



East Coventry Times

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Spring 2017

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 2016 Budget Expenditures: \$5,769,605.39

Real Estate Millage Rate: 3
 Fire Hydrant Millage Rate: .012

*2010 Census

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Kulp Road Bridge Over Pigeon Creek To Be Replaced

This project involves the removal of the existing structure and complete reconstruction of the KULP ROAD BRIDGE, located on Kulp Road over the PIGEON CREEK. The new structure (bridge) will be a single span precast reinforced concrete arch culvert with a clear span of 32 feet and a total width of 27'-6 1/2" meeting PennDOT design and safety standards and constructed in accordance with PennDOT Publication 408, latest edition. It will have two travel lanes and shoulders.

The existing bridge was built in 1930 and widened in 1955. Based on the type and condition of the bridge, it was determined that rehabilitation of the bridge would not adequately improve the structural condition of the bridge to meet transportation demands, current design standards, and support two lane travel. Therefore, replacing the bridge was the selected option.

In terms of the design of the replacement, several options were considered: precast concrete arch, two-cell precast concrete box culvert, and conventional beam bridge. The precast concrete arch design was selected to provide a low-cost and context sensitive design solution for this rural area of the Township. Additionally, the precast concrete arch design will minimize the construction period and impacts to local traffic, as well as minimize future maintenance costs.

The replacement of this bridge is listed on Chester County Planning Commission's 2013 Transportation Improvements Inventory (TII) as Municipal Bridge (MB) 26; listed in the 2008 PA Bridge Bill (Act 96) and recommended for replacement in the Township's 2003 Comprehensive Plan.

The estimated cost for replacement of the Kulp Road Bridge is \$675,000.00. The Township submitted an application to the DVRPC 2014 Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program in 2014. The Township's grant application was approved in January 2015 for 80% of the estimated cost of the bridge replacement. As a result, the Township will be reimbursed \$540,000.00 (80% of the estimated project cost) from the DVRPC (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission) for the estimated cost of the project.

The Township anticipates advertising for bids during February/March 2017 (advertising to last about five weeks) and targeting a Notice to Proceed in April 2017. The construction is expected to last at least four months with full closure during construction. It is anticipated that the bridge will reopen for use in August 2017.

The current bridge has a weight limit of 7 tons for a single vehicle or 10 tons for combination. The new bridge will not have a weight restriction.

Fricks Locks Village Information

Fricks Locks Village Tours

2017 Season

May 13, 2017 marks the beginning of the fifth year of the Fricks Locks Village Tours!

What is Fricks Locks Village? The Village is a National Register Historic Village. It began as a family farm. When the Schuylkill Navigation Company built 'the locks' a small village developed supported by the commerce possible due to the canal traffic. Later, residential properties developed to house those who worked on the canal or for supporting businesses. It is East Coventry Township's premier Historic Resource!

Three tours are scheduled every second and fourth Saturday, May through October at 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. as follows:

May 13, 2017 and May 27, 2017
June 10, 2017 and June 24, 2017
July 8, 2017 and July 22, 2017
August 12, 2017 and August 26, 2017
September 9, 2017 and September 28, 2017
October 14, 2017 and October 28, 2017

We've had tourists from as far away as Spain. Have you toured Fricks Locks Village? Save a date for 2017.

If you are interested in joining the volunteers who keep the history of Fricks Locks Village alive, please contact East Coventry Township Administration Office at 610-495-5443 or by e-mail at info@eastcoventry-pa.gov.

If you love history, you will love volunteering at Fricks Locks Village!

Stream Cleanup!

In support of Earth Day activities this April, the Board of Supervisors are 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 10th annual community stream cleanup initiative. Interested volunteers are to gather at the Schuylkill River Trail parking lot located at the intersection of Linfield Road and Route 724, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The rain date will be Saturday, April 29, 2017. 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 repaved with a 1 1/2" overlay this summer. Schoolhouse Road (between Fulmer Road and just south of Bishop Road) and Bishop Road (west of Schoolhouse Road to South Keim Street).

Pickleball in the Winter?

Who says Pickleball is a summer sport!

One January afternoon, Township employees noticed some people playing Pickleball at Ellis Woods Park. We had to investigate to see who the dedicated Pickleball players were on the court on a cool day in January. It was our resident Pickleball Ambassador himself, Ernie Adams! Ernie, his son, grandson and grandson's friend decided since it was a decent 40 degree day, with some sun, they would get in a game on the court.



Can you say "Diehard Pickleball Players"? We can!

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee 2nd Annual Run

Join us for another year of fun!

East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee is holding their 2nd Annual "ROCK THE WALL" 5k, 10k Run and 5k Walk on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Registration opens at 8:30 am. All races start at 10:00 am. Awards will be presented at 11:00 am. Registration by March 3, 2017 is \$25.00 and you will receive a "Rock the Wall" Thermal Long Sleeve T-shirt. Registration after March 3, 2017 and day of race is \$30.00 and registrants are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Please see registration form included in newsletter to register with East Coventry Township or register on-line at Pretzel City Sports—www.pretzelcitysports.com. Registration forms and course maps can be found on the East Coventry Township webpage at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov.

Come out and enjoy the fun!

Save the Dates

66th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The 66th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 8, 2017 at 10:00 am sharp. The Easter Egg Hunt will 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 14, 2017.

Ridge Fire Company Community Day

The Ridge Fire Company Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Come out and join in the fun!

Tax Collector Collection Dates—April 2017

The Tax Collector will be collecting tax payments at the East Coventry Township Building during the month of April 2017. Tax Payments will be accepted on the following Dates & Times:

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19 **Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28** **Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**
 (12:00 PM to 4:00 PM) (12:00 PM to 4:00 PM) (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)



Rock the Wall
2nd Annual 5K and 10K
East Coventry Township, PA
Saturday, March 18, 2017 @ 10:00 AM 10K/5K and 5K Walk

WHO: Runners and walkers of all ages. Gather your family, friends and co-workers. Dogs are welcomed, but must be on a leash; strollers are ill advised.

WHAT: Rock the Wall run is a fund raiser to support **East Coventry Township Parks and Recreation.**

WHERE: East Coventry Township Building,
855 Ellis Woods Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

WHEN: Saturday, March 18, 2017
 8:30 a.m.-Registration
 10:00 a.m.-Start time both races
 11:00 a.m.-Award presentation at Pavilion

All runners will follow the 5k course; 10k runners will continue on a new route to complete their run. Both routes are a combination of road and trail. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 mile marked.

Photos will be taken and will be free for download.

Finish line and timing service by **Pretzel City Sports.** Race results to be posted on **www.pretzelcitysports.com**

To register: Complete the form below and submit a \$25.00 check/money order to East Coventry Township by March 3rd to receive a Rock the Wall Thermal Long Sleeve T-shirt. The fee for entries received after March 3rd, and Race Day, is \$30.00. T-shirts are not guaranteed if you register after March 3rd.

Optional Online Registration Available at:
<https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/online-registration/>
 (Nominal service fee applies, online registration closed at midnight, the Wed before race day)

Medal and \$25 will be presented to Overall Male and Female Champion. Medals presented to top three (3) Male and three (3) Female finishers in each of the following age brackets: 14 and Under, 15-19 years, 20-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50-59 years, 60-69 years, 70+ years. (All awards given for both the 5k and 10k races)

Map of Route is posted on East Coventry Township website
<http://eastcoventry-pa.gov/> OR

10k: <http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/1374091330>;

5k: <http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/1386021277>

REGISTRATION: 2nd Annual Rock the Wall

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Circle your Event: 5k Runner / 5k Walker / 10k Runner **T-shirt size (circle one):** Adult: S M L XL XXL

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Age (on Race Day): _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Waiver/Release and Permission to Use Image: For and in consideration of my participation in the "Rock the Wall 2nd Annual 5K and 10K, East Coventry Township, PA" (hereinafter the "Race"), I hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this Waiver/Release and Permission to Use Image as more specifically set forth herein. I hereby acknowledge that participation in such a Race is an inherently dangerous activity. I understand that the risks include serious injury or death from such hazards as weather conditions, falls, contact with the road, motor vehicle traffic, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including heat and/or humidity, cold wind and wind/chill, the condition of the road, trails and farmland and other potential hazards, foreseeable and/or unforeseeable. I acknowledge that I should not participate in the Race unless I am medically able and properly trained. I hereby waive and release any and all claims from loss, casualty, injury or death against the Race Director, Race Officials, the Township of East Coventry, the County of Chester and all Race volunteers and sponsors, their supervisors, commissioners, directors, principals, any and all employees, servants and agents, their representatives and successors and hereby further agree to assume all risks associated with participation in this Race. Furthermore, I acknowledge that photographs, videotapes, recordings and other reproduction(s) of my image may be used for promotional purposes by the Township of East Coventry, Directors, Officials and/or Volunteers for the Race. I hereby grant any and all necessary permission to use any such images in an form of media, published or unpublished, now or hereafter for any legitimate purpose. I have read and fully understand that these terms are contractual and not a mere recital and sing the Waiver/Release and Permission to Use Image voluntarily.

Date _____

Signature of Participant or parent or guardian if under the 18 years o age _____

Any questions contact (610) 495-5443 info@eastcoventry-pa.gov or jjdoyle@comcast.net (610) 203-2488

EPA Launches New Guild for Long-Term Stormwater Planning, Names Five Pilot Communities

October 27, 2016

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced a package of tools to help communities plan long-term strategies for managing stormwater pollution. EPA's tools promote the use of flexible solutions that spur economic growth, stimulate infrastructure investments, and help compliance with environmental requirements.

EPA has released a step-by-step guide to help communities develop long-term stormwater plans, a web-based toolkit for the planning process, and technical assistance for five communities to develop plans as national models. This approach was built on input from states, communities, industry, academia, and nonprofits.

“When communities link the timing and implementation of stormwater projects with broader planning activities, they can reduce costs and support more sustainable local development,” says Joel Beauvais, deputy assistant administrator for the Office of Water. “As stormwater increasingly threatens public health and the environment, EPA can help communities integrate stormwater management with broader plans for growing their economies, investing in critical infrastructure and meeting their water quality objectives.”

Initially the draft guide will be utilized by five communities selected for \$150,000 each in technical assistance to develop long-term stormwater management plans:

- Burlington, Iowa
- Chester, Pennsylvania
- Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- Rochester, New Hampshire
- Santa Fe, New Mexico

These communities will also be the beta testers for EPA's web-based toolkit, which will be refined and released more broadly next year.

Each year billions of gallons of runoff laden with trash, nutrients, metals and other pollutants flow into waterways. Stormwater runoff is one of the fastest growing sources of pollution across the country and it can overwhelm wastewater systems and overflow sewers. Many cities have utilized green infrastructure as part of a comprehensive, long-term approach to managing stormwater. Communities are finding the benefits from such approaches go well beyond helping to meet regulatory requirements and actually turn hazards into opportunities. Comprehensive, long-term plans can guide smart investments by tying together multiple community objectives like street improvements, outdoor open spaces, greenways or recreation areas, as well as community revitalization.

For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-planning>

Open Space Committee Update

The Open Space Committee will be contacting residents who own 10 or more acres to see if they are interested in preserving some of their property as open space. This is accomplished by entering into a Conservation Easement Agreement with the Township. More information will be distributed in the coming months.

Spotted Lanternfly Alert

East Coventry Township was notified in November 2016, by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, that the Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*), an invasive planthopper, was found on trees in East Coventry Township. East Coventry Township has been added to the general quarantine list, along with other surrounding Townships.

The spotted Lanternfly was first discovered on September 22, 2014 in eastern Berks County. It is native to China, India, Vietnam and was unintentionally introduced to Korea where it has become a major pest. This insect prefers to attack the Tree of Heaven, but it will feed on many other host plants including grapes, apples, stone fruits, and has the potential to greatly impact the grape, fruit tree, and forest products industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.

The spotted Lanternfly adult is approximately 1" long and 1/2" wide at rest. The forewing is gray with black spots and the wing tips are reticulated black blocks outline in gray. The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white bank. The legs and head are black, the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. The picture to the right is a spotted Lanternfly adult showing the forewings and hind wings.



In the fall, adults congregate on Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), willows (*Salix* spp.), and other trees in groups of up to 20. Egg masses are laid on the trunk and branches of medium to large trees. Egg masses can be scraped from surfaces from October through June. After hatching in the spring, nymphs will move off the tree and search out new hosts, including several kinds of agricultural crops. Young nymphs can be killed with brown adhesive tree bands from May through August. In Korea, it has been reported to attack 65 different tree species, 25+ of which are known to Pennsylvania.

Trees, such as Tree of Heaven and willow, will develop weeping wounds. These wounds will leave a grayish or black trail along the trunk. This sap will attract other insects to feed, notably wasps and ants. In late fall, adults will lay egg masses on host trees and nearby smooth surfaces like stone, outdoor furniture, vehicles, and other structures. Newly laid egg masses have a gray mud-like covering that can take on a dry cracked appearance over time. Old egg masses appear as rows of 30-50 brownish seek-like deposits in 4-7 columns on the trunk, roughly an inch long.

Spotted Lanternfly adults must feed on Tree of Heaven before laying eggs. One process for reducing the spotted Lanternfly is by creating "Trap Trees". Trap trees are created by removing most Tree of Heaven from a property but leaving a few alive. The live trees are treated with a systemic insecticide before July. In late July, when the adults feed from the only remaining Tree of Heaven, they are exposed to the insecticide and die.

The Spotted Lanternfly has been found in Berks County, Chester County, Lehigh County and Montgomery County. The Spotted Lanternfly lays egg masses of 30-50 eggs wherever there's a flat surface—meaning that many home items easily transported can pack this pest and help it to spread quickly. Therefore, a general quarantine over any area found to harbor the Spotted Lanternfly means that any material or object that can spread the pest cannot be moved. For a list of items (and other information about the Spotted Lanternfly, please see the Township website at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov.

Look for the insect before leaving a quarantined area, especially after walking or parking near a tree line. This insect is not a strong flier, but may try to hitch hike a ride on your clothing, your vehicle or items sitting outdoors. For more information and current quarantine, please visit:

www.agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly

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. **The burning of non-recyclable styrofoam and plastic products is prohibited.**

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. **The burning of non-recyclable plastic products is prohibited.**

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, 484-614-5838 or 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 ACTIVITES. THIS MUST BE NO LARGER THAN 3 FEET X 3 FEET X 3 FEET.

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.

East Coventry Township Board of Supervisors





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Dates to Remember

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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
Starting January 2017

All township meetings are held at the Township Building