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# East Fallowfield



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**SPRING 2022** 

# Message from the Chairman

Hello Residents of East Fallowfield Township! I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter. As we make our way into the new year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of our accomplishments from the past year and thank the folks who helped make things possible.

I'd like to give a special thanks to the township's dedicated staff and Park and Rec Board members for doing an excellent job organizing the township's first-ever 'Concert in the Park' last fall. After such a challenging year, our community came together for a fun day of live music and food. It's a good feeling to return to events that help build a sense of community and make us feel we are returning to normal.



I also want to thank our East Fallowfield Elementary School students and their families who participated in the township's first-ever holiday tree lighting event this past December. We look forward to this festive event becoming an annual tradition each holiday season.

A sincere thank you to our township's road crew, office staff, police officers and emergency services workers for all they have done and continue to do during this critical time.

I'd also like to thank our engaged residents who offer us their ideas and input through public participation at meetings and conversation as we tackle new challenges.

Last, but not least, thank you to all stakeholders and those volunteers who serve on various township boards and committees and to my fellow Township Supervisors for all their work to keep this township moving forward.

In closing, have a terrific spring! I look forward to seeing you at future events.



East Fallowfield Township Officers and Eagles mascot Swoop enjoy the great music, food, and weather at our Concert in the Park.

Regards.

Wilson T. Lambert, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Supervisors



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trash@eastfallowfield.org

# **Township Administration**

Township Manager/Secretary: Scott Swichar | manager@eastfallowfield.org Treasurer: Joe Breslin | treasurer@eastfallowfield.org Denise Verderosa | dverderosa@eastfallowfield.org / permits@eastfallowfield.org Sue Sereditch | secretary@eastfallowfield.org / trash@eastfallowfield.org

# **Public Works Department**

Public Works Director: Tag Gathercole Road Crew: Tim Gathercole, Justin Gathercole, Bill Lewis

# **Zoning Hearing Board**

Members: Ellis Weiss, Kathleen Moffitt, Jason Hewson

# **Agricultural Security Committee**

Chairman: Joe Heffern Members: Roxanne Liberace, Arthur DeLeo Clarence Rhoades III

#### Park and Recreation Committee

Chairman: Teri Dickinson Vice Chairman: Sandra Stephens Members: Jennifer Wright, Joe Heffern, Al Wright, Fred Weiss, Chrissy Ali

# **Planning Commission**

Chairman: Michael Domboski Vice Chairman: Sue Monaghan Members: Joe Perzan, Jennifer Wright, Al Wright, Robin Romanelli

#### **Historic Commission**

Chairman: Joe McCormick Secretary: Sue Monaghan Members: Clarence Rhoades III, Lee Schlingmann, Connie McLaughlin, Art DeLeo, Chad Peterson

## **Strategic Planning Steering** Committee / EAC

Members: Joe Heffern, Scott Swichar, John Nielsen, Deane Madsen, Teri Dickinson, Katja DiRado (Alternate)

### **NEW TO THE TOWNSHIP?**

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# From the Manager's Desk

Dear Residents and Friends,

I am pleased to announce that the Mortonville Road Slope Stabilization & Roadway Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin this spring! The township wrapped up its final design/ engineering work for the project, and the Board of Supervisors awarded the contract to the low bidder, JVI Group, at its monthly meeting in January.

As part of the construction project, JVI Group will restore and stabilize the slope that supports Mortonville Road with a "riprap" armor wall and construct new drainage along the roadway for enhanced erosion control. The project will also entail the paving of Mortonville Road all the way from Strasburg Road to Saw Mill Road.

Mortonville Road will be open to local traffic only, and detour signs will be appropriately posted in the area to redirect traffic.

It has been a long process, but we moved as quickly as we could in an effort to secure the maximum amount of grant assistance for this project. The project is being funded by a \$1 million grant from PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund and a separate \$730,000 Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multi-Modal Transportation Fund grant.

Keeping our roads safe and passable is a high priority for the township's administration and Board of Supervisors. I appreciate the patience of our township residents, especially the homeowners on Mortonville Road. We will do our best to keep the construction running on time so we can reopen Mortonville Road as quickly as possible. The project should be complete by June 2022, weather permitting.



The East Fallowfield Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no cost to our residents.



The Board of Supervisors and Township Manager thank outgoing Supervisor Carol Kulp for her services.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to Carol Kulp who finished her 6-year term as a Township Supervisor. Carol was elected in 2015 and served continuously through 2021.

During her tenure of community service, Carol spent countless hours during many long evening meetings to help ensure that we live in a healthy, attractive, and prosperous community.

Carol exhibited strong leadership and played a vital role in supporting significant and positive changes to East Fallowfield Township, including managing the growth of residential developmentwhile also helping to preserve the rural character of the township.

At Carol's final meeting as a Township Supervisor, Board Chairman Wilson Lambert spoke about Carol's work with the township and her accomplishments. Lambert also read aloud a Resolution of Commendation at the meeting and presented her with a framed copy of the Resolution.



Newest Supervisor Al Wright gets sworn in.

Likewise, we'd like to welcome and congratulate Al Wright as a newly elected Township Supervisor. Wright was sworn in by Magisterial District Judge, Nancy A. Gill, at the township's reorganization meeting in January and took his seat at the table. He will serve a 6-year term. At the meeting, Wilson T. Lambert, Jr. was also re-appointed as the 2022 Board of Supervisors Chairperson and Joe Heffern was re-appointed as the 2022 Board of Supervisors Vice Chairperson.

On behalf of the Township Board of Supervisors, I wish you and your family a wonderful spring season. I hope to see you out and about the township.

Sincerely, Scott M. Swichar **Township Manager** 

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# Township Police Equipped with Body-worn Cameras

This spring, the East Fallowfield Township Police Department will begin its widespread deployment of Body-worn Camera units (BWC).

The Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of four 'WatchGuard' BWCs at their board meeting last year. The cameras were purchased for \$10,000 from the township's capital fund. The board also approved a bodyworn camera policy for its officers to ensure the law is followed, rights are protected, and recordings are properly captured and preserved.

All uniformed officers conducting field operations will be equipped with a BWC and receive training on how to properly use the system The department already has in-car camera systems for its vehicles, and the new BWC units will integrate seamlessly with the in-car camera system.

"Getting these body-worn cameras into the hands of our officers will help them do their jobs that much better, providing a level of accountability that not only safeguards our men and women in uniform, but also helps build upon the trust our police have with the East Fallowfield community," said Township Manager Scott Swichar.



Sergeant Brian Simmons shows the new body-worn cameras that officers are now wearing to record videos of their police work

#### 2022 CHESTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY HHW EVENTS

Events are open to Chester County residents only. Please no businesses or contractors.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

You must pre-register online to reserve your time slot. Online registration will be available a few weeks before each event. To make your appointment, visit: https://www.chestercountyswa.org/121/Upcoming-Household-Hazardous-Waste-Event.



Saturday, August 27 - Oxford Saturday, October 8 - West Chester

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# Renewable Energy Future for East Fallowfield Township

by John Nielsen, Board of Supervisors Member

In March of 2021 East Fallowfield Township adopted a resolution to support a 100% renewable energy future by 2050. This resolution is modeled after the Sierra Club's Ready For 100 program. The township has now joined with at least 14 other municipalities in Chester County and with County and State governments to make this transition by implementing a Local Climate Action Plan, or LCAP. This plan is just beginning to take place in East Fallowfield as we have Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) members who will be attending a PA Climate Leadership Academy training to help accomplish this task. This training will enable interested persons to conduct a Greenhouse Gas inventory of the township, thereby establishing a baseline to measure our progress.

In conjunction with our Climate Action Plan, we will also promote and support conservation and ecological issues of concern such as energy efficiency, native plantings, stormwater management best practices, open space, and preservation of natural, historical and cultural resources.

If you have an interest or expertise in these topics and would like to get involved in our group, please contact me directly at jnielsen@eastfallowfield.org. for more information. Let's try to leave this place in better shape than we found it. For more information see the links below.

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https://chescoplanning.org/environmental/ClimateAction.cfm https://www.paclimateacademy.org/programs-ccp

https://climateofficers.org/certification-professional

https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/climate/Pages/Local-Climate-Action.aspx



The training and programs administered by the Pennsylvania Climate Leadership Academy are provided through support and funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

# Where does your Real Estate Tax Dollar Go?



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East Fallowfield Township \$.06

#### **Did You Know?**

Approximately 84% of your real estate taxes go to the Coatesville Area School District, while East Fallowfield Township receives only about 6% of Property Taxes.

Coatesville Area School District	38.2018 Mills	84%
Chester County (CC)	4.551 Mills	10%
East Fallowfield Township	3.00000 Mills	6%

# **Permits Galore!**

Despite (or maybe because of?) the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19 and how it continues to affect our "new normal," 2021 proved to be a very busy year for the permit department at East Fallowfield Township. Home improvements and new single-family dwellings kept homeowners and contractors on the go, and we reached an all-time high for number of permits processed in one year.

If you're into stats, here are some of ours for 2021:

#### **192 Residential Building Permits** for projects including:

- ★53 single family dwellings
- ★36 re-roofing projects
- ★21 decks
- ★ 15 HVAC systems
- ★ 11 generators
- ★8 pools
- ★8 solar panel projects
- **★**7 finished basements
- **★**5 additions/sunrooms
- ★3 underground tank removals/installations
- ★2 signs
- ★1 hot tub

#### **177 Zoning Permits** for projects including:

- ★31 fences
- ★ 18 sheds
- ★ 16 patios

<u>More than 700 inspections</u> were conducted during the course of the year, to ensure that the projects were being built according to regulations.

# More than 100 UCC Certificates of Occupancy & Use were issued.

If you are planning to take on home improvements in the upcoming year, chances are good that you'll need a permit before you start the work. If you have any questions or need to begin the permitting process, please contact us at **610-635-6077** or email **permits@eastfallowfield.org.** 



# Party Time at the Pavilion!

If you're planning an upcoming event and would like to reserve the East Fallowfield Community Park Pavilion, now is the time to do it!

Residents are always welcome to sit at the pavilion and enjoy a picnic lunch, get out of the sun, meet with friends or just relax, but please remember that you may be sharing this space with other park visitors. If you are having a special event and would like to reserve the pavilion for your group's exclusive use, please contact the township office and we'll get you started on the process.

#### Things to know:

- 1. Contact the township office at 610-384-2104 or email secretary@eastfallowfield.org to request a Facility Use Permit Application and to check available dates. Permits will be issued on a first come first served basis.
- 2. Permit applications for pavilion rentals must be submitted to the township office at least six business days in advance of the planned event/activity.
- 3. Events for groups of 75 people or more require special approval from the Board of Supervisors and must be submitted at least eight weeks in advance.
- 4. Pavilion rentals are available Monday through Sunday, from April 1 through October 31.
- 5. For East Fallowfield Township residents, the cost of the rental is \$50 for a four-hour time slot, from 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. For non-residents, the fee is \$100.
- 6. A security deposit of \$100 must accompany the permit application and rental fee.
- 7. Park restrooms will be open and available for use during this time.
- 8. Two charcoal grills are available for use when you rent the pavilion.
- 9. You are responsible for bringing your own supplies and cleaning up after your event (We do not recommend having a "reveal party" with an exploding pink confetti piñata, for example. That's a lot of tiny pieces of paper you'll be picking up through the grass!)
- 10. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

For additional information or to request a Facility Use Permit Application, please contact the township office at **610-384-2104**. Thanks, and we hope you're ready to get outside and enjoy your park this season!





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# The Coatesville Library is Here for You!

The Coatesville Library is Here for You and Because of You. This was the message of our recent annual campaign, and it continues to be the motto of the entire staff. We are here to serve the diverse needs of our community on a daily basis. These are just a few ways your community library is assisting patrons:

- Free Wi-fi access
- · Access to public computers with a library card
- · Faxing and Photocopying for a small fee
- An updated collection and new books added on a regular basis
- Free E-Materials with a library card
- Community Partnerships
- Weekly children's programming
- Increased adult programming (Virtual and In-Person)

#### **Increased Programming**

We are excited to offer increased programming for both children and adults at the Coatesville Library. We recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Kistler Tiffany Hope for Children Foundation for children's programming in 2022. These funds will help with expanding our story time programs and add more outreach to our community's families. We recently hired a full time Adult Programming and Outreach Librarian who is adding meaningful and relevant programs for all community members. To find the most up-to-date information about programs and events, please visit our website, www.coatesvilleareapubliclibrary.org. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram!

#### **Facility Improvements**

In addition to the increased programming, we in the process of updating our facility! We have new exterior doors, new carpeting, a brand-new circulation desk, and a new exterior sign! During the spring of 2022, we are looking forward to the installation of new windows



A New exterior sign was installed in December 2021!



A brand-new circulation desk was installed in

throughout the building and new, energyefficient lighting. These improvements making the space more welcoming and inviting for everyone! Please stop in and visit us soon!

#### **Summer Reading Program for Kids**

Please register your child for the Summer Reading Program at the Coatesville Library! The theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities" and is open for children of all ages. This is an excellent way to prevent the summer slide and it is absolutely free! The summer events will be listed on the Coatesville Library's website (www. coatesvilleareapubliclibrary.org). Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins on 6/13/2022 in person at the Coatesville Library - 501 E. Lincoln Highway in Coatesville. The



program will run for eight weeks and end on August 6th. We will have weekly prizes and large end of the summer raffle prizes!

#### **Coming Soon**

Make sure you are on our email list so you can participate in our Spring online survey that will help us tailor our programming and resources. To join, send a quick email to coatesvilleareapubliclibrary@gmail.com and we will add you to the list

#### East Fallowfield Township Donates \$8,000 to **Coatesville Area Public Library**

East Fallowfield Township's Board of Supervisors approved a \$8,000 donation to the Coatesville Area Public Library at the December Board of Supervisors meeting.

The Coatesville Area Public Library relies on the financial support of donors, neighboring municipalities, and volunteers to ensure that that they are able to continue to provide high quality materials, programs and services.

"The Coatesville Area Library is a great community asset that offers a variety of benefits to our local community. We are happy to support this important asset," said East Fallowfield Township Manager, Scott Swichar.



East Fallowfield Township Manager, Scott Swichar, Township Treasurer, Joe Breslin along with staff and board members of the Coatesville Area Public Library.

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# Become an East Fallowfield Township Park VIP!

by Teri Dickinson, Chairperson, East Fallowfield Township Park & Recreation Committee

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2022 Park and Recreation Committee Members:
Chairperson: Teri Dickinson
Vice-Chairperson: Sandra Stephens
Members: Al Wright, Jennifer Wright, Fred Weiss,
Joe Heffern, Chrissy Ali

The East Fallowfield Park and Recreation Committee needs YOU! Please consider becoming a Park VIP (short for **Volunteers Improving our Park**). The Park & Recreation Committee relies on a strong volunteer base to supply diverse and successful programs and events throughout the year. Please consider joining **our** Park VIPs! We welcome and encourage all residents: parents, students, retirees, environmentalists, pet lovers, gardeners, and anyone else who just wants to make our township park the best that it can be!

Our volunteer opportunities range from getting your hands dirty at the Spring and Fall Clean Up Events and Operation Flagpole (spring planting around the flagpole), to helping out at recreational activities and events. Lend a hand (and ear!) at our Summer Concert Series, the Independence Day Star Spangled

Bike Parade, or Summer Garden Swaps. Enjoy fun opportunities to get involved and make connections within your community.

Want to share your ideas on ways we can improve the park? Would you like to see a special event held? Do you have an area of expertise that you are willing to share with your neighbors? Consider joining us at our meetings, held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the East Fallowfield Township Building at 6:30 p.m. Masks are worn, and social distancing is practiced at all meetings. A call-in option is available for those who wish to become involved but are not yet comfortable attending in person.

Please email me, Teri Dickinson, at <u>tad411@comcast.net</u> with any questions, suggestions, or ideas!

### EFT Park & Recreation 2022 Upcoming Events April • 9th - Easter Egg Hunt TBD - Concert in the Park August 23rd - Clean-up at the Park Saturdays - Garden Swap May September 14th - Gardening at the Flagpole Saturdays - Garden Swap Oct 29th - Trunk or Treat! June TBD - Concert in the Park Nov · 12th - Clean-up at the Park 2nd - Star-Spangled Parade July December TBD - Tree-lighting Ceremony TBD - Concert in the Park Check our website and Facebook page for updated information



# East Fallowfield Township

## 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Supervisors Meetings				
Second & fourth Tuesday of month at 6:30 p.m.				
January 11	May 10	September 13		
January 25	May 24	September 27		
February 8	June 14	October 11		
February 22	June 28	October 25		
March 8	July 12	November 8		
March 22	July 26	November 22		
April 12	August 9	December 13 & *20		
April 26	August 23	December 27		

	Strategic Planning	
при 20	nugust 25	December 27
April 26	August 23	December 27
April 12	August 9	December 13 & *20
March 22	July 26	November 22
March 8	July 12	November 8
February 22	June 28	October 25
February 8	June 14	October 11
January 25	May 24	September 27
January 11	May 10	September 13

Strategic Planning				
Steering Committee/EAC Meetings				
Third Thursday of month at 6:30 p.m.				
January 20	May19	September 15		
February 17	June 16	October 20		
March 17	July 21	November 17		
April 21	August 18	December 15		

Municipal Bldg. Comm. MtgFourth Monday of month at 6:30 p.m.		
Township Reorganization Meeting - Monday, January 3 at 6 p.m.		
Elected Board of Auditors Meeting - Tuesday January 4 at 6:30 p.m.		

Planning Commission Meetings				
First &	First & third Monday of month at 6:30 p.m.			
*January 10	May 2	*September 12		
*January 31	May 16	September 19		
February 7	June 6	October 3		
*February 14	June 20	October 17		
March 7	*July 11	November 7		
March 21	July 18	November 21		
April 4	August 1	December 5		
April 18	August 15	December 19		

Park & Recreation Meetings				
First & third Tuesday of month at 6:30 p.m.				
January 4 May 3 September 6				
January 18	May 17	September 20		
February 1	June 7	October 4		
February 15	June 21	October 18		
March 1	July 5	November 1		
March 15	July 19	November 15		
April 5	August 2	December 6		
April 19	August16	December 20		

## **Historic Commission Meetings**

As needed/first & third Wednesday of month at 6:30 p.m.

HOLIDAYS-When a holiday falls within the week, trash, recycling and bulk will be picked up on Saturday. Holidays are: New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1; Memorial Day - Monday, May 30; Independence Day - Monday, July 4; Labor Day - Monday, September 5; Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 24; and Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25. Holidays that fall on a Saturday or Sunday will not affect your trash pickup.

#### Recycling - every other Friday, unless indicated \*

WEST SIDE				
January 7	May 13	September 16		
January 21	May 27	September 30		
February 4	June 10	October 14		
February 18	June 24	October 28		
March 4	*Saturday, July 9	November 11		
March 18	July 22	*Sat, November 26		
April 1	August 5	December 9		
April 15	August 19	December 23		
April 29	September 2			

Every Friday unless holiday week, then Saturday.

#### Leaf Pick-up

Every Monday from October 17 until December 12. Must be in biodegradable bags, no plastic bags.

#### Yard Waste/Chipping Service

First Monday of the month unless holiday, then Tuesday.

	EAST SIDE				
	January 14	May 20	September 23		
	January 28	*Saturday, June 4	October 7		
	February 11	June 17	October 21		
	February 25	July 1	November 4		
	March 11	July 15	November 18		
	March 25	July 29	December 2		
	April 8	August 12	December 16		
	April 22	August 26	December 30		
May 6 *Saturday, September 10			er 10		

#### **Bulk Trash**

First Friday of every month unless holiday, then Saturday. 2 items max.

#### Compost Site

Located at 2240 Upper Gap Road in South Coatesville. Open 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, 5/28, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 8/27, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 11/12, and 12/10 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### Christmas Tree Pick-up 2023

Monday, Jan. 2 & 9 and Tuesday, Jan. 17. Curbside pickup.



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