



East Coventry Times

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Recognition of Sergeant Ashburn and Officer Campitelli

East Coventry Township Police Department is proud to recognize Sergeant Ashburn and Officer Campitelli for saving two children from a burning home on Ebelhare Road on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Sergeant Ashburn was the first to appear on scene. The homeowners informed Sergeant Ashburn that two children were trapped on the second floor. At the time of his arrival, the entire garage was fully engulfed. Sergeant Ashburn gained entry through an open door on the right side of the house but was met by heavy smoke, with no access to the second floor.

Sergeant Ashburn made contact with the two children on the second floor and directed them to an open window. The children were instructed to exit the window one at a time onto the awning and follow it to the roof of a nearby shed, then climb down onto the vehicle parked next to the shed and then onto the ground. One child was able to safely reach the ground and ran to the end of the driveway. The second child was instructed to follow the same path; however, the child was too afraid to climb down. The child did climb out of the window and make it to the awning, but was too afraid to move. The child then slid to the edge of the awning, lost her footing, and fell 8-10 feet injuring her ankle. At that time, Officer Campitelli arrived on location and assisted Sergeant Ashburn in getting the child to a safer location from the fire. After confirming everyone was out of the house safely, Sergeant Ashburn instructed everyone to wait by the street until the ambulance and fire department arrived. Moments later, Ridge Fire Company arrived and Officer Campitelli assisted with relocating the family to a safer location.

The American Red Cross was on site to assist the affected families. The following agencies assisted with this incident: North Coventry, East Vincent, East Pikeland, Spring City Police Departments; and Norco, Limerick, Kimberton, and Ringing Hill Fire Departments.



Greetings from Township Staff...

In this issue we share news about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

From all of us here at ECT – we look forward to working with you this year!

Staff Notes...

Public Works Department. . .

As a friendly reminder to our residents, please remember to **NOT** blow your leaves into the roads, ditches, and storm drains. Also with Winter right around the corner, do **NOT** blow or shovel your snow onto the roads.

This Fall, our Public Works team will be trimming trees throughout the township. Please be patient with the crew when you see them working out on the road.

Christmas Tree removal dates for **2023** will be **January 9** and again on **January 17**. Please put your tree out at the end of your property and be sure to remove all lights and ornaments.



Finance Department. . .

Sewer Account Payments. Sewer Usage Fee is \$185 a quarter. Invoices are sent out January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Please indicate your address on your sewer payment, your sewer account number is the property address of the service connection. If you have an escrow account, make sure your sewer payments are not going to the tax collector. 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. We accept cash, check or credit card.

Police Department...

Part-Time Police Officer Needed...

East Coventry Police Department is looking for Part-Time Police Officers. Applications are available at the Police Department. General Qualifications are:

- ⇒ Diploma from an accredited high school or graduate equivalency diploma (GED)
- ⇒ Valid Pennsylvania Driver's License
- ⇒ Successful completion of Act 120 training; eligible for immediate Act 120 certification upon hire
- ⇒ United States Citizen
- ⇒ Physically and mentally fit to perform the full duties of a Police Officer
- ⇒ Applicants must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age



Note: East Coventry is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Tenancy Reports. . .

If you own a Rental Property in East Coventry Township a Tenancy Report is required to be submitted to the Township office every time a tenant moves in or out of the property. These forms can be found on the website www.eastcoventry-pa.gov.

Leaf and Yard Waste. . .

Township residents only may drop off yard waste which consists of small branches, leaves and grass clippings (NO trees or tree stumps) at no charge to Arborganic Acres organic composting facility (arborganicacres.com), 901 Cherry Hill Ln., Pottstown, PA 19465 or contact your trash collection contractor for their pickup schedule.

Coventry Food Pantry...

You may drop off items in the Township office lobby. Your donations support families throughout the Owen J. Roberts School District. Thank you for your donations!

Blood Drive—Miller Keystone Blood Drive will be on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023** at Ridge Fire Company from 1-7 pm.

Recycle. . .

What recycling method does your waste handler use?

Single Stream: A system where residents combine paper, containers, and other recyclables in a single container. The containers are collected and placed in a truck. When the containers arrive at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the recyclables are sorted. While collection costs are lower with a single stream system, processing costs are much higher.



Dual Stream: A system where residents usually combine all their food and beverage containers (aluminum and steel cans, glass jars and bottles, and some or all plastic bottles) in one bin, and they put their newspapers/mixed paper (i.e., junk mail, cereal boxes, and home office paper in another bin, or in a brown paper grocery bag). Two material streams are picked up and placed in separate compartments on the recycling truck and taken to a processing center or MRF.

Hybrid: A system where co-mingled systems of plastic and metal, and sometimes paper, is combined, but glass is kept separate.

There is significant evidence that the resulting material quality is lower under single-stream collection than it is under dual stream or under systems like container deposits, where materials are kept separate. There is a particular concern that glass shards and PET bottles can contaminate paper loads and wreak havoc in a paper mill, and that glass, plastic and aluminum containers cross-contaminate each other.

Thought Provoking Recycling Stats

Aluminum: Recycling 1 pound of steel or aluminum saves enough energy for a 60W light bulb to run for over one day. This equates to enough energy to heat/light 18,000,000 homes in 1 year.

Plastic: Americans use ~ 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour - recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

Glass: The energy saved from recycling 1 glass bottle can run a compact fluorescent bulb for 20 hours. Recycling also results in 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than make a new bottle from raw materials.

Paper: Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water.

BURNING . . .



A reminder that 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 3 feet.



Fire Police Services . . .

If your organization needs the assistance of the Fire Police for an upcoming special event, please fill out a Fire Police Services Request Form which can be found on the Township's website www.eastcoventry-pa.gov or stop by the Township Building.

Ridge Fire Company . . .

Reflective Address Markers - If we can't FIND YOU we can't HELP YOU!

The signs are only \$15 each. You can have a 6" by 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.



Stormwater Information . . .

Stormwater Management Update—The Township is pleased to announce we have partnered with Carroll Engineering for our stormwater, drainage, driveway and land development services. Mr. Brady Flaharty, P.E. will serve as the Township Engineer. Mr. Flaharty brings over 27 years of experience with him to this position. In the course of his professional career, he has worked as a Township Engineer, Borough Engineer, Authority Engineer, as well as a Project Manager for numerous municipalities.



Stormwater Illicit Discharge Reporting—The Township's Stormwater Ordinance prohibits non-stormwater discharges into the municipal storm sewer system. This includes but is not limited to household chemicals, trash & debris, yard & animal waste, or any other substance not entirely comprised of stormwater. If you witness any non-stormwater discharges entering the municipal storm sewer system, please call the Township office at 610-495-5443, or fill out the contact form on the Stormwater Management page of the Township website.

Please visit the Township's stormwater webpage to view the Township's latest stormwater-related educational materials, MS4 program updates, and other stormwater activities and events.

Township Codes/Zoning Officer . . .

For anyone new to the township, Mr. Harry Weaver of Barry Isett & Associates, is our Township Codes Officer. Before you build/renovate, make sure you have the correct permit in place. You can find them on our website www.eastcoventry-pa.gov.



Tax Collection . . .

I hope you had a wonderful Spring & Summer. I have just a few reminders for our readers.

If you have an adult over 18 years of age in your household that is **NOT** a high school or college student and did not receive a 2022 Per Capita Tax Bill, please contact me. Also, if you have an individual that received a 2022 Per Capita Bill that is no longer residing in your household, please contact me so I can update your account. You can reach me at 610-495-7667 for updates or email: missyking@comcast.net. Please provide the name and address of the individuals affected.

Thank you for your consideration and enjoy the upcoming holiday season ~ *Missy King*

Historical Commission Update. . .

The Historical Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Township Building at 7:00 pm and they are [looking for new members](#), please contact the Township Building if interested.

Fricks Lock Fall Festival. . .

Want to learn some history about East Coventry Township and the people who lived and worked here, with some Halloween fun? Stop in at Fricks Lock for the **Fall Festival** during our last tour date (**October 22**) from **10 AM to 1 PM**. Come in costume or bring your children in costume and enjoy the guided tour through history with Halloween treats at every stop. We will have pumpkin decorating for the little ones and light refreshments for everyone. To keep you on your toes, we will have history trivia for you at the end of the tour, with the winner taking a grand prize of a \$50 gift card to Wawa.

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee Update. . .

Fall is the BEST time of the year to get out and enjoy the changing foliage of East Coventry. We hope to see you out there walking on the trails and enjoying our beautiful parks. Don't forget to come out to the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee meetings the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Township. We're always looking for volunteers to join our team.

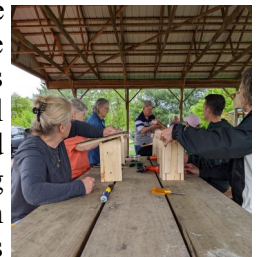
Litter Lifters

The **Litter Lifters of West Vincent Township** adopted a portion of Route 100 through PennDOT and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful in July of 2020. The Litter Lifters are encouraging other townships to consider adopting a state road in their township to keep Northern Chester County beautiful. **Adopt A Highway** is offered for groups to help with the litter issue in their area by taking care of a section of a state road. The advantages of the program is that the group gets FREE supplies from PennDOT such as gloves, vests and trash bags, they can plan their clean ups whenever it fits their schedule, and PennDOT will remove the piles for FREE! If Litter Crew Ahead signs are needed, they can borrow them from PennDOT. There is no burden on the township taxes. The group's responsibility is to clean it a minimum of 2 times a year, per the PennDOT contract. The section of Route 100 that the Litter Lifters is maintaining is at Ludwig's Corner. So far, volunteers have removed 220 bags of litter over 3 clean ups. Litter Lifters is mentoring other townships in Chester County. If you are interested in learning more about this program, contact Beth Intoccia email litterliftersofwestvincent@gmail.com.

Birdhouse Building Event Recap!

Spring Recap: First Annual Bluebird Celebration/Birdhouse Building Event

This spring, the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee held our first-ever birdhouse building event under the pavilion at Ellis Woods Park! The event served as a celebration of the birds that call our community home, focusing specifically on eastern bluebirds and other species that nest in man-made birdhouses. 24 of our residents participated in the event and an additional 11 volunteered to help make sure the morning ran smoothly. Ken Leister, a member of the board of the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania, guided participants through the process of building their very own birdhouse (provided free of charge) before giving a PowerPoint presentation on everything there is to know about bluebirds. As Ken spoke, guests enjoyed hoagies and snacks from Wawa!



Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee Update...

Birdhouse Building Event Continued...

A total of 6 boxes were donated back to the Committee after the event, all of which have since been fitted with plaques dedicated to the individuals and families who built them. They have been added to East Coventry resident Anthony Hill's bluebird trail at the Maack farm (East Coventry Nature Preserve). Take a stroll over to see the birdhouses built by your neighbors – and, at the right time of year, the birds that inhabit them!



If you were unable to attend the event this year but would be interested in building a bluebird box and learning about cavity nesting birds, look for an announcement in early 2023 for next year's program. We hope this will become an annual event! We would like to thank Ken Leister and Marilyn Michalski of the Bluebird Society and all of the event participants and volunteers for making it such a great success!

The Maack Farm's newest feathered residents the Purple Martin

If you have walked around the Maack Farm (at East Coventry Nature Preserve) at any point in the last few months, you may have seen a large, white box mounted on the top of a tall pole in the field behind the farm buildings. This structure is a birdhouse that is specially designed for the **Purple Martin**, North America's largest species of swallow.

The Purple Martin box was placed at the farm earlier this year in an attempt by the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee to attract breeding pairs of the species to a public natural space within the township. Previously - according to eBird, the world's largest bird observation database - the public park closest to East Coventry with an active Purple Martin colony was Springton Manor Farm in Glenmoore. While there are colonies on private land in our community, the box at Maack now gives all of our residents the opportunity to see these incredible birds close to home.

Just a few weeks after the box was put up, the first Martins came to examine it to determine whether or not it was a worthy home. Once they were comfortable with the box, they began to fill it with nesting material! Although it does not appear that any young Martins were successfully reared from this box, we are hopeful that they will be back next year and have at least a few successful young!

Purple Martins are beautiful, charismatic birds. Adult male Martins are a deep, iridescent blue color with black wings while female and young male Martins are mostly gray with some blue specking. Martins live across the United States but are more widespread east of the Rocky Mountains. West of the Rockies, Martins build their nests in old woodpecker cavities in trees, but east of the Rockies they nest almost exclusively in manmade structures (most commonly in birdhouses like the one we now have at the park). Purple Martins are migratory, so they spend the cold months in Brazil and northern South America. If you see a bird flying overhead catching insects during the warmer months and it has relatively narrow wings, a forked tail, and appears to be black, you might be looking at a Purple Martin!

If you have not yet seen the Martins, come to the park next spring to watch them at their new "condo"! They nest in colonies, so if a group is actively using the box then they will be nearly impossible to miss! Our parks are open daily to sunset.



The Committee thanks Anthony Hill for all of the time and resources he dedicated to seeing this project through to its completion. It could not have been done without him!



Holiday Event in Ellis Woods Park Pavilion...



Parks and Recreation would like to invite you to a fun holiday event to be held at the Ellis Woods Park under the pavilion, weather permitting, on **Saturday, December 10, 2022**, from **10 to Noon** with a guided nature tour to follow. It will be a make it, take it, winter edible ornament for the birds, with best ornament winning a prize and your picture in our next newsletter, the Spring/Summer edition. We will provide materials needed to make the ornament, and light refreshments will be served, so stop in for this family friendly event, meet your neighbors, make a new friend, and plan to have some holiday fun.

2023 Memorial Day Event for the Revolutionary Cemetery...

The annual Memorial Sunday observation honoring 17 unknown American Revolutionary soldiers will be held at their cemetery on Ellis Woods Road, **Sunday May 28, 2023, at 2 pm**. An organizational meeting will be held in January at the East Coventry Township Building to gather information, ideas, feedback along with updating current plans. The stone monument inside the cemetery was dedicated by the Ellis Woods Memorial Association in 1924 so we will be celebrating that centennial in the next year, 2024. For more information please check for updates on the website or contact the township.



Spring City Public Library . . .

Spring City Public Library is excited to offer an engaging, diverse calendar of events this fall for patrons of all ages.

From in person preschool story time on most Wednesday mornings at 10 am, to engaging programs for adults brought to you over Zoom, your local library has the resources you and your family need.

Our monthly Nature's Little Explorers program continues to provide preschoolers and their caregivers an opportunity to learn about wildlife and nature through a variety of hands on activities and animal visits.

Calling 2nd through 6th grade students: On October 5th, the Schuylkill River Greenways, National Heritage Area, will engage you in learning about the significance of the Schuylkill River's history, watershed area, and the importance of keeping the river healthy while earning your Junior Ranger Badge!

Adults will find a wide range of engaging virtual programs to choose from. Facing Medicare Open Enrollment this year? October 11th, the library will welcome back the Chester County Department of Aging Services as they explain your Medicare options and answer your questions prior to open enrollment.

Then join us the following evening when Immaculata University history professor William Watson brings us up to date on his continuing archaeological investigations and unravels the mysteries behind the Irish immigrant laborers who perished while working on the railroad and canals of Chester County during the 1800s, including the Spring City canal.

In addition to these special events, the fourth Thursday of each month features a virtual book club where you can expect a lively conversation on the month's selection. September's book, *Nomadland: surviving America in the twenty-first century* by Jessica Bruder, is available for check out in a variety of formats.

For more information, and to register for these and other exciting programs, please be sure to visit the event calendar at www.springcitylibrary.org or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/springcitypubliclibrary>.





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(eastcoventry-pa.gov) for Township
news and activities!*

Board of Supervisors

Ray Kolb, Chair
W. Atlee Rinehart, Vice Chair
Anthony Duffy, Member
Michael Albert Moyer, Member
Karen Nocella, Member



Dates to Remember

Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors
2nd Monday at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission
3rd Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Historical Commission
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Committee
4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Open Space Committee (Quarterly)
1st Wednesday at 7:00 PM
October 2022

All Township meetings are held at the Township Building,
unless otherwise noted.

East Coventry Township
Fall | Winter Office Hours
Monday - Friday | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed:

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24th
Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 25th
Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 23rd
Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 26th
Observation of New Years Day, Monday, Jan. 2nd
Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 16th
President's Day, Monday, February 20th

SANTA'S COMING TO RIDGE FIREHOUSE!!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

CRAFTS: 2:00 TO 3:00

GAMES: 3:00 TO 3:30

REFRESHMENTS

SANTA ARRIVES AT 3:30

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