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Shaw's Bridge Park
274 South Creek Road, West Chester, PA 19382

Located where the east and west branches of the Brandywine Creek come together to form the Brandywine River, Shaw's Bridge Park was named after the creek crossing located at the north end of the park. A covered bridge had been built in 1862 crossing the east branch of the Brandywine Creek on the lands of Francis and William Shaw. The bridge was replaced in 1950 with the current bridge.

Canoeing is a favorite pastime at this park and you will need to carry your canoe approximately 200 yards from the gravel parking lot to the water.

If you park upstream at the Harry J. Waite Jr. Nature Area (190 North Creek Road), you can canoe down the East Branch of the Brandywine to Shaw's Bridge Park for a short canoe trip.



But this park has more to offer than just access to the river for canoeing; fishing is another favorite pastime, along with bird watching. Water loving birds are in abundance including kingfishers, Baltimore orioles, swallows, and you might even see an osprey or eagle.

Attention Residents!

Yard waste may not be placed curbside for collection with the regular trash stream.

1 Residents may take yard waste to:

West Bradford
Compost Site
2020 West Strasburg Rd,
Coatesville, PA 19320
Wed. & Sat., 9am-2pm
Show driver's license
as proof of residency.
Materials must be
loose or in paper bags.
Car trunk: no charge
SUV's/pick up truck: \$5.00
Stake body or small
dump truck: \$10.00

2 Collection through

A.J. Blosenski, Inc.:
Additional yard waste
removal services are
available for a fee.
Residents can contact
A.J. Blosenski, Inc.
directly at (610)
942-2707. Ask for the
residential department
to schedule this service
which will be available
during the summer
months.

A walking trail leads through wide-open field areas and down the path to the left of the parking area, there is a pond with an observation deck where you can view ducks such as mallards and wood ducks. Scattered throughout the park are picnic tables and grills, and some are under the shade of a tree. Games and kite flying are encouraged in the open fields. Since this is not a dog park, dogs must be leashed when other people are in the area. Take time out of your busy schedule to visit this scenic park along the Brandywine. ●

(This is the third in a series of articles by the Parks and Recreation Board highlighting township parks.)

Tips for the Safe Use of Portable Generators



During long-term power outages many rely on portable generators for emergency power but it's estimated only a small percentage are hooked up correctly. If installed and operated correctly, use of standby or portable electric generators poses little danger, but improper installation or use could be dangerous and threaten the lives of family, neighbors, and electric utility crews trying to restore service.

Use your generator safely

- Follow the directions supplied with the generator. Incorrect generator use can lead to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock, or electrocution and fire.

Never use a portable generator indoors

- Never use a portable generator in a garage, carport, basement, crawl space or other enclosed or partially-enclosed area, even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home.
- If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air right away. Don't wait!
- Install home CO alarms that are battery-operated or have battery back-up. Test batteries frequently and replace when needed.

Using your generator outdoors

- Place it in a dry, outside location.
- Place the generator away from windows, doors, and vents that could allow CO to come indoors.
- Generators should be at least 20 feet away from buildings. Even 20 feet away, air flow patterns could still blow carbon monoxide into homes through attic vents, windows, or doors, so it's very important to have a working carbon monoxide detector inside the home.
- To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry. Do not use in rain or wet conditions. Operate it on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure. Make sure your hands are dry before touching the generator.

Use and store generator fuel safely

- Turn the generator off and let it cool before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
- Store generator fuel in an approved safety can outside of living areas in a locked shed or other protected area. Local laws may restrict use or storage of fuel. Ask your local fire department for information.
- If you spill fuel or don't seal container properly, vapors can travel along the ground and be ignited by an appliance's pilot light or arcs from electric switches in the appliance.
- Use the type of fuel recommended in the generator instructions or on its label.

Connect your generator correctly

- Turn off or disconnect all appliances and lights before you begin operating the portable generator. Once the generator is running, turn your appliances and lights on one at a time to avoid overloading the unit.
- Use proper extension cords. Use only safety-tested, shop-type electrical cords designed and rated for heavier, outdoor use to connect appliances. Many generators are equipped with twist-lock connects to reduce the chance of accidental disconnections due to vibrations.
- Never try to power house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet, a practice known as "back feeding." It can lead to the electrocution of utility workers or neighbors served by the same utility transformer.
- The only safe way to connect a generator to house wiring is to have a qualified electrician install a power transfer switch.

Shut down your generator correctly

- Before shutting down a generator, turn off and unplug all appliances and equipment being powered by the generator.
- Drain the gasoline from the generator while it is being stored. It's also a good idea to inspect the fuel and oil filters, spark plug, oil level and fuel quality and start the generator on a regular basis before an emergency situation happens.

Please contact John Haynes, EOC Director, Chester County Department of Emergency Services at (610) 344-5005 with any questions you may have about generator safety. ●



300 More Seedlings at the Brandywine Farm

According to a Chinese proverb, “The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now.” For 60 volunteers, “now” was Saturday, April 12, 2014 when they dug holes, inserted tree seedlings and attached stakes into the ground to start a second new colony of trees at the Brandywine Farm open space on South Bridge Road (Route 842).

Many thanks to the following groups which made this planting possible: Pennsylvania TreeVitalize, the Rotary Club of West Chester, East Bradford Township Green Committee, Brandywine Conservancy, West Chester University and 60 willing volunteers. ●

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East Bradford Township Receives 1st Growing Greener Communities Award

Natural Lands Trust, in partnership with the Chester County Association of Township Officials (CCATO), honored East Bradford Township, during the CCATO conference on March 13, 2014 with the first annual Growing Greener Communities Award. The award recognizes a Chester County municipality that has engaged in a dynamic initiative designed to save land, steward natural resources, and connect people to nature. East Bradford’s nomination was based on the Township’s comprehensive open space program, which spans almost 30 years. ●



Grass Clippings: What to do with them?

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority says *“It’s OK to let it lay.”* Grass clippings left on the lawn decompose and act as a natural organic fertilizer.

Other Uses:

Compost: Fresh clippings should compose no more than 1/3 of the compost pile. They are an excellent source of nitrogen. Mix thoroughly with “brown” materials such as leaves or straw, and turn the pile regularly to aerate it and prevent odors.

Mulch: Pile about 1” of dried clippings on the soil to reduce weeds and moderate soil temperature. Mulching also controls erosion, run-off and evaporation. If using herbicides, wait at least two mowings after treating the lawn to use the clippings.

Soil Additive: Mixing fresh grass clippings into the garden improves soil texture, promotes moisture retention and adds nutrients and organic matter. About once a month, turn a 2” layer of grass into the soil to a depth of 6.”

Disposal:

The West Bradford Compost Site at 2020 West Strasburg Road, Coatesville accepts grass clippings but only when the “green light” is posted on www.westbradford.org. Just look for the “traffic signal” at West Bradford’s website before going. Grass clippings must be in biodegradable paper bags or delivered “loose” as in the back of a pick-up truck.

Stormwater Pollution Solutions



Lawn Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

Auto Care

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a water body.

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

Pet waste

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters.

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies. ●

TV Disposal – New Requirements

As of January 24, 2013 televisions, laptops, computers, and monitors can no longer be disposed of curbside in the regular trash according to the State Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010. These electronic devices may be taken to specific household hazardous waste collections, to the Lanchester Landfill north of Honey Brook or to Best Buy (see their website or call for specific guidelines.) ●

Lanchester Landfill

No charge – be prepared to unload on your own
7224 Division Highway (Route 322)
Narvon, PA 17555
610-273-3771
7:00am-4:30pm M-F and 7-11:30am Sat.

Best Buy

871 East Lancaster Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
See website or call for guidelines:
610-873-2312
www.bestbuy.com (under Services)



Electronic and Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Hazardous household and electronic waste collections are from 9:00am to 3:00pm sharp. The maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. Visit www.chestercountyswa.org for confirmation.

Friday, June 20

Coatesville 9th-10th Grade Center
1425 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320
(Same entrance as Cat Brandywine – Rte. 30 across from Dairy Queen)

Saturday, September 6*

New Garden Township Maintenance Building
8934 Gap Newport Road (Rte. 41)
Landenberg, PA 19350

Saturday, October 11

Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road
West Chester, PA 19380

*Proof of residency may be required

THESE WORDS IDENTIFY HHW:

Caution, Toxic, Danger, Flammable, Warning, Corrosive, Explosive, Reactive, Combustible, Poisonous, Hazardous

ACCEPTABLE E-WASTE:

CPU/s laptop computers, monitors, printers, answering machines, copiers (desktop & stand-alone), camcorders, cell phones, docking stations, electric typewriters, fax/copy machines/duplicators, microwaves, pagers, radios, remote controls, gaming consoles/controllers, stereo/tape/CD players, telephones & equipment, toner/ink cartridges, televisions (CRT and Non-CRT), VCR/DVD players, testing equipment

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

Alkaline batteries, Appliances, Appliances with Freon, Asbestos, Ammunition & Explosives, Fire Extinguishers, Gas Cylinders, Infectious or medical waste, Latex paint, 50 gallon drums, Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs, Propane-helium tanks, Radioactive waste, Tires, Trash

PennDOT Encourages Pennsylvanians to Sign Up for Free Life-Saving Programs

Pennsylvanians are encouraged to sign up for two free programs aimed at saving lives in emergency situations:

- 1 Yellow Dot Program**
- 2 Emergency Contact Information (ECI) Program**

“Emergency responders need as much information as possible as quickly as possible when victims are in a crash or emergency situation,” PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch said. “These programs provide vital information on victims when they can’t speak for themselves.”

Participants in the Yellow Dot Program fill out the program form with their emergency contact, medical contact and medical information, insert it in the program’s folder and then place it in their vehicle’s glove compartment. Participants then place a yellow dot sticker on their vehicle’s rear window. This sticker alerts emergency responders to check a vehicle’s glove compartment for the folder, helping emergency responders provide specific care to participants after a crash.

The ECI Program offers Pennsylvania driver’s license and PennDOT-issued ID holders the opportunity to log into a secure database and list two emergency contacts. Customers can update the information as needed, but only law enforcement officials can view their information in the system. In emergencies, law enforcement can use participants’ ID to find their emergency contact information.

While the Yellow Dot program is used only in vehicle crashes, the ECI program is usable in other emergencies as well as crashes. To learn more about the Yellow Dot program or to sign up for a program folder, visit www.YellowDot.pa.gov. To sign up for the ECI program, please visit www.dmv.state.pa.us and click on the program icon. ●

East Bradford Township Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions of the Board of Supervisors and 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 (6:00pm)
Work Session 2nd Tues (6:00pm)

Environmental Advisory Council

4th Monday each month (7:00pm)

Green Committee

4th Tuesday each month (6:00pm)

Historical Commission

3rd Tuesday each month (7:00pm)

Parks and Recreation Board

4th Wednesday each month (7:30pm)

Planning Commission

4th Tuesday each month (7:30pm)

Traffic Committee (as needed)

3rd Thursday each month (8:00am)

Trails Subcommittee of Park & Rec

4th Thursday each month (noon)

Zoning Hearing Board, H.A.R.B., & Building Code Appeals Board

(As needed)

Need a Special Gift?

Limited edition prints by resident artist Barbie Johnson (sold at the Township building), are discounted if you buy more than one. Each print represents a



historical resource in East Bradford and is signed and numbered by the artist. The proceeds fund an art scholarship for a high school senior majoring in art studies after graduation. Share the beauty of East Bradford Township with one or more of these lovely prints. See collection at www.eastbradford.org. ●



KEEP DISTANCE
IT'S THE LAW
FOUR FEET

Tips for Motorists

STAY ALERT
Bicycles are legal vehicles in Pennsylvania and are subject to the same rules as cars

GIVE SOME ROOM
When passing a bike, give at least four feet of space – it’s the law!

TAKE A LOOK
Check for bikes before turning or opening your car door

LAY OFF THE HORN
Don’t honk at a bicyclist unless they are in immediate danger

PAY ATTENTION
Texting and emailing is against the law – and downright dangerous!

Tips for Bicyclists

OBEY THE LAW
A bicycle is a legal vehicle with the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle.

RIDE ON THE RIGHT
But if the road is too narrow for cars to safely pass or when there are hazards, ride in the center of the rightmost lane.
Never ride against traffic.

BE PREDICTABLE
Don’t weave in and out of traffic. Signal when possible.

STAY VISIBLE
Use a front light and rear reflector in low light and bright clothing all the time.



SHARE the ROAD
IT'S ROAD SAFETY, NOT ROCKET SCIENCE

To find out more about bicycling in Chester County go to: wcbiuer.org/ShareTheRoad

EAST BRADFORD REFUSE & RECYCLING

The quarterly fee for 2014 will be \$63.44 and is billed quarterly by A. J. Blosenski, Inc. The contract provides for once a week collection of three (3) 32-gallon containers or bags of household waste, the recyclable items and once a month pick up of a bulk item. Curbside leaf collection is scheduled each spring and fall.

Single Stream Recycling

Recycling items are commingled in the same container, please prepare items as follows and place in red recycling bin:

Aluminum Beverage Cans: Rinse cans clean. Cans may be flattened to conserve space.

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

Glass: Clear, brown and green glass jars and bottles only. Rinse glass clean; remove metal rings and lids. It is not necessary to remove labels.

Plastic: #1 through #7 bottles & containers only (no motor oil bottles or anti-freeze bottles). On the bottom of the bottle/container you will see a triangle made of arrows, with a number in it. This is the content number for the bottle/container. #1 through #7 are the only bottles/containers we collect. NO Styrofoam trays, peanuts, clam shell containers.

Empty Aerosol Cans: Empty aerosol cans are now recycled curbside with your other recycling.

It is recommended, but not required that the following items be bundled or bagged to avoid blowing away:

Newspapers, Magazines & Telephone

Books: Stack neatly and place in recycling bin or along side bin.

Junk Mail & Home Office Paper: Includes home office paper, envelopes, file folders, index cards and computer paper. Please note that at this time we can not accept shredded paper for recycling.

Cardboard: Cardboard must be flattened, bundled no larger than three (3) square feet. 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 three square feet or not flattened will not be picked up. Place on top of or along side recycling bin.

Other Notes

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 & box spring, etc. We now recycle washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers. Please call A. J. Blosenski for pick-up instructions. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers require you to contact Blosenski 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 Drop Off Temporarily at Copeland School Park. Boxes must be flattened but do not need to be cut down in size. No packing materials, trash, etc. in this dumpster.

Additional Bags: Stickers are available at the Township Building for additional bags. They are sold in packs of 10 for \$30.00. **Payment will only be accepted by check payable to A. J. Blosenski Inc.** Stickers may only be used on 32-gallon bags.

Refuse & Recycling Reminders

A.J. Blosenski

www.ajblosenski.com

610-942-2707

- For 2014, Fourth of July collection will be on July 5.
- Trash & Recycling will ALWAYS be collected on Friday unless the holiday falls on Friday, Only then will collection move to Saturday.
- Bulk items collection remains the first Friday of the month.
- If you would like additional recycling bins (up to 4), contact A.J. Blosenski.
- Payments may be made on line at www.ajblosenski.com
- Accounts 60 days overdue will be suspended and sent to collection.

Additional Services Available to Residents

- To recycle dishwashers (metal drums only), washers, dryers (metal interior only), stoves and wall ovens, schedule pick up directly with A. J. Blosenski at no charge.
- A 96 Gallon Toter is \$125 or may be purchased privately.
- Stickers for additional bags of trash are \$30 for 10 stickers (Payment by check only to A.J. Blosenski and is good for 32 gal. bags of trash only, NO Recyclables)
- Pick up and disposal of a white goods item with Freon is \$125 per item (Refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, dehumidifiers)
- Special Pick-up – first hopper load \$20, each additional \$10. (Trash only, NO recyclables)
- Covered recycling bin - \$30 (recycling bins without covers are free)

Pickup Time

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

PROCEEDS BENEFIT EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP'S TRAIL PROGRAM—HELP US BUILD TRAILS!

TRAILBLAZER RUN

THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2014 6:30 PM



EVENTS

5 Mile Trail Run
1.5 Mile Family Fun Hike

DATE & TIME

Thursday June 19, 2014
Race starts at 6:30 PM

LOCATION & PARKING

Paradise Farm Camps, 1300 Valley Creek Road, Downingtown, PA 19335

ENTRY FEES

Individual registration (until June 18 at 5:00 PM): \$25
Individual race day registration: \$30
Family registration (1.5 mile Family Fun Hike only): \$75 (max. 5 participants)

REGISTRATION

Participants are encouraged to pre-register at www.runtheday.com
All participants who register by May 31 are guaranteed a technical T-shirt (later entries will receive a shirt while supplies last)
On-site race day registration opens at 5:00 PM (at the Program Center)

FOOD & BEVERAGE PROVIDED BY VICTORY BREWING COMPANY

Victory Brewing Company is sponsoring a post race party, during which all participants will receive a complimentary beer (root beer for minors).

www.eastbradford.org ■ www.runtheday.com