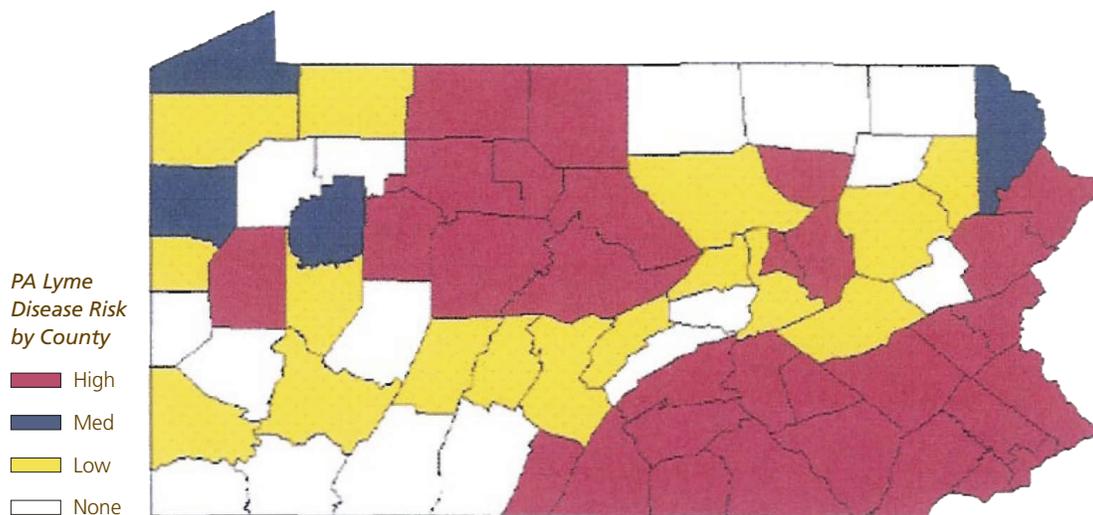


# The Milemarker

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP



## SOME GOOD HEALTH NEWS

Chester County may be the hottest bed of lyme disease in Pennsylvania but it's also the **healthiest county** in the state, according to a new report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute.

The study measured such social issues as **smoking, drinking, accident rate** and **obesity** along with **health insurance rates, doctor visits, hospital stays, education, access to healthy food** and **premature death**.

Montgomery County rates 5th healthiest (out of 67 counties), Bucks County 7th, Delaware County 36th and Philadelphia dead last at 67th.

## Lyme Disease Epidemic Is Real Threat to Residents of Chester County

by Douglas W. Fearn  
*Vice-President  
 Lyme Disease Association  
 of Southeastern Pennsylvania Inc.*

Lyme disease is the most-reported vector borne disease in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with more than 23,000 cases reported in 2003. In 2004, Pennsylvania became the state with the highest number of reported cases; Chester County has the highest reported rate in Pennsylvania.

The CDC believes only about one in ten of all case of lyme is reported. We believe the figure is closer to one in 15, indicating a national yearly total of more than 300,000.

A recent survey in Pocopson Township found that 22% of the residents had experienced lyme disease; one-third of those said they still had symptoms despite treatment and half the households had one or more family members with the disease. There is no reason to think that Pocopson is unusual and it prob-

ably represents Chester County pretty well.

Clearly, we have an epidemic. What are the consequences? Lyme disease can cause a wide variety of problems, but it tends to focus on areas of your body that may be vulnerable or weak. Everyone infected suffers some degree of fatigue, from mild to debilitating. Joints and muscles may ache, and the pains may move to different areas of the body, sometimes in a very short time. Neurological symptoms are also almost universal and range from mild tingling or

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*Call the Lyme Disease Hotline at (610) 388-7333.*



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First Thursday at 7:30 a.m.  
Third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
First Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
Second Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

### Public Committee Meetings

HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.  
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
Second Monday at 7:30 p.m.  
ORDINANCE TASK FORCE  
Fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
First Monday at 7:30 p.m.

*Township Meetings held at the Township Building, 1214 Horseshoe Pike*

### Important Numbers

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100 Police Administration

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# Veteran Retires from East Brandywine Police



**Lt. Ron Marshman**, right, and his successor **Lt. Gene Babetski**. The Board of Supervisors at their April 1 meeting congratulated Lt. Marshman on his retirement and 28 years with the Police Department and also newly sworn in Lt. Babetski on his promotion. Said Chief Mark Kosci: "We all wish Ron the best of luck in his retirement and Gene the best in his new position."

The East Brandywine Police Department lost its longest-serving officer in early April when Lieutenant Ron Marshman retired. He joined the force in 1981 when the Township had only two full-time policemen. Today there are eight and, as recently as last year before the Brandywine Regional Police serving both this Township and Wallace was disbanded, the total was 13.

Lieutenant Marshman is a quiet, fairly laid-back guy. He worked his way up through sergeant (for 10 years) to lieutenant (13 years) and favors a low profile approach to his work, always preferring being out on patrol rather than doing paperwork. He has a special feel for the speed detail. "You know," he recalls, "I got the same woman for speeding three times at the same location, North Bailey Road and Ridgewood Circle. Some people just don't learn."

Military service (1966-68), where Lieutenant Marshman was

an MP, gave him a taste for police work. But he wasn't tempted to join up when he returned to civilian life. "Police pay was terrible in those days." Instead, he took a job with UPS and later worked for A. Duie Pyle, the trucking company in West Chester.

Things were going well, he says, but when he hit the age of 34 he decided it was time to settle down and find a career he wanted to stick with. So he chose to get into full-time policing—only to find he had to pay some tough dues as a part-timer. "I was working part-time for four municipalities all at the same time, East Brandywine, Wallace, Caln and Downingtown." Then the full-time job came open at East Brandywine.

The lieutenant, a Thorndale native, is a committed car buff. "I got my first Corvette when I was 17," he says, "and I've had one ever since." Over the years, he's owned 14 of them, along with a number of other vintage vehicles. Add in his

## PARK & REC NEEDS TWO

The Park and Recreation Board is seeking two volunteers to help with oversight of the Township's parks.

For more information, contact the board through the Township Office at:

1214 Horseshoe Pike  
by mail,

(610) 269-8230  
by phone or

[www.ebrandywine.org](http://www.ebrandywine.org)  
by e-mail.

motorbike and eight bicycles (some of them antiques) and you can see the collector mentality at work.

About six years ago, Lieutenant Marshman and his wife Debbie—who works in insurance and was a long-time member of the East Brandywine Planning Commission—bought a home in Lewes, Delaware. Neither of them knew much about the place but friends recommended it as a fine town to retire to. After a long search they found a house they loved, though one in need of work. They've been "remodeling" it ever since and the lieutenant plans to wrap up the work in his retirement, along with tinkering with his cars, of course. His wife is going to go on working.

Looking back, Lieutenant Marshman says, "I've had a very rewarding career. The years went by so fast." The police connection will live on, however. His stepdaughter is on the West Caln force. A son and stepson have other careers.

# Lyme Disease Epidemic Is Real Threat to Residents of Chester County

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burning sensations (especially in the hands and feet) to unrelenting pain that seems to have no physical cause. Some people suffer cognitive problems; they become forgetful or get lost in familiar places. Others suffer from psychological problems. The list of possible symptoms is long and lyme can affect any part of the body.

The traditional view was that this disease was “difficult to catch and easy to cure,” and not very

common to begin with. This is not our experience.

Diagnosis can be difficult because blood tests most commonly used miss one-third to one-half of the people actually infected. All medical experts, and our government agencies, agree that lyme requires a “clinical diagnosis.” That means that your doctor should base his diagnosis on the signs you show (like the “bull’s eye” rash that may appear on some people), the symptoms you report and your

exposure to the ticks that carry the disease. If you meet these criteria, you can be diagnosed and treated, with or without a positive blood

## *Prevention is the best way to battle the disease*

test. The tests should only be used to support the clinical diagnosis, according to the CDC. Treatment can sometimes take months or years, but most people do improve when properly treated. The typical two to four weeks of antibiotics prescribed by most doctors does not permanently eradicate the infection in many people, particularly if treatment has been delayed.

Finding a knowledgeable doctor can be a challenge. In spite of living in the epicenter of the lyme epidemic, it’s a sad fact that many of our doctors are still decades behind in their knowledge of this disease.

Prevention is the best way to battle lyme disease. Deer ticks are the only proven vector for the disease and are found in huge numbers in many areas in our community. Deer and mice are the primary animal hosts. Deer can carry thousands of ticks. Mice are the reservoir for the disease and may have dozens of attached ticks at any time.

Deer ticks are tiny, ranging from the size of the period at the end of this sentence to the size of a poppy seed. Ticks cannot fly or jump, and generally remain close to the ground. Tall grass and underbrush are their favorite places when seeking a host. They are very good at patiently waiting for a victim to pass by. They snag skin or clothing with hooked legs

and travel upward until they find a suitable spot to attach and feed. Their bite generally is painless, although it may itch. They prefer places on your body where they are difficult to find, such as behind the knee, the groin or scalp. Many people who develop lyme disease do not remember a tick bite. A tick bite while gardening is the activity most often cited by residents in Chester County.

Avoid areas where ticks are likely to be found: the edge of woods, deer trails, woodpiles, or leaf litter. You can apply insect repellent, either one containing DEET or permethrin (which is applied to clothing, not skin). Frequent tick checks while outside and a thorough examination once

## *A tick bite while gardening is the most common experience reported by Chester County residents*

back home are the best ways to find ticks. Showering is helpful.

Some experts believe it may take 24 to 72 hours of attachment before the disease is transmitted. Others think you can become infected as soon as the bite occurs. It may be safest to assume any tick bite is capable of infecting you no matter how long the tick has been attached. Seek medical advice right away. Lyme-literate doctors will probably recommend a course of antibiotics as a precaution.

The classic lyme rash may form at the site of the bite or other places on the body. This rash is sometimes shaped like a bull’s eye, with a clear center and concentric

*Pennsylvania has more reported cases of lyme disease than any other state and Chester County has the most reported cases within the state*

## LOCAL TALK DRAWS BIG CROWD

Some **100 residents** packed the main meeting room in the municipal building March 11 to see a movie “**Under Our Skin**” presented by the **Pennsylvania Lyme Disease Awareness Committee**. The movie and following Q&A session underlined two key points: **early treatment** keeps most patients from really bad problems and, if you get a rash or suspect a bite, **see your doctor** right away.



Douglas Fearn addresses the meeting.

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## ON THE MOVE

The following **real estate transactions** took place between **mid December** and **early March**.

570 Dilworth Road.....	\$535,000
22 Grovehill Court .....	\$352,578
306 Harcourt Lane .....	\$750,000
1307 Horseshoe Pike .....	\$260,000
312 McFarland Drive.....	\$350,000
350 North Buck Road.....	\$385,000
226 North Caldwell Circle .....	\$381,030
228 North Caldwell Circle .....	\$368,900
230 North Caldwell Circle .....	\$332,380
234 North Caldwell Circle .....	\$327,920
304 South Caldwell Circle.....	\$410,000
330 South Caldwell Circle.....	\$440,250
124 Waring Drive.....	\$395,000

Source: Weichert Realtors, West Chester

## Lyme Disease Epidemic in County

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rings of darker and lighter colors. This rash is diagnostic. Nothing else causes this kind of rash. It may appear anywhere from two to thirty days after the bite.

Flu-like symptoms are almost universal in the early stages of lyme disease and any case of “flu” in the summer should be suspect.

Ticks often carry a variety of diseases in addition to lyme. In our area, many patients also have ehrlichiosis, bartonella or babesiosis.

*Lyme disease has many symptoms and can affect any part of your body*

The first two are caused by bacteria and can be treated with antibiotics (although often different ones than those used to treat lyme). Babesiosis is caused by a blood parasite, similar to malaria, and is treated with anti-malarial drugs. This combination of diseases often explains why some people do not find much relief in the standard lyme treatments. Doctors who treat a lot of lyme cases report that few of their patients have just one tick-borne disease.

The Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania is a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping lyme patients with support and education. We have regular monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at the Kennett Friends Meeting-house on Route 82 in Kennett Square, and occasional meetings at larger venues on the weekends. We have the world’s top lyme experts talk about the disease and answer your questions. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Our web site, [www.LymePa.org](http://www.LymePa.org), has

*If you think you are infected, seek medical advice right away*

full details about all our meetings, as well as many resources for lyme patients. We have a hotline number, (610) 388-7333, available for your questions. Our booklet, Lyme Disease: The Basics, is full of information about symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. People all over the U.S. have requested more than 100,000 copies. It is available for free at our meetings, on our web site or by request. Quantities are available for organizations that can use them.

## Guthriesville Commerce: Many Things Happening

Here’s the latest about possible development along the stretch of Horseshoe Pike that runs through Guthriesville: a new supermarket (medium probability), an outlet for memorials (more likely) and a proposed small apartment building (withdrawn). And, just around the corner on Bondsville Road, a custom maker of brass and wrought iron (more likely).

Giant Foods submitted a sketch plan to the Township for a 55,800 sq. ft. supermarket immediately to the west of the Brandywine Village Shopping Center. The plan proposes an additional 14,000 sq. ft. of attached retail space (9,200 sq. ft. of which could be used for future market expansion) and a stand-alone bank. One big issue: Giant Foods would have to build a boulevard linking North Guthriesville Road and Horseshoe Pike. This link was first proposed

when the Gambone Brothers firm wanted to build 125 homes on the site along with some retail space. Gambone withdrew its plan last year. Many employees of Croppers attended the March 3 Planning Commission meeting to oppose the new market.

Weaver Memorials, Inc. of Lancaster County wants to open a business in the former Brandywine General Rental store at the corner of Horseshoe Pike and Bondsville Road. Settlement was scheduled for April 28. Big issue here: need for a highway occupancy permit from PennDOT that would cover both the proposed memorial business and renovated General Store building and its apartment dwellings.

Lalit Verma, owner of the two distressed buildings across the road from the old General Store, has withdrawn a plan to demolish the one nearer to the corner of Hopewell Road and rebuild

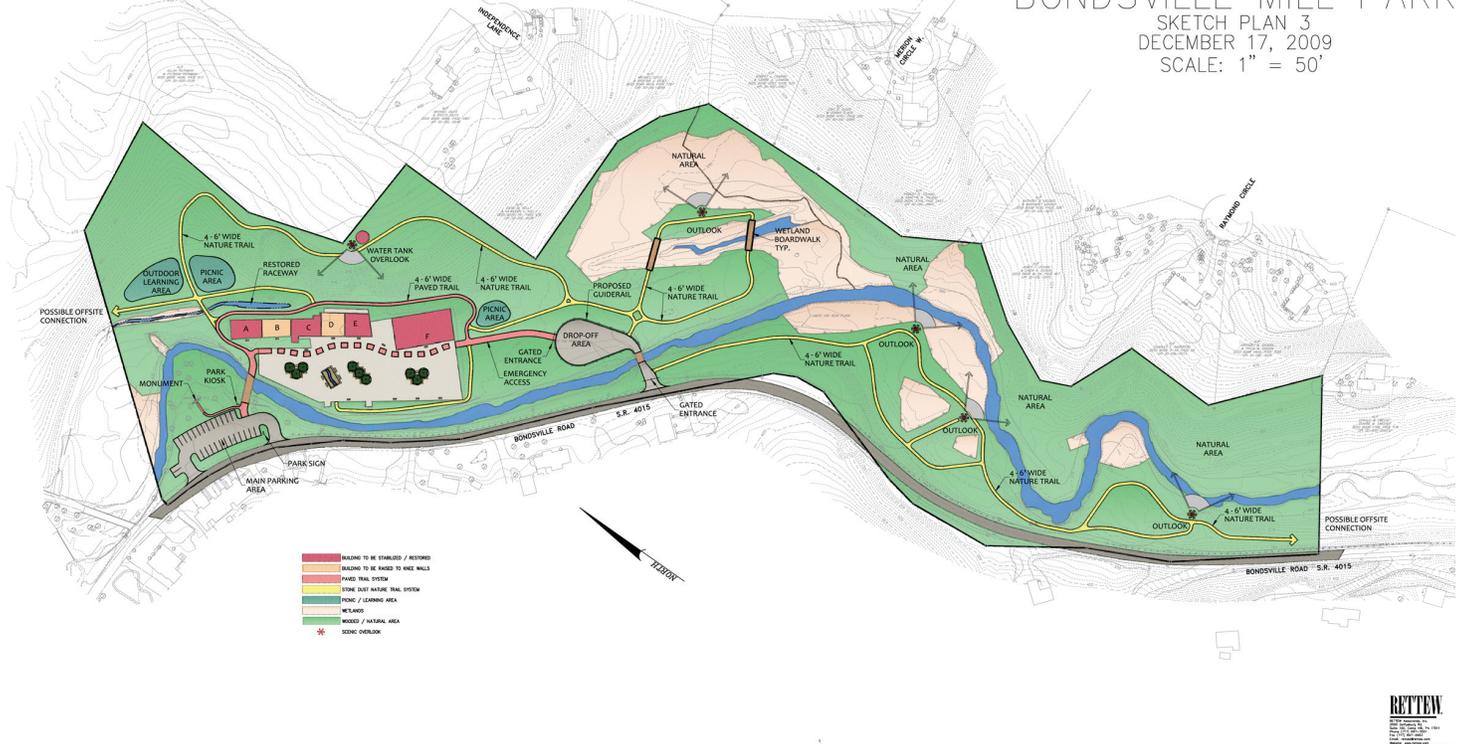
the other as a four-unit apartment with possible retail space on the ground floor. His architect, William Steimer, came up with an appealing concept but Planning Commission members were unresponsive, concerned mainly about the closeness of the building to the highway, parking for residents and access to the parking area.

The other project in the works involves the former Good Machining building on Bondsville Road, immediately next to the General Store parking area. Heritage Metalworks, which began as a small foundry next to Gary’s Collision on Horseshoe Pike and later moved and expanded to Creek Road in East Caln Township, is interested in the location. Jon and Matthew White, owners of the firm, do custom brass and wrought iron work, and likely will add a small showroom for public display of their work.

This is the master plan prepared by Rettew. The project manager told the January public meeting the plan “is not something you have to live and die by. It’s a working document that we can change as we go along.”

## BONDSDVILLE MILL PARK

SKETCH PLAN 3  
DECEMBER 17, 2009  
SCALE: 1" = 50'



# Master Plan Discussed for Bondsville Mill Park

At a well-attended public meeting in late January, Rettew Associates of Lancaster presented its plans for the Bondsville Mill Park. Its 25 acres stretch along the Beaver Creek and Bondsville Road and is backed on its other side the Locust Knoll development.

Some key features of the park include restoration of four of the existing buildings, the renovation and re-establishment of the mill race, the creation of more than a mile of walking trails with various “outlook” points and a welcome center explaining the history of the whole complex, which dates back to the original mill opened by Abraham Bond in 1841.

The Rettew plan has a two-way thrust. One is to preserve the history of the site, keeping at least footprints of older buildings

that are too damaged to be worth saving. The proposed welcome center would include photographs of the complex through the years and video interviews with some of the local residents who worked at the mill before it closed in the late 1950s. As part of this project, a “learning area” would be set up near the entrance. The high wall near the one building which volunteers have rehabbed over the past year and more could be decorated with a mural detailing some of the mill’s history.

The other thrust is to make the park a quiet and enjoyable place to picnic, go birding, enjoy the lush woodland areas and take time out from normal busy schedules. To bring about this goal, there’s an urgent need to strip the park of an abundance of invasive plant life.

Rettew’s next goal is to identify where funds can be found to pay for all these projects. The original study and future of the park spelled out in a key report of the Bondsville Mill Park committee said close to \$700,000 would be needed to bring the park to its full potential. Rettew figures suggest the total could be much higher.

At the meeting, residents who live along Bondsville Road had some questions, some related to parking (Rettew does not foresee day to day problems) and possible contamination from the dyes and other chemicals used when the mill was active. Township Manager Scott Piersol said an environmental study done after the Township acquired the property showed no problems.

## LIBRARY TO HOST LOCAL GARDEN TOUR

The friends of Downingtown Library will host a **garden tour** on **Sunday June 6** to benefit the library.

The **self-guided tour**, encompassing a variety of gardens in the Downingtown area, will begin at **noon** and conclude at **4 p.m.**

Beginning in May, **tickets may be purchased at the library for \$15.**

They’ll also be available for \$18 at the library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the day of the tour.

## Your tax dollars at work

# Township's Public Works Crew Fulfills Multiple Tasks

It's three o'clock in the morning. It's snowing heavily. Do you know where your Township Roadmaster is? Indeed, do you know who he is?

The answers: He's Matthew VanLew and he's at the municipal complex on Horseshoe Pike readying his crew to go out and clear snow and ice from 38 miles of Township roadways so residents can safely get to work or school or shop later in the morning. (If the next day is not a normal work day, his crew doesn't arrive until about 6 a.m. "We probably were out to about 10 o'clock the previous night, so everyone needs some rest," he says.)

What's more, if PennDOT is late clearing the 32 miles of state roads in the Township, the locals step in "when it's in the interest of public safety," Mr. VanLew adds. This happens with some regularity.

Snow clearing is just one of the Township's public works staff's many tasks. Last year, for example, it chipped broken branches and the like at 353 residences—an effort that brought in \$2,460 in fees (each household gets 15 minutes of chipping free each year and pays \$20 for every extra 15 minutes). In a three-month period last fall, the crews collected about 293 tons of leaves left by residents at their curbsides. Then there's the mowing and trimming of more than 70 acres in public parkland (Community Park, Spatola Park and Hopewell Field) and about three times a week someone has to go out and mark Township-owned underground utilities because someone wants to dig a hole in the vicinity.

There's also the constant roadwork. This involves cleaning storm

drains and patching potholes and, most years, the supervision of some major project such as installing a new bridge or resurfacing a roadway.

The public works budget this year is about \$425,000-plus, equal to roughly 10% of total Township revenues (offsetting some of the costs was about \$150,000 from the state liquid fuels fund, money the state raises from taxes on gasoline and diesel). Mr. VanLew's job is to make best use of this money which, in addition to paying salaries, has to cover the cost of outside contractors brought in for specific jobs, materials and purchase and maintenance of the group's various vehicles. Winter's record snowfalls have already put a strain on the budget with overtime and vehicle repair (including a bust transmission). The \$10,000 budgeted for overtime was topped by at least \$1,000 and the \$20,000 salt materials budget was topped by more than \$1,500. Snow removal related vehicle repairs have just about eaten the budgeted total of \$10,000. (There's some hope that the Federal Emergency Management Agency could come up with \$14,000 to \$15,000 to offset these costs, but various arcane benchmarks have to be reached by the county—in terms of money spent and record depths of snow over any specific 48 hours—before cash can be released to any qualifying municipality.)

All of this 365 days-a-year work falls to Mr. VanLew, one full-time assistant (Chris Ott), three part-timers (Jim Worrell, Mike Dawson and Bob Zynn) and a student intern during the summer months.

Mr. Ott and Mr. Worrell are



Roadmaster Matthew VanLew clearing snow along Constitution Drive in the Locust Knoll development during the worst of February's storms. *Picture: Bruce Anderson.*

largely responsible for the snow cleaning, road maintenance, chipping and leafing. Mr. Dawson's primary concern is building maintenance, taking care of all the needs of the municipal building—cleaning, changing air filters, fixing broken items and setting up various rooms for meetings, all the regular Township meetings (seven or eight a month) and those for local groups including a couple of homeowners' associations and for the boy and girl scouts among others. Mr. Zynn is the chief mower at the Community Park.

Mr. VanLew's job is to supervise all these activities, taking an active role when and where necessary. He splits his time about 50/50 between office and out-of-office duties. Office work includes dealing with suppliers, buying needed materials, making regular reports to the Board of Supervisors and working with the Municipal Authority. He's also responsible for the public works vehicles, arrang-

ing to buy new ones and dispose of the old, dealing with residents' problems and complaints (most deal with stormwater and road repairs) and making sure that the Township taps into state funds for highway projects. "Getting funding for road repair and vehicle replacement is probably the most challenging part of my job," he says, "especially in the past two or three years."

Mr. VanLew was born in Downingtown and moved to East Brandywine in 1978. He became a self-employed building contractor and started to work part time with the Township in 1988, becoming a full-time employee in 1999.

The day-to-day activities of looking after the Township's infrastructure take most of his time but from time to time he takes on the role of construction manager for major projects. The replacement of the Buck Road bridge near the intersection with Horseshoe Pike was one such task. Another is supervis-



Stormwater management is an ongoing public works concern. These three photos show (1) the winding stream and deteriorating stone wall on Zynn Road, just north of Hadfield Road; (2) the crane rented to set the new concrete headwall and (3) the completed installation.

ing big road resurfacing projects (this year the Township's section of Hopewell Road, from Rock Raymond Road to Creek Road, will be rebuilt at a cost of about \$150,000). His biggest job of all to date was acting as construction manager of the Township's \$7 million municipal complex that opened in the spring of 2007.

## Police Officers Lauded For 'Jobs Well Done'

Police Chief Mark Kocsi awarded a valor commendation to **Corporal Mark Twaddell** of the East Brandywine Police at the February 17 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. **Chief Kocsi noted that it was the first valor award he has made in his seven years with the department.**

On December 23rd last year, when Cpl. Twaddell responded to a fire call at 950 Hopewell Road, he saw the house was on fire and full of smoke. When he learned there was a man inside trying to find the family cat, Cpl. Twaddell called the man and, getting no response, grabbed a fire extinguisher and used it to beat down the flames until he found him. Then he guided the man out of the building and checked that no one else was in the house.

Chief Kocsi also commended various officers for other jobs well done.

**Incident:** In April 2009, a car and school bus were involved in an accident in the 900 block of Creek Road, resulting in the death of a young mother and her unborn child. The officers spent hours at the scene and later worked for months on the subsequent investigation to determine the cause of the accident.

**Officers commended:** *Sgt. Gene Babetski, Cpls. Glenn Mooney and Mark Twaddell and Officer Michael McBride.*

**Incident:** Seeing suspicious-looking plants in a garden in Wallace Township in August, 2008, officers obtained a search warrant. They

found marijuana plants growing in and around the house and a marijuana cultivation system in the basement. They also found drug paraphernalia and large amounts of cash. Their action resulted in three arrests and the forfeiture of the house, cash and personal property.

**Officers commended:** *Sgt. Gene Babetski, Cpl. Mark Twaddell and Officers Joseph Glasgow and Steve Tyree.*

**Incident:** Last July, police checking on a reported drug overdose at a home in the 900 block of Horseshoe Pike discovered that an elderly resident had been drugged and \$20,000 in cash taken—money the resident had taken from the bank to pay for a driveway paving job being done by a company called Ready Rock Paving. A six-month investigation uncovered a multi-state driveway paving scam, targeting elderly victims. Four suspects were arrested in California in December and, as of mid-February, were awaiting court dates. The East Brandywine resident should get all his money back.

**Officers commended:** *Sgt. Gene Babetski, Cpl. Steve Liefholt and Officer Steve Tyree.*

**Incident:** In May last year, an officer checked on a suspicious character sitting in a pickup truck along Creek Road, looking toward the Struble Trail. The man was exposing himself to passersby. Investigation led to his arrest by Uwchlan Township police.

**Officer commended:** *Officer Michael McBride.*

## PULTE DROPS 100 HOMES FROM APPLECROSS PLAN

Pulte Homes asked the Board of Supervisors to approve a couple of changes in its Applecross development. It said it wanted to eliminate about 100 homes from its original estimate, giving a new total of 437 units and it said the operator of its golf operation wants to scale back the size of the clubhouse from 20,000 to 5,000 sq. ft.

The change in the number of homes, the company said, reflects a change in the type of home buyers are most interested in. An official said the golf club would need about 500 active members to justify a 20,000 sq. ft. structure. Pulte said that the 5,000 sq. ft. building would be demolished and replaced with a larger one when demand justifies the added space.

In February, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported that a 2008 National Golf Foundation study showed that about 15% of the country's private golf clubs were struggling financially. After nine years of growth, the Golf Association of Philadelphia saw about a 7% decline in membership last year at the 140 clubs it represents throughout the region, the paper said.

The Supervisors approved both proposals.

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### JUNE 12 KIDS FESTIVAL PROMISES A HOST OF ACTIVITIES

The East Brandywine Fire Co.'s fourth annual **Kids Festival** will be held in **Community Park Saturday June 12**, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All games and activities are included in the \$10 per child donation to the event.

The festival has won high marks for the variety and scope of its attractions. This year's activities will include more than a dozen inflatable bounces and slides, a mechanical bull, fire truck and hayrides, face painting, jewelry making and much more. The Ladder 49 water tower shower, pumping out thousands of gallons of water from its 75 ft. stick every half hour, will be a return favorite.

Premier sponsors are Exton Firestone, featuring big wheel racing on the Firestone's test track,

and the Downingtown Home Depot featuring its Kids Zone.

The purpose of the festival is to raise funds for the fire company and make the community aware of the role this volunteer organization plays in the overall safety of the three townships it serves, East and West Brandywine and portions of Upper Uwchlan.

### PARK PARTY REMINDER: MARK MAY 22 ON CALENDAR

A full fun menu is in store for **Family Day in the Community Park** scheduled for **May 22** from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jim Worrell, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Board, reports that "we'll have hot air balloons and the Chester County Remote Control Club will demonstrate their remote control airplanes."

The Board needs businesses and crafters to put on displays during the day and it's promoting its group yard sale. For details, call the Township Office at (610) 269-8230.

### DON'T LEAVE WEEKEND CALLS FOR EAST BRANDYWINE POLICE

Police Chief Mark Kocsi has a message for residents who need police assistance on the weekend: Don't call the local business number [(610) 269-4300] and leave complaints in the mailbox because they won't be checked until the following Monday morning.

For all police matters during the night or weekend hours, contact the Chester County Police Radio by dialing 911 for emergencies and (610) 383-7000 for non-emergencies.



Your tax dollars at work. See page 6

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