

# East Fallowfield News



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### *Dear Residents,*

First, I would like to congratulate our three new board members - Joe Heffern, Katja DiRado and Wilson Lambert. They are all hard working people looking to help our township continue to prosper and to be a great place to live. I look forward to working with all of them as we all look towards the future of East Fallowfield Township.

In the vein of continuing to move the township forward, the board voted to hire a Township Manager in March - Mr. Scott Swichar - and he started in this position at the end of April. The board spent a great deal of time reviewing applications and interviewing many very qualified candidates. At the end of this process, we determined that Mr. Swichar would be best suited to come in as our first township manager in many years. This is a position that will serve our community greatly and I look forward to working with Mr. Swichar to continue the work all of our employees do to make our township a great place to live. Please join the board in welcoming him to our township.

I urge any resident that is willing to do so to volunteer for some of the openings we have on various committees, especially the Parks and Recreation Committee. These committees are a great way to get involved and learn what is going on, as well as to make a difference in our community. I firmly believe that the most impact can be made volunteering at the local level, so please feel free to inquire at the township office regarding any open positions you may be interested in.

Additionally, I also urge those that want to know more about what the board does, how the township functions and where your tax dollars get spent, to come to our meetings. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. I hope to see you there!

*Steve Herzog – Chairman of the Board of Supervisors*

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# 2018 Budget – Finance Update

The Township increased its municipal millage for 2018 in order to implement a Fire/EMS tax to support our first responders, as well as a small increase to the general millage to continue to support our 24/7 police force, our roads, park, and administration.

This year, the finance department is working to implement our Township books chart of accounts to match the DCED Chart of Accounts. Updating our chart of accounts has been a recommendation from our auditing firm for a few years. Updating this should hopefully make things more clear to the residents as well. Watch the minutes to see when the board officially adopts the updated chart of accounts and the updated budget to match.

## FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY CENTER – ClearGov

In 2017, the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors approved partnering with ClearGov, a leading financial transparency and benchmarking platform for municipalities that is infographic based. This site also allows residents to compare our budget and line items in it to other neighboring and comparable municipalities.

Residents can access this information by going to our website at [www.eastfallowfield.org](http://www.eastfallowfield.org). Or visit our Transparency Center at: <http://eastfallowfield-pa.cleargov.com/2016>

## 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET UNDER REVIEW

### INCOME

	2018 Budget
1310 - Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$ 152,000.00
1310 - Earned Income Tax - Current Year	\$ 1,282,346.00
1310 - Local Services Tax - Current Year	\$ 20,714.40
1310 - Municipal Millage - 2.00 mil	\$ 759,600.00
1310 - Fire/EMS Millage - 1.00 mil	\$ 380,000.00
1320 - Licenses and Permits	\$ 219,140.00
1331 - Fines and Forfeits	\$ 17,500.00
1341 - Interest Earned	\$ 6,200.00
1350 - Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 145,800.00
1361 - Charges for Services	\$ 38,580.00
1362 - Public Safety	\$ 1,000.00
1364 - Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 607,980.00
1389 - Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 1,250.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,632,110.40</b>

### EXPENSES

1400 - Board of Supervisors	\$ 14,456.25
1401 - Administration	\$ 260,764.53
1402 - Auditing	\$ 12,710.00
1404 - Legal Services	\$ 99,000.00
1406 - Other General Govt Administration	\$ 66,110.00
1407 - Admin - IT/Network	\$ 30,556.00
1408 - Engineering Services	\$ 52,500.00
1409 - Township Building	\$ 24,950.00
1410 - Police - Personnel Costs	\$ 1,191,391.81
1411 - Police - Other Expenses	\$ 42,965.00
1412 - Police Vehicles	\$ 119,646.63
1413 - Police - Building	\$ 20,075.00
1414 - Police - IT/Network	\$ 8,000.00
1430 - Public Works - Personnel Costs	\$ 492,632.11
1431 - Public Works - Other Expenses	\$ 18,200.00
1432 - Public Works - Vehicles	\$ 14,200.00
1433 - Public Works - Buildings	\$ 4,200.00
1434 - Public Works - Road	\$ 75,000.00
1435 - Public Works - Park Maintenance	\$ 12,500.00
1441 - Fire Protection	\$ 426,941.25
1442 - Code Enforcement	\$ 28,650.00
1443 - Planning & Zoning	\$ 13,483.75
1444 - Animal Control	\$ 8,000.00
1445 - Solid Waste Collection	\$ 581,532.00
1446 - Culture	\$ 2,750.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 3,621,214.33</b>

### NEXT INCOME

\$ 10,896.07

## Deciphering the Township's Notice Board

Ever wonder what the acronyms are on the Township Board? This board will give you the dates of our upcoming meetings for the following boards and commissions.

**BOS**..... Board of Supervisors Meeting

**HC** ..... Historical Commission

**PC**..... Planning Commission

**P&R**..... Park & Recreation Committee

**Budget**..... Budget Meeting

**ZHB**..... Zoning Hearing Board

All meetings are typically at 6:30 PM at the Township Building at

2264 Strasburg Road, East Fallowfield, PA 19320

Please check the calendar of events on our website and in this newsletter for all meeting dates and times.



# Park Day 2017

On Saturday, October 14th, 2017, East Fallowfield Township hosted their annual Park Day. This event has been a community tradition for years! And is held on the second Saturday in October every year. Our 2017 Park Day had well over 2000+ people in attendance.

The day was gorgeous and kicked off with an opening ceremony where the Boy Scouts served as honor guard and Ashley Torrance sang the star spangled banner. State Representative Harry Lewis gave a small opening speech and our Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for East Fallowfield, Steve Herzog, finished up the opening ceremony and welcomed everyone to Park Day.

The essence of Park Day is about bringing our community together and supporting one another.

Our presenting sponsor this year was a local, nonprofit organization called DAVID'S DRIVE 831 (DD831). Their mission is helping veterans because we should. DD831 is a 100% volunteer based 501(c) (3) non-profit public charity with no paid employees. DD831 was created in memory of David Turner Jr. who died suddenly at the age of 20 of a suspected heart arrhythmia. David had worked at the Coatesville VA Medical Center and had a tremendous respect for the veterans he served; many were homeless, in early recovery and came to the hospital without essentials. David had a vision to make a difference for these veterans; DD831 continues his vision by improving the quality of life for hospitalized and homeless veterans.

Delivering comfort items to homeless and hospitalized Veterans reminds them that they are not forgotten. Providing previously homeless Veterans with a new bed and essentials for the bedroom, bathroom and kitchen, shows them we care. DD831 honors Veterans with parades, concerts, picnics, and sporting events, because it is our duty, our honor, and because we should. The community is supporting this cause with over \$1,000,000.00 worth of contributions, helping thousands of people and making the world a better place. You can find out more about their organization and how to continue to support these efforts by either visiting [www.davidsdrive831.org](http://www.davidsdrive831.org) or [www.facebook.com/davids.drive](https://www.facebook.com/davids.drive)

There were so many fun and exciting activities happening at the Park Day event. Some of the highlights were Zip lining; Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Face Painting and Balloons; a Costume Parade led by the Texas Roadhouse Armadillo and Russell's Dance & Baton Studio; Moon bounces; Hay Rides around the park; kids game at the Kid's Corner; Mini Train Rides, and even a Car Show. All of these were brought to the community FREE of charge by the extremely generous donations of our sponsors. We want residents and the public to attend and enjoy our community and our amazing park.

One of our events during Park Day is the Cut-A-Car demonstration put on by the Modena and Westwood Fire Companies. Cars were towed onto the site 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 when they are trapped in cars.

We wanted to give special thanks to Towerville Christian Church for their Kid'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; and Robert and Mona Blacklock who helped revive the Car Show and offered participants prizes thanks to donations by A&R Towing.

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 and Office Staff - Katherine Archibald, Pani Martin and Lisa Valaitis, The Boy Scouts, David's Drive 831, Ashley Torrance, and the many volunteers who helped us all throughout the day!! Without their help, this day would not have been possible. Consider volunteering for our upcoming Park Day. We are always looking for volunteers and ways in which we can make Park Day even more amazing.

And of course, this day would also not have been possible without the generosity and donations of our sponsors. 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 Saturday, October 13th, 2018!



## EAST FALLOWFIELD PARK DAY 2017 SPONSORS

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# 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

All meetings are held at the Township Building at 2264 Strasburg Road

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM

January 2nd - 6PM	May 8th	September 11th
January 23rd	May 22nd	September 25th
February 13th	June 12th	October 9th
February 27th	June 26th	October 23rd
March 13th	July 10th	November 13th
March 27th	July 24th	November 27th
April 10th	August 14th	December 11th
April 24th	August 28th	December 18th

2nd & 4th Tuesday of Month

## PARK & REC COMMITTEE MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM

January 9th	May 1st	September 4th
January 16th	May 15th	September 18th
February 6th	June 5th *	October 2nd
February 20th	June 19th *	October 16th
March 6th	July 3rd *	November 6th
March 20th	July 17th *	November 20th
April 3rd	August 7th *	December 4th
April 17th	August 21st *	

1st & 3rd Tuesday of Month

\*Meetings held in Park Pavilion weather permitting

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM

January 8th	May 7th	September 10th
January 15th	May 21st	September 17th
February 5th	June 4th	October 1st
February 19th	June 18th	October 15th
March 5th	July 2nd	November 5th
March 19th	July 16th	November 19th
April 2nd	August 6th	December 3rd
April 16th	August 20th	December 17th

1st and 3rd Monday of Month

## HISTORIC COMMISSION MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM

January 10th	May 2nd	September 5th
January 17th	May 16th	September 19th
February 7th	June 6th	October 3rd
February 21st	June 20th	October 17th
March 7th	July 11th	November 7th
March 21st	July 18th	November 21st
April 4th	August 1st	December 5th
April 18th	August 15th	December 19th

1st and 3rd Wednesday of Month

\*\*\*Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 - 6:00 PM - Elected Board of Auditors\*\*\*

## RECYCLING SCHEDULE

WEST SIDE			EAST SIDE		
January 12th	May 4th	* Sept 7th/8th	* Jan 5th/6th	May 11th	September 14th
January 26th	May 18th	September 21st	January 19th	May 25th	September 28th
February 9th	* June 1st/2nd	October 5th	February 2nd	June 8th	October 12th
February 23rd	June 15th	October 19th	February 16th	June 22nd	October 26th
March 9th	June 29th	November 2nd	March 2nd	* July 6th/7th	November 9th
March 23rd	July 13th	November 16th	March 16th	July 20th	* Nov 23rd/24th
April 6th	July 27th	November 30th	March 30th	August 3rd	December 7th
April 20th	August 10th	December 14th	April 13th	August 17th	December 21st
	August 24th	* Dec 28th/29th	April 27th	August 31st	

\* **HOLIDAY**- When a holiday falls within the week, trash/recycling pickup will start on Friday and continue on Saturday. Republic Services Holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Holidays that fall on a Saturday or Sunday do not affect your trash pickup. We suggest still putting out your bins on Thursday night.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND INFORMATION

FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL - 610-384-7144

### LEAF PICK UP

By Appointment only. Leaves are picked up every Monday in Oct and Nov. Must be in biodegradable bags.

### BRUSH PICKUP / CHIPPING SERVICE

By Appointment only. 1st Monday of the month.

### COMPOST SITE

Located at 2240 Upper Gap Rd in S. Coatesville. Open 2nd Saturday of every month from 8 AM - 2 PM.

### CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

By Appointment only. Every Monday in Jan. and Feb.

### BULK TRASH

By Appointment only. 1st Friday of the month

2 - Non-Metal Items - Republic Services - 610-806-5525

2 - Metal Items - Township - 610-384-7144

## IMPORTANT DATES

Primary Election - Tuesday, May 15th - 7 AM - 8 PM  
Election Day - Tuesday, November 6th - 7 AM - 8 PM

Park Day - Saturday, October 13th - 10 AM - 4 PM  
Halloween - Wednesday, October 31st - 6 PM - 8 PM

# East Fallowfield Planning Commission – Spring 2018 Update

Residents and Neighbors,

Thank you for your responses thru the last few years. These responses have helped continue to make East Fallowfield Township a nice place to live and have helped add to the vision of how to keep our township safe, healthy, and economically viable and sustainable.

In July of 2015 we adopted our Comprehensive Plan for our community. This plan was two years in the making. We reached out to the community to help us shape the future plans for which we believe the Township should go in. When we reviewed things like growth of our community, we found between the 2000 and the 2010 census, our community had grown 44.4%. From 2010 to 2020 we are projected to grow 8.1% moving our population closer to 8,051 residents. We are still looking at how to balance our growth with our desire to protect our open lands for conservation and preservation while still providing our fair share of housing.



Our Planning Commission (PC) members, past and present, have dedicated many hours to researching and recommending the most fair and equitable advice to aid the Board of Supervisor (BOS) in making the best decisions for all our residents. We on the PC continue to look at the Strategic Implementation plan as we go forward as a community annually with our prioritized recommendations.

Our number #1 recommended item in 2017 was to hire a Township Manager which has just been implemented by our new 2018 Board of Supervisors. We look forward to a period of new coordination and cooperation in helping implement projects and move them forward.

The planning commission is now working on creating for adoption by the board, an “official map”. Please feel welcome to come and participate in our task force. Or in looking at many other projects that would help bring about a safer Community. For example, we are looking for people to help us plan for a safe bike and walking path through our township connecting neighborhoods and developments. We are looking for ways to continue to preserve our history and looking to make village centers.

This year we are also focusing on addressing old rundown, obsolete and structurally unsafe buildings which tend to go unnoticed and unregulated. We are working on drafting fair ordinances with as much feedback as possible before having the Board of Supervisors vote on adopting it into an ordinance. One of our prior BOS members said, “You don’t care about these ordinances until you are sitting next door to a junk yard.” Then your property value or even likelihood of selling your property becomes greatly diminished.

Our greatest challenges for the new year to come is the exploration of new opportunities to make up for our loss in earned income revenue to cover our present expenses. We will look into more grant opportunities and other plans to keep the essence of our township goals and objectives in our comprehensive plan.

Please continue to participate and help make our community sustainable for our future residents and ourselves. Bring your skills forward, whatever they may be. Sometimes it is just your interaction and your opinion while other times it is your social media skills or other skills you wouldn’t have thought would help. East Fallowfield has many positions open from the Planning Commission to Park and Recreation Committee. We even sponsor classes to help you become more qualified in specific areas of municipal planning or zoning. Come help us make a difference!

Dennis MAQ Crook, Chairman of the Planning Commission

## East Fallowfield Township Hires New Township Manager



The East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors has appointed Scott Swichar as the new Township Manager. Swichar, who was previously the Deputy Township Manager of Bristol Township in Bucks County for approximately six years, was selected to fill the position after an extensive search. He will direct all executive functions, including supervision of the police, public works, finance, and code enforcement departments. He began his full-time employment on April 30, 2018.

“The Supervisors interviewed numerous candidates in order to fill the position and ultimately determined that hiring Swichar would further improve the community and put East Fallowfield Township in the best possible position

to address current and future challenges,” said Steve Herzog, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. “The Board is pleased to have hired a professional administrator that will continue the progress that the Township Supervisors are making in addressing key issues, such as improving an aging infrastructure, stabilizing the community’s finances and enhancing quality of life. Swichar has demonstrated expertise in financial management and an impressive record in securing grant funding that will help to move East Fallowfield forward,” he said.

“I would like to thank the Township Supervisors for their confidence in me. I am impressed with the positive changes they are making in East Fallowfield and how seriously they took the hiring process. It is a real honor to have the opportunity to serve as the manager of East Fallowfield Township,” stated Scott Swichar.



# The Great Tornado in Chester County

Although not unknown in the region, East Fallowfield is generally not thought of as an area prone to tornadoes, however that was not the case on a warm and humid July day in 1877, when a tornado tore through the Ercildoun section of the Township. Richard Darlington, Jr. the principal of the Ercildoun Seminary, located on Buck Run Road, now home to St. Joseph's House and the St. Philomena Academy wrote of the storm in a pamphlet entitled "Full Description of the Great Tornado in Chester County, PA" published in 1877.

Mr. Darlington was a witness to the storm, and saw his seminary suffer some of the most extensive damage in the area from the tornado. Within a few days of the storm, Darlington surveyed the path of the tornado and interviewed those residents affected by the storm, chronicling their accounts of damages and loss, combining them with his personal experiences to enable him to provide "a faithful and accurate description of the movements and conduct of this storm-cloud".

Accounts generally describe the tornado as having initially touched down near Gap Station, about two miles west of the Lancaster - Chester County boundary and moved west-to-east. The funnel cloud carved a swarth that was approximately 200 yards in width for about eight miles, where it widened to about 300 yards in width as it entered East Fallowfield. The entire track of the storm covered approximately twenty miles. Prior to arriving in Ercildoun, the storm had uprooted and knocked down trees and fences and picked up livestock dropping them hundreds of yards from where they had been picked up by the storm. The funnel lifted from the ground about one-half mile east of Ercildoun, continuing in an easterly direction for approximately seven miles, touching the ground again near Broad Run, destroying barns and out buildings of properties in West Bradford township, where the storm finally subsided.

Various accounts described the dark funnel carrying debris including dirt, timber, tree limbs and leaves, and making a roaring sound similar to continuous thunder as it through debris in all directions for hundreds of yards from the vortex. One observer accounted that as the storm passed over a stream, "water was taken up and carried into the funnel of the cloud, leaving the bed of the stream dry." Residents described their barns, farming tools, and carriages being taken up by the storm and never recovered. A man walking along Strasburg Road near Parkesburg was picked up by the storm and carried some two hundred yards, where he was found with a broken jaw and broken shoulder, but somehow survived.



APPEARANCE OF THE STORM-CLOUD WHILE MOVING THROUGH JOSEPH BRINTON'S FIELD.

Image reprinted from the Darlington Pamphlet

As the storm entered East Fallowfield, it was described as having destroyed forest trees "by the thousands", snapping them in half, uprooting them, or pulling them up by the roots. According to Darlington, thousands of people would come to visit the sight of the forests which covered approximately thirty acres, as such damage had never been known in the area. The area included the only human fatality reported as a woman, Mary Hopkins, who was crushed as her house was overturned by the storm.

Darlington described moving his family to the basement of the Seminary as the storm approached, thankful that the students had recently departed for the summer recess. He didn't make it to the basement as the storm struck, watching it from the first floor of the seminary building. He

stated that it was all over in less than a minute, but within that minute, the resulting destruction was unimaginable. The roof and fourth story of the Seminary structure was completely gone. Darlington's newly constructed house adjacent to the seminary was gone as were carriage houses, barns, and other out buildings. Some livestock had killed including cows and horses, others badly injured. The landscape was covered with splintered timber and debris. Darlington reported that documents and letters stored in the upper floor of the seminary had been recovered some ten miles away. A grove of trees to the west of the Fallowfield Meeting House including large oaks considered to be a hundred years old was destroyed, along with horse sheds and other out buildings. Other nearby houses in Ercildoun were destroyed or lost their roofs to the storm. By Darlington's account, it was miraculous that only one life had been lost to the tornado.

It was said that the storm was so unprecedented in the area, that for weeks following the storm, the roads surrounding Ercildoun were crowded with vehicles of reporters, photographers, artists, and sight-seers. On the Sunday following the storm, that one day alone saw more than five thousand visitors to Ercildoun. A group of concerned residents established a committee and raised money to assist the poorer of the residents afflicted by the damages caused by the storm. Sufficient funds were raised to assist many of the residents repair or rebuild their structures. Darlington placed the monetary value of the property loss at some \$40,000, which today would be well over one million dollars. Storm devastation never before seen in Chester County prior to July 1, 1877 by all accounts, and rarely since.

The Great Tornado of Chester County.

By, Joe McCormick

Chairman, East Fallowfield Historical Commission



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# Section 1: Introduction

## What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff is precipitation (rain or snowmelt) that flows across the land. Stormwater may infiltrate into soil, discharge directly into streams, water bodies, or stormdrains, or evaporate back into the atmosphere.

In the natural environment, most precipitation is absorbed by trees and plants or permeates into the ground, which results in stable stream flows and good water quality.



Healthy forest



Storm drain

Things are different in the built environment. Rain that falls on a roof, driveway, patio, or lawn runs off the surface more rapidly, picking up pollutants as it goes. This stormwater runoff flows into streams or storm drains that empty into waterways like the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers.



Polluted urban flooding

## Why Can Stormwater Runoff Be a Problem?

Poorly managed stormwater runoff can cause many problems. These include:

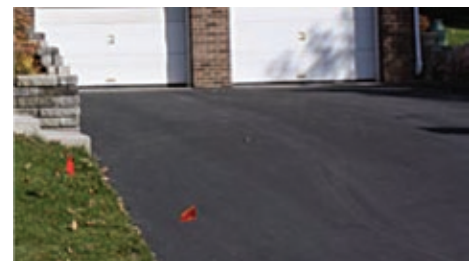
- Flooding.** As stormwater runs off roofs, driveways, and lawns, large volumes quickly reach streams, causing them to rise and flood. When more impervious surfaces exist, flooding occurs rapidly and can be severe, resulting in damage to property and harm to people.
- Pollution.** Stormwater running over roofs, driveways, roads, and lawns will pick up pollutants such as oil, fertilizers, pesticides, dirt/sediment, trash, and animal waste. These pollutants “hitch a ride” with the stormwater and flow untreated into local streams, polluting our waters.
- Stream Bank Erosion.** When stormwater flows into streams at unnaturally high volumes and speeds, the power of these flows can cause severe stream bank erosion. Eroding banks can eat away at streamside property, create dangerous situations, and damage natural habitat for fish and other aquatic life. This erosion is another source of sediment pollution in streams.
- Threats to Human Health.** Stormwater runoff can carry many pollutants, such as toxic metals, organic compounds, bacteria, and viruses. Polluted stormwater, especially coming from combined sewer overflows, can contaminate drinking water supplies and hamper recreational opportunities as well as threaten fish and other aquatic life.

## What Can I Do to Help?

As a homeowner, you can help avoid the problems associated with stormwater runoff by:

- reducing impervious areas (hard surfaces like roofs, paved areas) so that rain soaks into the ground
- planting native trees and plants which help infiltrate stormwater and increase evaporation and transpiration
- managing stormwater on-site with rain gardens, rain barrels, and similar practices
- following the lawn care practices described in this guide

By doing many small things on your property, you can have a big impact on improving stormwater management and water quality in our region.



Impervious surface



Permeable pavers





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In Pennsylvania, the drainage area of the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio rivers covers more than a third of the state and is home to more than three million people. ([www.orsanco.org](http://www.orsanco.org))

Managing stormwater on your property will not only help protect local streams, but will also help clean up downstream waterways like these rivers.

## Section 2: Assessing Stormwater on Your Property

In order to better manage stormwater on your property you should first understand how stormwater affects it. Follow these simple steps to figure out where stormwater is generated, how it flows, and approximately how much stormwater comes from your property. You may draw your map on paper using Appendix A, or use the additional instructions in Appendix B to create an aerial photo map.

### 1. Walk your property and map your boundaries and basic features.

#### Step 1: Draw your property boundaries.

Draw the boundaries of your lot. If you are not sure of your boundaries, you may be able to look this up on your property tax assessment, deed to your house, or at your county's tax office.

Typical property boundary mapped via [www.stormwaterguide.org](http://www.stormwaterguide.org)







#### Step 2: Draw buildings and other features of your property.

Draw and label the buildings and other features of your property. These include:



Impervious surfaces mapped via [www.stormwaterguide.org](http://www.stormwaterguide.org)

-  **Impervious areas.** These are hard surfaces on your property that prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground. They include rooftops, driveways, parking areas, walkways, decks, patios, or other hard surfaces.
-  **Lawn and landscaped areas.** These include any areas with grass or landscaping that you regularly maintain.
-  **Natural vegetation.** These are areas of woods, meadow, or other naturally vegetated areas that are allowed to grow on your property.
-  **Water features.** These could be streams, wetlands, ponds, or swimming pools.

You can determine the approximate size of each area by using a tape measure and calculating the square footage of each. Depending on the overall size of your property, you may want to calculate these areas in square feet or convert to acres (1 acre = 43,560 square feet). If your property has no natural vegetation, such as woods or meadows, or water features on it, you can simply subtract the impervious areas from your total lot size to get your total lawn and landscaped area.

## Septic Systems in Pennsylvania



It is estimated there are more than 1 million on lot sewage systems in the Commonwealth that serve an estimated 3.7 million residents, out of the total population in Pennsylvania of 12.7 million people. For residents with on lot sewage systems, it is up to the homeowner to maintain and properly care for the system.

All too often, homeowners do not know enough about how to care for their system properly. If not regularly maintained, raw sewage containing pathogens from septic systems can make its way to rivers, streams and groundwater supplies, and pollute drinking water and the places residents play, paddle and fish.

It is important for drinking water protection programs to evaluate the risk that septic systems pose to local groundwater and surface drinking water sources from poorly functioning septic systems — systems that if left untreated, could lead to contaminated water resources.

## Why Is It Important to Manage Septic Systems Near the Sources of Your Drinking Water?

Septic systems can be a significant source of ground water contamination leading to waterborne disease outbreaks and other adverse health effects. The bacteria, protozoa, and viruses found in sanitary wastewater can cause numerous diseases, including gastrointestinal illness, cholera, hepatitis A, and typhoid.

Nitrogen, primarily from urine, feces, food waste, and cleaning compounds, is present in sanitary wastewater. Consumption of nitrates can cause methemoglobinemia (blue baby syndrome) in infants, which reduces the ability of the blood to carry oxygen. If left untreated, methemoglobinemia can be fatal for affected infants. Due to this health risk, a drinking water maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/l) or parts per million (ppm) has been set for nitrate measured as nitrogen. Even properly functioning conventional septic systems, however, may not remove enough nitrogen to attain this standard in their effluent.

Septic systems can contribute to source water contamination for various reasons, including:

- improper siting
- poor design
- faulty construction and
- incorrect operation and maintenance.

[http://www.sourcewaterpa.org/?page\\_id=2632](http://www.sourcewaterpa.org/?page_id=2632)



## Random Tidbits

- Call 811 – Before you Dig
- Please add us on Facebook for more current updates: [www.facebook.com/eastfallowfieldtownship](http://www.facebook.com/eastfallowfieldtownship)
- Sign up for our PDF newsletter/email updates on our website at [www.eastfallowfield.org](http://www.eastfallowfield.org) (on home page on left below EFT calendar)
- Halloween – Trick or Treat - will be on Wednesday, October 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM.
- New to the Township? Request a new resident information packet by email at [karchibald@eastfallowfield.org](mailto:karchibald@eastfallowfield.org) or call 610-384-7144.
- Questions on Earned Income Tax – call Keystone Collections at 610-269-4402
- Questions on Municipal or County Real Estate Tax – call Chester County Treasurer – 610-344-6370
- Questions on School District Tax – Call Berkheimer at 610-599-3143
- Our Park Pavilion can be rented by residents for \$50 or non-residents for \$100. Call the Township for reservations.
- Do not blow leaves or grass into the street
- Do not shovel or blow snow onto any of the Township roads.





# PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

## *Keeping Children Safe*

### PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

- ◆ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- ◆ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ◆ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

### KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- ◆ These children are transported more than 400 million miles to school each year.
- ◆ Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST** stop.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

***Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.***



# EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

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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](http://www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services) or call 610-344-6410



**There is no parking on the Streets in East Fallowfield  
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