



EAST COVENTRY TIMES

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EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP POLICE PROMOTIONS

The East Coventry Police Department is proud to announce the promotions of two Officers to the rank of Sergeant. Officers Arthur Brown (right) and Christopher Jason (left) were promoted to the rank of Sergeant at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on Monday, August 12th. The promotion of these two officers will complete the restructuring of the Police Department which began in mid-2016 with the hiring of Police Chief William Mossman (center). Sgt. Brown and Sgt. Jason will each command one of the two departmental platoons and will answer directly to the Chief of Police. Sgt. Jason began his law enforcement career in 2000 when he joined the South Coatesville Police Department. He was also a Correctional Officer at the Chester County Prison. Sgt. Jason has been a member of the East Coventry Police Department for the past 17 years. Sgt. Brown was the former Chief of Police in East Brandywine Township. He continued in that position until he was elected



In this issue we share news about recent changes here in the administrative offices, committee updates, as well as helpful tips for a safe winter from our Public Safety and Public Works personnel.

From all of us here at ECT – we extend our best wishes to you and yours for a safe and happy holiday season!

Police Promotions Cont'd

District Justice in Caln Township. He later went on to become a Deputy Sherriff and the Chief of Police in Spring City Borough. Sgt. Brown has been a member of the East Coventry Police Department for the past 11 years. Sgt. Brown and Sgt. Jason bring a wealth of experience and know-how to their new positions and will help lead the Police Department to professionally address the challenges facing our citizens and law enforcement today and into the foreseeable future. Congratulations to Sergeant Arthur Brown and Sergeant Christopher Jason!

Staff Notes...

Finance Department...

Sewer Account Payments. Please indicate your address on your sewer payment, your sewer account number is the property address of the service connection. Remember, if your water is shut off due to delinquent sewer payments, it can take up to 10 days for the water to get turned back on. If you need to make payment arrangements, please contact us at 610-495-5443.

Tenancy Forms...

If you have a rental property in East Coventry Township a Tenancy Form must be filled out and returned to the Township Building. The Tenancy Forms can be found on our website www.eastcoventry-pa.gov.

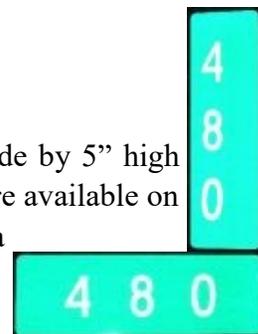
Coventry Food Pantry...

You may drop off items in the Township office lobby. Your donations support families throughout the Owen J. Roberts School District. **Items Always Needed:**

Canned Good Peanut Butter & Jelly Cleaning Supplies Personal Supplies
Paper Products Laundry Detergent Diapers & Wipes

Reflective Address Markers...

The signs are only \$15 each. You can have a 6" x 18" "Mailbox Marker" or a 14" wide by 5" high "House Marker". More information and forms to order the Reflective Address Markers are available on the Ridge Fire Company's website www.ridgefirecompany.com. You can also call in a request at 610-495-6063.



Public Works...

A friendly reminder to not rake or blow leaves and/or sticks and branches into roadside drainage ditches or onto the roads. This impedes water flow and can create a road hazard.

Police Department...

Grass Reminder—East Coventry Township enacted an Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2018-227), which prohibits residents from blowing grass clippings onto public and private streets. Grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste left on public and private streets cause slippery conditions for motorists, bicycles and pedestrians, are unsightly and contribute to the clogging of storm sewers, thereby requiring excess maintenance, and are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

Police Department Cont'd...

Grass Reminder Cont'd

When mowing grass adjacent to a highway, street or road, whether within a public or private right-of-way, all grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste from the mower shall be directed toward the adjacent owners' properties to avoid grass clippings, leaves and yard waste from being directed towards and deposited onto the highway, street or road within the public or private right-of-way. Any grass clippings, leaves or yard waste inadvertently deposited onto or accumulating on a highway, street or road in East Coventry Township shall immediately be removed; there is no "grace period" within which to remove grass, leaves and yard waste. All owners or occupants of private property in East Coventry Township are responsible to ensure that any persons hired to cut their grass or maintain their yard abide by this Ordinance.

Roads with Prohibited On-Street Parking

The East Coventry Police Department would like to remind the residents which roads in the Township do not allow on-street parking. Section 15-402 of the Code of the Township of East Coventry shows the following list of roads that do not allow on-street parking:

- Anderson Road—Both sides—between the Conrail railroad right-of-way and the Northeastern terminus of Anderson Road
- Baptist Church Road—Both sides—between a point 200 feet NE of Pigeon Creek and a point 200 feet SW of Pigeon Creek
- Bayberry Lane—Both sides—Entire length of dedicated road
- Bethel Church Road—Both sides—between a point on the southern side of the Brethren Church and Old Schuylkill Road
- Brower Lane—Both sides—Entire length
- Carriage House Road—Both sides—Entire length
- Coventry Green Lane—Both sides—Entire length
- Dare Lane—Both sides—Entire length
- Earl Drive—Both sides—Entire length
- Larkspur Lane—South side—Between South Sanatoga Road and the Cul-de-Sac
- Lubold Road—Both sides—Entire length
- Maack Road—Both sides—between Fulmer Road and the Cul-de-Sac
- North Savanna Drive—Both sides—Entire length of dedicated road
- Old Schuylkill Road—Both sides—between Wells Road and Bethel Church Road
- Rinehart Road—Both sides—Entire length
- Robins Nest Lane—East/South sides—between South Sanatoga Road and the Cul-de-Sac
- Sage Drive—Both sides—Entire length
- Sanatoga Road—Both sides—between the Conrail railroad right-of-way and bridge carrying Sanatoga Rd across the Schuylkill River
- South Sanatoga Road—East/South sides—between Larkspur Lane and the Cul-de-Sac
- South Sanatoga Road—West side—between East Cedarville Road and Larkspur Lane
- South Savanna Drive—Both sides—Entire length
- Zieber Road—Both sides—between a point 200 feet NE of Pigeon Creek & a point 200 feet SW of Pigeon Creek

Christmas Tree Recycling

Curbside Tree Pickup

Monday, January 6th and

Monday, January 13th, 2020

Trees will be collected and chipped by the Public Works Department. This service keeps trees out of landfills and is a great way to recycle. Note: If lights or decorations are left on the tree, the tree will not be picked up. Please place the tree on your curb the evening before scheduled pickup date.



HOW RESIDENTS CAN HELP PREVENT ROADWAY FLOODING...

Keep it Clear

Many stormwater blockages in streets and alleys occur due to clogged storm sewer inlets and drains. If there is an inlet in the street adjacent to your home, please keep this drain clear of all obstructions like leaves, grass and debris. Debris at storm sewer inlets also builds up after a storm event, which is a good time to check the inlet to make sure that the system will work well in the next storm. If you see a clogged storm sewer inlet in the Township, or cannot clear the debris yourself, please call 610-495-5443 to report the location.

Never Dump Into a Storm Sewer Inlet

It is important to never dump any debris like landscape waste, garbage or chemicals into a storm sewer inlet. While bulky materials can cause flooding, chemicals and other wastes that are dumped into a storm sewer eventually drain into local waterways, which threatens fish and wildlife and pollutes the water. If you observe this violation, or to find out how to properly dispose of waste products, please call 610-495-5443.

Too Deep to Drive?

If during or after a rain event you cannot determine the depth of the water in the street—for your own safety—do not drive down the street. Find an alternate route and immediately report the flooded roadway location to 610-495-5443.

BURNING

Burning is not allowed in the Township except for recreational purposes such as a fire pit in an area no larger than 3 feet x 3 feet x 3feet.



SPRING CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY...

It's Official! The Spring City Public Library welcomes East Coventry residents to their service territory. We welcome you to come check us out and find out why so many people love this library. We are small but mighty as we have access to the entire Chester County Library System. This means that you can order and borrow materials from other libraries in the county system; picking them up and returning them conveniently here at the Spring City Public Library (SCPL). We boast a friendly staff; regularly scheduled hours; helpful volunteers; books, movies, magazines for adults and children; programming for everyone; and five public computers and a color printer for your technological needs all housed in a beautiful building that is five years new.

We are able to do what we do so effectively due in part to the generous contributions of the townships in our service area. Thank you East Coventry for your contribution to the Library and therefore, all those that we serve. Without your generosity, our doors might not be able to be open as many hours as they are. We are currently open Monday-Wednesday-Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm and Tuesday and Thursday 10am-8pm. There are a lot of happy faces weekdays amongst the preschool set as they attend our popular story times, block building parties, and LEGO sessions. We are hosting a series of evening programs this September for baby boomers on Social Security, Medicare and a roadmap for retirement. We plan to launch a cultural series in October, primarily on Sundays at 2pm with lecturers, musicians, and artists. All of this is possible due to the generosity of our supporters; from townships to the state and county, to individual donors, grants and corporate sponsorship! It takes an entire community to support a public library.

So, the next time you find yourself on Broad Street in Spring City (we are number 245), please stop in and say hello. We are waiting for you! Don't forget to check us out on the web at www.springcitylibrary.org and friend us on Facebook.



EXCITING NEWS ABOUT PARKLANDS AND OPEN SPACE...

Your Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Committee along with the Open Space Committee has been very busy this year preserving more open space, creating more walking trails and enhancing our parks.



The Scenic Albright Property

Thanks to our Board of Supervisors support, this year we were so happy to be able to partner with the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee and have Michael Lane, the recreational coordinator, join our enthusiastic team. He attained two grants for us, one from Pottstown Area Health and Wellness for \$20,000 and another from the Schuylkill Highlands Mini grant program for another \$20,000. These grants will enable us to hire a team of landscape architects to brand our neighborhood parks with wayfinding signs that will pave the way for a pleasant and informative experience on our trails. As we continue to add more open space and trails we encourage everyone to get out and walk. Bring your dog along, fish our streams or just sit at one of our benches and enjoy our sunsets.

When you visit our parks you may notice some trail sensors at park entrances. These sensors are a part of a trail survey to help us determine what can make your experience better. At the sensors you may notice an 8 x 11 QR Code. Please scan it with your phone and complete the survey so we can serve you better when it comes to recreation in these areas.

The Open Space Committee added another 32 acres to its list of accomplishments. The Albright Property (Pictured Above) is a 32 acre parcel along the Pigeon Creek, a high quality stream designated by the State of PA. This property is located off of Porters Mill Road and Pigeon Creek Road. The trail that will be around the perimeter of the property is in the works and will provide a safe walking trail along Schoolhouse Road.

Please join us at our exciting, fun meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month. We all come together and dream about how we can make our community better. What unifies us is the love of nature and this beautiful place we call home. We would love to see you there!

ANNUAL FALL WALK

Please join your Park and Recreation Committee on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Maack Road parking lot for our Annual Fall Walk, showcasing our beautiful parks with all their fall glory. The walk will be about 1 hour with refreshments served at our historic one room school house at the top of Schoolhouse Road. The rain date will be the next day, Sunday, October 20, 2019, same time, same place. See you there!



A FRICKS LOCKS VILLAGE MEMOIR

Sadie Overholtzer, her husband, Stephen and their daughter Reba lived in Fricks Locks Village, East Coventry Township, in the historic Burns House from approximately 1927—1970 farming their land. My family, the Elliotts, lived directly across the road in the historic Ellis Hoffman House, 1947—1959. As young children we had difficulty pronouncing her name, so Mrs. Overholtzer dubbed herself “Fo Fo”. More like a grandmother than just a neighbor, Fo Fo was the kindest, sweetest and most gentle soul next, of course, to our mother. Always interested in our lives, Fo Fo unfailingly sent us birthday cards long after we moved out of the village. I, Penny (Elliott) Morton, received this final letter enclosed in a birthday card from Fo Fo dated October 25, 1969. Her heartbreak at the prospect of losing her beloved home to make way for the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant is evident.

(Fo Fo, Donna Elliott, Nancy Elliott, Penny Elliott)

“Dear Penny Pumpkin,

I suppose you have heard that Fricks Locks, the place of your birth and the homes we all have lived in, will, within a few years, give way to progress. They are planning to put an atomic plant across the river from us using the old river for water, perhaps the railroad also. At present, all but Boxwood and your old home are the only ones who have not definitely signed to the Philadelphia Electric Company for what 10 years ago would have seemed fabulous prices. We are just living a day at a time to see what develops. Guess you can read what it has done to my nerves. Sorry to tell you in what should be a Happy Birthday letter.

We are so happy that God answered our prayers that Frankie was spared to still bring joy and happiness to your family. Trust all is OK with you, that this, your last year will be a best one of all for you. I was so glad to have a few hours with Ruth’s big girls and Ashley last summer, that we could share memories of your early childhood with us.

We are getting around daily as well as you can expect at 86 and Reba, 64. Steve will be 87, December 18 and me next April 21, married 63 years.

Have a happy healthy birthday.

Fo Fo”

Our guests on the Fricks Locks Village tours frequently ask, “How did the people feel about being forced out of their homes when the power plant came in?” This letter is our only known personal written record of a resident who had to leave.



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EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP

FALL/WINTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Closed:

Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24th & 25th

Wednesday, January 1st

Monday, February 17th

SANTA'S COMING TO RIDGE FIREHOUSE!

Sunday, December 8th from 2 PM to 4 PM

2 PM to 3 PM Craft Time/Door Prizes

3 PM to 3:30 PM Bingo Games/Songs

3:30 PM **Santa** Arrives

Refreshments



Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors

2nd Monday at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission

3rd Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Historical Commission

2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee

4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Open Space Committee (Quarterly) 1st Wednesday

At 7:00 PM

All meetings held at the Township Building