



East Coventry Times

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STAFF NOTES

Public Works Department

After a 25-year career with the East Coventry Township Public Works Department, Ray Kolb retired effective February 01, 2025. While we will miss seeing Ray on a daily basis, he will still be a part of our Township as a Supervisor through the end of 2025. Enjoy your retirement, Ray and thanks for all of your hard work!



Following Ray Kolb's retirement, David Rishel has been promoted to Public Works Director. Dave has been with the Township for 10 years, and has served as the Assistant Public Works Director for the past seven years. Shawn Henry has been promoted to Assistant Public Works Director. Chad Howard has joined the crew as an Operator/Laborer. Congratulations to all of you. We know that our Public Works Department continues to be in good hands.

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The Public Works crews will be completing oil and chip on the following roads this Summer: Slonaker Road, Williams Way, Brownbacks Church Road, Fulmer Road from Elbehare Road to Pigeon Creek Road, Pigeon Creek Road, Schoolhouse Road from the Township line to 1220 Schoolhouse Road, Kulp Road from Ebelhare Road to Halteman Road, Harley Road from Kulp Road to Sawmill Road, and Sawmill Road from Harley Road to Ellis Woods Road. Check the Public Works page of our website at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/public-works for further information as we get closer to the summer season.

Police Department

Avoid becoming the victim of a scam. There are so many types of scams today that it would be impossible to list them all, or to detail how they work in the limited space of this Newsletter. However, there are some similarities used by many scammers that can tip you off that you have been targeted for a scam, such as threats of arrest, utility shutoff or bank fraud.

Scammers do not want you to independently investigate their claim. They will pressure you to act immediately . . . or else! They will try to keep you on the line as long as possible. If you absolutely insist on having to call them back, they will provide you with a call back number. They do not want you to look up the real number of the entity they are purporting themselves to be. Do not allow yourself to be pressured. Remember, you can always hang up. Take a deep breath, look up the real phone



In this issue we share news about upcoming events and other important information.

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

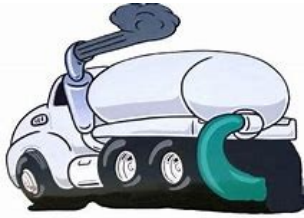
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Police Department (continued)

number of the agency or company they are claiming to be and investigate the claim for yourself. If you have any concerns about the legitimacy of a demand for payment, call the Police Department and we can assist you. For more information, please visit the Police Department website at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/police.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Private On-Lot Septic System Pump Out Information



By now, homeowners with on-lot septic systems have received the Township's request for confirmation of on-lot septic system pumping. We would like to thank you for the tremendously positive response. For those who have not yet had an opportunity to have your on-lot septic system pumped, we look forward to receiving confirmation in the near future. For more information, please contact the Township at 610-495-5443 or via email at info@eastcoventry-pa.gov.

Tax Collection

You can make payments for 2025 taxes online via credit card or electronic check. (There are processing fees for this convenience.) Please visit www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/tax for further information. Payment of Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes can be made in person at the Township Building during the following times:

Tuesday, April 08, 15, 22, and 29:	12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30:	1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 10, 17, and 24:	12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 12, 19, and 26:	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Remember to bring the entire bill for payment receipt. All East Coventry Township Real Estate and Per Capita Tax questions should be directed to Missy King, Tax Collector, at 610-495-7667 or via email at ecoventrytaxcollector@outlook.com.

Coventry Food Pantry

**DONATE
FOOD
HERE**



Your donations support families throughout the Owen J. Roberts School District. The Pantry is in constant need of jelly in plastic jars, peanut butter, tuna, canned meat, canned fruit, cereal/oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, side dishes, cleaning supplies, paper products, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, diapers, wipes, 100% fruit juice boxes, small fruit cups in 100% juice, individual puddings, raisins, dried fruit, yogurt, fruit-filled cereal bars, granola bars, fruit roll ups, fruit snacks, crackers (peanut butter, cheese) pudding or Jell-O box mixes and small bags of pretzels or Goldfish. You may drop off items in the Township Building Lobby. Thank you for your donations!

American Flag Disposal

Bring your worn American flags to the Township Building for proper disposal. Flags will be honorably retired in the incinerator at Ellis Woods Park. Built many years ago as an Eagle Scout project, the incinerator is dedicated to the patriots buried at the Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery.



COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

Watershed-Friendly Property Certification

Watershed-Friendly Property Certification is a collaboration between Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Program and the Nurture Nature Center, and is funded through the Department of Environmental Protection's 2022 Environmental Education Grants Program. Reducing stormwater runoff, reducing water pollution, conserving water, and supporting wildlife and pollinators are critical elements of healthy, watershed-friendly properties. This program offers guidance and resources and allows property owners to fill out a simple online application to qualify for watershed-friendly property certification. Watershed-Friendly Property Certification recognizes landowners who incorporate best practices in managing and protecting water resources and provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators on their property. In addition, the Certification recognizes landowners who make a commitment to minimize their potential impact on water quality by using less harmful chemicals, and who maintain good housekeeping of their property. Qualifying applicants will receive a certificate, a free window or door decal, and the opportunity to order a property sign for a minimal cost.

Why should you certify your property to be watershed-friendly?

The goal of this Certification is to expand the number of watershed-friendly properties throughout the Commonwealth while at the same time educating residents, communities, schools, and businesses about the value of a healthy watershed and best practices for improving water quality. Healthy landscapes make healthy communities. Certifying your property has many benefits including:

- Protects your local streams and rivers the life that depends on clean water.
- Promotes habitat for birds, fish, and other wildlife.
- Recognizes your commitment to best practices managing water on your property.
- Educates others about healthy watersheds.
- Brings awareness to the Certification.
- Helps support the Master Watershed Steward Program.
- Provides you with tools and resources to achieve a watershed-friendly status.
- Gives you "bragging rights" for all of your hard work.



What do you need to do to certify your property?

Complete the online application based on your lot size, which can be found at the following link: www.extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards/watershed-friendly-pa.

If you qualify, you will be emailed a certificate verifying that your landscape is watershed-friendly. They will also mail you a free window decal.

Qualifying property owners will be eligible to order a Watershed-Friendly Property Sign at www.watershedfriendlypa.org/about-the-sign/, which will be shipped to you within two weeks.

The certificate and the sign show your commitment to managing a healthy watershed.

To see pictures of certified properties visit www.watershedfriendlypa.org/gallery-of-properties/.

Do you need help or have questions?

Contact a Master Watershed Steward at www.extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards/news/ask-a-master-watershed-steward.

COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

Trash and Recycling News



Each homeowner is responsible for contracting with their own trash and recycling hauler. A list of trash and recycling haulers servicing the Township can be found at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/waste-recycling. Residents should check with their trash and recycling hauler as to yard waste removal service. Please do not place trash and recycling cans in the road.

Hazardous Waste Collection. Visit www.chestercountyswa.org for the 2025 Chester County Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule.

Electronics Recycling. Various electronics can be dropped off for recycling at the Chester County Solid Waste Authority located at 7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA 17555. Please call 610-273-3771 for hours, costs, and other details associated with this recycling service.

Please review our Trash and Recycling Ordinance at www.ecode360.com/EA2244, for more information.

Ridge Fire Company

Reflective Address Markers

Reflective address mailbox markers measure 6 inches wide by 18 inches high. House markers measure 14 inches wide by 5 inches high. The signs are \$15 each. More information and forms to order the reflective address markers are available on the Ridge Fire Company's website at www.ridgefirecompany.com. You can also order signs by calling 610-495-6063.



Fire Police Services

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

Open Burning



A reminder that open burning is not allowed in the Township, except for recreational purposes such as a fire pit in an area no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet. Please review your homeowners' association or mobile home community guidelines for open burning regulations in your community.

Sewer Information

The Township's Sanitary Sewer Usage Fee is \$185 per quarter and is invoiced January 01, April 01, July 01, and October 01. We accept payments in cash or check at the Township Building, electronic check or credit card via the Township website at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/online-payments, or check by mail. When paying by check, we ask that you please write your property address on your sewer payment. If you have a mortgage escrow account, please 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 water service to resume. If necessary, payment arrangements can be made by contacting Jill Barbera, Finance Director, at 610-495-5443.



COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

Earth Day Pigeon Creek Cleanup

In support of Earth Day activities, the Board of Supervisors is again sponsoring a cleanup of Pigeon Creek between Old Schuylkill Road and the Schuylkill River, as well as Towpath Park along the Schuylkill River. Persons interested in keeping East Coventry Township clean and green are invited to volunteer a few hours of their time to participate in this annual community stream cleanup initiative. Interested volunteers are to assemble at the Parker Ford Trailhead parking lot associated with the Schuylkill River Trail at the intersection of Linfield Road and Route 724, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19. The rain date will be Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. For more information please contact Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer, at 484-866-9669.



HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Historical maps are a great resource for learning more about your historic property. Links to six historic maps of Chester County and East Coventry Township are now available for viewing on the Historical Commission page at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/historical. These maps date from 1820 to 1883. The earliest maps cover all of Chester County and show mostly major roads and geographical features while the later maps cover only the Township and show major buildings and land ownership information. Most maps are available for free download.

Fricks Lock Village Tours

Tour dates of the Township's historic Fricks Lock Village have been set for 2025. If you have not yet checked out this piece of history, you should definitely make plans to do so this year. Fricks Lock Village is located at 503 Fricks Lock Road. More information can be found at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/fricks-lock.



Tour Dates:

Saturday, May 03 and 17
Saturday, June 14 and 28
Saturday, July 12 and 26
Saturday, August 09 and 23
Saturday, September 13 and 27
Saturday, October 11 and 25

Tours are held at 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.



OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Open Space Preservation

Did you know that East Coventry Township has funding to preserve open space such as farmland and property with other important natural resources in our community? Pursuant to the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Preservation Act, 32 P.S. §5001, *et. seq.*, Resolution 2011-14 was enacted following a referendum on the November 2010 General Election Ballot. East Coventry Township residents voted in favor of an additional .25% earned income tax “for financing the acquisition of open space, acquiring agricultural conservation easements and/or acquiring recreation or historic lands.” When you preserve open space, you help protect the rural character and history that surrounds us.



OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (continued)

Open Space Preservation (continued)

Are you interested in learning more about open space preservation in East Coventry and the compensation available for protecting land? Do you want to know if your property is a good candidate for preservation? If so, please monitor the Open Space Committee's homepage at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/open-space for educational resources and information about future events. Feel free to reach out to Open Space Committee Chair, Karen Nocella at nocella1953@gmail.com and Vice-Chair, Eric Hughes at erichughes8991@gmail.com for more information or with any questions.

Educational Opportunities



Check out the Open Space Committee's homepage where you can find information on online or in-person classes from well-known nonprofit and educational organizations that can give practical advice and useable techniques for Southeastern Pennsylvania landowners. The Open Space Committee hopes these listings will help East Coventry property owners care for their land and maybe learn something new and interesting while doing so. Check back often to see what's available.

New Purple Martin House Installation

The original Purple Martin House was full so we added another at the East Coventry Nature Preserve. Monies from the Open Space Fund were used to purchase the new home for our feathered friends.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery Memorial Sunday Observation



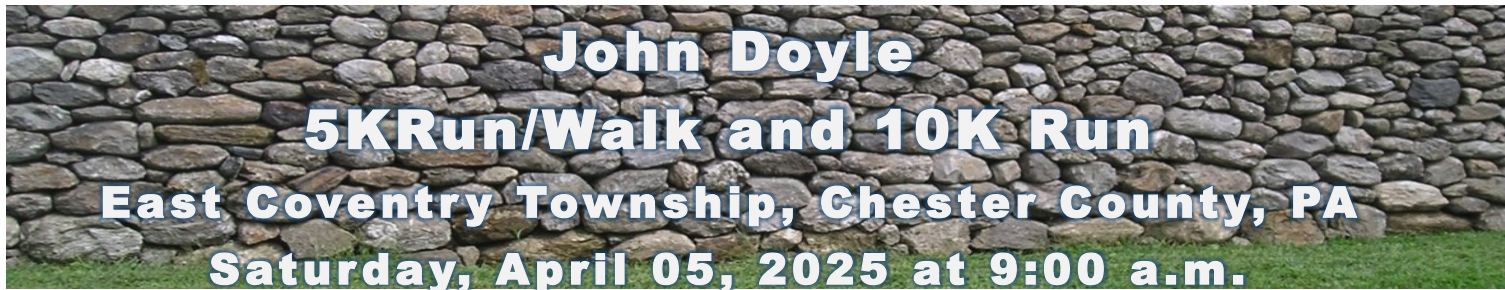
The Pottstown Joint Veterans Council and the Mahanatawny Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their annual Memorial Sunday Observation at the Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery located at 580 Ellis Woods Road, on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Traditionally held the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, the event features music, non-denominational prayers, history, and public participation in the form of placing flowers and flags on the 17 marked-but-unknown graves of soldiers from the American Revolution, the playing of "Taps", and a Soldiers' Salute by the Pottstown Joint Veterans Council. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Ellis Woods Park Pavilion, 855 Ellis Woods Road.

Accessible Parking at Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery

The Township has improved accessibility to the Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation. The addition of a paved, van-accessible parking spot, ramp, and path leading to an observation area is an important step in ensuring that more people can visit and pay respects to those interred there, regardless of mobility challenges. These improvements will enhance the experience of all visitors, providing a more inclusive and respectful environment.



The Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee is working hard to bring new and exciting events to the Township. Check out its homepage at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov/parks-rec-committee to keep updated on the latest happenings.



WHO: Runners and walkers of all ages! Gather your family, friends, and co-workers. Dogs are welcomed but must be on leash and cleaned up after.

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

WHAT: **John Doyle Run** is a fundraiser to support East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee.

Entry Fee for all events: \$25 if registered by March 17 includes a guaranteed T-shirt. Registrations received after March 17, including Race Day, are \$30. T-shirts are available while supplies last. **All registrations are non-refundable.**

WHERE: **Towpath Park**
1675 New Schuylkill Rd (Route 724)
Pottstown, PA 19465

Online Registration (preferred): You can register online at www.pretzelcitysports.com/online-registration.

WHEN: **Saturday, April 05, 2025**
7:30 a.m. – Registration Begins
9:00 a.m. – Start Time for Both Races
10:00 a.m. – Award Presentation at Pavilion

A nominal service fee applies, and online registration closes midnight the Wednesday before Race Day.

Mail In Registration: Check or money order payable to East Coventry Township. Complete the form below and mail to: **Pretzel City Sports, 112 West 36th Street, Reading PA 19606.**

Run to be held on the Schuylkill River Trail, a flat, macadam path, starting and ending at Towpath Park. Photos will be taken and available for free download.

A map of the route is posted on East Coventry Township website at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov.

Awards will be given to male and female finishers for the 5K and 10K races respectively. Structure for awards is to be determined.

Any questions contact: **Flora Kapp** via email at info@eastcoventry-pa.gov or by phone at 610-495-5443.

REGISTRATION FORM: John Doyle 5KRun/Walk and 10K Run

To register, please complete this portion of the form and submit it with a \$25 check or money order payable to: **East Coventry Township** by March 17, 2025 to receive a T-shirt. The fee for entries received after March 17, 2025 and on Race Day is \$30. T-shirts are available while supplies last. Registrations are non-fundable. Mail form and payment to: **Pretzel City Sports, 112 West 36th Street, Reading PA 19606.**

Circle your Event: 5k RUNNER / 5k WALKER / 20k RUNNER

T-Shirt Size (circle one): Adult S M L XL XXL

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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

Waiver, Release of Liability, and Permission to Use Image.

For and in consideration of my participation in the "John Doyle 5KRun/Walk and 10K Run, East Coventry Township, PA" (hereinafter the "Race"), I hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this Waiver, Release of Liability, 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 any 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 sign this Waiver, Release of Liability, and Permission to Use Image voluntarily.

_____ Date

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



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Email: info@eastcoventry-pa.gov

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for updated Township
news and activities!

Board of Supervisors

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Anthony Duffy, Vice Chair
Michael Albert Moyer
W. Atlee Rinehart
Catharine Small



DATES TO REMEMBER

Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors
Second Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission
Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Open Space Committee
Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
Second Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Parks, Recreation and
Conservation Committee**
Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Township Building.

Township Office Hours
Monday to Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Township Offices Closed:

Good Friday, Friday, April 18, 2025
Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025
Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19, 2025
Independence Day, Friday, July 04, 2025
Labor Day, Monday, September 01, 2025

Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
East Coventry Elementary School
Rain Date: Friday, April 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Age One Year Through Sixth Grade

Ridge Fire Company Community Day

Saturday, September 06, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Ridge Firehouse