



# East Coventry Times

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## Take a Hike...

*East Coventry Township has over 100 acres of open space and miles of trails...*

Autumn marks that transition from the warmth of summer to the chill of winter. It’s a season of change ablaze with color; a time to harvest crops and fruits; a time for gathering with family and friends to share in the season’s bounty and the perfect time to enjoy those wonderfully temperate days before winter’s brisk arrival.



### Seasons Greetings from Township Staff...

*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!*

### Maack Farm/Wineberry Estates

Are you aware, that you, the residents of East Coventry, are owners of one of the most beautiful tracts of land in Northern Chester County? We are referring to the 90-acre tract known as the Maack Farm, which spans Schoolhouse Road, Kulp Road, and Maack Road. Sixty acres were first acquired in 2005 and the newest section, Wineberry Estates, comprises 30 acres with a new trail blazed for equestrian and pedestrian use. Enjoy beautiful views of Pigeon Creek and a panoramic view of the Township from Schoolhouse Road. Parking is available in a designated lot on Maack Road.

### Ellis Woods Park and Nature Trail

Located on the Township’s Administration Building campus at 855 Ellis Woods, the park features a fenced-in playground, gravel track, pavilion, and a basketball/pickleball court. The nature trail is a ½ mile loop along Pigeon Creek with an additional one-mile rough trail around The Creekview Property.

### The Creekview Property

You may access this property by way of the Ellis Woods Park nature trail, Hershey Drive cul-de-sac or Ebelhare Road. There is a maintained walking trail bordering 53 acres of open space.

*Enjoy all the Township has to offer with your family and friends!*



## Happy Retirement!!

East Coventry Township is excited to wish Debbie Kopystecki well on her retirement from the East Coventry Township Police Department.

Debbie retired on July 7, 2017 after working 28½ years for the Township. Debbie started out as the Administrative Assistant performing secretarial work for the Administration Office and Police Department.

However, when the Township went from a part-time Police force to a full-time Police force, Debbie became the Administrative Assistant for the Police Department. Debbie was instrumental in managing the Halloween Safe House and the Bike Rodeo.



*Thanks Debbie, 28 ½ years of a job well done!*

## Staff Changes...

With Debbie's departure, Cheryl Imes, has moved from the Administration Office to the Police Department as Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. Thankfully, we can still rely on her expertise here in the administrative office since she is just steps away in the Police Department.

## Greetings from Goheen...

I was delighted to begin work here in August as Cheryl's replacement. From day one, staff and residents have been tremendously helpful and kind, making for a smooth transition in my new role as Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager. Although my work history comprises over 25 years administrative experience in municipal and private sector settings, I enjoy the fact that I am learning something new here every day!

As a resident of a nearby township in Montgomery County that prides itself on its open space and historic preservation efforts, I feel right at home here in the beautiful township of East Coventry. As of late, my dog and I have been enjoying the warm Autumn weather exploring ECT's trails and historic sites on the weekends.

I look forward to meeting our Township residents - I've spoken with many of you over the phone - but it is always nice to put names and faces together. So, stop by to say "hi" or perhaps we'll meet along the trail some weekend!

*- Mary Goheen*

## Sewer Payments

The Finance Department would like to remind residents that your sewer account number is your property address, please notate it on your payment. If you need to make payment arrangements, please contact us at 610-495-5443.

## Coventry Food Pantry

You may drop off items at the Township offices. Your donations support families throughout the Owen J. Roberts School District. Items Always Needed:

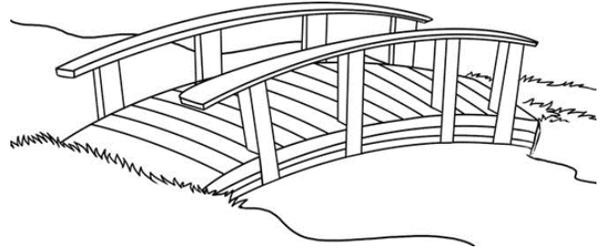
Canned Goods | Peanut Butter & Jelly | Cleaning Supplies | Personal Supplies  
Paper Products | Laundry Detergent | Diapers & Wipes

## Bridge Work Updates...

- Kulp Road Bridge replacement over Pigeon Creek is slated for completion in November 2017 prior to the holidays. Originally built in 1930, the new bridge will now support two lane travel with no weight restrictions.
- Did you know many of East Coventry Township's stone bridges are unique historic structures? As efforts progress to improve these crossings, designers work closely with our Historic Commission to preserve their historical integrity.



*Over the river and through the woods  
to Grandmother's house we go...*



*Zeiber Road bridge is closed until further notice,  
so please modify your route to Grandma's  
accordingly. Sorry for the inconvenience, as we  
work toward a safer and stronger crossing.*

## Historical Committee Update...

### Tours of Historic Fricks Lock Village Resume Spring 2018.

Over 125 visitors toured the village in 2017!



## Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee...



This fall, Committee members will plant a tree at Ellis Woods Park in recognition of the service to our community by Eric Hughes.

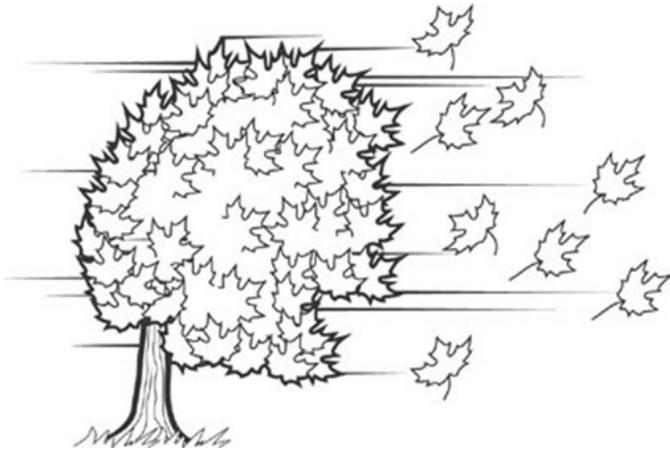
Eric (Owen J. Roberts class of 2017) has been involved with the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Committee for several years and has served our Township with his dedication and expertise of the nature and wildlife here in East Coventry.

As Eric heads off to college, we wish him the best and offer our gratitude for all he has done for our Township.

*Eric Hughes (Pictured far left)*

## Save the Date...

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rock the Wall Spring Run**  
**10K, 5K Run/Walk**  
**Saturday, March 24, 2018 | Ellis Woods Park**



## *Before You Rake, Please Note...*

### **The burning of leaf waste is prohibited in the Township.**

Township ordinances define leaf waste as, “Leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings and similar material, but does not include grass clippings.”

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 waste collector to learn when your curbside collection dates are scheduled.**

*A friendly reminder from the folks in Public Works...*

*Please do not rake leaves (or pile sticks and branches) into roadside drainage ditches, this impedes water flow and can create a road hazard.*



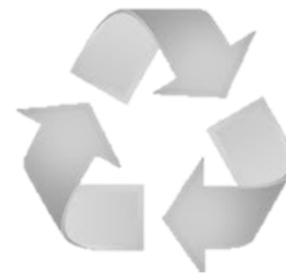
## *Other options for leaf waste disposal...*

- Leaf waste may be dropped off at Arborganic Acres, an On-Farm Organic Composting Facility located at 901 Cherry Hill Lane, Pottstown, Pa. 19465, 484-524-8850 or [www.arborganicacres.com](http://www.arborganicacres.com), pursuant to its rules and regulations.
- Did you know that leaves, grass and yard clippings can make up nearly 42% of your household waste seasonally? You can make these into a valuable soil product right in your own backyard! Learn how to compost. Brochures explaining easy composting techniques are available at the Township office or visit Chester County Solid Waste Authority website <http://www.chestercountyswa.org/> for information on residential composting.

## **Christmas Tree Recycling**

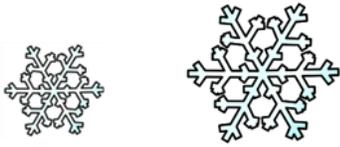
**Curbside Tree Pickup  
Monday, January 8 and  
Monday, January 15, 2018**

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.

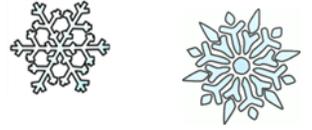


### **Breathe easy...**

**BURNING IS NO LONGER ALLOWED IN THE TOWNSHIP EXCEPT FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, SUCH AS BARBEQUES, CAMPFIRES, CHIMINEAS, AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. THE FIRE AREA MUST BE CONTAINED WITHIN AN AREA NO LARGER THAN 3 FEET X 3 FEET X 3 FEET.**



# Winter Ready?



## Play it safe...

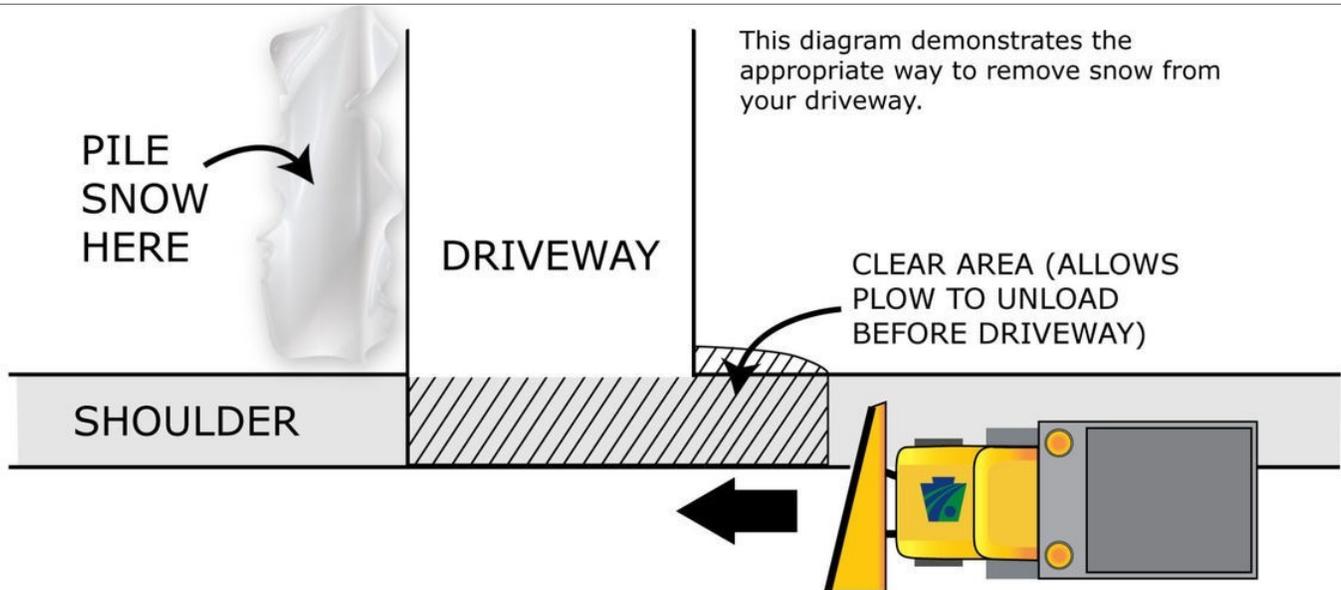
- \* Do not shovel snow if you have a history of heart trouble. If you must shovel, consult your physician beforehand.
- \* Do not shovel after eating a big meal or while smoking.
- \* Use a small shovel and take it slow! Shoveling is like lifting weights, it can raise your heart rate and blood pressure dramatically. Pace yourself.
- \* Freshly fallen, powdery snow is easier to shovel than the wet, packed-down variety. Shovel as soon as the snow falls before it gets packed down.
- \* Push the snow as you shovel instead of lifting. It's easier on your back.
- \* Wax your snow shovel – spray cooking oil works well for this too.
- \* Lift with your legs bent, not your back. Keep your back straight. By bending and "sitting" into the movement, you'll keep your spine upright and less stressed. Your shoulders, torso and thighs can do the work for you.



Source: <http://chesco.org/2583/The-Hazards-of-Snow-Shoveling>

## Eco Friendly De-Icing

Instead of using conventional de-icing salt pick up some “kid, pet, and frog friendly” de-icer made from **calcium magnesium acetate** (CMA), **potassium chloride** (KCl), or **calcium chloride** (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) to melt the ice around your home or business. When these non-toxic de-icing products run off with the snowmelt, the minerals they contain can actually *fertilize* the plants they come into contact with. No burning of the skin upon contact and runoff into waterways will not harm our amphibian friends.



Use a shovel or snow blower to clear a space to the left of your driveway that's 10 feet long and at least a car width wide. That way when the plow comes down the street, it pushes most of the snow into that area and not into your driveway. Do not shovel or blow snow into the roadway.

## If We Can't FIND YOU We Can't HELP YOU!

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## Snow Safe Tips from Our Officers...

- Winterize your vehicle NOW – Check fluids, tires, battery
- Pack a vehicle emergency kit along with a good ice scraper
- Carry your cell phone
- Go SLOW in snow – do not tailgate
- Keep your low beam lights on Also remember that under state law, vehicle lights must be on every time a vehicle's wipers are on due to inclement weather
- Do NOT use cruise control in snowy weather
- Do not park in the street before, during, or after snowstorm
- Travel only if necessary; otherwise, stay home, stay safe, stay warm



## Tip for Proper Mailbox Placement

To prevent damage from passing snow plows, mailboxes should be installed so that the top is 41 to 45 inches from the ground. They should be set back 6 to 8 inches from the front face of the curb or road edge. Ideally, the reflective sign should be placed at that height as well, so numbers may be visible above snow pile or drift.

## Did you know...

**Clearing off your vehicle:** In winter it is important to clear all snow and ice from your vehicle. Not only does it prevent a hazard from snow and ice that may fall from your vehicle, it also provides an unobstructed view.

**Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Law: 3720.** Snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicle.

When snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury as defined in section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death or personal injury), the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense.



**SANTA'S  
COMING TO RIDGE  
FIREHOUSE!!**



***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2017***

**CRAFTS: 2:00 TO 3:00**

**GAMES: 3:00 TO 3:30**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**SANTA ARRIVES AT 3:30**

**SPONSORED BY RIDGE FIREHOUSE  
PARTY BY PARKERFORD WOMEN'S CLUB  
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## Dates to Remember

### **Township Meetings**

Board of Supervisors  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:00 PM

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Planning Commission  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 PM

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Historical Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 PM

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Parks, Recreation & Conservation Committee  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 PM

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Open Space Committee (Quarterly)  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 PM  
Starting January 2018

All Township meetings are held at the Township Building

### **East Coventry Township Holiday Office Hours**

***Closed:***

Thursday, November 23, 2017  
Friday, November 24, 2017

Monday, December 25, 2017  
Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Monday, January 1, 2018

