where social media has been involved. Most of the cases we have dealt with could have been prevented by just being aware of the proper parental controls, and the supervision of your children while online.

Should any incidents occur that do need police intervention please do not hesitate to contact our police department for assistance.

Sincerely,

Chris

Chris Porter, Chief of Police



EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Planning Commission is an appointed government board of seven members charged with recommending to the Board of Supervisors the boundaries of the various original zoning district and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein and any proposed amendments thereto and shall collect data and keep itself informed as to the best practices generally in effect in the matter township planning and zoning to the end that it may be qualified to act on measures affecting the present and future movement of traffic, the segregation of residential and business districts and the convenience and safety of persons and property in any way dependent on township planning and zoning.



The East Fallowfield Planning Commission has three (3) openings with another for alternative position. We are looking for community minded residents who would be willing to come forward to help direct the goals of the Township's future growth by researching, education, making implementation advice for the township Board of Supervisor to make informed decisions upon. We need an application of your experience/s and a willingness to learn more about community planning through Chester County 20/20's Master Planner Program. Additionally, we would need your commitment to come to monthly Planning Commission meetings and a monthly workshop, if needed. Occasionally, we may have a special interest workshop or coordinate a public community conversation or presentation. We need people with various skills and backgrounds to help recommend better systems and organizing technologies for our future growth. Please come and apply to contribute.

We additionally work on looking at items stated in the township ordinance such as:

- Subdivisions
- Land development
- Comprehensive Plan
- Surveying of Comprehensive Plan items and community interest
- Research of ordinance issues

All interested applicants should send an official letter of interest and their resume to secretary@eastfallowfield.org.



PEOPLE'S HALL

Built 1847 by the Abolitionists
Located in village of Ercildoun, route 82
Artwork by Doris Whitehead Polk

People's Hall

Joe McCormick
Chairman, EFT Historical Commission

East Fallowfield Township is fortunate to have many historic homes, bridges, and districts within its boundaries, however few boast the significance of Peoples Hall, which is located across Doe Run Road from Triple Fresh and Tender Touch Gifts. This building has served the Township over the years as a meeting place for various groups and organizations, but it might be said that it has also served the nation itself, bearing witness to many of the thoughts and ideas that have helped to develop the freedoms we cherish as a nation.

Peoples Hall was built in 1845, on land deeded to a local abolitionist group, The East Fallowfield Anti-Slavery Society by the Fallowfield Friends Meeting, located adjacent to People's Hall, as a place to conduct their meetings and where there could be an open exchange of ideas. The conveyance documents at the time stated that the place should be **".... A free hall, to discuss any and every subject of interest in Religion, Morals, Physics, Politics, or any subject of interest to the family of man irrespective of clime, class, sex, sect, or party."** The location quickly became a local and regional center for Abolitionists where they were able to freely discuss abolitionist ideas, hold meetings, present lectures, prepare anti-slavery pamphlets, and provide teachings and disseminate Abolitionist ideas. Several of the founding members, particularly James Fulton, Jr., Gideon Pierce, and the Walton family have been recognized as significant operators in the **Underground Railroad** helping escaped slaves find their way to safe havens. Following the Civil War, People's Hall became an important center of Township activity, having been used as a grange, a church, a library, a polling place, and a town hall for many social gatherings and meetings. Most recently, People's Hall has been the meeting place for the now disbanded East Fallowfield Historical Society, who had sponsored many guest lecturers.



The People's Hall is an enduring symbol of a number of the tenants that are the very fiber of our national conscience, freedom of expression and speech, freedom of ideas, freedom to congregate, and the ability to discuss and debate new ideas. There is a sign hanging at the front of the assembly hall, which by most accounts has been there since the building was erected, which states **"Let Truth and Error Grapple"**, a testament to the ambitions of the Quaker Abolitionists who sought freedom for all peoples of the still young nation. There are many historic local documents and artifacts still housed in the building, and available for public viewing when the building is open.

It is believed that the property possesses those characteristics that satisfy the criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places; presently, the building is included in the **Ercildoun Historic District**, which is listed in the **National Register of Historic Places**, and is a Class I historic Resource in the East Fallowfield inventory of historic places. People's Hall is operated and maintained by a Board of Trustees, which was reorganized earlier this year. One of the first challenges the new Board of Trustees has encountered is the physical condition of the building structure, which has suffered from years of deferred maintenance. Some of the interior plaster ceiling and walls have started to deteriorate as has certain portions of the stucco exterior of the building. Earlier this year, **Preservation Pennsylvania** added eight properties to **Pennsylvania at Risk**, a list of sites determined to be among the commonwealth's most endangered historic resources, which included People's Hall. These eight historic resources were identified in 2015 through nominations submitted by the public, and will become Preservation Pennsylvania's priorities in 2016. Inclusion in this list highlights both the historic importance of the site as well as the urgency to effect needed repairs.

People's Hall now has a website, www.peoples-hall.org, which includes a number of pictures of the building, its contents, and information as to events and local history. People's Hall also has a Facebook presence, where pictures and comments can be found. Both locations also include information as to how to become a member, or to make a donation to help preserve this important local landmark for future generations. Please take a look and visit!

HISTORIC COMMISSION OPENING:

The Historical Commission presently has an opening for any available residents who have an interest in local history and an interest in preserving our local historic resources and landscapes from unnecessary demolition or alteration, preserving them for the benefit of future generations. Interested parties should attend a meeting, held at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, to meet the commission members and discuss their interest.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

STRASBURG ROAD – Projected **CLOSING** in West Bradford Township

WestBradford.org posted on their website re: Stargazer Village @ Romansville

As of 10/5/2016 – Updated Tentative Project Schedule

- October 17, Strasburg Road heading west will be closed prior to the Bella Rosa intersection and continuing to Romansville. This is expected to last a week.
- Next, Strasburg Road heading east will be closed from Stargazers Road to Shadyside Road. This is expected to last a week.
- After these two improvements are complete, all interior paving on the roundabout will be done.
- Next, Romansville and Shadyside Roads will be closed for 4 weeks to complete all the tie-ins. It is hoped that Strasburg will remain open and traffic will be directed through the new roundabout while other work is being done.



This timetable is subject to change. Please check westbradford.org for more updates.



Save Money on Medicare

The Chester County Department of Aging and APPRISE health insurance counselors will provide free, confidential assistance to Medicare beneficiaries during the **Annual Open Enrollment Period, October 15, 2016 to December 7, 2016**. You can join, switch or disenroll from a Part D Prescription Drug Plan, a Medicare Advantage Plan, or switch to Original Medicare with or without a Medicare Part D Plan. The counselors will also screen you to see if you qualify for any financial assistance programs to get help paying for your prescription drugs or Part B premium.

For information, visit <http://www.chesco.org/477/Apprise---Health-Insurance-Counseling>, or email apprisechesco@outlook.com

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- West Chester Area Senior Center. 610-431-4242



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Don't forget to sign up!

**Sign up for our PDF newsletter/email updates
on our website at www.eastfallowfield.org
(on home page on left below EFT calendar)**

DECIPHERING THE TOWNSHIP'S NOTICE BOARD

BOS:Board of Supervisors Meeting
WS:Workshop for the Board of Supervisors
HC:Historical Commission
PC:Planning Commission
P&R:Park & Recreation Committee
Budget:Budget Meeting

All meetings are typically at 6:30 PM (except budget meetings).
*Please check the calendar of events on our
website for all meeting dates and times.*



There is no parking on the Streets in East Fallowfield except for Jane Street and Newlinville Road. If you are having a party/guests and think you will need to park on the street, you can call the Police Station at 610-384-9163.

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