

Welcome Commissioners Contento and Haynes-Eshleman

On Monday, January 6th, 2014 John Contento and Cynthia Haynes-Eshleman were sworn in as Caln Township Commissioners.

Commissioner Contento has been serving Caln Township for 10 years on the Board of Directors of both the Caln Township Municipal (Sewer) Authority and as the Caln Commissioners' representative on the 5 Municipality Member, Downingtown Area Regional (Sewage Treatment) Authority. He has been representing his immediate neighbors as President of the Barley Greens Homeowners Assoc. for the last 15 years. He has a Master's in Management, a Bachelor's in Math and is a retired Manufacturing Plant Mgr. with multi-million dollar budget accountability, operating expense containment, Labor Contract negotiation, and personnel hiring, training & motivating experience. He and his wife Susan are 20 year homeowner residents of Caln with 4 grown children and 7 grandchildren.



Commissioner Haynes-Eshleman has lived in the township for 10 years. She is a practicing attorney with her own firm in West Chester. She is also an adjunct faculty member of WCU's criminal justice department of which she is an alumni of its' master's program. Cynthia is a member of the Chester County's Women's Commission which she was appointed by the county commissioner's in 2010. She is a member of both the county and state Republican Committee. Cynthia lives in the township with her husband, Ryan, a chester county native, daughter, Lilli and her two dogs.



Important Recycling Information located on Page 9

CALN newsletter

Winter/Spring 2014

The Board of Commissioners

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Planning Commission, Police Pension
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& Wastewater
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Recreation, Energy Task Force, Finance, Council of
Governments
Joshua B. Young

Fire, Historical Commission, Community Services
& Golf Committee
Lorraine Tindaro

Meeting Dates & Times

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

7:30pm - 2nd Thurs. of month

Business Meeting:

7:30pm - Last Thurs. of month

Zoning Hearing Board

7:00pm - 1st Thurs. of month

Planning Commission

7:00pm - 4th Tues. of month

Recreation Board

7:00pm - 1st Monday of month

Townwatch

7:30pm - 2nd Monday of month

Wastewater Authority

7:00pm - 4th Monday of month

Township Officials

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Township Secretary
Tony Scheivert

Finance Office Manager
Bonnie Smith

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Twinning Committee
Barry Beach
Patty DeFroschia

Civil Service Commission
Chairperson
Jay Hess, Jr.
Tom DeFroschia
Robert Hart

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CALN POLICE

During the December 19th Board of Commissioners Meeting, Police Chief Joseph Elias presented awards to two police officers and the Board's Police Liaison. Officer Nathan Miller was honored as the Police Department's 2013 Officer of the Year for exceptional performance and outstanding service to the citizens of Caln Township. This is the first time in the Department's history that an officer received such an award. Sergeant Steven Parkinson received a Commendation Award for his off-duty actions in preventing a possible suicide attempt. Officer Miller's and Sergeant Parkinson's families were present for the awards ceremony. Commissioner Chuck Kramer was also recognized for his service to the community and support of the Police Department.



Officer Nathan Miller

Prescription Drug Take Back Box Now in Police Station

Caln Township is one of five municipalities that are partnering with the Brandywine Health Foundation (BHF), and the Coatesville Youth Initiative (CYI), as part of the prescription drug drop-off program. The program is being sponsored by the Health Foundation and Pennsylvania American Water.

The Medical Collection Boxes will offer our residents the opportunity to anonymously and safely dispose of unwanted and expired drugs and medication. Our goal is to get these drugs safely off the streets, keeping them away from our youth and protecting our local waterways from contamination. We want to make it convenient to get these unused and dangerous drugs out of the home, safeguarding the family and decreasing the possibility of the drugs being diverted or misused. The drop off box will be located in the station lobby and available during business hours.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Annual Budget Adopted

The Board of Commissioners adopted the 2014 Budget at a public meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2013. The proposed budget is available at the township building for public review.

Some Budgetary highlights:

Revenue Highlights

- o The Real Estate Tax rate to remain 2.808 mills. The average homeowner pays approximately \$400 per year in real estate taxes.
- o The Trash and Recycling fee and the bi-monthly sewer bill will also remain the same.
- o Street Light fee to remain the same for 700 assessed properties.

Expenditure Highlights

- o General Fund Expenditures of \$6,500,000
- o The township will continue its increased road paving program
- o A new fire company pumper is proposed to be purchased in 2014
- o Capital projects funded by the 2013 bond issue will continue in 2014
- o A new trash hauler will begin collecting trash and recycling in 2014

	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$6,529,112
Street Light	\$52,500
Sewer Oper. Fund	\$2,358,115
Ingleside Golf Course	\$733,245
Escrow Fund	\$200,810
Internal Service	\$20,000
Capital Bond	\$1,334,500
Capital Reserve	\$72,500
Solid Waste	\$1,145,814
Sewer Capital	\$420,000
Sewer Reserve	\$510,000
Open Space	\$25,000
Equipment	\$137,000
State	\$314,000
<u>Total All Funds</u>	<u>\$12,852,596</u>

SHREDDING AND E-RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2014
 9 AM TO 1 PM
 KMART SHOPPING CENTER
 PARKING LOT - AREA NEAR DOMINO'S PIZZA

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

HANDI-CRAFTERS FUNDRAISER

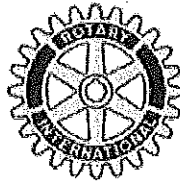
Win a New 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage!

And support Handi-Crafters! The non-profit organization located here in Caln Township provides meaningful work opportunities for individuals with special needs and disabilities. The Mirage Raffle is part of the organizations fund-raising efforts and all proceeds will benefit Handi-Crafters programs.

Raffle tickets are on sale now and can be purchased for \$100 each. For details and to purchase tickets call Kathie Osborn at 384-6990 x201 or online at www.handi-crafters.org.

Raffle ends on April 4, 2014. The live drawing will be held during Handi-Crafters Annual Spring Fundraiser at Longwood Gardens.

Participants need not be present to win. The Mitsubishi Mirage was donated by Springfield Mitsubishi – The Mirage is the most fuel-efficient, gas-powered non-hybrid in America with an impressive 44 MPG!



Thorndale Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Thorndale was founded in 1995 by Jay Edge to service the Thorndale, Downingtown, and Coatesville Communities. Guided by the Rotary District 7450 leadership and Rotary International we aim to help the local and international community in many ways. We provide food for needy families during the holidays, we distribute dictionaries to third graders, we support international projects in Africa, and more!

The Thorndale Rotary Club meets every Friday, 7:15-8:15am at the Green Street Grill in Downingtown, PA. Rotary participates in Caln Community Day and provides refreshments for the Township Tree Lighting Ceremony. Please contact us about any of our events or questions you may have about Rotary. Contact person: William Keen - Phone (610) 304-2050 or email us at info@thorndalerotary.org

TOWNWATCH - We Make a Difference!

Caln TownWatch is a group of your fellow citizens who are dedicated to keeping our children, property, neighborhoods, and community safe from crime.

Please join us in taking a measure of responsibility for the continued health of our community. The frequency, length and area of patrols are yours to define.

- Cruise the Township for an hour or so, one or two nights a month
- Stroll your neighborhood with friends once a week
- Keep an eye out at community softball, soccer and other sporting events
- Be alert while taking your dog on an evening walk
- Organize a neighborhood specific patrol
- Help with the child fingerprinting effort at community events
- Simply observe the street from the window over your morning coffee

All such activities are possible and very much valued.

If you would like to join TownWatch, please download an application at

www.calntownwatch.org and drop it off at the Caln Police Department, send us an

e-mail at volunteer@calntownwatch.com, or stop by and visit us at the TownWatch tent at community events.

Caln TownWatch volunteers hold an administrative meeting at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of every month in the Caln Township Building.

Please visit our website for more information and please feel free to join us at our next meeting.

Spring Recreation Activities

Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12th - 1PM

Join the Park and Recreation Board for the Township Egg Hunt. Event starts promptly at 1PM

Location: Caln Municipal Park

Fee: **FREE**

Caln Pride Day - Annual Township Wide Clean Up

Saturday, April 26th - 8:00AM to 11:00AM

Come out and help clean up Caln Township. Groups can obtain clean up supplies such as gloves, bags and safety vests at the Township Building starting at 8AM. Streets or areas can be assigned or picked by groups. Clean up will be from 8AM to 11AM with lunch being served to volunteers starting at 11:00AM at the Caln Township Building. For more information call 610-384-0600x148.

Battle of the Bands

Saturday, April 26th - 1:00PM to 5:00PM

Amateur bands comprised of high school students, or younger, compete for a chance to play at the Brandywine Health Foundation Strawberry Festival.

For more information call 610-384-0600x148 or visit www.calntownship.org.

There will be lots of great music and refreshments for sale.

FIRST FRIDAYS AT INGLESIDE - New Event - Fridays in June, July, August and September - Themed Food prepared by Local Restaurants, music and more. Event will be from 6PM to 9PM followed by a Movie at the golf course. Look for more information on the Township website in Early March.

2014 Tennis at Caln Municipal Park by CTS

This Spring and summer there will be tennis instruction offered. The director of the tennis program is Tim Irwin, USPTA Elite Professional with more than 40 years of tennis teaching/coaching experience. Tim serves as the Executive Director for the United States Professional Tennis Association Middle States Division and is the Head Tennis Coach for the Girls Tennis Team at Coatesville Area Senior High School

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

"New York City On Your Own"

Saturday, April 26th, 2014

Enjoy the day on your own in the Big Apple. A charter bus will pick you up from the Kmart parking lot in Thorndale at 7:30 am and drop you off in Times Square. The day is yours to do as you please - shop, sight-see or see a Broadway show.

Fee: \$40.00/per person (transportation only)

Please register for trips early. Trips will be cancelled on occasion due to lack of registration (this will normally occur 3 wks before the date of the trip). If this happens a full refund will be given. Otherwise all trips will depart as scheduled (no refunds) unless the bus company cancels due to inclement weather or other circumstances. During inclement weather, the Bus Company will make the decision as to whether to depart or not. We will contact participants as soon as the Township is notified.

CALL 610-384-0600x148 for more informatio on any activity or trip.

ACT 167 UPDATE

In response to the impacts of accelerated stormwater runoff resulting from land development, in 1978, the state enacted Pennsylvania's Stormwater Management Act (Act 167). The Act requires counties to prepare and adopt watershed based stormwater management plans—and requires municipalities to adopt and implement ordinances to regulate development consistent with these plans. For the past 25 years, Chester County had not adopted a watershed based stormwater management plan that includes Caln Township; however, earlier this year, the County's Board of Commissioners adopted such a plan entitled the "County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Chester County, Pennsylvania."

Caln Township has required stormwater management since the late 1970's. In March 2003 the Township's Board of Commissioners passed a comprehensive storm water management ordinance revision that was aimed at, among other things, reducing erosion, reducing flooding, improving water quality, and protecting natural resources. Now that this Act 167 Plan has been adopted, the Township was required to adopt a new stormwater management ordinance that is consistent with the County-wide Act 167 Plan before January 2, 2014. This Plan includes a number of appendices, one in particular that sets forth the design criteria and standards for stormwater management systems and facilities that are to be utilized throughout the entire County.

In watersheds with approved PA Act 167 plans, any individuals or entities involved with altering the stormwater runoff characteristics from the land within the watershed are required to implement measures to manage the quantity, velocity and direction of stormwater runoff in a manner that adequately protects the health of the public and property from possible damage. On December 19, 2013, the Board of Commissioners adopted the new stormwater ordinance that complies with the Act 167 requirements. Something as small as a patio or a building addition may be required to have stormwater management installed as part of the project. Those property owners looking to perform construction work in 2014 should consult with the Township Engineer, Mr. Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM, prior to finalizing said construction plans.

Historical Review

The Pim-Uhler Farm descends from two families prominent in Caln Township; the Pim and Mendenhall. In 1712 John Mendenhall, Jr. and wife, Susannah, bought 450 acres of township property. Then in 1730 the Mendenhalls sold the property to William Pim. William and his wife, Ann, had come from Ireland and were members of the Society of Friends. This tract of land straddled the present-day Lancaster Turnpike, Route 30. For about a hundred years the Pims were substantial land owners in Caln Township. Their sons, Richard and Thomas, kept the farm in the family. Daughters, Sarah Mendenhall and Hannah Paine received financial legacies.

The Glass Tax of 1798 reports a Thomas Pim II as owner, with the farm size now reduced to 212 acres. The house on record was made of stone, 28 by 38 feet, and two stories. Deed searches then show the property passing from Richard, Thomas II son, to George Pim and eventually James Buchanan by 1863. Yes, this was the same James Buchanan who was our US President. However, James did not keep the property long, by selling it to his brother, Rev. Edward Buchanan of Oxford Church, Philadelphia.

After a few years the property passed from Buchanan to John Benson, then to William & Mary Benson. In 1907 Adaline Corey purchased the farm of 95 acres, and raised five children. When Adaline died, four of her children sold their shares of the farm to their sister, Ada Corey Aufhammer. Again, this farm remained in the family for decades. Ada's daughter, Gretchen, married Reuben Uhler and called it home. The land that Caln Elementary School (ca. 1927) is built on was once owned by the Corey family. Since 1950 those of us who have grown up in Caln Township, knew the Uhler Family. Gretchen was a Girl Scout Leader and the family was active in the Thorndale United Methodist Church. Reuben was a successful farmer and gave land for the Thorndale Fire Company. In the 1990's, the farm was sold for development and the old house now is the center of the Thornridge community. It is one of our finest local historical treasures.

Caln Senior News



Calling all Seniors in Caln Township 60 and older to be an active member in our club or just a member who likes to go on trips.

Trips for the next two months include a trip to the New Candlelight Theatre to see "Anything Goes". Bus leaves the Kmart in Thorndale at 10AM. Cost is \$35.00 and includes lunch, show and bus.

May 15th the group will travel to the Media Theater to see "Sunset Boulevard". Bus leaves Kmart at 11AM. Lunch will be prior to the show. Cost is \$35.00. For more information or to make reservations call Joyce Smith at 610-269-3627. Payment is due 30 days before the show date.

The guest speaker for April will be Herb and Meiko Horikawa. They will show a film and talk on their experiences in an internment camp in the USA.

Monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at IPM for social hour and 1:30 for meeting and speaker.

Monthly meetings are held in the Caln Township building on the second Wednesday.

Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company

Well another year has flown by once again! I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday and were able to spend quality time with your family and friends. Looking back on 2013, your volunteer fire company had a busy year; we responded to a total of 428 fire and/or fire police related alarms and the Quick Response Service responded to 448 medical alarms. In addition to responding to alarms, the volunteers logged in 3,514 hours of training. Our Fire Prevention/Public Safety Officer also made her rounds to the elementary schools, various day care facilities and to nursing home facilities to continue to spread the fire safety word. Remember, we are here for our community in many ways 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Our annual fund drive is once again in process and we are asking for your continued support. In the past year I have worked much closer with the residents of the township and many think we are a paid company with multiple shifts that cover the township in case of an emergency. This is not the case. We are 100% VOLUNTEER, we are your friends, your neighbors, your brothers, your sisters and quite possibly a stranger to you, but I assure you one thing, we are here for you and the community! Please help to support our organization, without your support we will not be able to survive another 75 years. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. The members and I would like to personally thank those that have already supported the annual fund drive.

I would like to update you on the progress of our new Traffic Unit and Engine, the Traffic Unit is entering its last stages of its build and by the time you read this it should be in service. The Engine is not that far along, we have completed the spec that is needed to build the Engine and have sent it out to bid. We are hoping to place the order before the third quarter and the delivery time would be about one year after the order is placed.

2014 is the 75th anniversary of the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company and we are excited about this milestone! The firehouse has come a long way from its start in 1939 when we were across the street in an old church where the current Auto Zone is located. In 1949 we moved across the street in the building that currently is home to Colbert's Car Care until 1992 when we built the current firehouse to the rear of Colbert's. It is hard to believe we have been in our new building for 22 years. The size of the firehouse, the size of the apparatus and the amount of equipment needed to perform our job has dramatically changed over the past 75 years. Rest assured your volunteer fire company will be here to serve the needs of our community for another 75 years and more.

Please visit the fire company web site at www.thorndalefirecompany.com for fire safety tips, current events and community events. Again, thank you for your time and donations.

John Cordisco

Fire Chief

Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company

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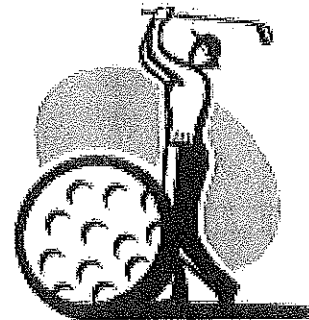
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2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

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Saturday, April 12 - CAT Pickering Campus - 1580 Charlestown Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460

Saturday, April 26 - Octorara High School - 226 Highland Rd., Atglen, PA 19310

Saturday, May 17 - Owen J. Roberts Middle School - 981 Ridge Rd., Pottstown, PA 19465

Friday, June 20 - Coatesville 9th - 10th Grade Center - 1425 E. Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville, PA 19320
(entrance is across from Dairy Queen on Route 30)

Saturday, September 6 - New Garden Township Maintenance Bldg., 8934 Gap Newport Road (Rt. 41), Landenburg, PA 19350

Saturday, October 11 - Chester County Government Services Center - 601 Westtown Rd, West Chester, PA 19380

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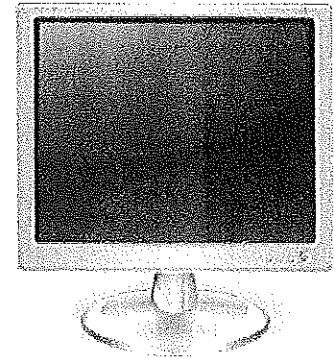
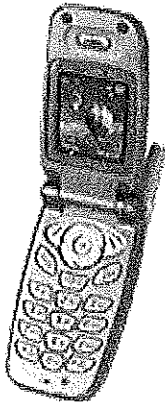
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Microwaves

Telephones and Equipment

Remote Controls/Gaming Consoles

Stereo/Tape/CD players/Radios



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Effective January, 2013, the Township's waste hauler can no longer accept computers, laptops, monitors and televisions as a bulk/trash item, due to the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act which addresses the recycling and disposal of certain electronic devices in Pennsylvania. These items must be taken to an electronics collection point or drop-off location.

A Message from the Highways Department

TREE TRIMMING ALONG ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS

The Township Highways Department will be cutting back overhanging branches, brush and vegetation from the Township roadways as required to maintain clear and passable roadways. Overhanging trees obstruct the roadway when they are weighed down by snow, creating difficult situations for our snow removal vehicles. Please check the road frontage of your property to see if your trees or shrubs may be overhanging the road or obstructing street signs. If you prefer to prune back you own trees or shrubs, please use the following guide lines.

1. Tree branches and bushes should be clear of the road edge by a minimum of (24") two feet and that clearance should extend to (10') ten feet in height.
2. New plantings, i.e trees, shrubs, etc. should not be planted within the road right-of-way! Please contact the Township Zoning Office for these specifications prior to planting to avoid excess work.

Trash and Recycling Information

NEW HAULER - EAGLE DISPOSAL

On January 2nd Eagle Disposal took over as the Township's Trash and Recycling Hauler. Both the Township and Eagle would like to thank residents for their patience as we work to assure that the level of service offered meets expectations. Please visit the Township website if you have any questions about collection day for your area. Please remember to have cans out the night before as collection begins at 6AM.

NEW! Grass Clippings , leaves, sticks, garden waste, branches etc.-is not considered trash and will not be collected for trash disposal. Either compost these items or leave them on your lawn as they do provide fertilizer upon decay. A drop off area for the recycling of yard waste and branches is available behind the police station on Municipal Drive. Branches can also be chipped up by township crews in the spring and fall.

NOTE: Collection will be delayed one day the week of May 26th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

KEEP PLASTIC BAGS OUT OF RECYCLING!

Don't put plastic bags in your curbside recycling container! Yes, you read that correctly. Please do not put any plastic bags in your curbside recycling container, even those used to store and carry recyclables to your recycling container.

Your recyclables go to a facility that uses conveyor belts and screens to separate the materials in preparation for shipping them to designated markets. Plastic bags get caught in the sorting machines and slow down the sorting process. Plastic bags clog the sorting machines in the same way a string gets wrapped around your vacuum cleaner brush — but on a much larger scale. At least twice a day, the entire sorting facility stops running, so the plastic bags can be removed from the screens by hand.

So, what should you do with plastic bags? Reuse them for bagging trash or for a second trip to the store. You can also recycle clean plastic bags at many grocery stores. Recycling sites at stores take all kinds of plastic bags: newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags and more. Visit www.plasticbagrecycling.org for a complete list. If you use bags to collect recyclables, empty the items loose into your cart. Loose materials are easier to sort. Better yet, simply collect your recyclables in a reusable tub, sturdy box or bucket. To reduce the demand for producing plastic bags, take reusable bags to the store. Many stores will reward you for bringing your own bag.

EASY WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR RECYCLING HABITS

Even those of us who recycle can improve our habits. There are easy things you can do to make your recycling efforts more efficient and effective. Here are some ideas.

The Three R's

It's not reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic anymore! The three R's with regard to recycling are keys to improving your habits: Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle.

Reduce - The entire recycling issue starts with the consumer. It's simple: the less you use, the less you throw away. While it is a simple concept, putting it into practice may take some adjustment in your thinking patterns. Many of our wasteful habits are just that — habits. Have you thought about where you can cut back? Can you replace any of your disposable batteries with rechargeable ones? Do you really need to purchase cases of plastic water bottles each week, or can you fill re-usable stainless steel water bottles with home-filtered water? Think seriously about your personal use of disposable items, and take the time to consider where you can cut back.

Re-use - Stop and think before you throw that item away! If your cell phone still works, give it to someone or donate it to a local organization. The same is true for eyeglasses; donate them to organizations that distribute used eyeglasses to the needy worldwide. Get creative and make use of old jugs and bottles (vases, candle holders, planters, etc.). Plastic food containers such as margarine tubs can be re-used to store leftovers, to sprout seeds, or to hold potted plants. They can also be decorated to hold edible gifts.

Recycle - In your home, streamline your recycling efforts by having clearly marked bins that are easily accessed. If you are short on space, consider hanging bins on doors or walls; just be sure they can be easily removed to take to the recycling center. In general, home recycling bins should be easy to pick up and carry to your car or curb. Take the time to get to know the workings of your local recycling center, too. It is another form of waste to haul items to your local recycling center that can't be recycled, only to have to haul them home again and find some way to dispose of them. Finding out what is and is not acceptable at your local center is also important in order to prevent tossing inappropriate items into public bins. It may be unintentional, but once you throw something in to a public bin and find out it is not eligible for recycling, it's too late to retrieve it. The center then has to take the time to weed out those items that can't be recycled. It saves everyone's time if you find out what can and can not be recycled. These are some simple ways to improve your recycling habits.

Spring Chipping Program

The Spring 2014 Chipping Program is set to begin on Tuesday, March 25th. The program will run weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last day of the Spring chipping program will be Thursday, May 22nd. 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 April 25th.

In an effort to accommodate all requests for appointments, we request that the following guidelines be strongly adhered to when using the chipping program:

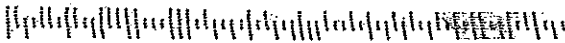
- All branches and limbs must be stacked at the front of the property next to the street (near the area where your trash cans are placed for trash removal) Note: Due to liability concerns, the road crew will not drive onto private property or private lanes/roadways, nor will road crew members go beyond the edge of property to collect limbs
- All branches should face the same direction with the blunt/cut end facing the street
- No stumps or limbs greater than 8 inches in diameter will be accepted
- Program is limited to one time per residence per season
- no vines, weeds, leaves or yard waste will be collected
- THE PROGRAM IS FOR ROUTINE CLEAN UP AND NOT DESIGNED TO ASSIST WITH CLEARING OF PROPERTIES OR TREES
- THE PROGRAM IS FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENCES NOT FOR USE BY PROFESSIONAL COMPANIES - ANY PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPER OR TREE SERVICE CAUGHT USING THIS SERVICE OR THE DROP OFF BIN BEHIND THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE CITED FOR LITTERING

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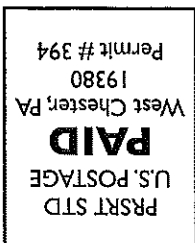
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