



East Coventry Times

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Spring 2015

FAST FACTS ABOUT EAST COVENTRY

Population*: 6,636
 Male 3,218 48.5%
 Female 3,418 51.5%
 Median Age: 40.1

No. of Households*: 2,624
 Owner occupied: 1,975
 Renter occupied: 501
 Vacant units: 148

Average household size of owner occupied units: 2.72
 Average household size of renter-occupied units: 2.09
 Miles of Roadway

48.84 Township
 11.09 State

Number of Employees:
 8 Police
 3 Administration
 5 Public Works
 2 Seasonal/PT

Total 2015 Budget Expenditures: \$4,729,472.01

Real Estate Millage Rate: 3
 Fire Hydrant Millage Rate: .12

*2010 Census

Open Space Preservation in East Coventry

In 2014, the Open Space Committee helped the Board of Supervisors to place an additional 78+ acres in a conservation and trail easement. With the assistance of a grant from Chester County, the Township was able to close on the 78+ acres of open space for the residents. Part of this space will be used to create a new trail that will connect with the Maack and Wineberry trails. Work is expected to begin this year to delineate the new trail and to clear it for use. We will be working on obtaining another trailhead to allow additional parking and ease of access to the trail from a closer location.

The committee is also reviewing another parcel on which to place a conservation easement in 2015 with the help of a grant from Chester County.

If you are a land owner and wish to place a conservation easement or agricultural easement on your land, please come in to discuss your desire with the Open Space Committee. You can also call the Township Office and leave your information and you will be contacted. The review procedure is very simple. The Committee utilizes procedures established by the Board of Supervisors to review open space for possible acquisition (including easements) and after that review is completed, recommendations are presented to the Board. If there are grants available from Chester County, the Committee can provide assistance.

The Open Space Committee meets bi-monthly starting in January on the 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm at the Township Building. Please feel free to stop in. You may see some familiar faces!

Grant awarded to East Coventry Township

New this year!

East Coventry Township received a grant through the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation of \$14,093.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. These funds, along with matching funds from the Township, will be used to construct a pavilion at Ellis Woods Park. The pavilion will be constructed over the existing concrete pad and will be completed in time for Community Day. The Township is considering the purchase of picnic tables to be located at this pavilion which will make it a great area to have picnics and enjoy the many features the park has to offer including, the 1/2 court basketball/Pickleball court, running track, play area for all ages and the nature trail through the woods.

East Coventry Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee is looking for new people to help with recreation activities and share ideas to enrich our community. If you are interested, the committee meets at 7:30 pm, the 4th Tuesday of each month. Feel free to stop in and meet us!

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Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee

Pickleball Rocks in East Coventry!

East Coventry Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee introduced the game of Pickleball to the residents on Community Day, June 14, 2014. Through the newsletter and new signage, we advertised Pickleball Tuesday and Thursday nights 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm/dark. From the start we usually had approximately 6 to 8 adults (high school age and up to retirees) along with 4 to 6 children (4th—8th grade). Committee members were on hand for each session to introduce the game to residents, and provide teaching and coaching services. We learned from each other and were fortunate to have several residents show up that knew the game well and gave us pointers. It was enjoyable to see improvement among the players and how the game was enjoyed by all, regardless of skill level or age.

Pickleball is also being played locally at the Pottstown YMCA on Mondays and at the Phoenixville Civic Center sponsored by the Phoenixville Recreation Department. The game is 50 years old and is becoming very popular. We are excited to have this court in our community.

The Committee is looking forward to starting up the 2015 season in the spring and we welcome the residents of East Coventry to come out and play, whether you are a novice or seasoned player of the game. Please check the East Coventry website for the latest information on the 2015 Pickleball season.

The Committee would like to thank all that supported us in our efforts to introduce Pickleball to East Coventry!

Stormwater Management Educational Information

KEEPING STORMWATER CLEAN FOR HEALTHIER STREAMS

Because stormwater runoff from our properties flows into Pigeon Creek, Stony Run, French Creek, the Schuylkill River, and their smaller tributaries, efforts to control stormwater pollution benefit from your individual activities, in addition to the regulations enforced by the Township. It takes changes in our familiar thinking to modify our actions that can help reduce stormwater pollution and the degradation of the waterways in the Township. The following simple vehicle maintenance practices can help to reduce stormwater pollution of our waterways.

- Check your vehicle for fluid leaks regularly and fix them promptly.
 - Use ground cloths or oil pans under your vehicle, if you have leaks or if you are doing engine work.
 - Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of clean up materials.
 - Never dump motor oil or other engine fluids into road gutters, storm drains and basins or on to the ground.
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Stream Cleanup!

In support of Earth Day activities this April, the Board of Supervisors is sponsoring a cleanup of the Pigeon Creek between Route 724 to the Schuylkill River. Persons interested in keeping East Coventry clean and green are invited to volunteer a few hours of their time to participate in this 8th annual community stream cleanup initiative. Interested volunteers are to gather at the Schuylkill River Trail parking lot located at the intersection of Bethel Church Road and Route 724, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015. The rain date will be Saturday, April 25, 2015. For more information, please contact Brady L. Flaharty, Township Engineer, at 610-495-2118 or brady.Flaharty@thearrogroup.com.

Road Projects

The following roads are scheduled to be paved this summer. South Keim Street and Porter's Mill Road (between Harvey Lane and South Coventry Twp line), Kulp Road (between Halteman Road and Harley Road) and Kulp Road (between Schoolhouse Road and Harvey Road)

East Coventry Historical Commission

FRICKS LOCKS VILLAGE—RECORD SETTING ATTENDANCE!

On July 17, 2014 the East Coventry Historical hosted two special tours, the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum 2014 Tour and the Chester County Town Tour & Village Walk. On the tour for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, we hosted nineteen (19) historic preservationist from across the country, who were attending the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum being held in Philadelphia. We received great feedback; one attendee even requested a copy of our script. Our second tour of the day was the Chester County Town Tour & Village Walk. We had the second largest attendance for the Town Tours & Village Walks, hosting a total of 441 attendees.

Now that we've addressed all the accolades, let us tell you about the volunteers who made these tours successful. The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions tour was easy. We knew how many guests were attending. Every one of our regular Fricks Locks Volunteers was given the opportunity to participate. It was their chance to present Fricks Locks Village to their peers! Almost everyone volunteered and we only needed cookies, water and lemonade for nineteen. The Town Tour & Village Walk was a different matter. After all, we were into the middle of our second tour season; many people had already toured Fricks Locks Village. A similar tour had been held in 2003 and about one hundred twenty-five (125) people had attended at that time. It was anyone's guess how many attendees we would have for this tour. We had to plan for registration, refreshments, parking, security, entertainment, flowers and not least of all—volunteers. The other 2014 tours were having good attendance. We thought big and planned for three hundred (300) attendees. Again all of our regular volunteers made themselves available and we found eleven (11) additional volunteers from our community. Mr. Paul Roussey volunteered and presented great period music on his banjo. Millers Greenhouse, located on Sanatoga Road, Pottstown, Pa donated flowers. The Fire Police from Ridge Fire Company, handled parking. Eric Loken, Eric Loken Photography, took photographs and served as a tour guide. Mary Ann Keen served refreshments and Ann Keen brought her painting of Fricks Locks Village. Larry Brown provided his truck and labor to haul tents, tables, chairs and other props. In total we had thirty-five (35) volunteers from our community and neighboring communities. Some of these volunteers served from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm. Great things happen in our community due to volunteers. Our heartfelt thank you to everyone who made July 17, 2014 a successful day. Look for 2015 schedule tour dates for Fricks Locks Village in the box "Upcoming Events" at the end of this newsletter.

In addition to our July 17, 2014 tours, we had a few other accomplishments in 2014. The Township purchased a storage shed for use by the volunteers operating the tours and built a beautiful registry pavilion for Fricks Locks Village. Eagle Scout, Joe Kennedy built four (4) much needed benches to be placed along the Fricks Locks Tour route. Anne Keen and Mariea Geho, members of the Archives Committee, have posted all our archives on the computer. We continue to work with the Township Planning Commission on Subdivision and Land Development Projects.

In addition to the above activities, the Historical Commission looks forward to record & transcribe 'oral histories' in 2015.

New Faces at East Coventry Township

You may have already seen or met the new employees at East Coventry Township. The Township has hired two (2) new employees. David Rishel, Public Works Operator and Cheryl Imes, Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager. Both started their employment with East Coventry Township on November 3, 2014.

Dave was born in Reading and lives in the Pottstown area, with his wife and their 6 month old son. When not working at the Township, Dave enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his family. Since arriving at East Coventry Township, Dave likes that he is able to do different things everyday and feels a sense of accomplishment at the end of a job. He enjoys working with his supervisor and other co-workers. Dave is a welcome addition to the Public Works crew and we are very glad to have him.

Cheryl was born in Royersford and lives in Limerick Township with her husband and two dogs. Cheryl comes to us from Lower Providence Township, where she worked for 11+ years performing various roles including: Planning & Development Coordinator, Office Manager, Code Department Permits Clerk, Community Development Administrative Assistant, Finance Coordinator and Permit Coordinator. When not working at the Township, Cheryl likes to go to the movies, read, crochet, do crafts, visit with family/friends and travel. Since arriving at East Coventry Township, Cheryl enjoys working with all the Board members, employees and helping residents who call or stop by the Township. Cheryl loves the change of pace and being able to assist in any way she can. She is also a welcome addition to the Township and we are very glad to have her on board. Stop by to see Cheryl when you are in the area.

Election Day Update

We have a special update for Election Day (Primary, May 19th and General/Midterm, November 3rd). The Election Committee will be collecting can goods at the polls for donation to the local food banks. The donations will be dropped off at a local food bank in our area to help families in need.

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Community

EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP

PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY DAY & FLEA MARKET

Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

Come out and enjoy the food, music and the fun.....

Free pony rides, inflatable climbing wall, bounce, animals, scavenger hunt and more!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Have things to sell—register for the Flea Market

East Coventry Community Day Flea Market Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of goods being sold: _____

Must supply your own table and/or tent, please state size: _____

Names of people in group: _____

\$5.00 Registration Fee: Yes No Checks can be made out to *East Coventry Township*.

Space is limited, please send in your completed registration for and \$5.00 fee by **May 22, 2015** to:

East Coventry Township
Attn: Township Secretary
855 Ellis Woods Road
Pottstown, PA. 19465

Spaces will be assigned in order of receipt (first come first served basis).

Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy being outdoors?

Consider joining us to help clear local trails .

Do you have organizational skills? Help at Community Day

Are you creative? Help with preparing for Community Day

Are you interested in history?

Volunteer to be a member of the Historical Commission.

Are you interested in land preservation? Volunteer to be a member of the Open Space Committee.

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections twice a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

- Author unknown

Recycling

MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED

Township Ordinance No. 193 "Municipal Waste Collection and Recycling Ordinance", adopted by the Board of Supervisors to comply with Act 101—The Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988, as amended, makes recycling a requirement for everyone.

Occupants of residential units are required to separate and recycle clear glass, colored glass, high-grade office paper, newsprint (including newspaper inserts, junk mail and telephone books), aluminum cans, bimetallic cans, No. 1 PET plastics, No. 2 HDPE plastics, No. 4 LDPE plastics and No. 5 PP plastics.

Commercial establishments are required to separate and recycle corrugated paper, high-grade office paper, aluminum cans, bimetallic cans, No. 1 PET plastics, No. 2 HDPE plastics, No. 4 LDPE plastics and No. 5 PP plastics. Hospitality establishments which include restaurants are required to separate and recycle cardboard, high-grade office paper, newspaper (including newspaper inserts, junk mail and telephone books), aluminum cans, bimetallic cans, No. 1 PET plastics, No. 2 HDPE plastics, No. 4 LDPE plastics and No. 5 PP plastics. All Community events attended by 200 or more people are required to have recycling containers.

Grass clippings that are not permitted to lay on the lawn or disposed of at an appropriate composting facility may be commingled with other municipal waste and collected curbside. Household hazardous waste and leaf waste must be separated from recyclable material and other municipal waste. Leaf Waste is defined as, "Leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings and similar material, but does not include grass clippings." **The burning of leaf waste is prohibited.**

Municipal Waste collectors shall provide for the curbside collection of leaf waste at least twice per year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall but may schedule collection of leaf waste more frequently. **Please check with your collector to learn when your curbside collection dates are scheduled.**

Leaf waste may be dropped off at **Arborganic Acres**, an On-Farm Organic Composting Facility located at 901 Cherry Hill Lane, Pottstown, Pa. 19465, www.arborganicacres.com, pursuant to its rules and regulations.

Burning is no longer allowed except for recreational purposes, such as barbeques, campfires, chimineas and similar activities.

Stormwater Management Education Information

Environmentally Deice!

Ice build-up on sidewalks and driveways caused by ice storms and melting snow is extremely common this winter. There are many alternatives to using traditional rock salt as a deicer, as rock salt carried by snow and ice melt pollutes our streams and waterways. To help minimize rock salt pollution, consider using more environmentally friendly deicers, such as calcium magnesium acetate, magnesium chloride or non-chloride deicing products.

Save the Date

East Coventry Community Day and Flea Market
June 13, 2015 12:00 PM—4:00 PM
 to be held at Ellis Woods Park
 There will be pony rides, inflatable climbing wall, bounce, animals, scavenger hunt & more! **Have things to sell—register for the Flea Market—\$5/table** registration form available on website or at the township office. See you there!

65th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
March 28, 2015 10:00 AM sharp
 to be held at the East Coventry Township Elementary School
 All children of East Coventry Township are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your own basket or bag for your share of the goodies. Many prizes are awarded!
 Rain date is Friday April 3, 2015.

Tax Collector Dates and Times
Payments can be made at the Township Building on:

April 11, 18, 25
 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)
April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28
 (12:00 PM to 4:00 PM)
April 30 (2:00 PM to 7:00 PM)



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Board of Supervisors

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Michael Albert Moyer, Member
Karen Nocella, Member

Dates to Remember

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

East Coventry Elementary School
March 28 at 10:00 AM
Rain date: April 3

Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee

2015 Regular Tour Schedule
Second & Fourth Saturdays
10:00 am, 11:15 am and 12:30 pm
May 9, 2015 & May 15, 2015
June 13, 2015 & June 27, 2015
July 11, 2015 & July 25, 2015
August 8, 2015 & August 22, 2015
September 12, 2015 and September 26, 2015
October 10, 2015 & October 24, 2015

Community Day

Ellis Woods Park (Rain or shine)
June 13, 2015 at 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Ridge Fire Company Community Day

September 12 at 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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 (Bi-Monthly)
1st Wednesday at 7:00 PM

All township meetings are held at the Township Building