

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

*To you and your family, we extend our best wishes
for a happy holiday season and a happy new year!*

2019 Winter Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS

JEFFREY MITCHELL



**Newly Elected Supervisor
to start in 2020**

Jeffrey Mitchell (Jeff) has been a member of the East Cocalico Township Zoning Hearing Board for the past 13+ years.

Jeff and his wife Susie grow organic chickens for Perdue and Angus cattle in the Reinholds area.

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SNOW CLEARING TIPS

When possible, residents are asked to remove their vehicles from the street when a snowstorm is approaching.

This makes plowing safer and more efficient if the plow drivers do not have to maneuver around parked vehicles.

Remember snow cannot be blown or shoveled into the streets.

CLEAR THE SIDEWALKS OF ICE AND SNOW

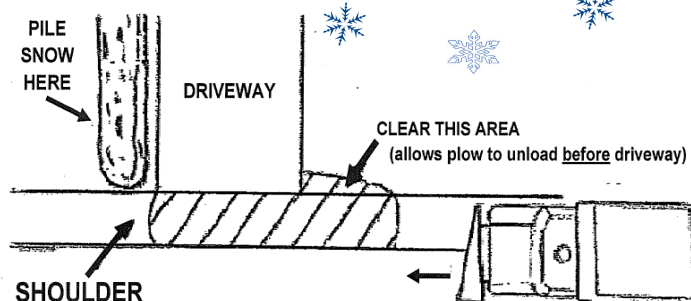
Ice and snow must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow storm. The pathway should be at least 24-inches wide. Also, please keep the fire hydrants cleared of ice and snow.

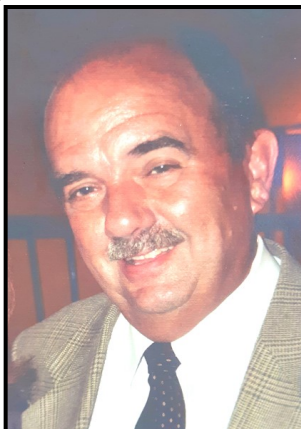
DIG ME OUT



WORK SMARTER NOT HARDER

Clearing the area to the right of the driveway opening, allows the snowplow to unload the snow before it reaches the driveway opening; therefore not plowing your driveway shut.





Douglas B. Mackley

Wishing you success in all your future endeavors

With sincere appreciation to Douglas B. Mackley for his genuine commitment to East Cocalico Township and to the community as a whole. Doug is retiring!
Doug is an individual who has truly "given back" to the community. He will be missed.

Thank you for the 38 years of dedicated service!

Water & Sewer Authority Board: January 1980 through December 1994

Board of Supervisors: January 1996 through December 2019

CENSUS 2020

LET'S START WITH A POP QUIZ!

- 1) When was the first Census conducted? _____
- 2) How often is the Census conducted? _____
- 3) Why does the US conduct a Census? _____
- 4) Who has to take the Census? _____
- 5) Politically, what does the US Census determine? _____
- 6) To whom does the Census Bureau submit totals? _____
- 7) When is Census Day? _____
- 8) How many questions appear on the Census? _____
- 9) In how many languages is the Census available? _____
- 10) When will Census invitations arrive? _____
- 11) How do people respond? _____
- 12) Must everyone respond? _____
- 13) If no response, what happens? _____
- 14) Who gets final Census count? _____
- 15) When is count released to public? _____

CHOOSE YOUR ANSWER

Match the numbered questions to a letter shown below.

- A) Starting in March 2020
- B) 9
- C) Congressional Seats
- D) Everyone
- E) Yes
- F) President, by 12/31/2020
- G) April 1, 2020
- H) President
- I) Every 10 Years
- J) 12
- K) By mail, phone, or online
- L) 1790
- M) Mandated by Constitution
- N) By April 2, 2021
- O) Census takers will

**ANSWERS
SHOWN ON
PAGE 4**

Census 2020 – It's important. It's easy. It's safe.

April 1, 2020 is Census Day – the Census Bureau needs to count everyone living in the US.

IT'S IMPORTANT. Census is important for a number of reasons:

- (1) Apportion seats in the US House of Representatives
- (2) Conduct redistricting at the federal, state, and local levels
- (3) Distribute over \$675 billion in federal dollars to state and local governments, this is 27 billion for PA, which equates to \$2,000 for each Township resident.

EASY. The 2020 Census will only have about 9 questions, and for the first time, you will be able to fill it out online, over the phone, or mail.

SAFE. Census responses are protected by federal law – Title 13 of the US Code. Responses can only be used to produce statistics.

JOBS. Census Bureau is looking to hire 1,500 people in Lancaster County. Jobs start at \$12/hour and go up to \$25 – hours can be part time and flexible.

WEBSITE: 2020census.gov/jobs.

DROP IT OFF



- **CHRISTMAS TREES** can be dropped off behind the municipal building, 100 Hill Rd., from 12/26/19 thru 01/31/20 dawn to dusk. You do not need a Woody Waste Card to drop off your Christmas tree. Please follow the signs for Christmas Tree drop off. Please remove all decorations including the tree bags for transporting.
- **WOODY WASTE SITE** gate card system is operational. Access cards are \$15/year (the annual clock starts the month the card is activated), one per Township household. Purchase your access card at East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Road, Denver. Hours are Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm.
- **USED CELL PHONES & CHARGERS** can be dropped off at the Township. When the box is full, it will be properly recycled.
- **CFL LIGHT BULBS** can be dropped off at the Township. When the bucket is full, it will be properly recycled.

PICK IT UP

- **KRAFT BAGS** for leaf collection are located in the Township lobby. Contact your trash hauler for pickup dates and fees.
- **RECYCLE BINS** are available in the Township lobby for your recyclables.
- **BATTERY BAGS** are available in the Township lobby. When the bag is full, place it next to your trash container for your hauler to collect.
- **INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING BAGS** are available in the Township lobby for proper recycling.
- **RECYCLING INFORMATION AND PAMPHLETS** are available in the Township lobby.

ATTENTION AREA BUSINESSES

This is a friendly reminder that early in 2020 recycling forms will be mailed to all area businesses.

The forms keep track of your recycling efforts for past year.

Please call the Township if your business has not received a form by the end of January 2020.



ATTENDANCE. Attendance is important. It is important for school, work, and your Township meetings. The Board of Supervisors would like to see you attend the meetings to hear your thoughts, ideas, support, concerns whether good or bad, or just to listen.

AGENDA. Would you like to know the discussion items at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting? If so, the "draft" Agenda is posted on the Township website at least 24 hours prior to a meeting at the link: www.eastcocalicotownship.com. Please note that the "draft" Agenda is subject to change.

ON-LOT SYSTEM

Reminder notification letters to pump your on-lot system will be mailed once every three years (and not three times as previously done). The reminder letters will be mailed according to which District you are in, and gives you notice to pump your septic system according to the district you are in. You have from July 1st to June 30th of the following year to pump.

If, however, you would like an extra reminder by e-mail during your year to pump, please send an e-mail to: Township@eastcocalicotownship.com.

Note: Every time a tank is pumped, your pumper is required to send your report to the Township.

NEW TAX INFORMATION

Newly elected Tax Collector, Kurt Fichthorn, was born and raised in Lancaster County. A graduate of Cocalico High School, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Butler University and Masters Degree in statistics from the University of Connecticut. A Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, Kurt worked for 40 years as a pension actuary. Returning to East Cocalico Township 14 year ago, he resides with his wife, Tracy, and son, Kole.

Kurt is now looking forward to serving as your Tax Collector.

Please note that all taxes that are due to the Township (including real estate, interims, Local Service Taxes) must be made payable to East Cocalico Township Tax Collector. Please do not use the Tax Collector's name. Failure to follow this instruction can result in your payment being delayed and/or lost.

Checks made out to: East Cocalico Township Tax Collector

Mail payment to: East Cocalico Township Tax Collector
100 Hill Road
Denver, PA 17517

Phone: 717-336-1721

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS Can be viewed on YouTube



Visit YouTube at www.YouTube.com

Type in the "search" box: East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisor Meeting.

SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

Think Spring!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU



Are you looking to volunteer your time?

Then we are looking for you! Volunteers are needed to

fill vacancies on the Transportation Impact Fee Advisory

Committee, the Zoning Hearing Board, and the Recreation Board.

If interested, please contact us at 717-336-1720 or e-mail us at:

Township@eastcocalicotownship.com.

CENSUS POP QUIZ

ANSWER KEY

(see page 2)

- 1) L
- 2) I
- 3) M
- 4) D
- 5) C
- 6) H
- 7) G
- 8) B
- 9) J
- 10) A
- 11) K
- 12) E
- 13) O
- 14) F
- 15) N

Smoke Detectors



make great gifts!

Volunteer Today!

Your local Emergency Services need you!

YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

Reamstown Fire Co. Website

REAMSTOWN FIRE CO.

VISIT THEIR WEBSITE TO

SEE ALL OF THEIR

2020 EVENTS



Smokestown Fire Co. Website

SMOKESTOWN FIRE CO.

VISIT THEIR WEBSITE TO

SEE ALL OF THEIR

2020 EVENTS



Stevens Fire Co. Website

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FIREPLACE SAFETY

Make sure your chimney is cleaned at least once a year or more. Use only dried wood (causes less smoke and dirt) and never use flammable liquids to start a fire. Dispense of the cool ashes in a metal container with a lid away from the house; *not on the porch*. Never leave a fire unattended. When burning, keep the damper open, flammable material away, and the glass door/screen closed. Have a safe and happy wood-burning season!

BE NOTICED!

For added visibility, a house number sign is highly recommended by your Emergency

Services staff so they

can find your house

quickly in an emergency.

You can order through

your local fire company.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Reamstown Fire Company

www.reamstownfirecompany.com

Smokestown Fire Company

www.smokestownfire.com

Stevens Fire Company

www.stevensfire.org

Reamstown Ambulance

www.reamstownfirecompany.com/ambulance

The pool is set for the winter after a very busy summer. "Thank You" to our competent and caring guards and patrons. We had a safe and fun filled summer with over 10,500 attendees. This past summer was fun at the pool with the birthday parties, night swims with games, prizes and glow sticks. Our swim team had many exciting meets at the pool and ended a successful season in third place for their division.

A big "thank you" to everybody for helping to make this past season a wonderful, fun-filled, incident-free summer season that included a Carnival Night with lots of games! We hope that you were able to create some 'warm' memories to hold you over these upcoming cold winter months. See you next year at the Reamstown Pool!



LIFEGUARD APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2020 POOL SEASON

Lifeguard applications for the Reamstown Pool are being accepted from December 2019 through February 2020. Applications can be picked up at the East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Rd., Denver, or download at: www.eastcocalicotownship.com (click Reamstown Pool). Thank You!

NOTICE: TREES WERE CUT DOWN

Recently 21+ dead
Ash trees were
removed from the
lower part of
68 Ream Road Park.



Reamstown Park, 68 Ream Road

MS4 Article

The Township's MS4 permit (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) requires the Township to make pollution reductions in our streams, in large part to help with the Chesapeake Bay cleanup. Our permit requires a 10% reduction in sediment (fine soil particles suspended in the water). The calculated amount of sediment currently leaving the Township is over **a million and a half pounds each year**.

We must therefore decrease sediment in our streams by over 150,000 pounds per year. That's no easy task, and it is costly. Each permit cycle runs for five years with our current permit ending in March 2023. By then we must have reached our 150,000+ pounds per year target reductions.

The required reduction will come from several projects. The first project has been started this year. It will restore part of the stream that runs through our municipal park (in the area of the Reamstown pool), upstream from the Reamstown Memorial Park. Fortunately, we have secured a "Growing Greener Grant" from Pennsylvania for the design and permitting for the project (\$45,000). The banks of the stream, an unnamed tributary to Stony Run, are steep and are experiencing major erosion. To reduce that erosion, the stream will be widened and the slope on the banks will be reduced. The width of the floodplain in that area will also be increased. The estimated sediment reduction for this project is 86,250 pounds per year, which is around 57% of our goal. The construction cost for the project is estimated at \$275,000. We have applied for another grant for the construction, but will not find out if it has been funded until the spring of 2020.

This stream restoration project will stabilize the banks to eliminate much of the erosion. It will also include improved aquatic habitats with a number of deeper pools where fish congregate. The ability of the stream to carry larger volumes of water spread over a wider area during storms should also help reduce the impact of downstream flooding. Unfortunately, to widen the stream and reduce the slope of the banks will require the removal of some of the trees along the stream. Some of the trees to be removed are close to the stream channel and are at risk of having erosion cause them to fall over into the stream. Replacement trees will be planted as part of the project.

The other projects that are planned include enhancements to existing stormwater detention basins. Detention basins designed and built fifteen or more years ago were primarily designed to reduce the level of major storm events and as a result do not focus on managing or improving the stormwater quality from smaller more frequent storm events. Newer basins and stormwater management facilities are still designed to reduce flooding and manage peak flows, but also are designed to encourage infiltration and improve the quality of the water leaving sites.



Here is a picture of the stream in the Reamstown Park in East Cocalico Township. An example of stream bank erosion.



Ken McCrea

Stormwater Technician

Phone: 717-336-1717

DO YOU HAVE STORMWATER QUESTIONS?

VISIT THE TOWNSHIP'S STORMWATER WEBSITE AT WWW.ECTMS4.COM

COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

Cold weather is on the way. Here are some cold weather tips you can follow to keep your water service working as intended:

- Wrap exposed water pipes with insulating material to help prevent freezing.
- Check outside faucets. Make sure they are turned off and disconnect any hoses.
- Make sure heat can reach your water pipes and water meter. Pay particular attention to water pipes enclosed in bathroom or kitchen cabinets or in crawl spaces.
- Locate your water shut off valve. Typically the shut-off valve is located near where the water service enters your home, usually close to the water meter. In case of a water leak or other water-related problem, this is the valve to close in order to shut off the municipal water supply entering your home.

HIDDEN FIRE HYDRANTS

The East Cocalico Township Authority currently maintains 343 fire hydrants throughout the Township. We regularly paint, repair and flush the hydrants to make sure they are working properly and ready in case of an emergency. As we move into the winter months we would like to encourage residents living near a fire hydrant to help us keep those hydrants accessible by removing any accumulated snow that may block or hide them. Snow should be removed a minimum of three feet completely around the hydrant in order to provide the fire company with unobstructed access. With the large number of hydrants we maintain it can take some time after a snow storm before our employees can inspect and clear all of them. Please assist us wherever you can. Your neighborhood and fire company will benefit from hydrants that are readily visible and easily accessible.

The East Cocalico Township Authority uses an automated, rapid telephone calling system to quickly notify our water customers of situations that may affect the water supply. In order to receive these messages we need your phone number.

If in the last few years you have changed phone numbers, use a cell phone instead of a landline phone as your primary means of communication or have moved into East Cocalico Township from another municipality, please call the Authority office at 717-336-1731 to update your information.

DID YOU KNOW?

From time to time customers ask if they can prepay their quarterly water and sewer bill. The answer is yes! Prepaying can assist with household budgeting and help to minimize late fees and penalties. Instead of waiting to receive the next quarterly bill, simply make prepayments each month. Any prepayments received will be credited to your account and applied to your next water and sewer bill. Your quarterly bill will then show the amount due less the prepayments. If the prepayments exceed the amount of your quarterly bill, you will receive a credit toward your next bill. For more information about prepayments, call our office at (717) 336-1731, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and one of our friendly staff members will be glad to assist you.

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP
100 HILL ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

PR SRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
DENVER, PA
PERMIT NO. 35

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

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

E: township@eastcocalicotownship.com

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP POLICE 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4pm 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

TAX COLLECTOR 717-336-1721

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

E: tax_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com

ZONING Tony Luongo M-F 8-4:30 717-336-1708 W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com/zoning-codes E: zoning_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com

MS4 (Stormwater) Ken McCrea 717-336-1717 W: www.ECTMS4.com

REAMSTOWN POOL 68 Ream Rd, Stevens, PA 17578

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

REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY 12 W Church St, Reamstown 17567

P: 717-336-3958

W: www.reamtownfirecompany.com

SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517

P: 717-336-3311

W: www.smokestownfire.com

STEVENS FIRE COMPANY 91 Stevens Rd, Denver 17517

P: 717-336-4200

W: www.stevensfire.org

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 2020 MEETING DATES

Unless otherwise noted, all of the meetings are held at: East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		PLANNING COMMISSION	PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP	ZONING HEARING BOARD	RECREATION BOARD	WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY
	9:00 AM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
JANUARY		6*, 23	27	22	8	14	9
FEBRUARY	6	20	24	19	12	11	13
MARCH		5**, 19	30	25	11	10	12
APRIL	2	16	27	22	8	14	9
MAY		7, 21	18	20	13	12	14
JUNE		4***, 18	29	17	10	9	11
JULY		16	27	15	8	14	9
AUGUST	6	20	31	26	12	11	13
SEPTEMBER		3****, 17	28	23	9	8	10
OCTOBER	1	15	26	21	14	13	8
NOVEMBER		5, 19	16	NONE	4	10	12
DECEMBER		3, 17	14	NONE	9	8	10

*January 6th: Held on a Monday @ 7:00pm for the Organization Meeting.

**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.

****September 3rd: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Rd., Denver



Your thoughts, comments, suggestions
are always welcome!

Lisa A. Kashner, Twp. Newsletter Editor