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EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MORE TREES!

PLANTING ALONG CREEK ROAD

About 30 volunteers joined Brandywine Conservancy on Saturday, November 7th to plant hundreds of additional trees along Creek Road near the intersection of Dowlin Forge Road. This is part of Brandywine Conservancy's Reforestation Campaign, which has the goal of planting 50,000 trees by 2017. They have already exceeded 35,000 trees planted.

Years ago, forests covered 75-90 percent of our area watershed, serving as a natural water purifier and providing biological diversity. Today, forested land covers only 28 percent of the area. As nearly half a million people get their drinking water from the Brandywine, reforesting the watershed is a critical issue.



Volunteers helping Brandywine Conservancy plant trees.

A New Learning Experience in the Township?



This is a typical Learning Experience building.

OFFICIALS RECENTLY RECEIVED applications required to build a new daycare center in East Brandywine Township. The proposed facility would be on the south side of Hopewell Road, just northeast of Route 322 (in between the proposed Honey Brook Pharmacy and the Laird Professional Building). Developers have submitted plans for a 10,000 sq. ft. building and a 5,000 sq. ft. outdoor play area for a proposed franchise of The Learning Experience® (“TLE”). The facility would include 47 parking spaces, and would enroll a maximum of 175 children between the ages of three months and five years old served by

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TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

[Held at Township Building]

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 1st Thu at 8:00am
 and 3rd Wed at 7:30pm
 BONDSVILLE MILL COMM 4th Thu at 8:00am
 HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2nd Wed at 7:00pm
 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY 2nd Tue at 7:30am
 OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE 1st Thu at 7:30pm
 ORDINANCE TASK FORCE 3rd Thu at 7:30pm
 PARK AND REC BOARD 1st Mon at 7:00pm
 PLANNING COMMISSION 1st Wed at 7:30pm
 TRAILS COMMITTEE 2nd Tue at 7:00pm

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Around the Township

HUD VOLTZ

Around the Township is an ongoing series of feature articles about Township residents, volunteers, and employees.

MANY RESIDENTS KNOW Hud from his 24 years as an East Brandywine Township Supervisor. He has given countless hours to the Township in that role, along with his service on the board of Downingtown Area Recreational Consortium (“DARC”), as a member of the Chester County Water Resource Authority, and as a coach for EBYA. Hud was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in the early 1990’s, but after four terms, did not run for reelection as Township Supervisor last fall. His deep knowledge of the Township will be missed.



Hud Voltz

Hud has worked as an attorney in Chester County for his entire career, founding the law firm of Hudson L. Voltz, P.C. in 1992. The firm specializes in small business law, estate law, family law, real estate, and personal injury. He and his wife Kathleen moved to East Brandywine Township in 1985. Very early on, he worked closely on the campaign of Jim Gerlach, his law school roommate. And surprisingly, he found himself invited by Curt Schroeder to consider a run for Township Supervisor.

Hud shared many accomplishments with his fellow supervisors over his 24 years in the role. Here are a few he was particularly proud of:

- Acquiring land for the Township Community Park on Dilworth Rd. and organizing volunteers to build the first phases of the park when funds were low.
- Successfully organizing a regional police force to keep East Brandywine Township capabilities professional and well-managed.
- Recognizing the coming growth in development in the Township, Hud helped ramp up a taskforce and recruited many citizen volunteers to craft ordinances that would help the Township grow without some of the pain felt by other nearby townships.
- Passing the Open Space Initiative, funding a mechanism to protect undeveloped land in the Township.
- Working to fund, design, and build the improved Township Building. This foresight has given us appropriate space to manage Chester County’s fastest growing township.
- Managing the Township through the 2008 recession, making difficult choices and doing more with less. Thanks to the stewardship of our Supervisors, East Brandywine Township came out of the recession years in strong economic health, with intact and appropriate fiscal reserves.

For these reasons, and for countless smaller contributions, when you see Hud around the Township, please share a hearty East Brandywine “Thank You.”

Township Meeting Addresses The Learning Experience *Residents Raise Concerns*

AT A PUBLIC meeting held on November 5, 2015 at the Township Building, several area residents attended to voice concerns focused on (a) traffic issues in the already congested area of Hopewell Road near Route 322, (b) safety issues for children in the area who often walk past this area on their way to the Sunoco A-Plus Mini Mart, (c) aesthetic issues around the size of the proposed facility, and (d) some more technical zoning variances requested by the developer.

The developer reports that they have worked through the major hurdles of additional traffic access from their site onto Hopewell Road with PennDOT. While residents and Township officials may share concerns about the potential traffic issues, Hopewell Road is a state road, and therefore all procedures and approvals are coordinated through PennDOT. Highest traffic impact is expected during drop-off hours (6:30am-10am) and pick-up hours (3:30pm-6:30pm). The developer will be required to make some improvements such as widening and paving road shoulders, and installing curbs and drains. Currently, there is no plan to add a new left-turn lane or any kind of stop sign or light. The proposed driveway entrance is approximately 550 feet northeast of Hopewell Road, and the developer has submitted plans to grade the driveway area to allow for clear line-of-sight for vehicles entering and exiting the facility.

Developers have asked for a variance to eliminate a sidewalk, citing that there are no sidewalks on either side of their lot and steep slopes in that area would require substantial work to mitigate for a sidewalk. Discussions included the possibility of building a sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. This was supported by some residents, as they noted that most children currently walk to the A-Plus Mart on the opposite side of the street. These residents were concerned for the children's safety if the shoulder were widened as requested by PennDOT, reducing the safe area of grass used by children to walk in this area. Additionally, the developer presented plans for a variety of landscaping features to "soften" the visual impact of the facility from the roadway.

At their December 16th public meeting, the Township approved conditional use of the site for the daycare facility, subject to several specific limitations and conditions. The applicant will need to obtain land development plan approval, where many details relating to the issues above will be reviewed and discussed as part of the approval process, before construction plans can be submitted for approval, and site work begins.



EAST BRANDYWINE
Township

Coming Soon!

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SPRING SPEAKING SERIES**

The exciting Spring Series will be on the third Sundays of March, April, and May 2016. Details coming soon on WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG

The Learning Experience

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a staff of approximately 24 in total. East Brandywine Township has been the fastest growing township in Chester County over the last four years. Additional child care options might be welcomed by many families with young children.

The Learning Experience was started by the Weissman family about 35 years ago with a single location in Boca Raton, FL. The company says its unique and proprietary programs developed by the Weissmans helped support significant expansion to over 150 centers open today and about 50 more in some stage of construction.

Approximately 15,000 students are enrolled at The Learning Experience's centers today. The foundation of The Learning Experience was built on three key educational principles: cognitive, physical, and social; or in the center's lingo "learn, play, and grow!"

At a recent public meeting, Township residents discussed the possible impact of the project (see article, left).



**SUPPORT EAST
BRANDYWINE FIRE CO**

It's not too late to support the Fire Company's annual fund drive. We all count on our volunteer firefighters to answer a 911 call, and they count on us to answer their call for financial support to provide the equipment and training needed for this dangerous but vital community service.

Please visit WWW.EBFC49.ORG and click the red "DONATE" button today! You can also mail your check to East Brandywine Fire Company, ATTN: Treasurer Scott Piersol, 2096 Bondsville Road, Downingtown, PA 19335.

Fire Company Funding Draws Strong Community Interest

Firefighters Need Our Help

GENERALLY, BUDGET DISCUSSIONS lack much interest or drama. That certainly wasn't the case on December 16, 2016 when the Board of Supervisors considered the final 2016 Budget.

By way of background, state law requires each municipality to adopt a balanced budget by the end of the preceding year. The municipality is also required to present and make public a preliminary budget thirty (30) days before approving the final budget. For a number of years, East Brandywine Township has had a Budget Committee, consisting of resident volunteers and Township staff that begin meeting in September to work on the Budget for the next year. Generally department heads and anyone else seeking funds from the Township will submit their request in September. The Committee determines the anticipated revenue, evaluates all funding requests, and produces a recommended budget.



The December 16, 2015 meeting of the East Brandywine Township Board of Supervisors was well attended by supporters of the Fire Company.

The East Brandywine Fire Company, an independent, non-profit organization, receives funds from East Brandywine Township, as well as West Brandywine Township and Upper Uwchlan Township. In addition to funds set aside for apparatus fuel and Worker's Compensation insurance for volunteer firefighters, the Township Budget Committee included an appropriation of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) for the East Brandywine Fire Company. Fire Chief John Edwards attended the November 17th meeting of the Budget Committee and presented a request for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), a 74% increase over their 2015 level of funding.

For over fifteen (15) years, the Board of Supervisors has struggled with the fact that the number of fire and EMS (medical) calls in East Brandywine Township and West Brandywine Township are virtually identical, but West Brandywine Township contributes half as much funding as East Brandywine Township.

At the December Board of Supervisors meeting, Chief John Edwards gave an emotional presentation highlighting the dedication, commitment, and professionalism of the Fire Company volunteers. The Board of Supervisors recognized that we have

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Fire Company

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an excellent group of volunteers who contribute many hours training and preparing to respond to any emergency.

The Board of Supervisors agreed that the Fire Company deserves a predictable and stable source of funding so that they are not forced to spend more of their time fund raising. The Board also recognizes that Fire Chief Edwards and the Fire Company have been communicating about their budget shortfalls for several years, culminating in this year's request. The complication is that the Fire Company serves residents of three different townships, East Brandywine Township, West Brandywine Township and Upper Uwchlan Township.

The Board of Supervisors suggested that all three townships need to meet and agree on a rational and logical method to equitably determine what

each municipality should contribute to the Fire Company.

It should be noted that the deficit shown in the current East Brandywine Fire Company budget is primarily attributable to funding a capital reserve account for future equipment purchases, and does not relate to funding current operations.

The Board of Supervisors recognizes that funding a capital reserve for future equipment purchases is prudent. However, the Board has a duty to resolve the appropriate funding level from all participating townships rather than assume the entire financial commitment.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board of Supervisors committed to initiating a dialog with West Brandywine Township and Upper Uwchlan Township to address the immediate and long-term financial needs of the Fire Company.

BAGGED YARD WASTE COLLECTION DATES

East Brandywine collected over 319 tons of leaves from its residents in 2015! Mark your 2016 calendar



with these collections dates:

May 21, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 29.

ON THE MOVE

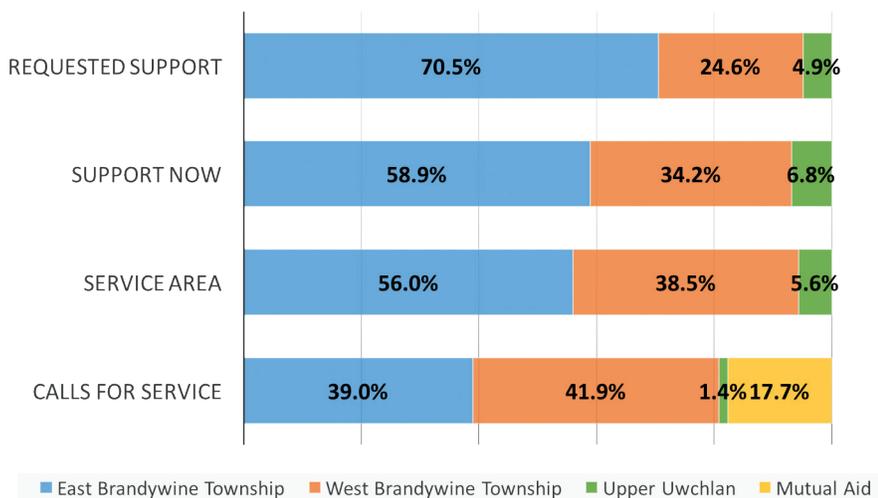
Recent Sold Homes in East

Brandywine Township:

741 Little Washington Rd	\$585,000
25 Hastings Ct.....	\$253,000
390 Corner Ketch Rd.....	\$210,000
513 Prizer Ct	\$370,000
223 Brookside Dr	\$234,100
498 Hopewell Rd.....	\$ 97,000
73 Chatham Ct	\$240,000
178 Sills Ln	\$344,990
180 Crawford Rd.....	\$360,000
573 Prizer Ct	\$322,000
101 Lenora Ln.....	\$130,000
1660 Bondsville Rd	\$500,000
6 Raleigh Dr.....	\$310,000
312 McFarland Dr	\$385,900
7 Delancey Pl	\$215,000
20 Keller Way	\$285,000
44 Lakeview Ct	\$209,555
142 Brookfield Ct.....	\$242,000
105 Tradition Ln.....	\$292,000
1632 Bondsville Rd.....	\$125,000
325 Rock Raymond Rd.....	\$339,500
24 Hastings Ct.....	\$180,000
351 Marshall Rd.....	\$430,000
26 Keller Way	\$335,000
437 Hallman Ct	\$350,000
12 Red Maple Dr	\$460,000
121 Aspen Dr.....	\$640,000

Source: Zillow.com

KEY STATISTICS



Comparison of Key Statistics by township.



SINGLE STREAM

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED IN THE NEW BINS?

East Brandywine Township uses a "Single Stream" recycling program, which reduces the annual tonnage of our waste stream by about 20%. Residents can recycle:

- #1 thru #7 plastic such as milk, water, and soda bottles, laundry care products, and food containers.
- Clear, green and brown glass such as beer, liquor and soda bottles as well as food jars.
- Aluminum, steel and tin such as beverage and food cans.
- Mixed paper such as newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs, cereal boxes, grocery bags, home or office paper, books, envelopes, letters, junk mail, wrapping paper, and similar products.
- Cardboard (small boxes) must be flattened and tied.
- Large corrugated or cardboard boxes must be flattened and taken to the East Brandywine Township Building (they are not accepted at curbside).

Please note that cans, bottles, jars and plastics should be rinsed clean. And please compress plastics and cans to reduce volume (but do not break glass!).

East Brandywine Township Upgrades Recycling Carts

Larger Bins Distributed to Residents

MOST EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP residents have received a new 64 or 35 gallon recycle cart manufactured by Toter. East Brandywine Township received a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection grant to fund replacement of the previous two small bins with this larger cart to support the Township's single-stream recycling program. Prior to 2015, the Township had a dual-stream system, requiring paper to be separated from other recyclable material.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD BINS?

You may keep your old bins or return them to the designated area at the Township Building at 1214 Horseshoe Pike. The old bins will be recycled!

WHY ARE THERE TWO SIZES?

Senior citizens, individuals with mobility disabilities, and homeowners with long driveways may have difficulty moving the new 64 gallon containers.

Township staff is happy to work with residents to ensure that they have an appropriately sized container. The 64-Gallon Toter was the default container for most stops in the Township and constituted 90% of the total purchase. Any resident who received a smaller container can get a larger one by simply asking for it. The 35-Gallon Toter was provided by default to those homes with very long driveways. This cart will also be provided on request to senior citizens and those with mobility disabilities. In extremely rare instances, such as townhomes without garages, no cart was delivered at all—these residents will continue to use the small bins. You can submit an online request using the Feedback Form link at the bottom of the page at:

[HTTP://EBRANDYWINE.ORG/219/
TOTER-CART-PROJECT-PAGE.](http://ebrandywine.org/219/toter-cart-project-page)



New recycling carts

Cross Country Team Cruises to Championship Victories

Success for Township Athletes

WHEN SCOTT BURNS, head coach of the Downingtown West High School cross country team arrived at the school nine years ago, it had been many years since the program had enjoyed success, assuming success is defined as winning championships. D'West's athletic programs compete locally in the Ches-Mont League which consists of 14 high schools in central and southern Chester County. The Ches-Mont League competes in Pennsylvania's PIAA District I (there are a total of 12 athletic districts in the Commonwealth). The Districts compete against each other for the State Championship. And unlike most other sports, cross country competes in U.S. regional and national championships under the sponsorship of Nike, Inc., the athletic footwear company.



Downingtown West H.S. boys cross country team members

This year, the boys' varsity cross country team made up for lost years by running down the competition all the way to the Nike U.S. Nationals. They won the Ches-Mont Championship, the District I Championship, and the PIAA State Championship. The team went on to the Nike Regional Tournament where they competed against teams in the northeastern section of the United States. They won that championship and thus were eligible to compete in the Nike Cross National tournament on December 5th in Portland Oregon. The team saw its 2015 undefeated streak end at the National Level, coming in 17th against the best running programs in the country. 2015 was not only the most successful season of any Downingtown cross country team, but, due to the post-state level games, it was the most successful season of any athletic team in Downingtown high school sports history.

While the boys' varsity team was accomplishing these goals, their teammate on the girls' team, Aislinn Devlin, was achieving similar heights. As an individual runner, Aislinn won the Ches-Mont Championship, won the District I Championship, came in second at the Pennsylvania State Championship, won the Nike Northeast Regional Championships, and, incredibly, came in 9th at the National Championships.

The Downingtown West 2015 cross country program included 81 athletes spread between the girls and boys teams, many of whom hail from East Brandywine Township.

BEATING THE BIRD FLU

A nationwide bird flu epidemic has devastated the poultry industry in major egg producing states. Although Pennsylvania has so far seen little impact, state officials believe it's only a matter of time before the disease surfaces here. The State is asking small farmers and residents with small backyard flocks or pet chickens to be aware of the symptoms and prevention strategies for containing the epidemic.

Poultry owners should be watching flocks and pets for unusual behavior, severe illness that may include sneezing, coughing and swelling around the eyes, neck and head, and sudden death. Species that may be affected include domesticated chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, ostriches and swans. Any serious or unusual health problems should be reported immediately to their veterinarian, local Penn State Extension office, or state and federal agriculture agencies. 24-hour hotlines are available for the PA Department of Agriculture (717) 772-2852 and the US Department of Agriculture (866) 536-7593.

Poultry owners should also get a premise identification by visiting WWW.AGRICULTURE.PA.GOV and clicking on the "Premises Registration Form" link. State officials want to know the location of all flocks, large and small, in case they have to contact owners to warn them to take extra precautions.

More information can be found at WWW.AGRICULTURE.PA.GOV and WWW.USDA.GOV.



Even pet chickens can carry bird flu.



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SAVE THE DATE

Historical Commission Speaking Series

Catch the exciting Spring Series. Details coming soon on WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG
3RD SUNDAYS OF MARCH, APRIL & MAY

2016 Bagged Yard Waste Collection Dates

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MAY 21, JUN 25, JUL 30, AUG 27,
SEP 24, AND OCT 29

Winter 2016 Calendar of Events

For more information on any event, see WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG

JANUARY 2016

4	Park and Recreation Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
4	Board of Supervisors Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00am
5	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
6	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
12	Municipal Authority Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30am
12	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
13	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
20	Board of Supervisors Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
21	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
28	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00am

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9	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
10	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
17	Board of Supervisors Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
18	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
25	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00am

MARCH 2016

3	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
3	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
4	Board of Supervisors Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00am
7	Park and Recreation Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
8	Municipal Authority Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30am
8	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
9	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
16	Board of Supervisors Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
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APRIL 2016

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