

# East Cocalico Township

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#### 2015 Summer/Fall

Summer/Fall 2015 Volume 30, Issue 2

### SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST:

- REMEMBERING 9/11 To all of those who suffered, died, and sacrificed everything. Never forget.
- Want to read more? You can by viewing this newsletter online, then click the working links (blue wording).
- Support your local Fire Company and volunteer today!
- Support your local Ambulance.
- Trick or Treat Night is scheduled for Fri., Oct. 30, 2015, 6-8pm.
- Keep informed! Attend public meetings. See calendar (last page).



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### CONTRIBUTIONS



Pictured (left to right): Chad Weaver of the Stevens Fire Company; Brian Auker of the Smokestown Fire Co.; Scott Achey of the Reamstown Fire Co. and the Reamstown Ambulance Assoc.; Noelle B. Fortna, Board of Supervisors Secretary; Douglas B. Mackley, Board of Supervisors Chairman; Alan R. Fry, Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman; and Kathy Thren for the Adamstown Library. (Photo Courtesy of Alice Hummer)

At their meeting held on Thursday, May 21, 2015, the East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors presented annual contributions to the area's emergency service agencies and the Adamstown Library. One at a time, the Board recognized each spokesperson and publically thanked the entire agency for everything they do for the community!

### Remembrance



In remembrance of KENNETH "KEN"

SWEITZER 1943-2015

Outstanding dedicated services with the Planning Commission (32 years), and as an active volunteer firefighter and fire policeman.

We recognize Ken's dedication to serving the community, making this community a better place to live.

Our condolences to the

Sweitzer family.



In remembrance of ROBERT "BOB"

ROGGENBURG

Chairman of the Planning
Commission for 8 years, and
according to records Bob started
attending Supervisor meetings
regularly since July 3, 1985.
We recognize Bob's dedication
to serving the community,
making this community a better
place to live.

Our condolences to the Roggenburg family.

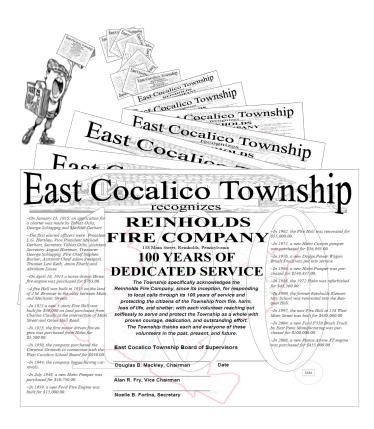




#### **OFFICER GAIL SIZER**

We are very proud to announce that one of our own, Officer Gail Sizer of the East Cocalico Police Department has set a new World Record in the Police Games Women's Bench Press. Gail competed against police from 49 countries and set the World Record and earned the Gold Medal with a bench press of 200.6 lbs. This was not only a World Record but also a personal best for Gail.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**



### REAMSTOWN POOL

### end of summer pool schedule

CLOSED: Aug. 31 thru Sept. 4.

OPEN: Sept. 5 and 6 from 12:30 to 8pm.

OPEN: Sept. 7 (Labor day) open 12:30 to 6pm.

CLOSED for the season: September 8th.

See you next year for a SPLASHING good time!



The children will be off to school, starting August 31st. Please

watch for children walking or riding their bikes, school buses unloading and loading children, and parents stopping to drop their child off or pick them up. Please slow down, pay attention and no dialing or texting.

Visit the Cocalico School District

website at: www.cocalico.net

# Station 1 -8 REINHOLDS FIRE COMPANY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

At their meeting held on Thursday, July 16, 2015, the East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors presented a resolution and certificate to the Reinholds Fire Company commending the Reinholds Volunteer Fire Company for 100 years of dedicated service.

### · WOODY WASTE

#### WHAT IS ALLOWED AT THE SITE?

**WHO**: East Cocalico Township residents and property owners.

<u>WHAT</u>: Limbs and branches 1.5" diameter or less, and stumps that are less than 12" diameter.

**WHERE:** 100 Hill Rd, Denver, behind the municipal building.

<u>WHEN</u>: Mon. thru Fri. 8am-4:30pm., Sat. 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m., no Sundays or Holidays.

#### WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED AT THE SITE?

<u>WHO</u>: **NO** commercial dumping whether you live in the township or not.

NO ILLEGAL DUMPING

<u>WHAT</u>: NO grass, flowers, weeds, oriental grass, leaves, leaf/trash bags, furniture, clay pots, bricks, skids, stumps larger than 12" diameter (please cut down to under 12"), appliances, treated and untreated wood, picnic tables, pool tables, tires, or any other trash of this nature. This is "illegal dumping".

WHERE: For disposal of your "non" woody waste items, please contact: (1) your trash hauler, (2) Lanc. County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA), 717-397-9968 or visit: http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma\_faqs.html. (3) www.earth911.com for a list of recycling facilities close to you by clicking on "Recycle Search", enter the name of the item to be recycled, and your zip code.

<u>WHEN</u>: Drop off your woody waste during the days shown above. To avoid the mud, please do <u>not</u> use the site during or after rainy day events.

#### **WOODY WASTE NEEDS YOUR HELP**

These pictures show trash that was recently discarded at the Township's Woody Waste site. **This is not a dump site!** These items are NOT acceptable and is *illegal dumping*. The Woody Waste Site is exactly what it is named - for "woody" waste.

The items received at the site are placed into a wood chipper: limbs and branches 1.5" in diameter or less, and stumps less than 12" in diameter.

We cannot chip or mulch weeds, or flowers from the flower garden, or vegetables from the vegetable garden, garbage bags, ornamental grass, flower pots, or any items of this nature. The site is only EPA/DEP licensed for wood only. The township could be fined for illegal dumping since the site is not set up to contain stormwater run off from grass and yard waste.

If you see someone dumping, please ask them to stop, as your tax dollars could be used more wisely and spent elsewhere than having the Township Road Crew sift through the site and pick out the unwanted and illegally dumped items.

### WHAT TO DO LEAVES?

MULCHING is simple, environmentally friendly, and a cost effective way to fertilize the soil. A mulching blade chops the leaves into small pieces. Start by setting your mower height and remove the bag.

friendly, and cost effective way to fertilize the soil and make natural fertilizer. To start, make a pile of leaves and mix in some grass clippings (5 to 1 ratio). Stir every two weeks or so. In the Spring you will have nutrient-rich mulch for gardens and flower beds.

MAGGING: A not-so-simple process that costs money. Leaves are placed into bags and placed out for your trash hauler. Ask your trash hauler what the pick-up days are and costs. Kraft bags are available at the East Cocalico Township Building for the residents.

For a fee, Martin's Mulch Products, 55 Woodcrest Dr., Ephrata takes leaves. Call for more information 733-1602.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP LEAVES
AT THE TOWNSHIP WOODY WASTE SITE

#### OPEN BURNING is <u>not</u> allowed in the Township



ILLEGAL

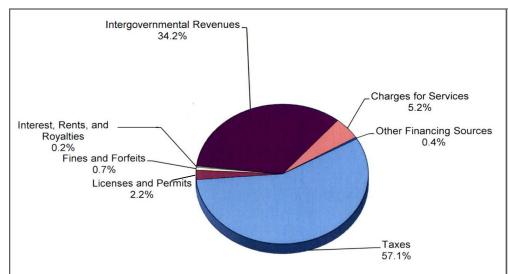
If you notice burning, please call the Township Office, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 336-1720 and ask for the Zoning Officer. If after hours, please

call the Township Fire Official at 336-4172, or 629-5468, or call County Dispatch as a nonemergency 1-800-691-3473. If you have any questions concerning permitting, please call the Township Zoning Officer Tony Luongo at 336-1720.





### GENERAL FUND **REVENUES** YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014



#### Charges for services include:

Subdivision and Zoning Fees, Permit Fees, Pool Memberships, Police Services.

Taxes include: Real Estate (Spring Taxes), Earned In-come Tax & Occupational Privilege Tax.

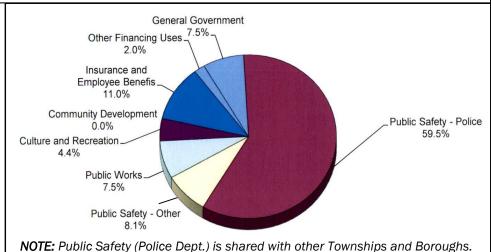
### EVER WONDER WHAT IS IN THE PIE?

### GENERAL FUND **EXPENDITURES** YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Public Safety: Police Department, Fire & Ambulance Company contributions, Planning and Zoning, Sewage Enforcement Officer.

General Government: Wages, Advertising, Auditors, Tax Collector Commission, Professional Services, Supplies, Building (utilities, maintenance, etc.).

**Public Works:** Highway Dept. (wages, equipment), Supplies, Traffic Signals & Signs, Construction Projects.





### home sweet home

Not only is the shell of the "bog turtle" it's home, but East Cocalico Township is too!

The proposed Rose Hill Development recently sold a 102-acre field as a permanent easement to the federal government for nearly \$1.3 million to keep these endangered bog turtles safe.

Previously, approximately 300 homes were planned to be built on this site.

### FEMA news East Cocalico

Township appealed a proposed FEMA Floodplain along the Cocalico Creek which was larger than expected. After reviewing the township's engineering research, FEMA agreed to the appeal resulting in a 2.4 foot decrease in the flood water surface elevation and keeping several acres of land out of the more heavilyregulated Floodplain.



2015 ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANS Last updated: July 2015								
PLAN NAME	LOCATION	NUMBER OF UNITS/LOTS	PLAN TYPE	USES	STATUS	NEXT STEP		
BLAISE ALEXANDER FORD	620 N. Reading Rd.	Addition	Final	Commercial	Conditionally approved	Phase 2 larger addition		
COCALICO COMMONS SHOPPING CENTER	Colonel Howard Blvd. & Rt. 222	More than 4 units	Final	Commercial	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions		
DENTECH 1975 N. Reading Rd.  FOUR SEASONS 400 Wabash Rd.  FOX BROOKE 196 East Swartzville Road  HEATHERWOODS PHASE 1 & 2 HIII Rd.  HURST 48 Adamstown Rd.  PET FOOD EXPERTS 531 S. Muddy Creek Rd.		Rennovations	Permit	Commercial	Completed	None		
		1 unit (29,000 sq. ft. non-residential	Preliminary warehouse & man	Commercial ufacturing building expansio	Approved	Construction completed		
		422 units	Revised Preliminary	Residential and commercial	Under review	Conditional approval		
		33 single-family dwellings and 56 apartments (both phases combined)	Phase 2B final	Residential	Submit as-built plans	Submit as-built plans		
		7 dwellings	Preliminary	Residential	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions		
		1 unit - 197,000 sq. ft.	Final	Warehouse	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions		
MITCHELL POULTRY BARN	Martin Dr.	1 unit	Stormwater	Agricultural	Approved	Completed		
STONEY POINT PHASE 2	24 Sandstone Dr.	37 dwellings	Preliminary	Single family dwellings, 7-acre park	Approved	Under Construction		
TWO COUSINS	TWO COUSINS Rt. 272		Final	Commercial	Being reviewed	Conditional approval		
VILLAGE AT EAST COCALICO WABASH LANDING VILLAGE OVERLAY  WJ CROSSROADS  East of S. Muddy Creek Rd., north of US Rt. 222 and south of the East Kestral Drive terminus  Wabash Rd. and Stevens Rd.  Northwestern corner of intersection of Rt. 272 & W. Church St.		101 dwellings (town houses and five single-	Preliminary	Residential	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions		
		197 dwellings	Preliminary	Residential	Approved	Submit phase 1 final plan		
		1 unit 3,600 sq. ft.	Preliminary/ final plan	One small commercial building	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions		

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#### 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

REQUIREMENT	DATE
Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.	August 3
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed by nomination papers.	August 10
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary.	August 10
Last day to REGISTER before the November election.	October 5
Last day to apply for a civilian Absentee ballot.	October 27
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian Absentee ballots.	October 30
MUNICIPAL ELECTION - Polls remain open continuously between the hours of 7am and 8pm.	November 3
First day to REGISTER after Election.	November 4

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted November 10

military and overseas Absentee ballots (submitted for

delivery no later than 11:59 pm on November 2nd.

### ! YOUR VOTE COUNTS! GENERAL ELECTION

Tues., Nov. 3, 2015 7:00am to 8:00pm

#### STEVENS—DISTRICT #3303

Stevens Fire Company 91 Stevens Rd. 717-336-4200

### REAMSTOWN—DISTRICT #3304

Salem United Church of Christ, 12 E. Church St. 717-336-7378

#### SMOKESTOWN—DISTRICT #3301

Smokestown Fire Company 860 Smokestown Rd. 717-336-3311

#### **SWARTZVILLE—DISTRICT #3302**

Peace United Church of Christ, 37 E. Swartzville Rd. 717-484-4400

Ballot Viewer, PA Voter ID Law, Locations, Changes, Running for Office, plus more information can be found at Lancaster County Election Website or call 717-299-8293

### zing Stormwater Runoff **Rain Check** When the amount of rain falling exceeds the land's ability to absorb it, the result is stormwater runoff.

### Stormwater-Friendly Lawns and Gardens

Without treatment, stormwater that runs from the land into our waterways can be unhealthy for people and bad for the environment. Runoff can carry chemicals, metals, bacteria, viruses, organic compounds, and other pollutants directly into creeks, lakes, rivers, and streams. Runoff can also

cause severe erosion and flooding — even during a typical Pennsylvania storm.

What can we do? big impact as all of them work together Homeowners can take steps to help with the effort by making sure their gardens and lawns are "stormwater-friendly."

Gardens can contribute considerable nutrients and other pollutants to waterways if not cared for responsibly. Instead of using chemical fertilizers, give organic alternatives, such as compost and manure a try.

**Insects** are harmless to people and play an important role in

maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. If one is posing a problem, identify the exact pest and research the nonchemical alternative. Pesticides should be a last resort.

Lawn-care steps not only help to protect local streams and rivers but also result in cost savings for homeowners. Setting your mower

In the long run, little actions, such as

taking a stormwater-friendly approach

to your garden and lawn, will have a

to protect our water's quality.

height to 3 inches or higher slows runoff and produces a deeper and denser root system, which absorbs more water and prevents erosion. Keep the grass clippings and chopped leaves, they decompose quickly providing

important nutrients for your lawn.

Do you really need to fertilize your

lawn? If your lawn is thin or has bare spots, you may not have a choice since a dense, vegetated cover is the most stormwaterfriendly lawn. There are no onesize-fits-all guidelines when it comes to fertilizer because of soil texture and pH and nutrient levels. Identifying your lawn's needs first

will reduce unnecessary applications, create a healthier lawn faster, and reduce your long-term costs. If fertilizer is needed, maximize the benefits of slow-release nitrogen, typically called "water insoluble nitrogen" or WIN, and minimize the number of chemical applications. Another tip: Homeowners should wait until the grass begins growing in March to fertilize and then stop fertilizing after October.

Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream. If

you live near a stream, consider establishing a natural riparian buffer there instead. When you're done applying fertilizer, immediately sweep any granulated chemicals off hard surfaces.

To learn more about a natural riparian buffers, visit www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org and click on "Structural BMPs."

Note: Information courtesy of Storm-waterPA and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

### what's the scoop? -



### DON'T SCOOP BEFORE YOU CHECK THE **EARTH DISTURBANCE AND STORMWATER PLAN REQUIREMENTS!**

Recently the Township was made aware of an ongoing 20,000 sq. ft. earth disturbance project on Denver Road without the appropriate permit application submission. Per DEP requirements, NO excavation or fill in of soil is permitted without a stormwater plan and a permit. Projects involving

earth disturbance (a construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of the land) of less than 1,000 sq. ft. do not require a permit. Projects involving 1,000 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. may meet the Small Projects Exemption; however, they would require an earth disturbance permit. Larger projects need a stormwater management plan and an earth disturbance permit. Please check with the Township before doing any earth disturbance activity.

## WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

E-Mail: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

Website: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com

Phone: 336-1731 Fax: 336-1735

### **FINDING LEAKS SAVING MONEY**

Have you ever been surprised >>> by a higher water bill than you were expecting? During quarterly bill preparation, if Authority staff notice a property with higher than normal water use, a letter will be sent to that customer to alert them of possible problems or leaks with their home's plumbing system. Often that customer will call us asking for advice on how to check for a leak. Here are some things to look for:

- The first thing you need to do is locate the water meter in your house. The water meter in your house is a very accurate and reliable device. The only time the meter will record usage is when water is actually flowing through it and into your house. It's often found in the basement or in a garage, usually on the street side of the building. The meter will have a brass colored base and a black plastic cap.
- Lift the cap and see if the red indicator or center spinner on the face of the meter is mov-

ina. If it's moving,

that means water is going through the meter and into your house.



- A good way to check for a leak is to write down the numbers you will find on the face of the water meter. Do this when no one will be in the house for a few hours or right before you go to bed. Upon returning home or getting up in the morning, immediately write down the meter's numbers again before anyone in the house uses water. The two sets of numbers should be identical. If there is any difference in the numbers, it is a good indication that there is a leak in the house.
- Toilets are by far the main culprit of most home leaks. Toilets can leak a few gallons in a 24-hour period or thousands. Over time even a few gallons

per day can be significant. Toilet leaks are often silent, and the homeowner is unaware of the water being wasted. One way to check for a toilet leak is to



turn off the water supply valve near the floor at the back of the tank. Wait an hour and then reopen the valve. If the toilet begins to

fill, that means you have a leak. Another way to check is to put a few drops of food coloring in the tank of the toilet (where the mechanical parts are located). Do not flush the toilet. Wait an hour and then check the toilet bowl. If any of the colored water has found its way into the bowl, you most likely have a leak.



- If you have a water softener make sure it is in good repair. We have had customers report to us that their water softener failed to shut down after going through its regeneration cycle, wasting large amounts of water.
- Aging water heaters may start leaking. Check your water heater from time to time especially around the base for signs of leaking water.
- Do you have outside spigots? Make sure all outside spigots are fully closed.

If there are garden hoses attached it's especially important to turn off the water supply to the hoses when not in use.

• Do you have pipes anywhere in the house that might be leaking? This past winter was particularly cold for an extended period of time. We have had customers report that they had pipes freeze inside of walls and ceilings causing large water loss and damage.

It is a good idea to know where the water shut-off valve to your house is located. Typically it will be found where the water line enters your house, near the water meter. In an emergency you can quickly shut the water off to your house avoiding extensive damage. It is always good practice to turn off the water supply to your house if you are planning to be away for an extended period of time. We have had customers return from extended vacations only to find a water pipe broke or a toilet malfunctioned while they were gone resulting in very large water bills.

Finally, please remember that except for work directly related to the water meter, Authority personnel are not permitted to trouble shoot or repair plumbing problems inside of private homes. If you suspect a leak or locate one and can't repair it yourself please call a plumber for assistance.

### Lifestyle change?

In addition to possible leaks, your water bill may be higher than usual because of a lifestyle change. Below is a list of some of the more common scenarios that may contribute to an increased water bill:

Are there new additions to the family?

Did you have relatives or friends staying at your house for an extended period of time? Are the kids home from college?

> Are you doing laundry or running the dishwasher more often? Did you fill or top off a swimming pool in the last few months? Do you have a flower or vegetable garden that you water regularly?

Are you washing cars or power washing driveways, sidewalks or your home?



### EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 100 HILL ROAD **DENVER, PA 17517**

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP OFFICE 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm. P: 717-336-1720 F: 717-336-1724

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E: township@eastcocalicotownship.com

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP POLICE 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm EMERG: 911 P: 717-336-1725 F: 717-336-1737

W: www.eastcocalicopolice.com

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY OFFICE 102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm. P: 717-336-1731 F: 717-336-1735

W: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com E: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

**REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY** 12 W Church St, Reamstown 17567 **P**: 336-3958 SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517

W: www.reastownfirecompany.com P: 336-3311 W: www.smokestownfire.com

STEVENS FIRE COMPANY 91 Stevens Rd, Denver 17517

**P:** 336-4200 W: www.stevensfire.net

REAMSTOWN POOL 68 Ream Road, Stevens, PA 17578

**P:** 717-336-3537 (only in operation when the pool is open)

TAXES Joan Fischer, 500 Mohns Hill Rd., Reinholds, 17569. During office hours call 717-336-1721. During non-office hours 717-484-4975.

Mar. through Apr. Hours: Tues. & Fri. 10am to noon, and Fri. 8pm to 10pm, April 30th 8pm to 10pm W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

May through Feb. Hours: First Fri. of month 8pm to 10pm, and first Sat. of month 10am to 12 noon E: tax\_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com

ZONING OFFICER Tony Luongo, 100 Hill Rd, Denver, PA 17517 Hours: M-F 8am to 4:30pm 717-336-1720(call ahead) W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com/Zoning

E: zoning\_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com

### **EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP** 2015 MEETING DATES

uniess offic	unless otherwise noted, all meetings are neid at the East Cocalico Township Municipal Bullating, 100 Hill Roda, Denver, PA 1751.						
MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	POLICE BOARD	PLANNING COMMISSION	PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP	ZONING HEARING BOARD	RECREATION BOARD	AUTHORITY
	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
JANUARY	5*, 15	22	26	21	14	20	8
FEBRUARY	5, 19	26	23	11	11	17	12
MARCH	5**, 19	26	30	25	11	17	12
APRIL	1, 16	23	27	22	8	21	9
MAY	7, 21	28	18	13	13	19	14
JUNE	4***, 18	25	29	24	10	16	11
JULY	1, 16	23	27	22	8	21	9
AUGUST	6, 20	27	31	26	12	18	13
SEPTEMBER	3****, 17	24	28	23	9	15	10
OCTOBER	1, 15	22	26	21	14	20	8
NOVEMBER	5, 19	24	16	11	11	17	12
DECEMBER	3, 17	22	28	16	9	15	10

<sup>\*</sup>January 5th: Held on a Monday, Organization Meeting.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>September 3rd: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Road, Denver.



<sup>\*\*</sup>March 5th: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens.

\*\*\*June 4th: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown.