



# East Coventry Times

Inside this issue

Fall 2016

## East Coventry Township Police Department Changing of the Guard



East Coventry Township said goodbye to one of its favorite employees. Chief John Theobald retired on September 12, 2016 after serving East Coventry Township for 16 1/2 years. Chief Theobald came to East Coventry Township January 17, 2000 after retiring from the City of Philadelphia Police Department as Captain of the 12th District in Southwest Philadelphia. Chief Theobald worked for the City of Philadelphia Police Department for 29 1/2 years.

Chief Theobald's first task when arriving at East Coventry Township was to form a full time police department. When he became Chief of East Coventry Township, the Police Department provided part-time service with three full-time police officers (including himself). Under his direction and acquisition of a grant to help cover the cost of additional manpower the Police Department progressed to a full-time department providing service 24 hours each day. He supervised the growth of the Department during the past 16.5 years to where there are seven (7) full-time officers today, including the Chief.

Chief Theobald promoted Police interaction with the community by continuing the Bike Rodeo and reinstating the Halloween Safe House at Ridge Fire Company. He cared deeply for the safety of our community and supported Officers to make presentations at the local schools, to Boy Scout Troops and personally making presentations at the Calvary Baptist Church on Teenage Driving.

Chief Theobald acquired grant funding to sponsor the "Buckle Up" and "Aggressive Driving" check points, a "Cops Grant" to help fund the full time police department and a Limerick Home Land Security Grant to purchase Homeland Security Equipment to protect the Limerick Generating Plan.

Chief Theobald is excited to start his journey into retirement and is looking forward to spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He will be missed by the residents and his fellow employees. East Coventry Township wishes Chief Theobald well in his retirement.

Don't be a stranger! Stop back to visit anytime!



### WELCOME TO EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP CHIEF MOSSMAN!!



East Coventry Township welcomed our new Chief of Police, William Mossman on September 12, 2016. Chief Mossman comes to East Coventry from Phoenixville Borough, where he served for 25 years, including ten years as the Police Chief. During the time Chief Mossman worked in the Phoenixville Police Department, he also worked for the Chester County District Attorney's Office as a special county detective. Chief Mossman was a member of the County Drug Task Force from 1993 until 2005, starting out as an undercover detective and surveillance officer, and progressed to field supervisor until he resigned from the task force to focus on his responsibilities as Chief of Police for Phoenixville Borough.

Chief Mossman holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public safety management. Chief Mossman is a vice president of the Chester County Chiefs of Police Association, vice president of the Chiefs of Police Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania and a member of the Audubon Consultant Group which is an organization management consulting firm.

Chief Mossman lives in North Coventry with his wife and three children. Stop by to meet our new Chief of Police.

Welcome to East Coventry Township!



#### Inside this issue

<i>Fricks Lock Village Model</i>	2
<i>Parks, Recreation and Conservation 2nd Annual Run</i>	2
<i>Parks, Recreation and Conservation Nature Walk</i>	3
<i>Parker Ford Intersection Upgrades</i>	3
<i>Stormwater Management for Small Projects</i>	4
<i>Recycling</i>	5
<i>Pickleball Rocks East Coventry</i>	5
<i>Parks, Recreation and Conservation Volunteers</i>	5
<i>Sewer Payment Reminder</i>	5

## Model of Fricks Locks “Canal Lock” Coming Home

A large detailed model of the Fricks Lock Village Canal Locks consisting of the “locks” (a working replica of the lock gates), a fully outfitted coal barge and various miscellaneous pieces will soon be on display at the East Coventry Township Building.

The model was built by William “Bill” Carl, Jr. Bill was born in Fricks Lock Village. His family rented the Lock House, which had no modern utilities, from the Reading Railroad Company for \$5.00 a month. Bill recalled as a boy he sometimes worked on the Wells Farm in Fricks Lock Village.

Bill had a lifetime love for his childhood home. As “Captain Bill”, featuring his canal lock model, he educated children and adults near and far about Fricks Lock Village and the Schuylkill Navigation Company. He was a great advocate for the restoration of Fricks Lock Village and offered his support to the East Coventry Historical Commission without hesitation. He was “Captain Bill” with his model at the 2003 Town Tour and Village Walk at Fricks Lock Village.

In 2007, the Historical Commission planned to feature the Schuylkill Navigation Company and Fricks Lock Village in their 2008 annual calendar, but lacked supporting information. Bill saved the day! He traveled from Oley one night to attend the Historical Commission meeting bringing a wealth of photographs and information for our calendar. His donations, along with Historical Commission member Ann Keen’s paintings of Fricks Lock, gave life to the 2008 “Fricks Lock Village and the Canal Era in the United States” calendar.

He was a guest at the May 12, 2012 Grand Opening of the Rehabilitated Fricks Lock Village and interviewed in an article by “The Mercury”.

Sadly, we lost Mr. Carl on Sunday, November 1, 2015. The disposition of the model was unknown until the Township was informed on July 19, 2016 that a “canal lock model” was to be auctioned by Rhoads & Rhoads Auctions the following day. The Township Manager forwarded the information to Gail Brown, Chairperson of the Historical Commission. Bill Carl’s Fricks Lock Village Canal Locks Model was purchased at auction the following day by Lawrence and Gail Brown, to be donated to the East Coventry Historical Commission. We, the Historical Commission, think Bill would be happy his “model” has come home!

The model will be on display at Fricks Lock Village during our regularly scheduled tour on October 22, 2016, weather permitting. The model will be on display at the Township Building beginning November 7, 2016 until it can be moved to a permanent display at Fricks Lock Village.

Meeting people like Bill Carl, with shared interests and goals and the ability to bring history alive, is one of the many rewards of volunteering for our community. The Historical Commission has openings for membership and is seeking volunteers for Fricks Lock Village. Please consider joining us.

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Parks, Recreation and Conservation 2nd Annual Run!

*We had so much fun, we are running it again!*

*Join us for the 2nd Annual 5K, 10K Run!*

The East Coventry Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee will be holding the Annual 5k, 10k Run on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Please check our web site at <http://eastcoventry-pa.gov> for more details to come.



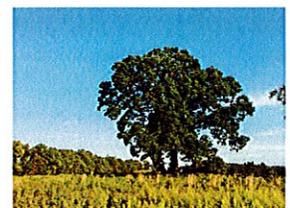
Interested in helping out with the event, please contact the Township office at 610-495-5443.

## Parks, Recreation and Conservation Nature Walk

*Mark Your Calendars!*

*Saturday, October 29, 2016—9:00 am to ?*

Rain or Shine, join us for a nature walk and experience the great white oak along with a little bit of East Coventry history mixed in as we explore the Maack Trail and the new Ussler Trail. Meet at the parking lot on Maack Road at 9:00 am. The walk will be approximately 3 miles. Proper hiking shoes are recommended as we will be traversing over uneven ground, rocks, mud and crossing a small stream. Dogs are welcomed. Refreshments to be served at the end of the walk. Hope to see you there!



# Parker Ford Intersection Upgrades

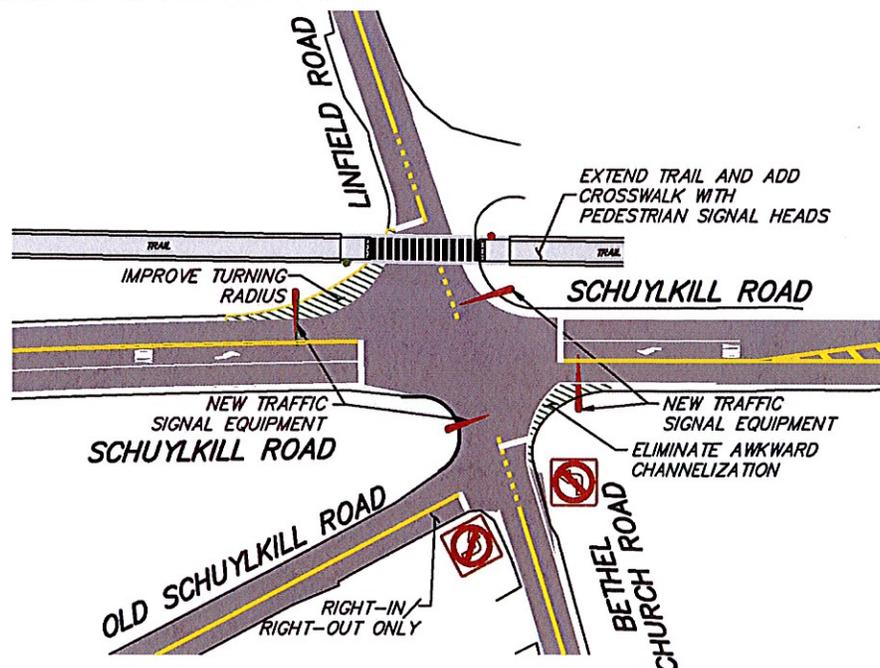
Intersection improvements are underway for the intersection of PA Route 724 and Linfield Road/Bethel Church Road. As shown in the diagram below, the improvements include all new traffic signal equipment, provision of a crosswalk for the Schuylkill River trail to the gravel lot, radius improvements on the northwest corner to better accommodate turning maneuvers, and elimination of the channelization island and lane on the southeast corner. Engineered plans can be viewed on the Township website.

- **New Traffic Signal Equipment**—the signal poles, mastarms, signal heads, traffic controller, and wiring will be replaced. Emergency pre-emption and battery back-up equipment will also be added. At this time, advance turning phases (green arrows) will not be provided but can be installed, as needed, in the future.
- **Crosswalk**—a crosswalk will be provided across Linfield Road to accommodate the future extension of the Schuylkill River Trail by Chester County. Pedestrian signal heads, push buttons and handicap ramps will be provided at the painted crosswalk.
- **Radius Improvement**—many tractor trailers turning from Linfield Road onto westbound PA Route 724 partially leave the roadway pavement. The radius will be increased to better accommodate these turning movements.
- **Eliminate the Channelization Island**—the existing island will be removed to eliminate the crossing maneuvers from eastbound Old Schuylkill Road across Bethel Church Road to eastbound PA Route 724. The current condition creates a confusing and awkward intersection. With the changes, eastbound Old Schuylkill Road traffic will only be permitted to turn right onto southbound Bethel Church Road. This will require Old Schuylkill Road traffic destined to PA Route 724 and Linfield Road to utilize Wells Road or other routes. Left turns from northbound Bethel Church Road into Old Schuylkill Road will also be prohibited.

Marino Corporation of Skippack, PA was awarded the construction contract based on their lowest cost bid of \$356,796.90. Construction began in September, and is to be completed by the end of the year.

The project is being partially funded through an ARLE (Automated Red Light Enforcement) grant provided by PennDOT. The Township was successful in securing \$185,200.00 from PennDOT through the ARLE grant. Traffic impact fees collected by the Township on recent new development will also be used to help fund the project. Chester County has also provided funding for the pedestrian crosswalk improvements.

## PARKER FORD INTERSECTION UPGRADES



# Stormwater Management for Small Projects:

## *What a Homeowner Needs to Know*

### **What is stormwater and why is it a problem?**

**Stormwater** is rainfall that runs off of roofs, driveways, lawns, roads, parking lots, sidewalks, farm fields, and other surfaces created or disturbed by manmade activities. This runoff picks up pollutants (such as dirt, oil, litter, pesticides, fertilizer, etc.) as it flows across these surfaces, and eventually enters local streams. While rainfall is natural, stormwater is manmade.

Large volumes of stormwater overwhelm, erode and pollute local streams, and flood low lying areas. To lessen these destructive stormwater impacts and help ensure any existing problems do not worsen, municipalities across Chester County have adopted new stormwater impacts, safeguarding properties from flooding and erosion, and protecting streams and local water quality.

### **Why is stormwater management important?**

The purpose of **stormwater management** is to protect property, infrastructure and streams from destructive stormwater impacts by ensuring rain can be absorbed close to where it falls, thereby reducing the volume of runoff. By controlling stormwater runoff from new impervious and disturbed surfaces on individual properties, we can:

- Protect downstream properties, roads and infrastructure from increased erosion and flooding.
- Protect water quality — in our streams and reservoirs to provide clean water for drinking, businesses, farming, and swimming, and for fish and other aquatic living resources.

Without effective stormwater management, problems caused by too much runoff, erosion and pollutants (such as sediment, nutrients and bacteria) become very difficult and costly for property owners and communities to fix.

### **How will the updated stormwater standards help reduce these problems?**

In decades past, local stormwater management was designed without regard to the cumulative impact of runoff on downstream properties and streams. To address this and the future increase in population and development across Chester County's watersheds, updated stormwater management ordinance standards were necessary to meet state and federal requirements. The updated standards require new development and redevelopment projects (large and small) to be constructed in a way that maintains or reduces the amount of stormwater that leaves the site; this will help reduce the cumulative impacts of flooding and erosion on downgradient properties and streams. It will also help keep our waters clean that serve as a critical source of public drinking water.

### **How can stormwater runoff be minimized for a small project?**

The first step is to discuss your planned project with your municipal engineer or zoning officer to determine what requirements apply to your project. Then, design your small project with the least amount of impervious surface and the minimum amount of area to be disturbed (or compacted during construction). The third step is to mimic nature by allowing the rain to be absorbed close to where it falls. This is accomplished by installing one or more stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that will capture and absorb the stormwater generated by the proposed project, and minimize any increase in the amount of stormwater runoff flowing off of the property.

### **What stormwater BMPs can be used for small projects?**

Examples of BMPs that are generally suitable for small projects can include features such as infiltration trenches, an attractive rain garden, permeable pavers for patio installations, rain barrels or a cistern, or a rainwater infiltration border along a driveway planted with attractive wildflowers. More than one of these BMPs may be used in combination to address other more significant drainage or stormwater problems on the property.

### **How should a stormwater BMP be chosen?**

Before choosing a BMP, consult with your municipality, as they may prefer one type of BMP or not allow a particular BMP. Homeowners will need to understand the function of the chosen BMP and homeowners will be responsible for completing ongoing inspections and maintenance. Just as a house requires routine inspection and upkeep, so too will your chosen BMP(s). Without proper maintenance these BMPs will not function effectively, or they may stop functioning. A BMP can be costly to repair and its failure will contribute to downstream flooding, erosion and pollution.

### **Where can I learn more about stormwater BMPs for homeowner projects?**

The first step is to speak with your municipality to better understand all requirements and limitations regarding small projects. The internet has many excellent resources. A collection of some of these helpful resources and links can be found on the following webpage: [www.chesco.org/water/stormwater\\_management](http://www.chesco.org/water/stormwater_management).

## 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, 484-524-8850 or [www.arborganicacres.com](http://www.arborganicacres.com), pursuant to its rules and regulations.

**BURNING IS NO LONGER ALLOWED EXCEPT FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSED, SUCH AS BARBEQUES, CAMPFIRES, CHIMINEAS AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. THIS MUST BE NO LARGER THAN 3 FEET X 3 FEET X 3 FEET.**

## Pickleball Rocks in East Coventry Township

**Pickleball**—"The sport with the silly name—is netting followers all over the country among kids, millennials, baby boomers and seniors".

The ranks of picklers are growing. There are 200,000 people playing across the country. It is a very social sport, which brings everyone together. It is very easy to learn and the sport is addictive.

Let's meet the Ambassador of Pickleball in East Coventry. His name is Ernie Adams and he is one of the Pickleball pioneers in our Township. He sets up the net and keeps the court in good condition for the weekly matches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He would play Pickleball 7 days a week if he could. It gives him a great opportunity to meet and socialize with his neighbors. Ernie never thought he would have a Pickleball court in his own front yard and have so much fun. He is an avid Phillies fan and enjoys working in his church nursery. Ernie and his wife Nancy, have lived in East Coventry Township since the 1970's. Ernie's wife is a wonderful baker and brings refreshments after the matches.



Check the website for more information about Pickleball and come join Ernie Adams to learn a new sport.

## Parks, Recreation and Conservation Volunteers

*Calling all residents with Green Thumbs!*

The Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee is looking for volunteers with a green thumb and a creative flare to form a subcommittee under the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee to showcase their talents on some of our historical properties. Funds will be available for your horticultural adventure, we just need your input.

Please call the Township at 610-495-5443 with your contact information.

## Sewer Payment Reminder

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



## East Coventry Township

855 Ellis Woods Road  
Pottstown, PA 19465

Phone: 610-495-5443  
Fax: 610-495-9925

Website: [www.eastcoventry-pa.gov](http://www.eastcoventry-pa.gov)  
E-mail: [info@eastcoventry-pa.gov](mailto:info@eastcoventry-pa.gov)

### Board of Supervisors

Ray Kolb, Chair

W. Atlee Rinehart, Vice Chair

Michael Albert Moyer, Member

Karen Nocella, Member

Anthony Duffy, Member

## Dates to Remember

### **Election Update**

The Presidential Election for 2016 is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Voting District 1 will vote at the Ridge Fire Company located at 480 Ridge Road, Spring City, PA 19475. Voting District 2 will vote at the Parker Ford Baptist Church located at 92 Baptist Church Road, Parker Ford, PA 19457.

---

**COME MEET SANTA!**  
**Sunday, December 11, 2016**  
**2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Ridge Fire Company**  
**480 Ridge Road**  
**Spring City, PA 19475**

---

**East Coventry Township**  
**Parks, Recreation &**  
**Conservation 2nd Annual Run**  
**5k, 10k Run**  
**March 18, 2017 9:00 AM**  
**Starting at Ellis Woods Park**

Please see website for more details. Registration \$30.00 for 5k and 10k Run. Look for more details on our website or at the Township office.

### **TOWNSHIP MEETINGS**

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

---

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

---

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

---

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

---

Open Space Committee (Bi-Monthly)  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 PM  
Starting January 2016

*All township meetings are held at the Township Building*