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2016 Budget and Fiscal Planning

In March, the Township published a lengthy information article, “2016 Budget – Funding Challenges [Need] to be Addressed.”

If you have not read the article please visit our web site www.eastbradford.org to review. The focus of that article is on the Township Capital Reserve Fund—its purpose, its underfunded condition and its sustainability and the indication for a fundamental need to increase tax receipts in 2016 to address the fiscal situation.

This article continues to inform Township residents of the financial condition of the Township with particular focus on the General Fund and examining a Five-Year Budget forecast (through 2019). After reading, as residents have comments and questions they can be addressed to Township Manager / Treasurer Michael Lynch (610-436-5108 or mlynch@eastbradford.org). Comments and questions will be shared with the Board of Supervisors.

What is the General Fund?

The East Bradford Township Budget actually is comprised of 6 distinct budgets (General, Capital, Open Space, Liquid Fuels, Highway Improvement and Sewer). Each fund has a distinct function and there are varying degrees of interdependence. The March 2015 article discussed the relationship between the General Fund

and the Capital (Reserve) Fund as one of dependence—the Capital Fund cannot exist without funding provided through the General Fund.

The General Fund is the fund that is most familiar to residents. The General Fund and Budget, for municipal government, may be thought of as the ‘all-purpose’ fund source for Township services and operations. It is the principal operating fund for the Township (e.g. police, fire, parks & recreation, planning, codes, public works & roads maintenance and administration).

The 2015 General Fund Budget is balanced (as required by law) without the need for a property tax increase. The current property tax rate of 0.34 mills is one of the lowest among municipalities in the County with populations over 5,000 and 24/7 police services (East Bradford Township 2010 population 9,942). *Continued on page 2*



Thank You, Cub Scouts!

East Bradford wishes to thank Cub Scouts from Pack 110, Den 1, who worked to remove six bags of Garlic Mustard—an invasive plant—from the Harmony Hill Nature Area.

Sewer Billing

The Township bills quarterly in arrears in April, July, October, and January. As of January 1, 2015 all payments are to be mailed to the Township as noted on the bill and made payable to East Bradford Township.

Please include account number on check or when paying online. Payment is no longer accepted at Fulton Banks. You may pay your bill by check (mail or in person) or by credit card (phone or in person). We accept Visa, Discover, and Master Card. The new rates are: single family home: \$204.27/qtr.; townhouse: \$158.16/qtr.

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The Property Tax receipt represents 7% of total budgeted General Fund revenue for 2015. Earned income tax receipts (63%) and real estate transfer tax receipts (10%) are budgeted to increase in 2015 and account for the two most important Township receipts. Building permit receipts and reimbursables (related to land use development) are projected to decrease in 2015 as less land is available/suitable for development in the Township.

The largest expenditure category in the 2015 Budget is related to Police and Emergency Services (including fire and rescue), which represent 39% of the total 2015 General Fund Budget. General Government (which includes office administration, wages, benefits, pension and insurance) and Public Works also represent important expenditure areas at 15% and 14%, respectfully.

A breakdown of general fund revenues and expenditures is provided below.

The General Fund – Balance History

Maintenance of a responsible carry-forward balance of unappropriated funds in the General Fund is a part of prudent fiscal management (of any municipal government). An unappropriated fund balance provides a safety net in the event of unforeseen circumstances. The Board of Supervisors has recognized the importance of this practice in the form of a Fund Balance Policy (Resolution #06-2011). It provides policy guidelines for the maintenance of a minimum General Fund balance. If the carry-forward fund balance

decreases to 25% of budgeted General Fund Revenues, it triggers a combination of expenditure decreases and revenue increases including increasing the tax receipt. The other policy trigger for the carry-forward fund balance is a 50% threshold which essentially is the yellow caution flag that

alerts to the need for fiscal policy review particularly in anticipation of any potential of a significant expenditure.

If the 2015 General Fund Budget (\$3,900,000) is considered in the context of the Fund Balance Policy and the overall

prudent fiscal practice of maintenance of minimum 'rainy day' fund balance, a 50% threshold translates to something just under \$2,000,000. *Continued on page 3*

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2015 Budgeted Revenues



2015 Budgeted Expenditures



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A glance at the below General Fund carry-forward balance during the past decade to present (including April 2015 year to date figures) illustrates that the Township has been able to adhere to the policy guidelines.

Actual Fund Balance	04-30-15
\$1,955,495	
Projected Fund Balance	12-31-16
\$2,180,174	
Projected Fund Balance	12-31-15
\$2,180,174	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-14
\$2,251,175	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-13
\$2,263,182	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-12
\$1,862,174	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-11
\$1,589,052	
<i>No Capital reserve Contribution this year</i>	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-10
\$1,644,276	
<i>No Capital reserve Contribution this year</i>	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-09
\$1,675,791	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-08
\$1,888,862	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-07
\$2,123,184	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-06
\$1,760,912	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-05
\$1,611,344	
Actual Fund Balance	12-31-04
\$1,539,063	
Actual Fund Balance 1	02-31-03
\$1,351,333	

Looking Ahead – at (one version of) a Five-Year General Fund Budget Picture

Budgets generally are best grounded in the short-term annual (12 month) cycle whether business or government. Many municipal governments do not employ the Five-Year budget discussion tool. Forecasting budgets out three or five or more years is recognized as a ‘soft’ exercise because of the inherent assumptions necessary for its construct. However, it is a valuable discussion tool because it allows the organization to be thinking ahead. Again, because a long range budget is based on many assumptions there are endless versions that can be prepared.

One version prepared for the Township General Fund (2015 through 2019) offers some valuable fiscal planning insights. Remember, the Five-year Budget is a policy discussion tool not the policy.

YEAR	Budgeted Revenues	Budgeted Expenditures	Budget Performance
2015	\$3,902,407	\$3,900,943	\$1,464
2016	\$3,902,407	\$3,988,805	(\$86,398)
2017	\$3,967,407	\$4,080,244	(\$112,837)
2018	\$4,054,486	\$4,180,213	(\$125,727)
2019	\$4,147,154	\$4,293,922	(\$146,768)

Some of the key assumptions for this budget forecast model include: Earned Income Tax annual increase of 3% (EIT 63% of total 2015 Budget revenues); employee wages increase of 2% (total employee wages, including Public Works, 24% of 2015 Budget); police services increase of 5% (police & emergency services 39% of 2015 Budget); and, no increase in property tax assumed in this version.

So What (is the relevance of this type of budget planning exercise)?

This singular version of a Five-Year General Fund Budget seems to indicate that there will be increasing pressures in the next years ahead to balance the General Fund Budget—increased expenditures against moderate revenue increases. It is not a crystal ball; again, it simply is a discussion tool. The relevance is the relationship of the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund (which is the focus of the indicated consideration of a 2016 tax increase).

As indicated in the article “2016 Budget – Funding Challenges [Need] to be Addressed” www.eastbradford.org, with the precipitous decline (disappearing) Capital Reserve Fund, and reserve study data indicating need for increased funding to sustain it, the General Fund and the General Fund Budget and its constitution cannot be ignored in the fiscal management of the Township in these next years ahead.

Again, comments and questions may be addressed to Township Manager / Treasurer

Michael Lynch (610) 436-5108 or mlynch@eastbradford.org and will be shared with the Board of Supervisors.

Or, you may submit comments directly to the Supervisors:
 Vincent M. Pompo, Chairman: vpompo@eastbradford.org
 Thomas A. Egan, Vice Chairman: tegan@eastbradford.org
 John D. Snook, Member: jsnook@eastbradford.org ●

Stormwater Pollution Solutions



2015 Schedule for Chester County Household Hazardous Waste

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. ●

E-Waste Recycling

Due to changes in state regulations, the Chester County HHW Collections will NOT accept electronic waste this year. Please visit www.eastbradford.org for drop-off locations for these items since E-waste cannot be placed out for trash collection. You can also contact the manufacturer or retailer of the electronic item for recycling suggestions. The County is hopeful that E-Waste Collections can resume in 2016.

Hazardous household 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 more information.

Friday, June 26

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 12*

Oxford School District
Administrative Building
125 Bell Tower Lane
Oxford, PA 19363

**Proof of residency may be required*

Saturday, October 10

Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road
West Chester, PA 19380

THESE WORDS IDENTIFY HHW:

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

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

Mt. Bradford Preserve



A portion of the Mt. Bradford Estate, originally owned by Leslie and Cecelia Schramm, was purchased in 2008 by the Township creating the Mt. Bradford Preserve. The 39 acre tract which is located at 921 Sconnettown Road, currently has a small parking area located at the end of the driveway, with plans of creating a larger parking area in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Schramm enjoyed entertaining with friends and family. They created a spring-fed pond and entertainment area consisting of a springhouse with an observation deck, stone stairs leading down to the pond, a garden house and a barbeque. A lovely stone wall creates an idyllic setting with many blooming shrubs. This area was a recent Eagle Scout Project consisting of clean up and removal of many of the invasive plants that had taken over the area from years of neglect.

A forested area covers the northeastern third of the property which harbors several headwater tributaries to Black Horse Run that are fed by the spring pond and storm water runoff from neighboring properties. The remainder of the property consists of a terrestrial meadow which has recently been cleared of invading autumn-olive shrubs and red cedar. Old hedgerows and former pine cultivation cover much of the remaining acreage. The Township is in the process of remediating the meadowland and replacing it with native plants.

Mt. Bradford Preserve was set aside as a natural area with trails and access points to encourage passive recreational use by Township residents and the general public. The preserve will be suitable for many passive uses including bird watching, photography and trail hiking. Eventually it is hoped that with the addition of picnic tables, the property can be enjoyed by residents similar to how it was enjoyed by the Schramm family. ●



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.

Safe and Enjoyable Use of Parks, Trails and Open Space

East Bradford Township, in partnership with the West Chester Police Department, wishes to remind residents of the rules and regulations governing the use of Township parks, trails, and open space. These rules are designed to ensure the safe and enjoyable use of Township lands.



Shaw's Bridge Park

As part of the Township's Police Cooperation Agreement with the Borough of West Chester, the West Chester Police Department routinely patrols Township parks. In addition to enforcing park rules and regulations, the Department also administers the Township's parking regulations. Residents are encouraged to contact the Police if they observe a violation or have any concerns while enjoying the Township parks. The non-emergency number for the West Chester Police is (610) 696-2700. In an emergency, residents should dial 911. Other inquiries can be directed to the Township Office at (610) 436-5108 or info@eastbradford.org.

There are three categories of park regulations – 1) rules for those properties that are owned by the Township, 2) rules that govern privately owned properties with recreational easements, and 3) rules for the privately owned Timber Top Farm property.

The following rules and regulations apply to all East Bradford Township active and passive recreation parks and open space lands (including, but not limited to East Bradford Park, Copeland School Park, Shaw's Bridge Park, and Harmony Hill Nature Area):

- Parks are open from dawn to dusk (hours 8am – 8pm). No person shall enter or remain in the parks before or after those times without a special permit from the Township. Overnight parking and camping is prohibited.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and/or under immediate control at all times by a responsible person. A dog that is under an owner's immediate control does not cause a nuisance or danger. An owner must be able to get an immediate and desired response from the dog by use of a leash, voice commands, hand signals, whistles, or other effective means. In many cases, people have different views about whether a dog is under control. Sometimes what one person sees as playful or boisterous, but harmless behavior, others see as "out of control." Keep in mind that elderly people and children may be injured if they are knocked over and that some people have a fear of dogs. Pet owners also are required to clean up after their pets and deposit any used pet waste bags in a trash receptacle.
- Motorized vehicles are allowed only in designated areas (e.g. parking lots), except for official business or emergencies. Use of motorbikes, ATVs and the like are prohibited on Township trails.
- Hunting is prohibited on park property unless it is part of a Township-approved wildlife management program. The Township partners with the Brandywine Valley Archery Club to hunt most Township lands.

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Littering is prohibited; recycling is required.
- Disorderly conduct, including the use of indecent language or excessive noise, is prohibited.
- Barbecues, cookouts, grilling and open fires are prohibited except within the picnic grills provided for such purpose. Any fire must be completely extinguished before the person who started the fire leaves the park.
- Personal sound amplification equipment is prohibited.

The rules that govern the use of privately owned property with recreational easements are unique. Residents are encouraged to read the rules posted at parking areas and trail heads.

People that enjoy Timber Top Farm need to be aware that:

- Public access is limited to the marked trails only.
- Pets are prohibited, with the exception of horses for equestrian use.
- Property access will be further restricted during the hunting season.

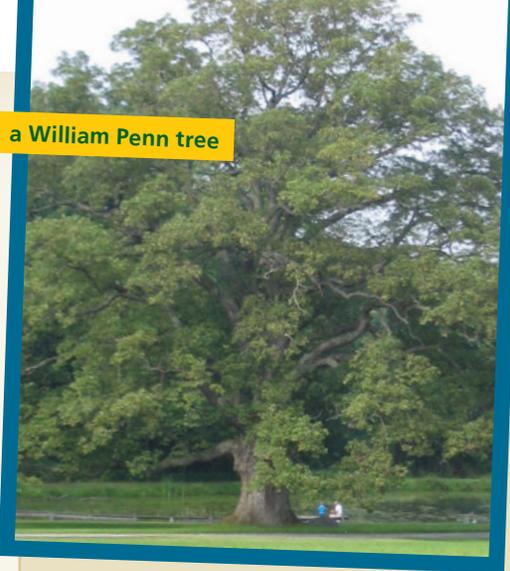
As with any regulation, there are violations and penalties associated with infraction. Any person who violates the rules and regulations associated with parks and open space commits a summary offense and will be required to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for a period not more than 90 days per violation. For more information, please refer to East Bradford Township Code, Chapter 22 – Parks and Open Space Regulations. The Township Code is available on the Township website at www.eastbradford.org. ●

Tree Maintenance and Removal Policy

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors, May 12, 2015, Resolution #11 of 2015

East Bradford Township is a densely wooded community with both privately owned trees and Township owned trees within the right of way/right of passage easement area. The following is the policy and procedures for the maintenance and potential removal of such trees.

a William Penn tree



Types of Tree Maintenance or Removal Responsibilities

- Local Roads Owned by Township (no HOA): Maintenance or removal when authorized is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.
- Local Roads Owned by Township (with HOA): Maintenance or removal when authorized is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner or the HOA. Consult the HOA Declaration/Open Space Management Plan for further details.
- Local Roads Owned by the Property Owner with Township Right of Passage in Easement: Maintenance or removal when authorized is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Private Roads with Township Access Easement (no HOA, no resident access agreement): Maintenance or removal where authorized is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Private Roads with Township Access Easement (with HOA or resident access agreement): Maintenance or removal where authorized is the responsibility of the property owner or the HOA. Consult the HOA Declaration/Open Space Management Plan for further details.
- Collector Roads Owned by Township: Maintenance or removal is the responsibility of the Township.
- Collector Roads Owned by the Property Owner with Township Right of Passage in Easement: Maintenance where authorized is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Township parks, Open space & Trails: Responsibility is with the Township.

- PADOT Roads: Maintenance and ownership is the responsibility of PADOT.

Maintenance

The party responsible shall assume reasonable care and maintenance of all trees within the right of way, whether privately owned or owned by the municipality. Care shall include, but is not limited to, pruning to a minimum height of 15 feet above and 6 feet beyond the travel lane, routine removal of all dead, decayed, diseased, and insect infested wood that may be a hazard to passing motorists or the general public. Trees in the right of way which have PECO facilities may be trimmed by their contractors but it is not to be assumed that all rights of way will be maintained by the utility.

Removal

The property owner shall contact the Township for permission to remove a tree within the right-of-way area prior to beginning any removal process. The Township may require the owner to consult with and receive documentation from an ISA Certified Arborist prior to removal of any tree unless deemed an emergency, immediate hazard, and/or is the result of storm damage as determined by the Township. Codes and Ordinances pertaining to tree removal shall be followed regardless of the reason for removal. It has been an ongoing policy of the Township to review with PECO any proposed tree removal in the rights of way. ●

Definition of Terms:

Collector Road: A roadway designed to serve from 1,000 to 10,000 vehicles per day.

Emergency (re: Hazardous Tree): A reported situation that represents an immediate or imminent risk to the public health and safety and/or property.

Hazardous Tree: A tree which based upon determination of authorized Township Officials (or designated consultants) that the condition of a tree represents a credible danger to the public.

Local Road: A roadway designed to carry less than 1,000 vehicles per day.

Scenic Road: A mapped road or portion of road deemed by the Township to have scenic qualities and deserving an elevated degree of protection. Scenic roads are posted on a Township map and can be referenced on the maps section of the Township website www.eastbradford.org.

Specimen Tree: Any healthy tree with a trunk diameter of 36 inches or greater dbh (diameter at breast height).

Travel Lane: the area of the paved portion of the roadway from the center line of the roadway

to the painted white edge line, or in cases where the edge of the road is not delineated with a white line, the edge of the roadway asphalt pavement.

William Penn Tree: Any tree with a trunk diameter of five feet or greater, measured 4.5 feet above grade, particularly any tree that was alive when William Penn arrived on the banks of the Delaware River, or planted during his lifetime.

If a property owner has questions about the policy, they are encouraged to contact the Codes Enforcement Officer, Brenden Beaumont at (610)-436-5108 or bbeaumont@eastbradford.org.



East Bradford Tree Management Code

In the April 2015 issue of Pennsylvania Township News an article entitled “Community Forests” centered upon a municipality’s need to have a tree ordinance which would include certain key elements. Although the Township does not have a Tree Commission or a tree inventory in place, a review of the East Bradford Township zoning ordinances revealed that the Township has extensive and effective tree preservation and maintenance provisions that address those key elements and are listed below. (A copy of the Township Code can be found at www.eastbradford.org.)



§115-42 Floodplain District Regulations (prohibiting the clear cutting of trees or the unnecessary removal of vegetation in the floodplain district).

§115-43 Steep Slope Conservation District (limited removal or disturbance of vegetation for area of construction only and provisions for replacement in kind).

§115-45 Vegetation Preservation, Management and Compensatory Planting (this provision is broad in scope, providing for the amount of tree removal permitted by right, compensatory planting if the permitted number is exceeded, protection of specimen trees including William Penn trees and the types of individual trees to be identified on Development plans). This provision is in the SALDO as §95-25.

§115-45.1 Planting Requirements (standards for nursery grown plant material, suitability to a site’s microclimate, plant diversity, plan requirements, street trees and their arrangement, buffer standards, stormwater management vegetation arrangement, and amount and type of

trees per unit type to soften architectural facades). This provision is in the SALDO as §95-25.1.

§115-45.3 Riparian Buffer Area Conservation District (requirements for the placement, enhancement of existing trees and understory vegetation and management, maintenance of vegetation in the RBA).

§115-47.1 Scenic Roads (provisions for the protection of roadside vegetation and provisions for tree replacement).

§115-142 Brandywine Scenic River District (provides standards for retention or installation of vegetation.) ●

West Bradford Township Composting Site

2020 West Strasburg Road,
Coatesville, Pa 19320

Wednesdays & Saturdays,

9:00am – 2:00pm

Proof Of Residency Required

(Driver’s License)

FEE SCHEDULE (please pay with cash)

Residents of East & West Bradford

Car trunk	No Charge
Pickup truck / SUV	\$5.00
Stake body /small dump truck.....	\$10.00
Leaves (biodegradable bags or loose)	No Charge

Commercial (Working for Resident)

Pickup truck / SUV	\$10.00
Stake body /small dump truck.....	\$20.00
Leaves (biodegradable bags or loose)	No Charge

Commercial (Non-Resident)

Pickup truck / SUV	\$15.00
Stake body /small dump truck.....	\$25.00
Leaves (per load, each truck and trailer).....	\$10.00
Chipped tree material (per load).....	\$10.00

REGULATIONS Only permitted items can be deposited on site. Deposit of other items is prohibited. Leaves and other yard waste can be in biodegradable paper bags or loose in a vehicle as long as the vehicle is covered with a tarp. NO plastic bags. NO tree stumps. NO grass clippings, except those mixed with leaves. Any violation of rules and regulations may result in prohibition to use the site and/or issuance of charges for defiant trespassing or other charges through the courts. The attendant on duty shall be responsible to direct unloading and activity of those visiting the site. Use of the site when an attendant is not on duty is prohibited.

QUESTIONS?

Call West Bradford at 610-269-4174

PennDOT's Expressway Service Patrol is Great for Commuters

Along the Route 30 Corridor and US 202, commuters may notice a truck parked on the shoulder (e.g. State Farm Safety Patrol). These are the PennDOT Expressway Service Trucks. Even if you haven't noticed them, these trucks come in handy when you need them most:

If you are stuck on the side of the road, call 9-1-1- and they will send out a PennDOT ESP truck to help you.

Trucks are available Monday –Friday from 5:30 am - 9:30 am and 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Route 30 (between US 202 and Airport Rd interchange) and US 202 (between S. Gulph Rd and Matlack St.) have trucks designated to these expressways to provide immediate service to those in need.

Maintenance Issues

The Expressway Service Patrol trucks can change tires, provide fuel, jump a battery, repair a cooling system hose temporarily, refill radiators, and much more. The trucks are equipped with over 50 tools to get you back on the road. If they cannot fix the problem within 10-15 minutes, or

if something is seriously wrong with the vehicle, it can be towed.

Towing

All ESP trucks are equipped with towing equipment to get automobiles and small trucks safely off the road, or to a safe predetermined drop-off location off the highway where the owner can call for additional help.

Local and State Emergency Assistance

When there are accidents on the expressway, PennDOT's trucks may provide traffic control or move vehicles involved out of traffic lanes. The quick movement of vehicles involved in accidents out of traffic lanes keeps traffic interference at a minimum, and prevents other accidents from happening.

IT'S FREE

The best part about this great program is that it is completely free of charge for anyone who uses the service. For more information on Expressway Service Patrol, visit www.dot.state.pa.us. ●

Road Resurfacing Program

Beginning the week of June 22, 2015, the Township hopes to begin the annual road resurfacing program which should take approximately 2 weeks, weather permitting. The process includes a 1" mill of the entire surface, base repair (mill & fill) in select locations, finished with a new 2" layer of 12.5 mm Superpave.

During the project, please allow plenty of time to reach your destination as delays are to be expected as well as possible lane / road closures at times.

The following roads will be resurfaced:

- Harmony Hill Road: From Guthrie Rd. to Valley Creek Rd., and from Skelp Level Rd. to Township line (covered bridge).
- Brookworth Road: From Downingtown Pike to Highland Rd.
- Highland Road: From Brookworth Rd. to Strasburg Rd.
- Highland Road: From Strasburg Rd. to Hillsdale Rd. (Base repair only). ●

East Bradford Township Comprehensive Plan Update

Would you like to see Downingtown Pike become a more attractive and vibrant gateway into our Township? Would your family use and enjoy a safe and direct walking route along Bradford Avenue and into West Chester Borough? Should the Township become a safer place for biking and walking overall?

East Bradford Township is updating its Comprehensive Plan, a strategic action plan that creates a vision for the future and directs Township resources toward the realization of that vision. The Township will focus on four key topics:

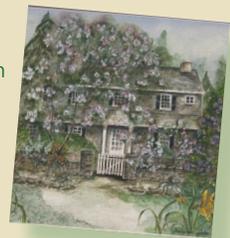
- The Route 322 corridor from Timber Top Farm to West Chester Borough;
- Bradford Avenue/Lenape Road from West Chester Borough to Strode's Mill;
- Circulation and connectivity for biking and walking in the Township; and
- Cooperative land use planning with West Chester Borough for the benefit of both municipalities.

We want to know how these issues impact you and your family. In mid-June, a Community Survey will be available on the Township website (www.eastbradford.org). We hope you will share your views and help us make East Bradford Township an even better place to live!

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.



When is a Barking Dog a Nuisance?

With spring in the air, I am noticing the howl and yowl of neighborhood dogs. This seems like a good time to revisit an old issue – the dog that barks excessively. You know the one – the dog left out in the yard to “play,” who instead spends the day barking at every little noise, real or perceived.

First, it is important to remember that dogs bark for a variety of reasons – warning, excitement, fear, frustration, in response to other dogs barking, etc.

While we appreciate the warning bark that alerts us to intrusion, constant barking for no justifiable reason can become extremely irritating. The SPCA suggests that answering “yes” to any of the following questions could qualify your dog as a “neighborhood noise nuisance.” As a responsible owner, you should recognize the problem behavior and correct it. To do this, you must teach him when barking is appropriate and how much barking is acceptable. One or two barks in response to a visitor, passerby or other barking dog is not considered excessive. Prolonged, persistent barking for hours on end certainly is.

To curtail excessive barking, determine when and why your dog is barking. Is he lonely? When outside, is he confined to a small area and therefore frustrated by his lack of

freedom? Is there a lot of new activity in your area such as construction? Are there a lot of distractions or excitatory factors, such as animal traffic, human traffic, or neighboring dogs? Is he bored?

Solutions depend on the problem. For lonely dogs, expanding their territory through a fenced yard or large pen may quiet them. If possible, a companion pet might be beneficial. Make sure that all dogs have plenty of toys to play with when you are away.

Does your dog bark excessively when...

- He is left alone and lonesome?
- Another dog barks?
- Kids from the neighborhood come out to play?
- He's outside and wants to get in?
- Neighbors leave or return?
- You come home?
- He sees garbage collectors or passing cars?



To correct the problem behavior, the SPCA offers the “water training method” in which one or two squirts of water at the barking dog are used to reinforce the command “quiet.” This conditioning procedure is repeated each time the dog barks needlessly. Often a day or two of training is enough when you are consistent. It is always wise to consider a local obedience class.

Classes usually include a section on teaching a dog to stop barking on command. Professionals usually have a lot of experience with obedience problems and promote better owner-pet communication.

Please remember, praising your dog when he is appropriately quiet can be the most effective training tool, and striking an animal is both ineffective and unacceptable. We all want to be courteous neighbors and therefore must be responsible dog owners. ●



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 (7:00pm)

Planning Commission

4th Tuesday each month (7:30pm)

Traffic Committee (as needed)

3rd Thursday each month (8:00am)

Trails Subcommittee of Park & Rec

3rd Thursday each month (noon)

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

(As needed)

Brandywine Trail Basin Plantings



On Friday May 8, 2015 East Bradford Township and North Creek Nurseries worked with a group of volunteers to retrofit a basin along the southernmost portion of the Brandywine Trail. Unfortunately, the plants that were originally specified for the basin were not compatible to the conditions and did not thrive. The new plantings will be more sun tolerant and draught resistant. In a span of three hours this energetic group planted over 2,000 plugs! ●

Want to Put Up a Sign in East Bradford?

If you want to put up a sign in East Bradford Township, make sure you first review the East Bradford Township Code or speak with the Zoning Officer, Brenden Beaumont. Sign information can be found at www.eastbradford.org under Public Information. Double click on Code of the Township and scroll down to Part 11, General Legislation. Then scroll down to Article XVII, Signs, under Zoning Chapter 115, Sections 90 – 95.4. If you have any questions contact Brenden Beaumont at 610-436-5108, ext. 104 or email bbeaumont@eastbradford.org. ●

If you smell natural gas... (It smells like rotten eggs)

If you smell natural gas, suspect a leak, or if there is an explosion or fire, call PECO immediately: 1-800-841-4141 24 hours-a-day, every day.

Know what to do about:

A FAINT odor of natural gas:

Check to see if a pilot light is out or a burner is partially on. If you cannot find the source, call PECO.

A VERY STRONG natural gas odor:

Evacuate everyone immediately and call PECO from OUTSIDE. Call 911 and PECO.

- DO NOT turn on or off any electrical switches
- DO NOT use devices such as phones, radios, doorbells or flashlights
- DO NOT smoke, strike a match or use a lighter
- DO NOT start a motor vehicle near the building

A suspected leak OUTSIDE:

If you notice a natural gas odor outdoors especially near a natural gas meter or around the sidewalk or street, call PECO. The building does not need to be evacuated and you can call from indoors.

Act quickly:

Reporting a natural gas odor promptly plays a critical role in ensuring safety. Natural gas has no natural odor, so an odorant is added to help detect when a leak occurs. Leaks can occur after nearby construction or ground movement during winter's deep freeze.



EAST BRADFORD REFUSE & RECYCLING

The quarterly fee for 2015 is \$65.33 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 and 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, or 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 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: The cardboard dropoff has returned to the Township parking lot. Boxes must be flattened. No packing materials, trash, etc. in the 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

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- Trash & Recycling will ALWAYS be collected on Friday unless the holiday falls on Friday, Only then will collection move to Saturday (e.g. 12/25/15 to 12/26/15).
- 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). Available at the Township building.
- 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 \$24, 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.