

# The Milemarker

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EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

## Money Matters

Dealing with the Downingtown Area School District's general fund budget is "stressful" these days, says School Superintendent Dr. Lawrence Mussoline. Penny pinching and stress are even more on the administration's mind since Gov. Tom Corbett in his first budget took a hatchet to education financing.

But that does not mean that capital spending is frozen.

The new STEM Academy is critically needed because of overcrowding at the East and West High Schools. Dr. Mussoline says

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## New STEM Academy Offers Students a Stiff Road To Educational Excellence

Downingtown's third high school will open this fall but it won't be like anything the district has seen before. It is the STEM Academy specializing, as its name indicates, in science, technology, engineering and math-

"The Academy is really a magnet school that will draw students from both Downingtown East and Downingtown West," says School Superintendent Dr. Lawrence Mussoline. He explains that two major factors underlie creation of

Vo Tech schools. The Downingtown Academy is not a glorified technical school."

The STEM program was developed to nurture new generations of U.S. high school graduates with top skills in science and math. A combination of K-12 teachers, university educators, industry partners and engineering and biomedical professionals built the core curriculum. The International Baccalaureate was developed in Europe and officially introduced in North America in 1975. Of the 3,100 IB programs offered worldwide, just over 1,000 are in the U.S. Like the STEM programs, the IB program stresses intense learning designed to encourage young people to become "active, compassionate and lifelong learners."

Bringing all this educational force together still is a work in progress here. The new Academy will start in September with 400 students entering ninth and tenth grades, 200 drawn from each of the existing high schools. When it expands to include eleventh and twelfth grades, the student total will rise to 800.

Students who wanted to be part of the first wave were invited to apply for a place. To qualify for admittance, the student needed a C average in all major subjects—

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School Superintendent Lawrence Mussoline, seated, and STEM Academy headmaster George Fiore have ambitious plans for the new school.

ematics. But it is offering a much wider appeal through its alliance with the International Baccalaureate program. Part of this program's mission is "to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world."

the new Academy: overcrowding in the existing high schools and a drive to improve "academic rigor." It is unique in American education in that the International Baccalaureate influence takes precedence over the scientific, he says. "A lot of STEMS are nothing more than



## Who, When and Where

### Township Board of Supervisors

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#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Fire and Ambulance ..... 911  
 Police (emergency) ..... 911  
 Police (non-emergency) ..... 383-7000  
 Police Administration ..... 269-4300  
 Township Administration .. 269-8230

*Township Offices open M to F  
 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.*

### Telephone Staff Directory

Tax Collector, Patti Piersol  
 Home Office (610) 269-4054  
 Weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For all other staff members, call  
 269-8230 and press the extension.

200 Norann King, Building Dept.

201 Mary Beth Smedley,  
 Secretary/Treasurer

203 Scott Piersol, Twp. Manager/  
 EMC and Fire Marshal

204 Matthew VanLew, Roadmaster

100 Police Administration

### Web Addresses

TOWNSHIP [www.ebrandywine.org](http://www.ebrandywine.org)

POLICE [www.ebtpd.org](http://www.ebtpd.org)

## Money Matters

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he's very proud that renovation of the district's 1930s' buildings on Manor Avenue came to about \$12 million. The school board recently approved an additional \$5 million to furnish and equip the classrooms. "That's a real bargain," he says. He notes that to build a new high school from scratch could cost around \$100 million.

Then there's the proposed new middle school on Bollinger Road in East Brandywine—a project expected to cost about \$59 million. Dr. Mussoline says the district's capital funds are very healthy, thanks to a policy of stashing money away during the boom years. The money for the middle school "is in the bank," he says.

But he is not happy about delays in getting a start on building the school. "We were hoping

for better cooperation between two public bodies," East Brandywine and the Downingtown Area School District, he says. Because of a disagreement about sewage disposal, "we've spent 21 months on this project so far. I can't tell you how disappointed I am at the lack of progress. I'm not sure but we may have to pull out and let the land go to a developer."

Then what? "We'd have to be creative, as we were with the Academy. We would require some construction. Maybe build a new elementary school and move the middle school into the old building."

Jay Fischer, Vice Chairman of the East Brandywine Board of Supervisors, disputes any lack of cooperation. He says the Township has met with the school district on numerous occasions. "In fact," he says, "we made major concessions at our last meeting and thought we

## GOLF DATE AHEAD

The Township annual golf outing will be held Oct. 4th at the Applecross Country Club. Details are not yet available. Call the Township office for more information—but not for a few weeks.

had all the issues resolved only to find out later by reading a newspaper article that the school district did not intend to honor the agreed resolution and would, instead, resort to litigation. We all are taxpayers and do not want to incur legal expenses for either the Township or the school district. But in some situations it is unavoidable."

## Repair, Don't Replace Hadfield Road Bridge, Urges Historical Group

John Black, chairman of the Township Historical Commission, made a plea to the Board of Supervisors to seek repair rather than replacement of a bridge over Beaver Creek on Hadfield Road. The bridge is owned by the County of Chester, and is on their to-do

list. The County wants to make a complete replacement of the bridge, with most of the funding coming from PennDOT. In what he argued is really a no-contest issue, Mr. Black told the Supervisors that the cost estimate for replacement is \$3.1 million while a respected

consultant says repair would cost between \$300,000 and \$350,000.

Mr. Black further offered three prime reasons why the original structure should be retained as much as possible.

First, the 98-year-old bridge represents a distinctive form of construction particular to a short period in the early 1900s. Second, it is one of the few remaining symbols of the intensive industrial activity along Beaver Creek in the heyday of local milling. Third, it is a key element in one of the Township's most scenic corridors.

Mr. Black also noted that because the bridge is more than 50 years old and thus a Class 2 historic structure, the Historical Commission would have to hold hearings before any demolition took place.



The Hadfield Road structure, opened in 1913, is a notable holdover from the area's industrial heyday.

## New STEM Academy

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English, math, science and social studies—and a completed application and recommendation form. A strong teacher's recommendation carries a lot of weight but, says Mr. George Fiore, the Academy's headmaster, "the students we're looking for are motivated and have desire to grow academically." The decision to name the school's leader "headmaster" (as in Britain) rather than "principal" (as in the U.S.) is another sign that the academy is "not your typical high school," Mr. Fiore adds.

The Academy stresses depth rather than breadth of knowledge. Thus, for example, one-semester electives won't be available; they don't give enough time to a subject. In Downingtown East/West High Schools, students cannot take certain advanced placement courses before their senior year; at

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the STEM Academy, students may begin International Baccalaureate courses in their junior year, giving them access to six courses equivalent to or higher than advanced placement. While study of the sciences is a critical part of the Academy education, the arts are well represented, too. IB English classes provide an in-depth analysis of literature and writing, notes Mr. Fiore.

Languages also will be important. The Academy will offer regular classes in Spanish, French, German and Latin. Dr. Mussoline says that other language courses probably will be available online or at local universities. "If a student wants to study Mandarin, we can handle that," he says.

Every aspect of the Academy program is to guide students to a line of study that will direct them into a successful college and professional career.

There is at least one other distinctive feature about the Academy approach to education: internships. In their senior year, students will be able to serve internships at companies in the area—a feature strongly applauded by local business leaders, a number of whom say they have difficulty recruiting qualified help. Many of these companies already have given or pledged financial support for the program.

Some parents of Downingtown High School students have worried out loud that the new STEM Academy will create a student body that is favored over the kids attending the East and West high schools. Dr. Mussoline and Mr. Fiore dispute this. The Academy, they say, is open to all. "There's an idea in the United States that the International Baccalaureate is just for gifted kids," says Dr. Mussoline. "Worldwide, it's seen as a program for all kids, and we agree." A strong determining factor about who attends the East and West High Schools and who attends the Academy is the desire and motivation of the individual student.

Dr. Mussoline also stresses that Academy students will maintain strong connections with their earlier school, whether East or West. They will return there for sports and club activities and various social contacts.

What if a student decides after six months at the Academy that he or she doesn't like the life and work style? "A student may return to East/West at any time," says Mr. Fiore. "We are confident, however, that students will want to stay at the Academy due to its enriching curriculum, wonderful staff and the learning environment."

## Kids Festival Coming on June 11

# New Features Being Added for Fifth Kids Festival



Above: A hot day brought out a crowd for the water chutes.  
Below: The climbing wall was a big hit at the 2010 event.

The East Brandywine Fire Company prides itself on making each Kids Festival at least one step up from the previous year, and the organizers are taking a very big step this year, the Festival's fifth. After a few hours break at the end of the fun and games part, the Community Park site will reopen for fireworks and an evening concert.

The regular Festival will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 (rain date, June 12). Then in a three-hour scramble, all the inflatable slides and bounces, exhibit booths and assorted displays will be removed. The site will reopen at 8 p.m. for parking, and the fireworks will begin once it's dark, sometime after 9 p.m. Details on the concert still were being worked out as this newsletter went to press.

John Edwards, chairman of the Festival, says he expects to have close to 20 special attractions including the mechanical riding bull, three different water ventures, various bounces, big wheel racing, face painting, jewelry making and more. "The rides on the fire equipment are one of the biggest attractions," he says. "We think this is a phenomenal asset for the community and the financial help it provides for our emergency services. It's a real bargain for only \$10 per child." The new fireworks display will cost \$10 per carload.

Preparing for the Festival is a year-long project that costs between \$22,000 and \$25,000 to produce. The Festival's many sponsors foot the bill, which means that the proceeds from the entry fee flow to the fire department—making this one of its biggest fund-raising events of the year. Last year, profits were around \$15,000. The event is so complex it takes about 150 volunteers to bring it off.



## PRIMARY PLAN APPROVAL

**The Planning Commission, at its April 6 meeting, recommended preliminary approval for the Giant supermarket project** but attached multiple conditions that must be met before final approval. The following day, the Board of Supervisors voted in favor of the preliminary approval and of the attached conditions.

### *New Park Pavilion*

Dallas Krapf gave the Township \$25,000 as the first half of a donation to pay for a new pavilion in Community Park. The facility will be located between the two new baseball fields in the new northern section of the park. Engineering work is expected to start this year with construction of the building in 2012. The Township hopes to attract sufficient funds to build one or more toilets at the site and possibly install a solar facility to power the buildings. When the new section of the park was opened in 2009, the Township had to postpone plans for a pavilion because of lack of funds.

# Proposal for Giant Supermarket Still Faces Numerous Hurdles



The proposed Giant supermarket would occupy about 55,000 sq. ft.

“We have made progress and we’re moving in the right direction,” said Bruce Rawlings, Chairman of the Planning Commission, after a three-hour March 2nd discussion of plans to build a Giant supermarket in a new shopping center just west of the Brandywine Village Shopping Center. But he added that there’s need for more discussion before the Commission grants the preliminary plan approval requested by Carlino East Brandywine L.P., the firm that would build the new store. The new project would be called Brandywine Center and proposes other retail space as well as the Giant store.

Peter Miller, head of Carlino, and his attorney, Marc Kaplin, seemed disappointed by the decision. They were invited back to the April Commission meeting.

The core dispute between the builder and the Township involves the connector road linking North Guthriesville Road to Horseshoe Pike that the Township has requested Giant construct, and Giant has initially agreed to do so. The purpose of the connector road, first proposed by the now-abandoned Gambone development plan, is to alleviate traffic issues at North Guthriesville Road and Horseshoe Pike. Related to

that is a traffic impact fee, based on the additional traffic the new store would attract. The Township originally set it at about \$1.8 million but cut that figure back to \$250,000 to help underwrite the cost of the connector road. That figure has now been negotiated down to about \$90,000, but Mr. Kaplin insisted that if Carlino cannot buy right-of-way from adjacent property owner Gambone Brothers at a reasonable cost for land it does not own where the proposed connector road would join North Guthriesville Road, then the Township should take the land by eminent domain. The Township has indicated a willingness to consider this request if it becomes necessary.

As the plan now stands, customers could go in and out of the two centers from a traffic light on Horseshoe Pike about 120 ft. east of the present light (allowing traffic to move in and out in a straight line rather than along the existing curve). At a stop sign some 50 yards or so from the traffic light, they then could choose to turn east (to Croppers and other stores) or west (to Giant) or go straight ahead along the connector road to North Guthriesville Road. Commission members and the Township’s traffic consultant,

Andreas Heinrich, say the entry to the Brandywine Village center is too restricted to allow tractor-trailer trucks reasonable access when they’re making deliveries. They suggested that Carlino provide truck access through another entry at the rear of Croppers.

To which Mr. Kaplin commented: “Hell will freeze over before we voluntarily give new access to the rear of Croppers as long as Blair is fighting us tooth and nail.” L&R Properties, whose principals are Leonard and Richard Blair, own the Brandywine Village center.

This puts the focus on another key issue, though not one directly affecting the Township. Giant’s representatives and the Blairs and AWI (Croppers parent company) have been unable to agree on any aspect of this whole venture. Said Mr. Kaplin: “When Croppers and AWI stop throwing hand grenades, we’ll be willing to sit down and talk.” From the other side of the fence, Paul Prince, representing the Blairs, told the Commission that Giant “wants to put Croppers out of business,” adding “they must not design a plan to the detriment of their neighbors.”

Mr. Prince said that substantive issues still must be resolved before any approvals are given. He noted,

for example, that the Blairs own two easements that cover more than an acre of the 10-acre parcel where Giant wants to build.

How the competing shopping centers will settle their disagreements is not known. But, said Mr. Kaplin, “if we have to litigate, we will.”

Meanwhile, there are still a good many other issues that the Township has to deal with before this project goes from planning to reality. The Planning Commission has questions about proposed landscaping at the Giant site (this seems to be working toward a settlement; big dollars are involved). It also has to handle the fee-in-lieu of open space issue. When a new home is built in the Township, the builder has to pay a \$2,000 fee to help pay for park and recreation facilities. Giant would be assessed based on the number of employees, at a rate of \$500 per employee. Carlino’s Mr. Miller said the fee came as a surprise.

Critically, the Municipal Authority has to approve how the new center would dispose of its wastewater. Giant and the Authority are working to resolve this issue. Moreover, Brandywine Village wants to go on using its present sewage system, which extends

on to land where Giant wants to build; the Municipal Authority opposes this plan. And traffic flow remains a problem,

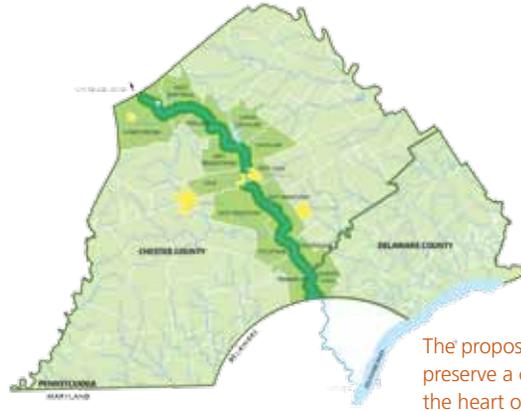
A traffic consultant hired by AWI said the proposed new traffic configuration will be a hardship for Croppers customers. “They now have free access to Route 322 but that would no longer be so,” he said. He figures that at busy shopping periods, there would be a significant backup of traffic trying to get in and out of both centers. Should the new center and connector road be approved, Brandywine Village shoppers would face added problems because during construction access in and out from the traffic light on Horseshoe Pike would be blocked.

Mr. Kaplin said that if the plans are not approved, then Giant would be forced to go back to its Plan A – build a shopping center for Giant and forget about the connector road. He said he believes that such a course is possible under existing Township ordinances.

In yet another twist to the story, Mr. Prince, representing the Blairs, attended the mid-March Board of Supervisors meeting to ask for some “clarifications.” He wanted assurance that the Township has not agreed to condemn any property at Giant’s request and to be sure that the Supervisors fully understood his clients’ easement rights. Chairman David Kirkner told him the Township has taken no action on any land condemnation.

Mr. Prince also noted that if the Giant project “just goes away,” this does not mean that the proposed connector road is a dead issue. “There are scenarios where this road could be built. Maybe it could come to be, and at a cheaper price,” he told the Supervisors. He did not say how or when.

He did say, however, that the whole dispute between the existing and proposed center may end up in litigation.



The proposed greenway will preserve a critical corridor through the heart of Chester County.

## Brandywine Conservancy Seeks 30-Mile Greenway

The Brandywine-Struble Greenway Initiative is an ambitious plan by the Brandywine Conservancy to create a 30-mile greenway across Chester County. The goal is to preserve and restore natural resources, offer residents new opportunities for recreation and education and, ultimately, build healthier, more sustainable communities. Several walking, biking and hiking trails already exist along the proposed corridor, and more are planned.

Last fall, the Conservancy visited the 16 municipalities along the Brandywine Creek urging their support for the effort. A senior planner, Sheila Fleming, brought the message to the East Brandywine Board of Supervisors in November and quickly won the Board’s endorsement.

The greenway includes both public and privately-owned land. Ms. Fleming explained that public access to the network of trails will be accomplished through fee simple ownership, easements and lease agreements. Where possible, the Conservancy will work with open space and recreation bodies in the communities along the way. East Brandywine has a direct contact with the Brandywine Creek and existing Struble Trail through its 2009 acquisition of the 16-acre slice of White Acres Farm that lies between Creek Road and

the creek. In time, the Township’s planned network of trails will stretch from the creek to Community Park and from there through the rest of the community.

The whole greenway concept is being developed under a tight, two-year deadline, with the cost of the study financed by a grant from the William Penn Foundation. The Conservancy will hold three “visioning workshops” in various locations along the greenway to detail its plan and invite local input. East Brandywine has offered to hold one of the meetings in the municipal building. The Township has named Sandy Moser, vice chair of the Planning Commission, and Michael Wagoner, a Commission member, as liaisons to the Conservancy.

Over the coming months, the Conservancy will inventory and map the land to be included in the greenway, try to build partnerships among the participating municipalities and refine its strategies. It is due to offer its final plan for the entire project by the spring of 2012.

The greenway corridor is anchored by three state-owned attractions: the 386-acre Struble Lake Recreation Area in Honey Brook Township; Marsh Creek State Park in Upper Uwchlan Township; and the Brandywine Battlefield Reserve in Chadds Ford Township.

### ON THE MOVE

The following real estate transactions took place between mid December and late February.

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 7 Clover Lane.....   | \$255,000 |
| 10 Lammey Way .....  | \$525,000 |
| 202 Lemmon Way.....  | \$327,400 |
| 397 North Buck Rd .. | \$435,000 |
| 1198 Osborne Road..  | \$170,100 |

Source: Weichert Realtors, West Chester

## Community Profile

# Where We Live, Where We Work, What We Earn



Most of us drive to work. One result: daily and time-consuming traffic jams.

A new report from the U.S. Census offers a detailed sketch of East Brandywine Township as a stable, well-educated community with enviably high average income and very low poverty rates. More than half of working residents have management and professional jobs. The details are revealed in the Bureau's 2005-2009 American Community Survey. All figures are five-year estimates. The survey, in turn, is part of the Census Bureau's Population and Housing Narrative Project for those years. It covers all governmental units in the country, including townships.

Family life and local roots are important here. Married couples account for 77% of all households; only 17% are people living alone. Between 2005 and 2009, most people (93%) were living in the same house they occupied the year before. Among those who moved,

the majority came from elsewhere in Chester County; 1% moved here from another state and 1% came from abroad.

Well over half of all residents have a college degree with one in five holding both a bachelor's and higher graduate degree. Only 5% have less than a high school diploma.

Median annual household income was \$101,000, comfortably above the \$76,217 the Census Bureau reported from 1999, though still lower than that in some neighboring municipalities.

Following are snapshots that emerge from the American Community Survey. Some of the figures are from the Pennsylvania County Data Book for Chester County published by the Pennsylvania State Data Center, a unit of the Institute of State and Regional Affairs at Penn State Harrisburg.

### EDUCATION

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Less than high school diploma..... | 5.5%  |
| High school graduate .....         | 19.7% |
| Some college, no degree.....       | 14.2% |
| Associate's degree.....            | 6.3%  |
| Bachelor's degree .....            | 33.3% |
| Graduate/professional degree.....  | 21.0% |

### PRINCIPAL TYPES OF OCCUPATION

#### Percent of workers 16 or older

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Educational services/<br>health care/social assistance..... | 25.3% |
| Professional/scientific/<br>management.....                 | 16.2% |
| Manufacturing .....   | 14.9% |
| Retail trade.....   | 11.9% |
| Finance/insurance/real estate ...                           | 6.9%  |
| Arts/entertainment/<br>recreation/accommodation ...         | 6.4%  |
| Other .....   | 18.4% |

### HOW WE GET TO WORK (2000 Census, County Data Book)

Total number of workers: 3,292

#### Percent who

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Drive to work.....    | 86.4% |
| Carpool.....          | 6.5%  |
| Use mass transit..... | 1.5%  |
| Walk to work.....     | 0.8%  |
| Other .....           | 0.5%  |
| Work at home .....    | 4.3%  |

### WHERE THE LOCAL JOBS WERE (County Data Book)

The top 12 employers in Chester County in 2007:

- The Vanguard Group
- Siemens Medical Solutions USA Inc.
- QVC Inc.
- County of Chester
- Chester County Hospital
- Downingtown Area School District
- State System of Higher Education
- Chester County Intermediate Unit
- West Chester Area School District
- Giant Food Stores LLC
- Acme Markets Inc.
- United Parcel Service Inc.

### WHERE THE JOBS WILL BE (County Data Book)

The types of jobs with the most openings in Pennsylvania in 2016, according to the State Department of Labor & Industry, Center for Workplace Information and Analysis.

- Cashiers
- Retail salespersons
- Waiters and waitresses
- Registered nurses
- Customer service representatives
- Office clerks, general
- Laborers & freight, stock and material movers
- Combined food preparation and serving workers
- Janitors and cleaners
- Home health aides
- Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer
- Sales representatives

### THE PAYCHECK

Average median household income for East Brandywine in the 2005-2009 period was \$101,000, up about a third from the 1999 figure.

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Less than \$24,999 .....     | 4.8%  |
| \$25,000 to \$74,999 .....   | 25.1% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 .....   | 19.3% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 ..... | 28.7% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 ..... | 11.4% |
| \$200,000 or more .....      | 10.8% |

### HOW WE COMPARE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

Average median household income for 2005-2009 in East Brandywine and other local communities.

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Coatesville City .....      | \$ 36,498 |
| Downingtown Borough.....    | \$ 48,816 |
| Caln Township .....         | \$ 73,163 |
| East Brandywine Township .  | \$101,000 |
| East Caln Township.....     | \$ 88,333 |
| Honey Brook Borough .....   | \$ 68,269 |
| Honey Brook Township .....  | \$ 69,621 |
| Upper Uwchlan Township...   | \$155,167 |
| Uwchlan Township.....       | \$103,650 |
| Wallace Township.....       | \$108,162 |
| West Brandywine Township \$ | 82,442    |
| West Chester Borough.....   | \$ 44,114 |

## Park & Rec Request: Don't Park on the Grass

The Community Park now has five parking areas but, to the regret of the Parks & Recreation Board, which oversees our parks, and the Township, which handles park maintenance—too many visitors still park on the grass. Which is not good for the grass. Or for the stress level of those who take care of the grass.

So, this message from Park & Rec: **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS! O.K.?**

## Five Police Officers Commended

Police Chief Mark Kocsi awarded department commendations to five of his officers—

**Lt. Gene Babetski, Corporals Glenn Mooney and Mark Twaddell, and Officers Daniel Orris and Jason Myers.**

Lt. Babetski and Cpl. Twaddell responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Burger King in the Brandywine Village Shopping Center. After extensive interviewing the two officers positively identified three suspects who had planned and carried out the robbery. One was the employee who had earlier told police that an armed person had forced him back

into the restaurant as he was closing up for the night and then stole cash and other items from employees.

Lt. Babetski and Cpl. Mooney were commended for “their ability to remain calm, organized and focused while dealing with a high stress incident” after they responded to an incident on Lenora Lane where a murder/suicide followed a violent domestic argument.

Officers Orris and Myers were commended for their work that led to the arrest of two subjects who were involved in burglaries at two residences in the Applecross development.

*From your Township Road Dept.*

## THOUGHTLESS DUMPING CAN HAVE BIG EFFECT

**PLEASE PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS** by not dumping anything into storm inlets. Use fertilizers according to the manufacturer's specifications and use special care around inlets. Do not blow grass into the street where it may end up in the storm system, polluting our streams, rivers and ocean. Protect your environment. Leave it better tomorrow than it is today.



Please remember, this drains to ...



this, which drains to ...



this, which drains to ...



this.

## STATE TO TOWNSHIP: Take Our Roads, Please

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation says it would like to turn back to the Township about half of the 22-miles of state roads it controls in East Brandywine. In return, it

would offer the Township an annual grant of \$4,000 for each mile of road accepted, the money to be used for road maintenance. The Township reaction, as expressed by Board of Supervisors member Hudson Voltz: “Proceed with caution.”

A major cause for caution: the deal makes no allowance for any capital improvements, such as bridge construction or total road reconstruction.

The PennDOT offer covers all or parts of Hopewell Road, Corner Ketch Road, Dorlan Mill Road, Reeds Road, Dowlin Forge Road, North Guthriesville Road and Little Washington Road. The state is in an advanced state of planning to replace the bridge on Little Washington Road that spans Culbertson Run—a heavy cost the Township would have to pick up.

An added cost: Township manager Scott Piersol says the Township would need to hire at least one more full-time person in its Public Works department if more mileage is added to the present local total. There's also a question of liability. If someone were injured because of an unsafe condition on one of the affected roads, which government (local or state) would be to blame? Did the state turn over an unsafe road? Or did the Township cause the problem?

In all, the state wants to transfer control of about nine and a half miles of highway.

The Board of Supervisors urged Roadmaster Matthew Van Lew to be cautious in any discussions with PennDOT. Mr. Van Lew's comment: “I don't see any benefit in this offer.”

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*Mark Your Calendar*

# Family Day in the Park

Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Plan to celebrate the end of summer with friends and neighbors in the Township's annual Family Day in the Park. It's sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Board and will be held in the Community Park on Dilworth Road. Many popular activities are planned such as pony rides, face painting, free Bingo and old-fashioned games.

The day also will feature craft vendors, music and a variety of foods.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Aug. 27 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Magician Hunter Gaul performing at Family Day in the Park, 2010.

2010 Family Day in the Park Bingo winners—the geranium basket donated by Jane's Flower Patch.

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