

# CALN News

Winter 2012

## THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS

Mr. William Chambers left the Board of Commissioners following four years of service to the Township on the Board. Mr. Chambers served as President of the Board for the last two years. Prior to serving on the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Chambers served on the Caln Township Planning Commission. Prior to serving on the Board of Commissioners, he served on the Caln Township Planning Commission and as the Chairman of the Planning Commission from 2005-2007.

Mr. Chambers has been a resident of Caln Township for the last 22 years. Mr. Chambers and his wife Carol, along with their three children (Micah, Jason and Tobey) moved into Thorndale in 1985. He is currently employed as an Office Manager by Gray Brothers, Inc. in Paoli. Mr. Chambers is looking forward to spending more time with his family which includes his 13 month old granddaughter, and working on a new business that he has just started.

Mr. Chambers, thank you for your dedication to Caln Township and for your years of service to the Board of Commissioners and to the Planning Commission.

## WELCOME COMMISSIONER LORRAINE TINDARO



I want to thank all the people of Caln for electing me to serve them as their Caln Township Commissioner. I bring unique expertise, experience, passion, and professional training that will help create a brighter future for us all in Caln. Improving and protecting our quality of life in Caln by protecting sustainable natural resources; attracting and keeping fair living wage jobs, and fair competitive business practitioners; and providing best cost vital sustainable municipal services will help keep Caln a great place to live, work, and play.

My Political Leadership, Community Volunteer Service, Organizational Development, Recruiting, Issues Advocacy, and Negotiation experience and expertise will all serve the good people of Caln well as your Caln Township Commissioner from an independently minded perspective dedicated to an open-minded and fairness focused decision making model. As we face and master the many and diverse challenges ahead, I ask all the people in Caln to join me in supporting our great Community as we forge boldly into the future.

### *The Board of Commissioners*

*President*  
Vincent Rose

*Vice President*  
Charles Kramer

Joshua B. Young  
Jim Kruse  
Lorraine Tindaro

### **Members of the Board also Chair the following Committees:**

*Administration, Fire and Golf Committee*  
Vince Rose

*Police, Code Enforcement, Community Services and Engineering*  
Charles Kramer

*Finance, Fire Board, Community Services and Wastewater*  
James Kruse

*Recreation, Energy Task Force, Finance*  
Joshua B. Young

*Planning, Historical Commission and Golf Committee*  
Lorraine Tindaro

### **MEETING DATES & TIMES**

*Board of Commissioners Work Session*  
Second Thursday of month  
7:30 p.m.  
*Business Meeting*  
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*  
Second Monday of month  
7:30 p.m.

*Wastewater Authority*  
Fourth Monday of month  
7:00 p.m.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

**Township Manager**  
Gregory E. Prowant

**Assistant Township Manager/  
Township Secretary**  
Tony Scheivert

**Treasurer/Finance Office Manager**  
Bonnie Smith

**Chief of Police**  
Brian Byerly

**Township Engineer**  
Jeffrey W. McClintock, P.E., CFM

**Code Enforcement Director**  
Andrew Reczek

**Community Services  
Construction Director**  
Michael Fowler

**Community Services Operations  
and Maintenance Superintendent**  
Michael Fragale

**Wastewater Operations Director**  
Scot Gill

**Township Solicitor**  
Kristin Camp, Esq.

**Fire Marshall**  
Steve Miller

**Fire Chief**  
Donald Taylor

**Planning Commission  
Chairperson**  
Dave Lamb

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Eugene Spratt  
Jim Benko  
Jill Kelly Hammond  
Ken Simon

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Secretary**  
Jason Reed  
Cheryl Lafferty

**Twinning Committee**  
Barry Beach  
Patty DeFroscla

**Vacancy Board**  
James Sacco

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

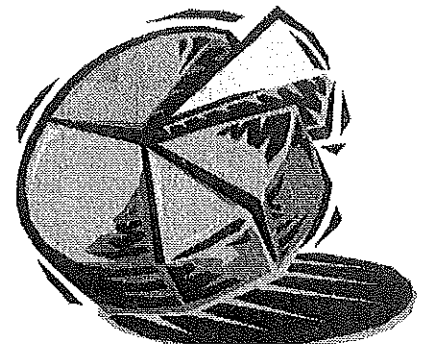
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**CALN TOWNSHIP 2012 BUDGET**

In December the Board of Commissioners approved the 2012 Budget with no tax increase for the 8th straight year. Proposed General Fund revenues are expected to go up by 2% while the proposed expenditures will go down by 1.5%. There will not be any trash or sewer fee increases in 2012.

A total of \$597,000 in Capital Expenditures are budgeted for various capital projects. Capital projects will include additional street paving, stormwater drainage projects and repairs, the installation of new sidewalks, the replacement of equipment at Municipal Park and upgrades to local traffic signals. Increased recycling by residents is expected to continue in 2012 and will help hold down trash collection costs as well as secure grants from the state for our recycling program.

	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$6,019,691
Street Light	\$53,850
Sewer Oper. Fund	\$2,242,412
Ingleside	\$716,435
Escrow Fund	\$250,000
Internal Service	\$15,000
Capital Bond	\$135,000
Capital Reserve	\$297,000
Solid Waste	\$1,156,828
Sewer Capital	\$505,000
Sewer Reserve	\$160,000
Open Space	\$25,000
Equipment	\$164,000
State	\$354,500
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$12,094,716</b>



**SHREDDING EVENT**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012  
9 AM TO 1PM  
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## Valley Run/Beaver Creek Floodplain Studies

The flood insurance rate map (FIRM) for a community depicts land which has been determined to be subject to a 1% (100-Year) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The FIRM is used to determine flood insurance rates and to help the community with floodplain management. In 2006, FEMA updated the 1996 FIRM's for all of Chester County. Since this change in 2006, the Township has engaged in activities related to the floodplains of both Valley Run and Beaver Creek in an effort to lessen the impacts of the floodplain to property owners.

In 2010, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application was submitted to FEMA based on a revised flood study completed by Becker Engineering for portions of Beaver Creek. This LOMR was prepared in an effort to have the official floodplain boundaries changed, ultimately resulting in a reduction in the number of properties located in the Special Flood Hazard Area. In November, FEMA issued a Letter of Determination (LOD) for Beaver Creek that took effect on April 13, 2011.

Also in 2010, a LOMR application was submitted to FEMA based on a revised flood study completed by Becker Engineering and revised by FEMA's consultants for all of Valley Run. This LOMR was prepared for similar reasons as noted above. Last fall, FEMA issued a Letter of Determination (LOD) for Valley Run that took effect on January 3, 2012.

With the adoption of these two floodplain revisions by FEMA, and ultimately by the Township, the Township's FIRMs for portions of Beaver Creek and all of Valley Run have been digitally updated to reflect these new floodplain boundaries. Property owners will likely receive correspondence from their mortgage lender in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed changes to the FIRM or its effects on your property, you may contact Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM, Township Engineer at 610-384-0600 extension 138 during normal business hours.

## RECEIVING A RECORDING WHEN CALLING 9-1-1 – DO NOT HANG UP

Occasionally, usually during severe storms with wide-spread power outages, more 9-1-1 calls are made than can be answered. During these times, after a few rings the caller will receive a recorded message letting the caller know that they have dialed 9-1-1 and all telecommunications are busy. The recording will instruct the caller to stay on the line, except if they are calling to report a power outage. If this is the case, the caller will be instructed to call their electric provider.

Even during these busy times, callers should not hang up once they have dialed 9-1-1. Even with a hang up, we still receive your phone information, and have to call back and verify that you do not need assistance; this COULD DELAY HELP FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHO NEEDS IT.

If you dial 9-1-1 by error, simply let the call-taker know when they answer the call. The call-taker may ask some questions to verify that the call was dialed in error and that you truly do not need help.

If you have questions about calling 9-1-1, feel free to contact us at 610-344-5000 and ask to speak with someone in the 9-1-1 Operations Division or Public Information Officer.

Thank You,  
Chester County  
Department of Emergency Services

### Privileged Citizens President, Dorothy Johnson

**Old Caln Historical Society**  
President, Joan Clarione  
Vice President, Illaria Steele  
Secretary, Patricia Moore  
Treasurer, Bob Steele

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Vice President, Lois Demchak  
Sharon Taylor  
Patty DeFroscla  
Doreen Jacoby  
Dorothy L. Johnson  
Barbara C. Travaglino  
Leah Jennings  
Edward DeLo  
Marlene Hess

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John Contento  
Paul Mullin  
Matt Plagens  
Robert Tompkins  
Jim Kruse

**Recreation Board**  
Francis Meade  
Carol Puoci  
Illaria Steele  
Joyce Kruse  
John DelVecchio  
Victoria Cloud

**Zoning Hearing Board**  
Chairperson, Thomas Hinkle  
Kevin Schneider  
Thomas Riley  
Anthony Polini, Alternate  
Jim Mayrides, Alternate  
Kimberly Venzle, Esq.

**Youth Aid Panel**  
Chip Glavier  
Berta Raines  
Michael DeHaut  
John DelVecchio  
Linda Riley  
Elaine Mayrides  
Jeff Cantin

### Phone Numbers Township Offices

610-384-0600  
Admin./Mgr., ext. 3  
Fax# 610-384-0617

### Police

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
610-383-1821

Fire / Ambulance & Emergencies  
911

**Ingleside Golf Course**  
610-384-9128

## INGLESIDE GOLF COURSE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Ingleside Golf Club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2012. The club was officially opened on May 1, 1962. Caln Township purchased the course on March 15, 2007. On Friday, May 18 we will be holding a **50th Anniversary Golf Outing**. The cost per golfer will be \$25.00. The outing will be a scramble starting at 1PM. On Saturday, May 19 we will be holding a Family Celebration at the Course. There will be music, food, a putting competition, moon bounces and more. Golf will cost \$19.62 for the entire day.

The course will also be offering different specials throughout the year. From now until April 30 on Wednesdays a round of golf with a cart will cost \$19.62. We will also have 50th Anniversary merchandise available for purchase and other specials announced throughout the year. Stop by the course in 2012 to see the exciting things that we have going on. For more information call 610-384-9128.

### UPCOMING INGLESIDE EVENTS

All Tournaments are open to the public. For more information and fees call 610-384-9128.

March 29	Black/Blue Tournament
April 26	Senior Scramble
May 17	Senior Scramble
June	Match Play Starts
June 21	Senior Scramble
June 23	Father-Child Tournament
June 29	Couples Tournament
July 19	Senior Scramble
July 27	Couples Tournament
August 23	Senior Scramble
Aug 25 and 26	Club Championship
September 20	Senior Scramble
October 4 and 11	Ryder Cup
October 25	Black and Blue Tournament
November 15	Turkey Scramble
December 13	Christmas Scramble

### INGLESIDE GOLF LESSONS

The Course will be also offering Junior Clinics and group lessons throughout the year. Call 610-384-9128 for more information.

## The Adventures of the Caln Twinning Group

This year, 2012 marks the 30th anniversary of "Twinning" and friendship between Caln Township and the village bearing our namesake, Calne, England. This quaint village is located about ninety miles west of London, nestled amongst the white chalk downs and rolling hills of County Wiltshire and not far from the world heritage sites of Stonehenge, Avebury, and Bath. This is where our forefathers and early settlers ventured from to begin their life in the new world.

The concept of "Twinning" developed following the end of WWII as a way for the countries throughout Europe to bind and heal the wounds that had torn them apart during the war years. They enjoyed an exchange of cultural differences and understanding with one another that lives on today. Calne, England is "Twinned" with Charlieu, France and Eningen, Germany as well as with us here in Caln Township. However we are not "Twinned" with Charlieu and Eningen, only friends. The relationship and definition of Twinning takes on a slightly different twist between us and our British counterparts. It's a relationship that actually began a few hundred years ago.

In September our friends from the other side of the pond will once again follow their forbearer's footsteps and honor us with a visit. Throughout the years our two groups have planned visitations with one another not only to rekindle old friendships, but to form new and lasting ones, and to discover and visit interesting new places and things to do. Even though we speak the same basic language, and they drive on the wrong side of the road, there is always a cultural exchange to be enjoyed.

The Caln Twinning Group is always welcome and open to local area residents and families interested in continuing the traditions started some thirty years ago. On our side here in the states, we provide our British counterparts with host families to stay with, transportation, and an itinerary of exciting places to visit and things to do while they are with us. This coming September they have planned to visit from the 10th through the 17th.

If you are interested either in becoming a host family, aiding in the event planning, entertaining, or possibly joining us on any of our future visitations to Calne, England, we would gladly welcome your participation. You may contact Co-Chairman Tom DeFroschia at 610-383-5479 or by email at: [tpdefroschia@gmail.com](mailto:tpdefroschia@gmail.com) for further information concerning the group and future twinning events.

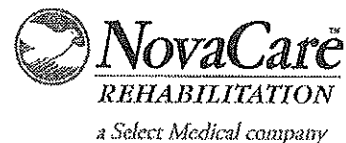
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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Bring unwanted hazardous household automotive products, home maintenance, lawn and pest control products to the next Regional Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection.

### DROP OFF 2012 COLLECTION DATES 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

For a list of acceptable and unacceptable materials contact the Township at 610-384-0600 x120.

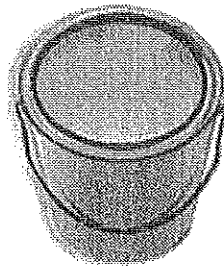
**Saturday April 14**  
CAT Pickering Campus - 9AM - 3PM  
Computers Accepted

**Saturday, May 19**  
Owen J. Roberts HS - 9AM - 3PM  
No Computers Accepted

**Friday, June 22**  
CAT Brandywine - 9AM - 3PM  
Computers Accepted

**Saturday, September 8**  
New Garden Maint. Bldg - 9AM - 3PM  
No Computers

**Saturday, October 13**  
Chester Co. Govt. Services Bldg.-9AM - 3PM  
Computers Accepted



## ***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.

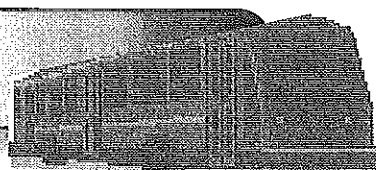
- Cruise the Township for an hour or so, one or two nights a month
- Stroll your neighborhood with friends once a week
- Keep an eye out at community softball, soccer and other sporting events
- Be alert while taking your dog on an evening walk
- Organize a neighborhood specific patrol
- Help with the 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](http://www.calntownwatch.org) and drop it off at the Caln Police Department, send us an e-mail at [volunteer@calntownwatch.com](mailto: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.

**Caln TownWatch – IT IS IMPORTANT!**



**2012 UPCOMING PARK AND RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS**

**ANNUAL EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 ~ 1:00 p.m.**

Join the Caln Township Park and Recreation Board for their Annual Egg Hunt in Municipal Park. Hunt begins right at 1:00 p.m. (Rain Date is Sunday, April 1st)

**CALN PRIDE DAY**

**ANNUAL TOWNSHIP WIDE CLEAN-UP**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Come out and help clean-up in our community. Groups can obtain clean-up materials such as gloves, bags, and safety vests at the Township Building starting at 8:00 a.m. Streets or areas to clean can be assigned or picked by group. Clean-up will be 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with lunch being served at the Township Building starting at 11:00 a.m. (Rain Date is Sunday, April 22nd)

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 5 ~ 1:00 p.m.**

**CALN MUNICIPAL PARK**

Amateur bands comprised of high school students, or younger, will compete for the chance to advance to the second round of the Battle of the Bands at the Downingtown School of Rock and a chance to perform at the 2012 Strawberry Festival. There will be food and lots of great music.

**2012 LAWN CHAIR MOVIES**

THE DATES FOR THE 2012 MOVIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
ALL FRIDAYS - JUNE 15 AND 29, JULY 13 AND 27,  
AUGUST 10 AND 24

**2012 Spring Tennis Lessons**

**June 21 to July 30**

**Saturdays April 7, 21, 28 and May 5**

1st and 2nd Grades - 12:00pm - 12:30pm

3rd - 5th Grades - 12:30pm - 1:00pm

6th - 8th Grades - 1:00pm - 1:45pm

9th and 12th Grades - 1:45pm - 2:30pm

**NEW PROGRAM**

**Advanced Players - 2:30pm - 4pm - \$100/player**

Lessons are at Caln Municipal Park

Instructor: Tim Irwin - Coatesville Tennis School

For more info call Tim at 610-730-0442.

**"Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty"**

**Saturday, March 24, 2012**

Explore the story of the largest human migration in modern history at Ellis Island. Then admire the "Lady" who welcomed so many to our shores. The bus will depart from the Kmart parking lot in Thorndale at 7:00 am and return by 8:00 pm.

FEE: \$60.00/per person includes transportation and admission fee

**"New York City On Your Own"**

**Saturday, April 28, 2012**

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)

**Washington, DC on Your Own**

**Saturday, May 5, 2012**

Two stops will be made: 1) the Air & Space Museum and 2) the Holocaust Museum and for the day "on your own". The bus departs from the Kmart parking lot in Thorndale at 7:00 am & return by approximately 8:30 pm.

Fee: \$40.00/per person includes transportation

**"Phillies vs Nationals"**

**Saturday, May 5 - Game Time 1:05pm**

Join us to see the Phillies take on the Nationals at Nationals Park. Trip includes ticket to the game and transportation.

FEE: \$65.00/person

**"Phillies vs Orioles"**

**Sunday, June 10 - Game Time 1:35pm**

Join us to see the Phillies take on the Nationals at Nationals Park. Trip includes ticket to the game and transportation.

FEE: \$60.00/person

**"Yankees vs. Orioles at Camden Yards"**

**Saturday, September 8 - Game Time - 7:05pm**

Join us to see the Yankees take on the Orioles at beautiful Camden Yards. Trip includes ticket to the game and transportation.

FEE: \$65.00/person

*Please register for trips early.* Trips will be cancelled on occasion due to lack of registration (this will normally occur 3 weeks 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.

For more information call 610-384-0600 x120.

## Caln Senior News

Please consider becoming an active member of the Caln Privileged Citizens by joining us at our monthly meetings. Our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at the Caln Township Municipal Building at 1PM. There is coffee and light refreshments followed by an enriching program and meeting.

Upcoming speakers include State Senator Andy Dinniman and Michelle Ullman from Longwood Gardens. Our next sponsored trip is to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on March 21 to see "9 to 5"

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

## **CALN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS**

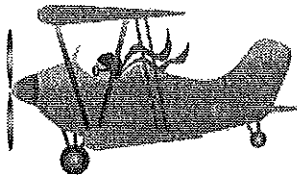
"Lucky Lindy" - how much do you know about Charles Lindbergh?

Charles Lindbergh was born on February 4, 1902 in Michigan. He completed the first solo transatlantic flight in 1927 in his plane the "Spirit of St. Louis." Charles was a pilot, inventor, daredevil and writer. Surprisingly he had ties to Chester County.

Sadly, in 1932, Charles' 20-month-old son was kidnapped. The Lindbergh's paid the \$50,000 ransom money only to discover their son's dead body in the nearby woods. Oh my, what happened?

Join the Old Caln Historical Society as we learn more about Charles Lindbergh's life and passion for flying. Ross Kershey will present a program about Lindbergh on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at 2 p.m. in the Caln Township building meeting room on Municipal Drive. Everyone is welcome.

Perhaps you'll even discover how the nearby Lone Eagle Road in West Bradford Township got its name!



## **Caln Township Bird Walks**

The third full year of monthly bird walks sponsored by Caln Township has been another success – both in turnout and in birds seen. Well over 100 participants have attended the walks, with a high of 47 on a single walk! And they were treated to some excellent finds. On our May walk, we discovered a Prothonotary Warbler – a first for Caln Township. On the 4-legged front, we were surprised to find a Mink feeding along the edge of Wedgwood Pond on our December walk.

Lloyd Park continues to yield a nice mixture of resident and migrating birds. Plus, the "Owl Prowls" at Lloyd Park have been truly spectacular. On one occasion, eight Screech Owls were located! Everyone there was treated to magnificent looks of these very elusive, nocturnal creatures. Elsewhere in the township, the Woodcock fields along G.O. Carlson Blvd. held several of these amazing birds performing their unbelievable courtship flights in early spring.

So, come out and join the fun (see schedule below)! Just bring a pair of binoculars if you have them - we'll have a few binoculars to lend out, scopes, and field guides. You and your family or friends are certain to have a wonderful time enjoying the natural areas within Caln Township. It will be great exercise in the fresh air. The walks are free – sponsored by Caln Township.

To date, we have seen 168 bird species on our walks. The total species seen in Caln Township now stands at 195.

### **Schedule of Trips:**

No reservations required on walks. Call Larry at Early Bird Nature Tours at 484-340-7672 with any questions. All trips meet and end at the designated park (unless otherwise noted) & go rain or shine - rainy weather often brings better birding.

Wear waterproof hiking boots and bring binoculars.

Jan. 28 (Sat.) Lloyd Park & Wedgwood Pond  
Winter Birds - Waterfowl 8 am - 10 am

Feb. 10 (Fri.) Lloyd Park  
OWL PROWL 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Mar. 4 (Sun.) Lloyd Park & Wedgwood Pond  
Winter Birds - Waterfowl 4 pm - 6 pm

Apr. 14 (Sat.) Lloyd Park & Wedgwood Pond  
American Woodcock Courtship Display 6 pm - 8 pm

May 18 (Fri.) Lloyd Park & Wedgwood Pond  
Spring Migration - Warblers, and Vireos 8 am - 10 am

June 15 (Fri.) Lloyd Park & Wedgwood Pond  
Evening Bird Walk - Breeding Birds 6 pm - 8 pm

July 7 (Sat.) Lloyd Park & Wedgwood Pond  
Evening Bird Walk - Breeding Birds 6 pm - 8 pm

Aug. 11 (Sat.) Lloyd Park  
OWL PROWL 8 pm - 10 pm

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## **THORNDALE FIRE COMPANY NEWS**

### **Serving the Residents of Caln Township**

#### ***2012 Annual Fund Drive is Underway***

As a reminder to all our residents and business owners, the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company 2012 Fund Drive is underway. For those of you in our community that have already responded to our fund drive, we thank you. If you have not yet sent your donation to the Fire Company for 2012 it's not too late. All donations are tax deductible and go directly to the emergency services operation of the Fire Company. Please remember that Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. is a volunteer organization that needs your assistance to continue its existence. Help us so we can help you.

#### ***Fire Company Responds to Over 400 Emergencies in 2011***

During 2011 Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company responded to 439 emergency calls and an additional 472 medical emergencies during the year. Emergencies that were responded to included House Fires (24), Carbon Monoxide detector activations (14), Smoke Detector activations (108), Gas leaks (13), Water Rescues (5) and Vehicle Accidents (75) just to provide a few. Our Quick Response Squad (QRS) continues to assist the Ambulances and Medic Units that serve Caln Township for a variety of medical emergencies in the community, in an attempt to arrive on the scene quickly for assessment and treatment until those units can arrive. 2011 brought with it many weather emergencies for which the fire company stood ready. Who can forget the significant snow fall we had last winter only to be topped by Hurricane Irene and the other many rain storms that fell upon us bringing deluges of water at a time. During all of these events the members of the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company were ready to serve you during the time of need.

In addition to the time the responders spent away from their families to assist the residents and visitors of Caln Township during these emergency events, they also spent 2,717 hours training and expanding their skill levels to make them better equipped to handle any emergency they could be faced with.

As we enter 2012, we again look forward to being ready to serve you during your time of need and want to thank you for your continued effort in helping to keep a focus on Fire Protection so Caln Township can continue to be a fire safe community.

#### ***Paoli Hospital and Trauma Center Announces Yellow Dot Program***

In November 2011 the Regional Trauma Center at Paoli Hospital released and announced a new outreach initiative to Chester County Residents called The Yellow Dot Program. The program's goal is to improve communication and medical care while providing a means of identification of victims after a vehicle crash.

Based on 2009 census statistics, Chester County has approximately 499,000 residents. Of these residents, 81 percent drive alone to work; 25 percent are below 18 years of age, and 13 percent are age 65 and older. Data that has been provided indicates that Chester County is one of eight counties with the highest number of vehicle collisions. Additionally, statistics from the trauma registry show that 62 percent of trauma patients seen in the emergency department have at least one co-morbidity such as hypertension, seizures, diabetes, or heart disease.

The purpose of The Yellow Dot Program is to provide a quick mechanism for emergency personnel responding to accident scenes identification and other important information about the victim(s). When the emergency responders see the Yellow Dot Decal attached to the vehicles window, they know there is other information pertaining to that person in the glove box. The pamphlet that accompanies the sticker is used to identify the victim by name, and determine if they may have other medical conditions such as noted previously. Or, who may be an emergency contact that can be reached and advised of the situation.

This program is strictly a volunteer program and there is no associated cost with registering with the Trauma Center. To date the Trauma Center has enrolled over 350 Chester County residents or workers' vehicles in the program. If you are interested in learning more about this program or want to take part in it, please call the hospital at 1-866-225-5654 or visit them on line at [www.mainlinehealth.org/trauma](http://www.mainlinehealth.org/trauma).

In closing we want to remind everyone that while the winter has been mild so far, that snow storm is just around the corner. When it comes, please remember to help keep the hydrants clear of snow in order for emergency responders to find hydrants quickly and be able to access them should the need arise to connect to a water source. In addition, remember to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to be sure they are functioning. Change the batteries if you have not done that in a while. If you need assistance with checking the units or replacing the batteries please contact us at 610-383-4835 by phone or through e-mail at [info@thorndalefirecompany.com](mailto:info@thorndalefirecompany.com).

Please remember to check our website at [www.thorndalefirecompany.com](http://www.thorndalefirecompany.com) to learn more about your community Fire Company and emergency services.



## Attention Public Sewer Customers Spring Reminder

Now that the weather will be getting nice, property owners are asked to inspect their own plumbing in order to identify illegal hookups and to remove any illegal connections to the public sewer system. For example, sump pump connections, floor drains, improper heights of sewer vent stacks and clean outs located in your yard which may be allowing surface water to run into the sewer system illegally. Illegal connections create an artificially high cost for sewer treatment. Currently the Township and Municipal Authority are doing all they can to stabilize and reduce high treatment costs by implementing a strict inflow and infiltration program to help stabilize and reduce these costs. Property owners can help reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer by disconnecting illegal connections. Sump pumps which are harmlessly discharging outside onto the ground are not illegal and do not need attention.

Property owners should be aware that homes with illegal connections detected through other means (i.e.: dye testing, camera inspection) may ultimately be cited for being in violation of Resolution 2005-1-CTMA subsection 12A. This prohibits discharge of "any storm water, surface water, ground water, water from sump pumps or floor drains, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial process waters." Penalties may be incurred as noted in Resolution 2005-1-CTMA subsection 35 which states, "violators may be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1000 for each offense plus costs and attorney fees. Each separate building, each separate dwelling and each separate discharge in respect to which a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate offense."



## COATESVILLE YOUTH INITIATIVE

### ServiceCorps 2012

The Coatesville Youth Initiative ServiceCorps Program seeks youth applicants between the ages of 14-18 from the Coatesville Area School District interested in an exciting eight-week summer employment and leadership development opportunity.

Participants work at their Host Sites Monday-Thursday, 9 am - 4pm. On Friday, they participate in the Leadership Development component of the program. They are paid \$7.50 per hour and work 35 hours per week.

ServiceCorps combines an eight-week employment experience with a challenging life and leadership skills development curriculum. This is a life-changing opportunity for young people to engage in community building activities and service project(s), so they become inspired and poised to carry our community toward a positive future. Youth participants gain invaluable work experience, an opportunity to "serve" their community, develop life and leadership skills, and earn a summer income.

ServiceCorps begins with an overnight orientation Friday, June 22 through Sunday, June 24 and operates Monday, June 25 through Friday, August 17, 2012.

Youth applications will be available at [www.brandywinefoundation.org](http://www.brandywinefoundation.org), April 2012!

### Coatesville Youth Initiative Mission

The Coatesville Youth Initiative fosters collaboration among community residents, youth, area businesses, nonprofit and county agencies, youth-serving organizations, the Coatesville Area School District and other educational entities to enhance the knowledge and skills of our youth as a means to build strong character so they may reach their fullest potential.

For more information, contact:

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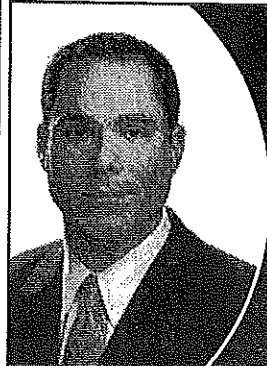
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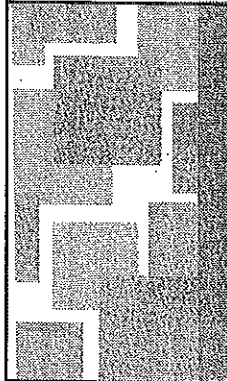
The Caln Conservation and Renewable Energy task force will be sponsoring a community garden at the King's Highway Farm located at 3401 Kings Highway. Plots will be available to rent for residents of Caln. Space is limited so plots will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

For more information contact the Township at 610-384-0600 x148.

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## 2012 Spring Chipping Program

The Spring 2012 Program is set to begin on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. The Spring 2012 program will run weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last day for chipping will be Thursday, May 24, 2012. Residents who want to take advantage of this free program should call 610-384-0600, x120 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be taken through April 27, 2012.

**IN AN EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE ALL REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS, WE REQUEST THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES BE STRONGLY ADHERED TO WHEN USING THIS FREE 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/roadways, 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. Limbs greater than 8" in diameter are not accepted.
- 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 CLEAN-UP AND NOT DESIGNED TO ASSIST WITH CLEARING PROPERTIES OF TREES AND SHRUBS (I.E. CUTTING TREES DOWN AND PUTTING OUT FOR CHIPPING WILL NOT BE COLLECTED).**
- 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.

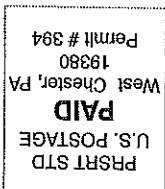
Please call early to schedule an appointment as slots do fill up quickly.

Please note that your property will not be serviced without an appointment--no exceptions. THANK YOU!

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