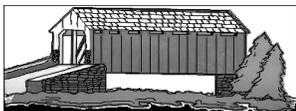


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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **HAPPY LABOR DAY**
- **REMEMBERING 9/11**
To all of those who suffered, died, and sacrificed everything. Never forget.
- Support your local Fire Company and volunteer today!
- Support your local Ambulance.
- Trick or Treat Night will be held on Monday, Oct. 31, 2016 from 6-8pm.
- See this and previous newsletters [on-line](#) for the working links.



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RECOGNITION

The dedication of the entire East Cocalico Township Police Department to the community makes this a much safer and better place to live!



Officer Michael Firestone

Responded to a dwelling fire on May 28, 2016. When he arrived he located three residents at a distant portion on the second floor balcony near the railing. All were afraid to travel near or past the fire prior to the arrival of Officer Firestone. Officer Firestone traversed the stairway and used his fire extinguisher to knock the fire down. He then aided the residents in moving past the fire and down the stairway to safety. None of these residents were injured.



Officer Roger Kreisher

Recently received a Top Gun DUI Award - an award in which Lancaster County recognizes local officers who had the most impaired driving arrests in their department. Officer Kreisher was awarded for 21 DUI arrests in 2015. (Photo courtesy of Alice Hummer)



Officer Eric Fisher

On July 3, 2016 at 11:50 pm officers were dispatched to an overdose in the 800 block of Oak Street, Denver Borough. Officer Eric Fisher was on scene within 6 minutes. He administered a dose of Naloxone to an unresponsive 28 year old male who was revived. Reamstown Ambulance transported the male to the hospital.



Officer David Fisher

Responded to a mobile home fire with entrapment on July 13, 2016. With the help from a neighbor, they pulled an oxygen-dependent woman from a window just before oxygen tanks inside exploded. No one was injured.



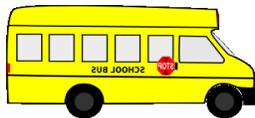
REAMSTOWN POOL



END OF SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE

- **CLOSED:** Aug. 29 thru Sept. 2.
- **OPEN LABOR DAY WEEKEND:** Sept. 3-4 12:30 to 8pm., and Sept. 5th 12:30-6pm.
- **CLOSED** for the season: September 6th.

*Thank you everyone for a great season!
See you next year for a splashing good time!*



The children will be off to school, starting August 29th. 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.



At the [July 7, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting](#), the Supervisors were pleasantly surprised by the support from the residents for the Reamstown Pool. It was understood, that the residents heard rumor that the Reamstown Pool might close because of it's financial deficit. The Supervisors indicated they are not interested in closing the pool, stating it's a benefit to the children, and it's part of their responsibility to provide recreation for the community.

At a recent meeting, general pool maintenance items were discussed. It was noted that after 35 years of service,

The following is a breakdown of every resident's cost in subsidizing the pool:
Spring Tax is $\frac{1}{3}$ for the Township and $\frac{2}{3}$ County (averages to approx. \$369). This averages to approx. \$1.40 per household's Spring Tax to subsidize the pool.

pumps at the pool needed to be repaired this summer.

With a deficit of approx. \$68,000, increasing the pool rates were discussed too; however increasing the rates may make the cost unaffordable for some residents and also noncompetitive with neighboring pools.

Pool Statistics: To date, there have been over 400 more people at the pool this year compared to last year (the pool was even open four days less than last year because of the Memorial Day weekend). The income is also approximately \$2,000.00 ahead compared to last year's income.

We are open to any comments or suggestions you may have. Please e-mail or mail your thoughts to the Township.



YOUR VOTE COUNTS



2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

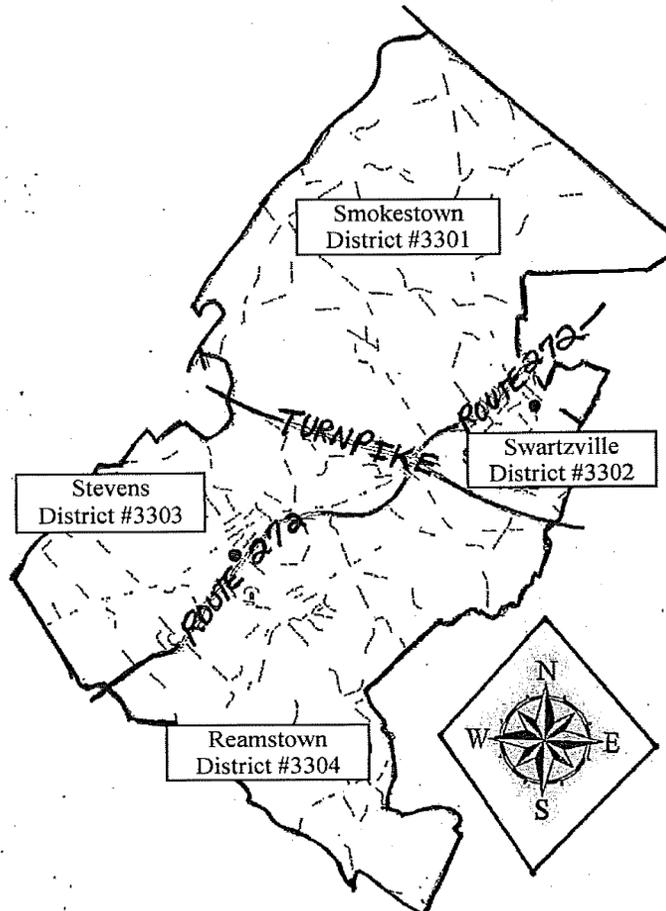
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| Last day to circulate and file nomination papers | August 1 |
| Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers | August 8 |
| Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary | August 15 |
| Last day to REGISTER before the November election | October 11 |
| Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot..... | November 1 |
| Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots | November 4 |
| GENERAL ELECTION | November 8 |
| First day to REGISTER after November election | November 9 |
| Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 7) | November 15 |

Note: All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.

More information can be found at [Lancaster County Election Website](#) or call 717-299-8293.

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 SMOKESTOWN FIRE CO.
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SWARTZVILLE DISTRICT
(district #3302)
 PEACE UNITED
 CHURCH OF CHRIST
 37 EAST SWARTZVILLE RD
 DENVER, PA 17517
 (717) 484-4400



STEVENS DISTRICT
(district #3303)
 STEVENS FIRE CO.
 91 STEVENS ROAD
 STEVENS, PA 17517
 (717) 336-4200

REAMSTOWN DISTRICT
(district #3304)
 ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL
 CONGREGATIONAL
 CHURCH
 46 E. CHURCH STREET
 REAMSTOWN, PA 17567
 (717) 336-5080

NOTE: The Reamstown District is a different location from last year.



RECYCLING NEWS

WOODY WASTE

ITEMS ALLOWED AT THE SITE

WHO: East Cocalico Township residents and property owners only.

WHAT: tree limbs and branches 1.5" diameter or less, and stumps that are less than 12" diameter.

WHERE: 100 Hill Rd, Denver, behind the Township Municipal building, 100 Hill Road, Denver.

WHEN: Mon. thru Fri. 8am-4:30pm., Sat. 8:00am-3:00pm, no Sundays or Holidays.

**NO ILLEGAL
DUMPING**

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED AT THE SITE

WHO: NO commercial dumping whether you live in the Township or not.

WHAT: NO grass, flowers, weeds, ornamental grass, leaves, leaf/trash bags, furniture, clay pots, bricks, skids, stumps larger than 12" diameter (please cut down to under 12" or less), 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 www.lcswma.org. (3) www.earth911.com for a list of recycling facilities close to you. Click on "Recycle Search", enter the name of the item to be recycled, and your zip code.

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

WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE 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.

COMPOSTING is another simple, environmentally 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.

BAGGING: 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**



Congratulations!
Give yourself a hand



The 2014 recycling figures are in..., and a grand total of **25,620.2** tons of residential and commercial materials grant eligible recyclable materials were collected by the Township. Wow! *This is great!* These recyclable totals have returned a grant in the amount of \$159,115.00! The grant is used for the betterment of the Township.

Keep up the great recycling habits!
Thank you and congratulations on a job well done!

OPEN BURNING is not allowed in the Township

If you notice burning, please call the Township Office, Monday-Friday 8am to 4:30pm at 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.



When the amount of rain falling exceeds the land's ability to absorb it, the result is stormwater runoff.

Why Is Stormwater Management Important?

I can run much better when I'm clean!



Rainfall on land flows downhill as runoff, providing water to lakes, rivers, and oceans.

Some rain soaks into the ground, as infiltration, and if deep enough, recharges groundwater.

Water from lakes and rivers can also seep into the ground. Water moves underground because of gravity and pressure.

Groundwater close to the land surface is taken up by the plants.

Some groundwater seeps into rivers and lakes, and can flow to the surface as springs.

Plants take up groundwater and evaporate it from their leaves.

Some groundwater goes very deep into the ground and stays there for a long time.

The heat of the sun provides energy to make the water cycle work.

The sun evaporates water from the oceans into water vapor.

This invisible vapor rises into the atmosphere where the air is colder.

The water vapor condenses into clouds.

Volcanoes emit steam, which form clouds.

Air currents move the clouds all around the earth.

Water droplets form in clouds, and the drops then fall to the earth as precipitation (rain or snow).

In cold climates, precipitation builds up as snow, ice, and glaciers.

Snow can melt and become runoff, which flows into rivers, the oceans, and into the ground.

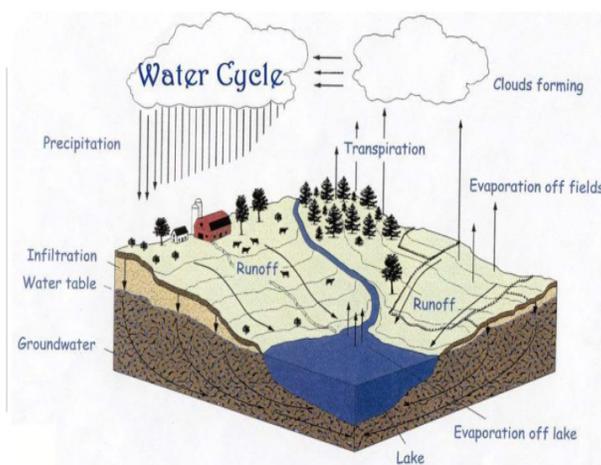
Some ice evaporates directly into the air, skipping the melting phase, called sublimation.

Did you know that agriculture and urban/suburban water runoff represents the largest man-made sources of nitrogen in our water?

Currently, Pennsylvania is not on pace to meet its 2017 or 2025 goals for nitrogen in the water by having necessary practices in place. The Commonwealth must reduce 23 million pounds of nitrogen to meet the 2017 outcomes; and East Cocalico Township is working to achieve full compliance with Pennsylvania's Manure Management Program and Agriculture Erosion and Sediment Control programs, which apply to 80-90% of the animal operations in Pennsylvania's portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The [Chesapeake Bay Foundation-PA](#) has a new online tool available to help you find out which streams in your county do not meet water quality standards. About 19,000 miles of Pennsylvania waters are impaired; with agriculture being the largest source of pollution to streams and rivers.

East Cocalico Township is helping combat this problem by educating the public, meeting with local farmers, mailing informative documents, and website information (www.eastcocalicotownship.com). If you have any questions about stormwater management, please don't hesitate to call the Township at 717-336-1720.



LYME DISEASE NEWS

Learn to Protect Yourself and Your Family

Pennsylvania has led the nation in confirmed cases of Lyme disease for three straight years, and for the first time, deer ticks have been found in all of its 67 counties, the state Department of Health reports. Between 2013 and 2014, the cases of Lyme disease in the state jumped 25 percent, from 5,900 to 7,400.

However, because diagnosing the disease can be difficult, many people who actually have it are misdiagnosed with other conditions. Therefore, many experts believe the true number of cases is much higher. In addition, less than 50 percent of those diagnosed with the illness recall being bitten.

'The great imitator'

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that affects people of all ages and any organ of the



Lyme disease is called "The Great Imitator" because its symptoms mimic many other diseases. For instance, patients with the disease are frequently misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis, and various psychiatric illnesses, including depression.

body, including the brain and nervous system, muscles and joints, and the heart.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that the disease is most common in children, older adults, and others, such as road crew workers, firefighters and park rangers,

who spend time outdoors and have higher exposure to ticks. Misdiagnosis delays treatment and allows the underlying infection to progress unchecked.

Testing for Lyme

Diagnostic testing is unreliable in early stages of infection, often giving false negatives. However, treatment should not be delayed pending a positive test result if the suspicion of Lyme is high.

If Lyme disease is not diagnosed or treated early, the bacteria can spread and may go into hiding in different parts of the body. Weeks, months, or even years later, patients may develop problems with the brain and nervous system, muscles and joints, heart and circulation, digestion, reproductive system, and skin.

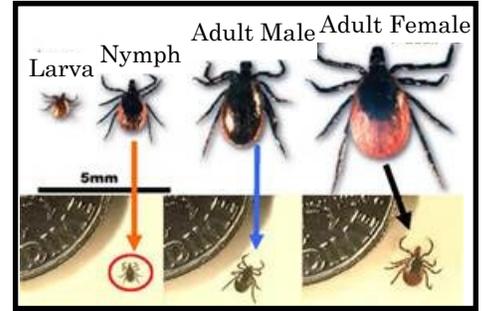
How to protect yourself

Experts say your best defense against tick-borne illness is to take the following steps:

Know where ticks live — Ticks tend to be near the ground, in leaf litter, grasses, bushes, and fallen logs. High-risk activities include playing in leaves, gathering firewood, and leaning against tree trunks. When you hike, stay on cleared trails, instead of walking across grassy fields.

Dress defensively — Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves. Tie back long hair and wear a hat. Light-colored clothing can help you spot ticks.

Use repellent on exposed skin — Studies show that repellents with



DEET, picaridin, or lemon eucalyptus oil are the most effective.

Check for ticks — When outdoors, periodically inspect your clothing and skin for ticks. Brush off those that aren't attached and remove any that are.

Take a shower — Once home, take a shower right away. This will wash away unattached ticks and allow you to thoroughly inspect yourself. Feel for bumps that might be embedded ticks. Pay careful attention to hidden places, including groin, armpits, backs of knees, belly button, and scalp. Parents should check their children.

Put your clothes in the dryer — Running your clothes in a hot dryer for 10 minutes before you wash them will kill any ticks that may be there.

Protect your pets — Ticks can infect dogs and cats, too. Also, their fur can act like a "tick magnet," carrying ticks inside your home. Consult with your veterinarian about tick protection for your pets.

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WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE LOCATION

Do you know where your water shut-off valve is located? In the event of an emergency such as a broken pipe, your ability to quickly turn off the water to your home or business may mean the difference between a small inconvenience and a large, expensive repair bill.

The water shut-off valve is usually found where your water service line enters your home or business. Typically the shut-off valve will be located very close to your water meter, usually in a basement, utility room or attached garage. It's good practice to operate this valve once a year by turning it off and on to ensure that it is working properly and will not get stuck or break in an emergency. Remember never to force a valve that does not open or close easily. If you suspect your shut-off valve is not operating properly, call a plumber of your choice for an inspection and repair. A little preventative maintenance now may save a lot of problems later.

DID YOU KNOW?

Water is a precious resource. Only 1% of the water found on earth is suitable for drinking. We need to do everything we can to make wise use of the water available to us. Along those lines and as a friendly reminder to our customers, please remember that it is prohibited by the Authority's Rates, Rules, and Regulations to water existing established lawns in East Cocalico Township. You may continue to water newly seeded lawns but only during the growing season of the year in which the lawn was planted or seeded. By following this simple rule you will help to conserve our water supply and at the same time lower your water and sewer bill. That's a win-win for everyone!

AUTHORITY BILLING CYCLE

From time to time we get calls from customers asking when the next water/sewer bill will be mailed. Occasionally a customer will misplace their bill and not realize it until the payment due date has passed. Except for our larger customers, the Authority reads meters and mails bills on a quarterly basis. The Authority's yearly billing cycle is as follows:

| <u>Meter Read Date</u> | <u>Usage Period</u> | <u>Mail Date</u> | <u>Due Date</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| January 2 | October, November, December | January 15 | February 15 |
| April 1 | January, February, March | April 15 | May 15 |
| July 1 | April, May, June | July 15 | August 15 |
| October 1 | July, August, September | October 15 | November 15 |

If you don't receive your quarterly bill within a few days after the mailing date or you misplace it, please give the Authority a call at (717) 336-1731. We'll be happy to issue you a replacement bill so you can keep your account current and avoid any late penalties.





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W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com **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 **W:** www.reamtownfirecompany.com
SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517 **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

| 2016 MONTH | BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 7:30 PM | PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM | PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP 7:30 PM | ZONING HEARING BOARD 7:30 PM | RECREATION BOARD 7:00 PM | AUTHORITY 7:00 PM |
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*January 4th: Held on a Monday, Organization Meeting. **March 3rd: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens. ***June 2nd: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown. ****September 1st: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Road, Denver.