

CALN News

FALL, 2006

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



Historic Storms Hit Caln

The last week in June, 2006 will long be remembered as a time when Caln Township (and much of Pennsylvania) just could not catch a break from Mother Nature. The township received not one but two rain events of historic intensity. We also received continual rain from June 24th through June 28th, resulting in saturated ground and the accumulation of debris around storm water structures. Ultimately a federal emergency disaster was declared and public organizations and private property owners are still dealing with the aftermath of these storms.

Prior to these storm events, the Township Board of Commissioners had discussed the issue of stormwater management and how to best address the recurring problems associated with high intensity storms. In 2001, the Township Commissioners adopted more stringent stormwater management regulations so as to better control the stormwater runoff from new development. Newer subdivisions and land developments are required to collect stormwater and convey it to a stormwater facility (i.e. detention/retention ponds). In the older areas of the Township, the lack of adequate stormwater management facilities and controls may create temporary flooding in streets and neighborhoods. Currently, the Township is considering the completion of a Township-wide stormwater plan, and is soliciting qualifications from design firms that have experience in comprehensive stormwater planning.

What Can You Do?

Of equal importance to the stormwater management issue is that of trash and debris. Because stormwater runoff is generated from dispersed land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs—efforts to control debris from entering the stormwater system are necessary so the stormwater facilities can function properly. The following household practices can be easily implemented to assist in this effort:

- avoid the impulse to litter
- clean up trash and yard debris, which can eventually wash into the storm system
- do not dispose of yard waste in storm inlets or storm swales
- do not blow grass clippings from mowing into the street
- do not rake leaves into the street

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Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Second Thursday of month
7:30 p.m.
Work Session
Last Thursday of month
7:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board
First Thursday of month
7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
Fourth Tuesday of month
7:00 p.m.

Recreation Board
First Monday of month
7:00 p.m.

Townwatch
Fourth Monday of month
7:30 p.m.

Thorndale Fire Company
Second Monday of month
8:00 p.m.

Wastewater Authority
Last Monday of month
7:00 p.m.

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(Stormwater Management continued...)

If you live adjacent to a stormwater management facility (i.e. storm inlet, swale, creek, detention/retention pond), routine maintenance may entail the following:

- Mow grass areas;
- Remove trees and brush from critical areas;
- Remove accumulated sediment, trash, and pollutants;
- Eradicate rodents and repair burrow holes;
- Ensure pipes, orifices, overflows, and spillways are unobstructed and in good working condition;
- Maintain access--ensuring any gates/fences are in good working order.

Stormwater is Everyone's Responsibility

Stormwater management is a Township-wide issue that impacts each and every property owner. Working together to keep the swales and inlets clear will assist in keeping our roadways passable in times of heavy rains so our emergency personnel can respond to calls for service in all areas of the Township. The saying "if we each do a little, it helps a lot" is very fitting. In the event you notice a problem with a stormwater facility in the Township, call the Township office to report the issue so it can be investigated.

PLEASE DO NOT RAKE GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, OR ANY OTHER YARD WASTE INTO STREETS OR DRAINS. ALSO, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LITTERING AS THIS CAN ALSO GET INTO DRAINS.

COMPOSTING Classes



Backyard composting provides free, high-quality garden soil and saves money and energy by recycling. Leaves, grass and yard clippings can make up nearly 42% of your household waste seasonally and state law prohibits leaves and grass from being thrown away with your trash. The Township will make available to our residents backyard composting bins at the Township Building for a cost of \$4 per bin once classes have been taken. Classes will be held at the Township Building, free of charge, on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Engineering Department is currently working on a number of capital improvement projects. The following is a partial listing and the status of each:

- 1. Traffic Signal Closed Loop System:** This is a multi-municipal project including Caln Township, Downingtown Borough, and the City of Coatesville. Caln Township has nearly \$1M dollars in federal funding to upgrade all of our traffic signals and to connect the signals together. This will allow for better traffic congestion management once implemented. This project is currently under construction with an anticipated completion date of April 2007. You may experience delays at the various signalized intersections through the duration of the project.
- 2. Lincoln Highway Streetscapes:** This is a sidewalks and streetscapes project that is federally funded in the amount of \$525,000. This project will install sidewalks, street trees, and street lights on Lincoln Highway from Route 340 to Municipal Drive. The Board of Commissioners has received notification that an additional \$548,196 has been awarded to the Township for the installation of sidewalk from Municipal Drive to North Bailey Road in the areas that currently do not have sidewalk. It is anticipated that construction will occur in 2007.
- 3. Carver Court Streetscapes:** This is a sidewalk project for the Carver Court neighborhood and is nearing completion. The project was predominantly funded by Community Development Block Grants totaling in excess of \$600,000. When completed, this neighborhood will have all new curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons, and street paving.
- 4. North Bailey Road Bridge:** This is a local bridge replacement project which requires replacing the bridge on North Bailey Road at the Township border with East Brandywine Township. The construction of this bridge will be paid for with both Federal and local monies. The Township did solicit bids for this project; however no bids were received. Therefore, it is anticipated that construction will occur later this year or early 2007.

PARKSIDE SEWER EXTENSION UPDATE

Construction on this much needed project is now winding down. Utilizing \$154,800 in HUD grant funding, approximately 700' of new public sanitary sewer main was installed within a neighborhood previously served with on-lot systems. The contractor is currently in the process of restoring the disturbed areas.

LLOYD PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Board of Commissioners received notice from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources that Caln Township was awarded a \$200,000 grant for construction of Phase 1 of the Lloyd Park Master Plan. This award, combined with a \$200,000 grant received from the Chester County 21st Century Fund last year, will help the Township begin construction in 2007. Phase 1 calls for construction of a parking lot, volleyball courts, an off-leash dog area, and a walking trail. The Commissioners hope to advertise the project for bidding in early 2007 and start construction in the summer.

Lloyd Park is a thirty-acre site located in the very eastern part of the township off of Lloyd Avenue. The land was donated by Mrs. Lloyd over a decade ago to be used as park land. Beaver Creek flows through the property. There is a gazebo, some playground equipment, and picnic tables already located at the site.

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FALL TENNIS LESSONS



Saturdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7 and 14

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3rd to 5 Grades: 9:30 - 10AM
6th to 8th Grades: 10 - 10:45AM
9th to 12th Grades: 11AM - 12PM*

Instructor: Tim Irwin, Head Coach Coatesville High School Girls Team

For more information contact Tim Irwin at 610-730-0442.

BUS TRIPS



St. Michaels, MD (Saturday, September 30)

Enjoy lunch and a leisurely cruise on the Miles River aboard "The Patriot." After the cruise we will have lunch at the Town Dock Restaurant followed by time on your own to explore St. Michaels' many shops and sites.

Trip includes cruise, lunch and transportation.
FEE: \$77.00/Person

New York City - On Your Own (Wednesday, December 6)

Enjoy the day on you own shopping, touring, seeing a Broadway show, or just relaxing. Trip includes transportation only.

FEE: \$30/Person

Trip registration is on a first come/first served basis. Trips may have to be cancelled if there is not enough interest, so please register early.

CALN COMMUNITY DAY

*Presented by Caln Township Commissioners,
Thorndale Rotary, and Caln Business Group*

Saturday, September 16th , 12PM – 5PM
Location: Caln Municipal Park and Municipal Drive

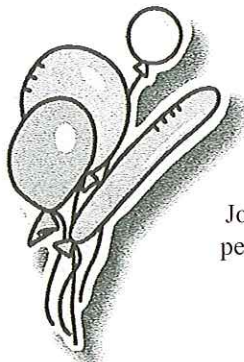
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For more info contact the Park and Recreation Department at 610-384-0600x4.



The Caln Township Park and Recreation Board would like to recognize the sponsors of our Summer Concert Series and the Lawn Chair Movie Series.

A special thanks to the following businesses for sponsoring Park and Recreation Events: Commerce Bank, Happy Days Family Bistro, Courtesy Chrysler Jeep, Rouse/Chamberlin Homes, The Animal Clinic at Thorndale, Lambert's Auto Body, Del Toyota, Acme Markets, Meadowlake Apartments, Sam's Club, and Sovereign Bank.

Our final concert for the season will be on Saturday, September 10. "The Rivers" will be performing. On Saturday, September 16, our Lawn Chair Movie Series will come to a close with "Ice Age 2."

For more information on sponsoring Park and Recreation Activities contact Tony Scheivert at 610-384-0600,x4.

Park and Recreation SPECIAL EVENTS

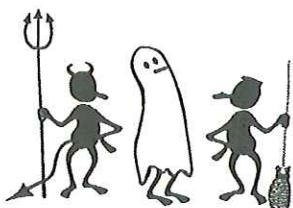


HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 28, 1PM
Rain Date: Sunday, October 29

It's the Park and Recreation Board Annual Halloween Parade. There will be entertainment, the parade and more. Prizes will be awarded to the best costumes in each age group.

Location: Caln Municipal Park



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 2nd - 2PM

Join us for the 2nd Annual Children's Holiday Party. There will be a magic show, a chance to make your own ornament, refreshments and a visit from Santa.

Location: Caln Municipal Building



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Sunday, December 3rd - 5PM

Join the Caln Township Commissioners as they kick off the holiday season with their annual tree lighting ceremony. There will be christmas carols, a visit from Santa and more.

Location Caln Municipal Building

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES

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"Hello Weather, Let's Play Together"

Mondays, September 18 to January 22 (15 weeks)

Time: 9:30 to 10:15AM

Fee: \$210/Child (Includes \$60 curriculum fee)



Village (Birth to 18 months)

"Zoom Buggy"

Mondays, September 18 to December 4 (10 weeks)

Time: 11:30AM to 12:15PM

Fee: \$135/Child (Includes \$35 curriculum fee)



Our Time (Ages 18 months - 3 years)

"Milk and Cookies"

Mondays, September 18 to January 22 (15 weeks)

Time: 10:30 - 11:15AM

Fee: \$210/Child (Includes \$35 curriculum fee)



Sign and Sing (6 months to 3 years)

Mondays, January 8 to February 5

Time: 11:30AM to 12:15PM

Fee: \$85/Child (Includes \$35 curriculum fee)



Instructor: Beverly Hall

THE OLD CALN HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL FLEA MARKET THIS YEAR ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. PROCEEDS OF THE SALE WILL ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF SIGNS FOR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.

Please call Jane Moore at 610-384-4843 for more information

DISCOUNT TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL AMUSEMENT PARKS & ATTRACTIONS

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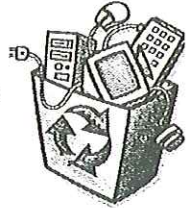


2006 HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION DATES

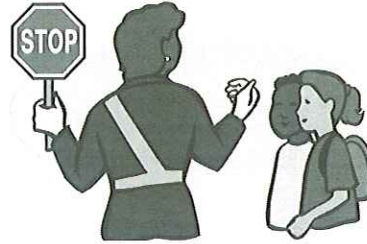
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

September 9th - HHW
New Garden Township Building
8934 Gap Newport Road
Landenberg, Pa 19350

October 7th – HHW and Computers
Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road
West Chester, Pa 19380



Schools are back in session. Please watch for children at crosswalks, entering and/or exiting school buses, or crossing roadways.



SENIOR PROGRAM

This program is designed for senior citizens who live alone in the Township. To enroll in the program we will ask you to fill out a simple form. We then ask you to call into the police station each weekday at 610-383-1821 before 11:00 am to let us know that you are alright. If we do not hear from you we will call your home. If we don't get an answer we will send a police officer to check on you. During the weekends and holidays when the office is closed we will have one of our senior citizens call you in the morning. If there is no answer a police officer will be sent to your home to check on you. If you live alone please take advantage of this important program.

Getting Ready for Fall Planting?

Our leaves from the 2005 Fall season are back in a different form. They have been converted to a composting mulch and a large pile is located behind the police station and at Caln Park West. Residents of Caln Township may stop by during daylight hours and pick up some FREE mulch. Please bring your own bag.

This material is not available to commercial users.

WINTER'S COMING!

It's hard to believe that another winter is almost here. Residents are reminded that vehicles should be removed from streets during snow storms to allow the snow plows room to do their job. Also, property owners are responsible to shovel snow off adjacent sidewalks within 48 hours after a snow fall.

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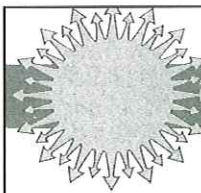
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LEAF COLLECTION

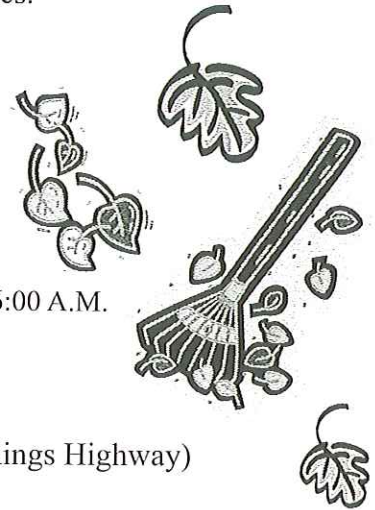
Leaf collection will begin the week of October 30 with bag pickup. Leaf bags are available for purchase at the Caln Township building. Bags come in bundles of 5 for \$1.50 but can also be purchased individually at \$.30 each. Besides leaf bag pickup, the Township will also be vacuuming again. Rather than bagging your leaves, you need to only rake them to the front of your property immediately adjacent to the road's edge. PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET as leaves could get washed into storm inlets during inclement weather or can freeze to the roadway as we get cooler temperatures.

Below is the schedule for this season's leaf pickup:

Leaf Bag Pick-up October 28 (by Waste Management)
 November 11 (by Waste Management)
 December 2 (by Waste Management)

PLEASE HAVE BAGS OUT TO CURB NO LATER THAN 6:00 A.M.

Leaf Vacuuming Begins week of the following dates:
 November 6 (Barley Sheaf Road and east)
 November 13 (West of Barley Sheaf Road and north of Kings Highway)
 November 20 (Barley Sheaf Road and east)
 November 27 (West of Barley Sheaf Road and north of Kings Highway)



There is no appointment necessary for this service. If you have questions, please call 610-384-0600, x4.

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CHIPPING

Requests for chipping have already begun. At the time this newsletter went to press, there are over 25 residents on the schedule for the disposal of tree limbs and branches.

The Fall 2006 Program is set to begin September 13 and will run weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays through November 9. Residents who want to take advantage of this free program should call 610-384-0600, x4 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be taken through October 6.

The following guidelines should be followed in using the chipping service:

- All branches and limbs must be stacked at the front of the property next to the street (where trash cans are placed for pickup).
Note: Due to liability concerns, the road crews will not drive onto property or private lanes/road ways, nor will road crews go beyond the edge of the property to collect the limbs.
- All branches should face the same direction (no cross-stacking) with the blunt/cut end facing the street
- No stumps or limbs greater than 8" in diameter
- A resident may use this service one time during the program period
- No vines, weeds, leaves, or yard waste will be collected
- The program is for routine cleanup and not designed to assist with clearing properties of trees and shrubs (i.e. cutting trees down and putting out for chipping).
- This program is for individual Caln Township residential properties only. Items collected from outside the Township or through a private or commercial operation will not be processed.

**Please call early to schedule an appointment as slots do fill up quickly.
Please note that your property will not be serviced without an appointment--no exceptions.**

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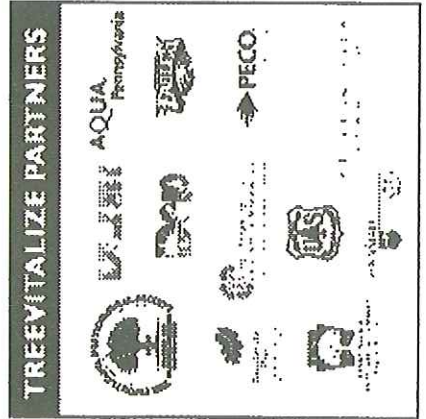
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Become a Tree Tender!

Become part of the "growing" TreeVitalize program designed by Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to increase Southeast Pennsylvania's tree cover and the benefits that trees offer us all. Join us for nine hours of hands-on training that will cover tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community. This training course was developed by staff from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) and Penn State Cooperative Extension. It is based on PHS's Tree Tenders project which, since 1993, has trained over 1900 community volunteers from 150 Southeast Pennsylvania neighborhoods. The course is being offered on weekday evenings at three different locations each spring and fall, and is designed for lay people and experts alike. Become one of the Tree Tenders who are expanding (or creating) and tending your part of the forest. The course is free but registration is required.



FALL 2006 TRAININGS:

Philadelphia
 PHS, 100 North 20th Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19103
Wednesdays, September 13, 20, 27
5:45-8:45 pm

Delaware County
 Cabrini College
 610 King of Prussia Road
 Radnor, PA 19087
Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17
6-9 pm

Chester County
 Charlestown Township
 Great Valley Middle School
 255 North Phoenixville Pike
 Malvern, PA 19355
Wednesdays, October 18, 25, Nov. 1
6-9 pm

TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Tree Awareness:*
- Tree Biology
 - Urban Stresses on Trees
 - Tree Identification
 - Basic Tree Pruning and Root Care
 - Tree Planting

Community Organizing:

- Fundraising and Identifying Resources
- Working with Local Government
- Organization Building

The three-part series is FREE. Given the intensity of the lectures and the late hours, the training is not appropriate for children under 13.

For more information contact:

- Julianne Schieffer, 610-489-4315 or jxs51@psu.edu
- Mindy Maslin, 215-988-8844 or mamaslin@pennhort.org

TREE TENDERS REGISTRATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Work Phone # _____
 Home Phone # _____
 Email _____
 Name of Local Municipal Government where I reside (City, Borough, Township) _____

The 3 questions below apply only to Tree Tenders attending training as part of a group.

- Group Name _____
- Group Leader _____
- How many people from your group plan to attend the training? _____

Please note that a separate registration is required for each person.

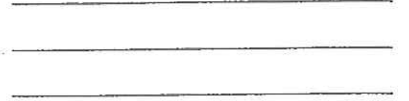
Please give a brief description of your knowledge of trees. _____

What would you like to learn from the Tree Tenders training? _____

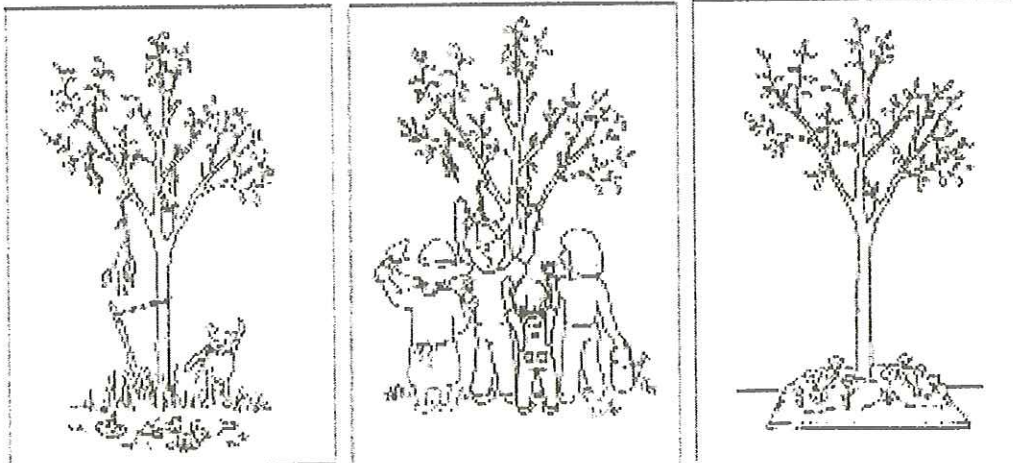
Please sign me up for (check one):

- ___ **Philadelphia:** September 13, 20, 27
- ___ **Delaware County:** October 3, 10, 17
- ___ **Chester County:** October, 18, 25, Nov. 1

Dawn Waters
PHS/Philadelphia Green
100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103



BECOME A TREE TENDER ...



... learn to plant and care for trees in your neighborhood!