

East Bradford

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East Bradford Day 2010 Saturday, September 25th 11:00am – 4:00pm

Experience the Fun!

Miniature golf, rock climbing, Giant Purple Slide, artists, exhibits, music, food, antique cars and so much more!

Interested in Volunteering?

The East Bradford Day Committee is seeking additional volunteers.

If interested, please contact:

Nancy Holland 610-436-5108 or
nholland@eastbradford.org.

Join us in the Park!

East Bradford Day will be held at
Brandywine Picnic Park 1316 Lenape Road,
West Chester, PA 19382.



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about this print!

Thank You, to the West Chester Police Department, for 20 Years of Service to the Township

The Board of Supervisors wishes to thank the West Chester Police Department for providing 20 years of dedicated service to the residents of East Bradford Township.

In the late 1980's the Board of Supervisors felt that with the increased growth within the township that it was time to have a full time police department and the best way to provide the necessary services was to



enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Borough of West Chester. After

working through all the paperwork the West Chester Police Department started its first contract period and patrolling of the Township in August of 1990. Prior to this

the Township had its own part time police department and the balance of the time was

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Board of Supervisors Recognizes Tenley Adams for 20 Years of Service

The Board of Supervisors recently recognized Tenley Adams for 20 years of dedicated service, first as Administrative Assistant and now as Township Services Coordinator, to the residents of East Bradford Township. The Supervisors greatly appreciate Tenley's commitment to the residents of the township, which is often a thankless job depending on what she is doing

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Tom Egan, Chairman of the Supervisors and Tenley Adams

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covered by the State Police.

The West Chester Police Department provides services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the residents of East Bradford which includes dispatch, patrol officers, detectives, speed patrols, accident investigating, administration and records, along with enforcement of state laws and local ordinances. Among the many

benefits of the contract is the increased response time to incidents, the ability to more actively patrol the township and the additional services available to the township.

The Board of Supervisors asks the residents to wave and thank the officers of the West Chester Police Department, for a job well done!

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that day. With her varied duties which include overseeing the trash & recycling, sewer and real estate tax collection, web site and newsletter production, liaison to the Parks & Recreation Board, secretary to the Traffic Committee, scheduling and overseeing recreation events like movie nights and concerts, every day offers something different and a different hat to wear.

After graduating from Henderson High School she initially worked in retail sales before becoming a secretary and then coming to work for the Township. In 1999 she graduated from the Institute for Municipal Secretaries, Clerks & Administrators at Shippensburg University, a three year course specifically designed for municipal employees.

When Tenley started working for the township in 1990 the township office consisted of two full-time employees, two

Public Works employees and a part-time administrator. Now twenty years later the township has six full-time office employees, including the manager, a part-time office clerk and six Public Works employees. Having lived her entire life within 3 miles of the Township, she has seen the growth that has taken place over the years. She said the hardest part of her job is telling a resident something that they don't want to hear. "Often residents don't realize what the regulations are and they get incorrect information from someone other than the Township. They come to find out later that they should have just called the Township first to get the correct information."

If you ever have a question about the Township start with Tenley, who is sure to have the answer or if not, she'll point you in the right direction. Tenley and her husband live in West Whiteland Township and enjoy the outdoors.



666 Copeland School Road
West Chester, PA 19380
M-F: 8:30am to 4:30pm
Tel (610) 436-5108
Fax (610) 436-8652
www.eastbradford.org

Township Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions of the Board of Supervisors & Open Space Review Board. Meetings are held at the Township Building. Ads are published in the Daily Local News Legal Advertising Section.

Board of Supervisors

2nd Tuesday each month (7:00pm)
 Work Session Thursday prior (Noon)
 Work Session 2nd Tues (6:00pm)

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday each month (7:30pm)
 Work Session 4th Tuesday (7:30pm)

Historical Commission

3rd Tuesday each month (7:00pm)

Parks & Recreation Board

4th Wednesday each month (7:30pm)

Trails Subcommittee

4th Thursday each month (Noon)

Open Space Review Board

4th Tuesday each month (6:00pm)

Environmental Advisory Counsel

4th Monday each month (7:00pm)

Green Committee

1st Tuesday of each month (6:00pm)

Traffic Committee

3rd Thursday each month (8:00am)

Zoning Hearing Board, H.A.R.B.

& Building Code Appeals Board

(As needed)

We're Looking for a Few Good People to Join Us on Township Boards and Commissions. Are You the One?

Township residents interested in being considered for appointment to one of the boards or commissions	are encouraged to submit a letter of introduction with a brief statement about your interests (or a resume) by October 15,	2010 to be considered for an opening that may be filled at the Organization Meeting on January 3, 2011. For additional info on	the different boards or commissions check the township web site or contact Mike Lynch at (610) 436-5108 or mlynch@eastbradford.org
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East Branch Brandywine Trail ~ Now Open!

After six years of planning, design, and construction, a 1.6-mile portion of the multi-use East Branch Brandywine Trail officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 25, 2010.



A view of the East Branch Brandywine Trail

This segment of the trail is part of a much larger trail corridor that extends from the Delaware State line, up the Brandywine Creek (Main Stem and East Branch) to the northern boundary of Chester County. This regional corridor includes the Struble Trail in Downingtown and bisects the Chester Valley Trail. When these trail corridors are someday fully implemented, a connection between Philadelphia, Norristown, King of Prussia, Downingtown and West Chester will exist.

The next phase of this trail corridor will extend from Harmony Hill Road south to Route 322, just east of the Sugar's Bridge Road intersection. Work on this phase has begun and should be completed by the end of 2010. Once complete, the two segments of the Trails combined will total approximately 2.4 miles.

The trail is located in the northwest portion of East Bradford Township and in the northeast portion of West Bradford Township. The ceremony was held at the new pedestrian bridge that spans the scenic East Branch Brandywine Creek and marks the municipal boundary between the two Townships. In attendance were representatives from both townships along with U.S. Senator James Gerlach, State Senator Andy Dinniman and County Commissioner Terence Farrell.

The north end of the trail begins in West Bradford Township at the Brandywine Meadow Preserve located along Route 322 (Downingtown Pike). From there, the trail proceeds south along the west side of the East Branch Brandywine Creek for approximately one mile. It then crosses a new pedestrian bridge into East Bradford's Harmony Hill Nature Area. From here, the trail follows the abandoned West Chester Street Railway Trolley bed south along the east side of the Creek to Harmony Hill Road. The paved trail is approximately 10 feet wide and designed to accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and similar passive recreation uses.

East and West Bradford have received over \$1.7 million in grant funding for this project. Funds include over \$900,000 from the Federal Highway Administration and PennDOT, over \$735,000 from Chester County, and \$100,000 from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

In addition to the trail construction, the Brandywine Meadow Preserve has been improved to provide parking, benches, and trash receptacles. Future plans include a canoe launch and kiosk. At the southern trail head, East Bradford Township has expanded the Harmony Hill Road parking area and provided additional trash receptacles and signage.



From left to right: West Bradford Township Supervisor Mark Blair; PA Senator Andy Dinniman; East Bradford Township Supervisor Vince Pompo; County Commissioner Terence Farrell; West Bradford Township Supervisor Bruce Laverty; US Congressmen Jim Gerlach

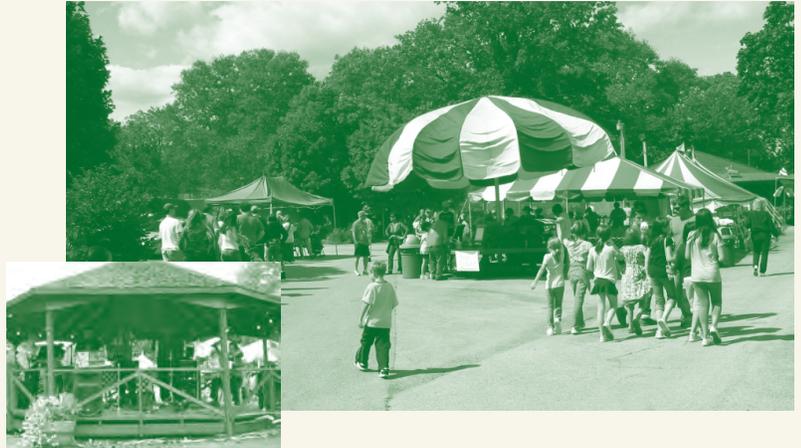
EAST BRADFORD DAY 2010

Fun for Everyone ~ Music, Arts, Rides, Games and so much more!

Saturday, September 25, 2010
11:00am – 4:00pm (rain or shine)
The Brandywine Picnic Park
1316 Lenape Road, West Chester, PA

The Brandywine Picnic Park has opened its doors again to host this year's East Bradford Day. Now is your opportunity to step back in time and enjoy some "good old fashioned" fun. Thanks to the Brandywine Picnic Park and the Supervisors of East Bradford Township, residents can celebrate their community on this special day, at this special location.

Please, no pets except guide dogs.



ACTIVITIES

So many activities to enjoy! Rest your feet and take a tour of the Park on the Train Ride. Try out the Giant Purple Slide, the climbing wall, the Tornado Ride, the Mini-Bees Ride or play a game of miniature golf. Kids will enjoy the moon bounce (weather permitting) and looking at the animals in the Gazing Zoo. Everyone is welcome to try their hand at volleyball, horseshoes, or ping pong. Between 3:00– 4:00pm get ready for an old fashioned pie eating contest: first come, first serve, kids and adults must register at Information Booth prior to 2:45pm. Take a short spin on the Brandywine Creek in a canoe or paddleboat (weather permitting.) See antique & classic cars and antique tractors; vehicles from days gone by that are still in mint condition. There will also be water color, harps, pottery and jewelry artisans to visit, as well. Lots of live music to enjoy! As you enter the park, street organ grinder, Philip Jamison, and then the McGrath Brothers (fiddler & guitarist) will set the festive mood. Jam to rock and roll from the 60's-70's by Alligator Hill, a band of Cool Cat Productions, followed by The Dana Lee & Howie Acoustic Duo, presenting a variety of music through the decades.

NEW THIS YEAR

Two CSA farms (community sponsored agriculture), Thornbury Farm and In My Backyard at Misty Hollow, will sell herbs, produce and preserved/canned seasonal items. Also, look for a Chester County cheese maker!

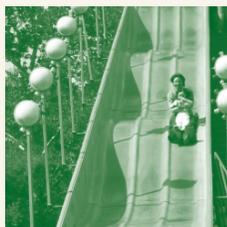
EXHIBITS

Good Fellowship Ambulance, West Chester Fish and Game; SPCA (Adopt an Animal); Chester County Beekeepers, West Chester Regional Response Team, PA brochures and maps, East Bradford Township Historical Commission, local trails info.



ENVIRONMENTAL DISPLAYS BY

Natural American Land Trust, Brandywine Valley Association and the East Bradford Township Environmental Advisory Council and Green Committee.



FOOD

Hickory House Catering will again serve up delicious grilled hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs and French fries. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, these items are subsidized and offered at a reduced price. You can also treat yourself to funnel cake and ice cream.

COLLECTIBLE PRINT

6th Annual East Bradford Day Collectible Print: Local artist, Barbie Johnson, unveils her limited edition print of "*Gibson's Bridge*," a winter depiction of the covered bridge on Harmony Hill Road between East and West Bradford Townships. Gibson's Bridge (aka Harmony Hill Bridge) is located on Harmony Hill Road between East and West Bradford Townships. The structure was built in 1872 by Edward Hall and Thomas Schull for \$2,600. The wooden substructure was replaced in 2003 with steel beams. The bridge is 78 feet long and 14 feet wide, crossing the East Branch of Brandywine Creek, and is maintained by Chester County.



Recycling Collection Dates, Guidelines and Reminders

Fall Leaf Curbside Collection

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Saturday, November 20, 2010

Saturday, December 4, 2010

Place leaves in brown paper leaf bags or loose in trash cans and place curbside by 6am.

Please – No plastic bags, branches, grass clippings or trash.

Automobile Tire Recycling at the Township Building

Saturday, October 16, 2010

9am – 12 Noon

No truck, tractor, motorcycle or bicycle tires.

All tires must be removed from the wheels.

Township residents only and ID is required.

Christmas Tree Curbside Collection

Saturday, January 8, 2011

Saturday, January 15, 2011

Must be curbside by 6 am

Cut trees only. Please remove all lights, decorations and tinsel. If we have snow on the collection date(s), please make sure your tree is visible at the curb. (If you miss the collection, you can bring it to the brush drop off location at the Township Building. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.)

White Goods Curbside Collection Recycling Scheduling

We recycle stoves, washers, dryers and dishwashers as part of our recycling program.

If you have one of these items to be recycled, please call the Township (610-436-5108) to be placed on our schedule for curbside collection of your item.

Cardboard Recycling Drop-Off at the Township Building

Cardboard drop-off is available daily at the Township Building. Please flatten all boxes and no trash or packing materials.

Learn What is Growing in Your Yard!

East Bradford Township and the Environmental Advisory Council invite you to an informative evening on plant identification with Botanist, Janet Ebert, on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 6:00 pm.



Invasive Multiflora Rose

To start the evening, Janet will take attendees on a walk from the Township Building, following the path from Copeland School Park to East Bradford Park and along the way she will point out both common invasive plants and native plants. Learn to identify which plants can overgrow your yard and which plants are beneficial to wildlife. Make sure to wear your walking shoes and comfortable clothes. After the walk, Janet will meet with residents at the Township building where she will answer additional questions and review

the findings of the Botanical Survey that she completed of the township.

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for an informative evening. Please meet at the East Bradford Township building no later than 6 pm on Thursday, October 7th so that the walk can be completed before it gets dark. Handouts on invasive plants, native plants, riparian buffers and watershed stewardship will be available. If the weather does not cooperate the informational walk will be canceled, but the meeting at the township building will go on as scheduled starting at 6 pm. For additional information, please call the Township at 610-436-5108.



Invasive Multiflora Rose covering forest understorey

Special Thanks to Michael Colley of the Trails Committee

After 30 years of teaching biology and coaching wrestling at East High School, Mike Colley continues to volunteer his time to improve East Bradford's trail network. Besides serving on the Township Trails Committee, Mike routinely helps the Township's Public Works Department by mowing the perimeter of the Paradise Valley Nature Area meadow.

In addition, Mike recently assisted the Township and Children's Country Week Association's Paradise Farm Camps with a 3-week trail development project located between the Paradise Valley Nature Area and the Camp's property. Mike assisted with this project by using a mini skid steer to construct a large portion of the trail, which was then finished and refined by

teens attending the Camp. Mike's efforts ensured that this cooperative effort was efficient and successful.



Michael Colley, Trails Committee, driving the mini skid

Sign Regulations Updated— Includes Political Sign Regulations

On October 14, 2008 East Bradford Township enacted amendments to the sign ordinance. The key elements of the amendments were to properly define temporary signs, regulate their placement along public rights of way and set forth the allowable duration of placement. A change of particular note was to add language to permit political signs which are exempt signs.

Exempt signs are temporary signs less than six square feet which may be placed adjacent to roadways either within or outside of the right of way depending upon its purpose. The only signs permitted in the right of way are the expected traffic signs, similar regulatory or informational notices of a duly constituted governmental body and political signs. While there is no length of time, or specific placement within the right of way provisions for traffic or governmental signs, there is for political signs. Political signs may be located within the right of way to within eight feet of the outer edge of the cart-way (paved surface) or curb if there is a curb except during the political season when there shall be no such

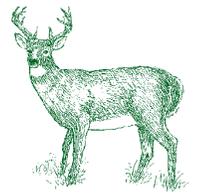
restriction on the location of political signs, except that the location shall not create a hazard. The political season is a period of thirty days before and five days prior to an election.

It is understood by the township that political signs are a necessary element of campaigning but unfortunately in many cases political signs do not get retrieved by those placing them. The result of the signs being left long after an election is they are a blight to those traveling the townships many scenic areas or if they are not retrieved due to the body of the sign being removed making the (most common) wire support difficult to see and places public workers in danger of being injured by mowers throwing the supports or the support wrapping around mower spindles causing expense for down time and parts replacement to repair. The township has adopted language for the removal of noncompliant signs but again this creates extra expense. The township urges all those placing signs to do so in compliance with the ordinances including removal when the allowable time period expires.

Hunting Codes and Game Commission Info for East Bradford Township

Section 57-4 C of the Code of the Township of East Bradford states:

"The use of firearms is permitted when hunting in conformity with the game laws and other applicable laws, regulations and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and this township, provided that any person hunting upon the land of another shall have the written permission of the landowner or lessee of the property and shall have the written permission upon his or her person. The written permission shall be signed by the owner or lessee, shall clearly and legibly state the name and address of the person to whom the permission has been granted and shall be dated and shall be valid only for that period as appears on the face of the permittee's then-current state hunting license."



Enforcement of Hunting Regulations:

Contact PA Game Commission: 610-926-3136

Enforcement of Trespassing Regulations:

Contact West Chester Police: (610) 696-2700

Now is *the* Time to Start Shopping for Electricity

You have probably heard by now that PECO's electrical rate caps are due to expire on December 31, 2010. It is very likely that our electric rates will increase in 2011. This electrical deregulation process was mandated by the State in the 1990's and the transition period is ending.

Important Facts to know about Pennsylvania Electric Deregulation:

1 You can now shop around for electrical providers. If you don't shop, PECO will

become your default provider and their cost may not be the lowest.

- 2** Your electric bill is split into three categories: generation cost (variable), distribution cost (fixed), and transmission cost (fixed); There used to be only one variable on how much your electricity cost - how much you used. Now there are two - how much you use and how much it costs your generator to produce it.
- 2** Electricity prices used to be fixed for long periods. That will change. Electricity

is now going to be priced the same way gasoline is - with daily changes. But, by choosing the right provider and program for you, you can minimize the changes and get a good price.

You should start shopping now.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has started two websites that can help get you started. Please visit the websites at www.puc.state.pa.us/utilitychoice and www.papowerswitch.com.

Readying Your Pool for Winter – How to Do it Properly

Around this time of year, the Township receives a number of phone calls regarding proper draining down or emptying of pools for the winter.

Federal guidelines for discharging pool water:

First, the addition of water treatment chemicals must be discontinued for a minimum of 10 days to allow chemical levels



to dissipate, particularly chlorine. After that, the pool water must be tested to confirm that the

chemical levels and temperature levels are at acceptable limits for discharging (your pool company should be able to conduct these tests). Finally, the pool water must be discharged over a thickly vegetated area prior to flowing into a stream, ditch or storm sewer system.

You Can Help Reduce Phosphorus Levels in East Bradford Township

Many seemingly harmless activities added together can significantly increase the phosphorus loads on wastewater treatment plants and on streams. Phosphorus is found in lawn fertilizers, pesticides, cleaning compounds, detergents, and in human and other animal wastes.

You can Help Reduce Phosphorus Levels in Many Ways:

While phosphates are banned in commercial laundry soaps and hand dishwashing detergents, it is still readily used in automatic dishwasher detergents. Voluntarily choosing a phosphate-free detergent would significantly lower the phosphorus load on the wastewater treatment plant and on the local streams. Phosphate-free detergents are now available at virtually all supermarkets. Remember, biodegradable does NOT mean phosphate-free!

Avoid putting organic waste into your garbage disposal. Compost kitchen waste whenever possible.

When fertilizing your lawn, choose an organic, phosphorus-free or low phosphorus

fertilizer and only apply once a year in the fall when it will promote root development. Many commercial lawn care companies now offer these products and services. A soil test can be purchased for \$10 from the Chester County Cooperative Extension Service (610-696-3500) to confirm if any phosphorus amendments are needed. Don't forget to leave grass clippings on the lawn to help recycle nitrogen and phosphorus into the soil.

Simple steps like these can drastically improve the water quality of our local water resources while at the same time provide a significant financial benefit of cutting treatment cost at the wastewater plant.

Composting can reduce phosphorus levels and help with stormwater pollution in the Township!



You Can be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution

Polluted stormwater run-off is the greatest threat to clean water. Practice these healthy household habits and you will be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution.

Healthy Household Habits

- 1 Keep your nearest storm drain clear of debris and litter.
- 2 Never dump anything down a storm drain.
- 3 Use fertilizers sparingly.
- 4 Use pesticides only when necessary.
- 5 Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street.
- 6 Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas.
- 7 Compost or recycle yard waste.
- 8 Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.
- 9 Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved area.
- 10 Service your car regularly to prevent leaks onto paved areas.
- 11 Dispose of household hazardous waste at designated collection locations.
- 12 Produce less waste – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- 13 Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled or recyclable products when ever possible.
- 14 Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected every three years (this is a Township requirement).



East Bradford

TOWNSHIP CHESTER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380

Pre-Sorted Standard
UNITED STATES POSTAGE *paid*
Permit Number 50
SOUTHEASTERN, PA 19399

See page 5 for dates and info on Fall Leaf Collection



Trash and Recycling in East Bradford Township – Keep this Handy Section for Your Reference!

Feel free to contact the Township (610) 436-5108 or Allied (610) 869-2222 with questions.

Aluminum and

Bi-Metal Cans:

Rinse cans clean. Cans may be flattened to conserve space. Bi-metal cans include juice cans, soup cans, tuna cans, cat food cans, etc.

Plastic:

#1-#7 bottles and containers only (*no motor oil or anti-freeze bottles*). On the bottom of the bottle/container you'll see a triangle made of arrows with a number in it. This is the content number for the container. No styrofoam trays, peanuts or clam shell containers.

Empty Aerosol Cans:

These cans may now be recycled curbside with your other recycling.

Please place the following items in separate bags or bundles on top or along side your recycling bin:

Newspapers, Magazines and Phone Books:

Stack neatly and place in brown paper bags or tie with string. No wax coated items. Bundle can be placed on top of recycling bin or along side bin.

Junk Mail and

Home Office Paper:

Includes envelopes, file folders, index cards and computer paper. Place in brown paper bags and place on top of recycling bin or along side bin. Please note that at this time we can not accept shredded paper for recycling.

Cardboard:

Cardboard must be flattened, bundled no larger than one (1) square foot and tied with string or placed in a brown paper bag. You may include corrugated cardboard boxes; cereal, cracker, macaroni, tissue boxes, etc.; pizza boxes only if they are not greasy; please remove all inner wrappers, and flatten all boxes. Any boxes left larger than one square foot or not flattened will not be picked up. Place on top of or along side recycling bin.

Bulk Pick-Up:

One item/set is allowed on the first pick-up of the month. This item could be a washer, sofa, carpet, chair, table, mattress and boxspring, etc. We now recycle washers, dryers, stoves, and dishwashers. Please call the township for pick-up instructions. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers require you to contact Allied for pick-up arrangements, and an additional charge will be due. This is because they must have the freon removed and the item certified that the freon has been removed properly.

Cardboard:

May be dropped off at the Township Building every day. Boxes must be flattened but do not need to be cut down.

Additional Bags:

Stickers are available at the Township Building for additional bags, sold in sheets of 10 for \$18⁵⁰. Make check payable to Allied Waste. Stickers may only be used on 32-gallon bags.

Holiday Pick-Up:

For holidays that fall during the week, Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Saturday. These holidays include New Years, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Trash & Recycling Vendor:

Allied Waste Systems/BFI was awarded the contract for the collection of trash and recyclables from all East Bradford Township residents. The monthly fee for 2010 will be \$22.28 and is billed quarterly by Allied. The contract provides for once a week collection of three (3) 32-gallon containers or bags of household waste, recyclable items and once a month pick up of a bulk item. Blue trash totes (equal to 3 bags or cans) are available for purchase from Allied at a one-time cost of \$70. Recycling items are commingled in the same container, please prepare the items shown here in blue recycling bin (additional recycling bins are available free of charge from Allied).

Trash containers and recycling bins may not be placed curbside until 6:00pm of the night prior to collection and must be removed by 11:00pm on the day of collection.