

Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company Celebrates 75th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 27th the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company celebrated its 75th Anniversary. In the morning the Department hosted an Old Timer's Breakfast and then a ceremony and dinner in the evening. Current and past members that have served for 15 years or more were honored and recognized for their service. Those honored were past Fire Chiefs Jim Rice (1976-1979), David Aberts (1995-2010) and Donald F. Taylor (1992-1995 and 2010-2013). Active firefighters that have more than 15 years of service: Past Fire Chief David Aberts 37 years, Fire Chief John Cordisco 28 years, Deputy Chief Dan Donnachie 16 years, Engineer Tom Donnachie 28 years, Engineer Lance Groff 27 years, Firefighter Keith Kauffman 35 years, Firefighter Mike Murphy 16 years, Assistant Chief Engineer Richard Rissel 39 years, Fire Police Officer John Sciandria 21 years, Firefighter Tom Sheplock 28 years, Firefighter Kirk Smith 20 years, Firefighter Bill Stewart 26 years, Assistant Fire Chief Donald F. Taylor 37 years, Firefighter Marlene Tylor 31 years and Fire Police Officer Chuck Wolford 22 years. It is my honor to serve with such dedicated people! Without the support of our members, long time and not so long time, our firehouse could not provide the high level of service our residents deserve.

Our thanks goes out to Thorndale Dental Associates again this year for their support of your firehouse. Doctor Deforno and his staff once again conducted a fund raiser that was held at Caln Community Day. The dunk tank was a big hit until the rain came! What a fun time and it was all for a good cause. Without the support of our community and local businesses we would not be able to survive. I would like to personally thank everyone that supports our organization throughout the year!

The chassis for the new engine is in production and is due at 4Guys sometime in January 2015. Once the chassis is at the 4Guys plant the body will start production and should be completed before the end of summer 2015. As the project progresses check out the firehouse web-site for its progress.

Please remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks. While you have the smoke detector down to change the batteries you can vacuum or blow out the dust from the unit. This will help to eliminate false activations. You should also check the date of manufacture, if the detector is over five years old you may want to consider replacing it as the detector has a life expectancy of five to seven years depending on the manufacture. You should also test every smoke detector once a month to ensure it is working properly. **continued on page 3**



CALN newsletter

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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 Mon. of month

Wastewater Authority
7:00pm - 4th Monday of month



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CALN POLICE

National Night Out

The Caln Township Police Department hosted the township's first National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 in Caln Park. The event has been held nationally for the past 31 years to heighten awareness of crime, drug and violence prevention efforts, and to encourage community participation. Featured speakers included Senator John Rafferty, District Attorney Tom Hogan, and CASD Superintendent Cathy Taschner. Presenters included Debby Iwaniec who told the story of her son Kenton Iwaniec, a state trooper who was killed in 2008 by an impaired driver. On behalf of his organization Kacie's Cause, Andy Rumford spoke about how parents can help prevent their kids from overdosing on drugs. Rumford's daughter died of a heroin overdose in 2013.

Other activities included a 5K run sponsored by One-Run-Together, an organization to help cancer patients pay for living expenses. There was music by the band Midnight Mayhem, Caln Pizza and Pasta served food, and there were rides and activities for children. The Crime Victims Center and PA Juvenile Justice Center had informational tables, and there were law enforcement and fire department vehicles and displays from the State Police, Chester County Sheriff's Department, West Caln Police, Coatesville School Police, Western Chester County Emergency Response Team, and the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company. There was a car seat check station, prescription drug drop-off station, and Caln Town Watch fingerprinted children. The evening ended with a movie (The Pacifier) in the park.

Events such as this are vital for the police department and the community to build relationships that foster trust and promote awareness. The evening was a huge success, and we look forward to doing it again next year. The event was made possible by nearly \$7K in donations from local businesses. Main sponsors included Brian Hoskins Ford, PECO Energy, Flings Towing, Advantage Engineers, SABIC, Hatt's True Value, Bill Taylor's Automotive, Bob Wagner's Flooring, PNC Bank, Thorndale Inn, Faddis Concrete, and Glen Mills Sand and Gravel.

Community Day

The Police Department handed out 100 backpacks to kids 12 years of age and younger that contained water bottles, dog tags, emergency contact information magnets, coloring books & crayons. Additionally, there were free raffles for 2 kids bikes donated by Kmart, and an adult bike donated by Downingtown Bicycle Shop. Over 100 free bicycle helmets were also handed out to kids and teens, due in large part to a \$500 grant from Walmart. Officers handed out free balloons and other giveaways, and attendees who stopped by the tent signed a Community Day t-shirt that is now on display in the lobby of the station.

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TRASH AND RECYCLING NEWS

New Trash Carts Distributed to Trash Customers

Recently the Township delivered to residents a green trash cart with a black lid. This cart is to be used for trash only, and is required to be used as your primary container for trash collection. In addition to this, you will be able to set out two additional 30 gallon watertight trash containers or bags on collection day. Each cart is identified by serial number and assigned an address. It is suggested you note your serial number for future reference. Please write your address in magic marker on your cart.

When placing trash and recycling carts at the curb on your scheduled collection day, please allow 3' - 4' between carts, and position with arrows facing towards the street to allow for proper pickup. Additional trash or recycling should be placed beside or behind the corresponding cart. Carts and bags should not be placed in front of the cart or in a location which obstructs a public sidewalk, street or mailbox. Construction or demolition waste such as wood, plaster, metals, asphalt substances, bricks, block or concrete will not be collected as municipal waste.

Recyclables, yard waste or construction materials should not be placed in your trash cart, and if found, your cart will not be collected. This fall Caln Township initiated a pilot project which offers a separate curbside yard waste collection for residents, and should be used specifically for this purpose.

If you would like to dispose of your old trash container, you can place them at the curb on trash day and either crush them or write on them "PLEASE DISPOSE OF THIS TRASH CONTAINER", and the hauler will take the container along with the regular trash collection at your home.

Since the distribution of recycling carts in 2010, Caln Township recycling rates have significantly increased, with residents demonstrating a genuine commitment to recycle. The distribution of new trash carts is a reminder of the benefits of recycling and the importance of each person's participation and responsibility in the program. Many thanks to Caln Township residents for continued efforts to increase recycling and reduce landfill waste, an important and worthwhile goal which benefits all of us now and in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation during this distribution process. Remember: Recycling Pays!

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If last winter is any indication of what this winter will be like we will need your help in clearing the fire hydrants in the township. If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home or on the corner near your home please shovel a three foot area around the fire hydrant and a three foot pathway to the fire hydrant so our firefighters can access it if there is an emergency. If a plow truck has buried a fire hydrant please notify the township codes department so it can be dug out. We hope we do not have to access the hydrants this winter but if we do and it is not dug out it slows down our efforts. Some of our residents dig out the fire hydrants in their neighborhoods regularly and we thank you for doing that.

I am sure all the children of Caln know what happens in December and who will be paying them a visit if they have been good all year! That's right, it will be time for SANTA to visit our township once again! I have been working out the details with Mrs. Clause this year and you should see Santa on December 13th in your neighborhoods on the fire truck. So listen for the siren and air horn because you know what comes next.....that's right, SANTA!

Please be fire safe and from the Officers and Firefighters of the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company have a safe and healthy holiday season and Happy New Year!

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911

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610-384-9128

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The purpose of the Code Enforcement Department is to oversee and regulate all zoning, building construction, property maintenance, fire safety and prevention standards for Caln Township and to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. Our desire is to help maintain and improve the quality of our community by administering a fair and unbiased compliance program to correct issues of municipal codes and land use requirements.

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the enforcement of numerous building, zoning, fire and safety related codes. If you are building a deck, completing interior or exterior renovations, or constructing that new pool you always wanted, check with Code Enforcement first.

Permit applications, what a permit is needed for and other information is available on the Caln Township website. For questions regarding code enforcement please call 610-384-0600x2.

CODE ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE NEWS

Steve Miller the Township's residential building inspector, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator has resigned his position with the Township to take a position with East Whiteland Township. Steve has been with Caln Township for almost twelve years. Steve was EMC during the last two hurricanes and the ice storm of 2013. He has brought a impressive level of professionalism to the Township's Emergency Operations. The Commissioners thank Steve for his contributions to the Township and wish him luck in his new endeavor.

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.calntownship.org and drop it off at the Caln Police Department 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.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Important Notice regarding Bill Payments:

On-Line Bill Pay:

To ensure that your trash and/or sewer bill is received prior to the due date & is properly posted, please ensure that your on-line bill pay address is updated to reflect the following:

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Note: All bills are due on the 25th of the month. If you use on-line bill pay, please ensure that you allow 7-10 business days for processing. Any checks received after the 25th may be subject to a penalty.

NEW DROP OFF MAIL BOX:

As an added convenience for our residents we have installed a black mailbox that you can drive up to & drop off your payments. This makes it easier because you do not have to get out of your car especially on a rainy day.



Caln Township Municipal Authority

Coping with sewer backups

Unpleasant and messy sewer backups can cause residents to worry about who will pay for the repair and cleanup. Unfortunately, it is usually the homeowner's responsibility.

If the stoppage is in Caln Township's main line, the problem will be fixed as soon as possible. However, if the problem is in the private line that connects the house to the main, the homeowner is responsible for the damage.

To make matters worse, sewer backups are not covered by homeowner policies. Most don't know that an endorsement on their home owner's policy could cover the damages.

Better yet, a backwater valve prevents sewer from flowing into the house. Homes at risk are those in older areas or those in which the lowest level is below the highest sewer manhole, uphill from the house. The price of a backwater valve is small, compared with the high cost of sewer backup repairs and cleanup.



INGLESIDE GOLF CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT AT THE COURSE

Match Play Championship

November 8th- Sign up closes for 2014 Match Play Championship

November 9th- Brackets set for Match Play Championship

November 15th and 16th - Match Play Championship

Open to first 16 golfers to sign up with official USGA Handicaps -9 hole matches

Round 1-3 on Saturday 11/15

Championship Match on Sunday 11/16 18 Holes played to determine winner.



THANKSGIVING DAY SHOTGUN GOLF

All rounds will start at 9:00 on Thanksgiving day. Sign up by calling the Golf Shop

For information on memberships, hosting an outing at the course or any other questions visit our website at www.golfin-gleside.com.

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE GOLF SHOP @ 610-384-9128 OR EMAIL: INGLESIDEGOLFSHOP@CALNTOWNSHIP.ORG

Caln Historical Society

The Historical Society calendars are here! Printed on glossy paper, 13 historical buildings are depicted for the cover and each month. A 2016 calender is printed on the inside back cover. The calendars sell for \$10.00 and can be purchased at Quik Stop Pharmacy, Caln Township Building, Wiggins Auto Tags, Old Caln Meetinghouse and Shear Professionals. November 22nd you will find them on our table at the Thorndale Methodist Church Bazaar. The calendar makes a great gift for a shut-in or an out of town friend.

Tis the season is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for Tuesday night December 2nd at 7:00PM. We will hold our annual Candlelight Christmas Carol Program featuring local groups. Hot cider, punch and the best cookies ever are a special treat. The program is free and we would love to see you there. We will decorate with holly and candles and you can help fill the seats. It is a wonderful way to start the Holiday Season.

The Historical Society always welcomes new members. Yearly dues are \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 for a family and \$25.00 for a business. Contact our president, Joan Ciarlone, at 610-384-9496 for information. Also if anyone has any ideas or interests we will welcome your input as we are always looking for programs for March and April.



Park and Recreation Activities

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 PM

Join the Park and Recreation Board for the 4th Annual Children's Holiday Party. There will be entertainment, craft making and a visit from Santa Claus

Location: Thorndale Fire Company

Fee: FREE

CALN TOWNSHIP

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 PM

Join the Caln Township Commissioners as they kick off the Holiday Season with their Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. There will be caroling, a visit from Santa Claus and more.

Location: Caln Municipal Building

Fee: FREE

WINTER LAWN CHAIR MOVIE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 5PM

Come out and enjoy our first ever winter movie. The movie will be shown outside at the Township Building complex. There will be hot chocolate and other refreshments for sale. We will be showing "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (Animated version) and a "Charlie Brown Christmas"

2014 HOLIDAY HOUSE

DECORATING CONTEST

Participants are required to have their lights and animation in operation between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM on **Tuesday, December 9th** for judging purposes. Houses will be judged on overall exterior appearance. Prizes will be awarded to the three best houses as judged by a volunteer panel of judges.

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

FLOODPLAIN AND STORMWATER

In our efforts to track and document floodplain and stormwater items and inquiries, the Township has created two additional email addresses for the public's use, one for floodplain items/inquiries and another for stormwater items/inquiries. For any inquiry, potential violation, or any other item associated with the Township's floodplain, please send an email to floodplain@calntownship.org. For any pollution event, potential violation, possible illegal discharge into the stormwater system, or any other item associated with the Township's storm sewer system, please send an email to ms4@calntownship.org.

The Township's various permit and program requirements have mandated reporting and tracking criteria that can be better administered by utilizing these addresses. Both of these email addresses are automatically forwarded to the Township Engineer for his review and action as applicable. Residents and property owners are encouraged to contact the Township Engineer, Mr. Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM, to discuss any stormwater or floodplain item. He can be reached at (610) 384-0600 or engineer@calntownship.org.

ACT 167

Caln Township has required storm water 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. With the adoption of the County-wide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan, the Township was mandated to adopt a new stormwater management ordinance consistent with the County's plan.

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 should consult with the Township Engineer, Mr. Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM, prior to finalizing said construction plans. He can be reached at (610) 384-0600 or engineer@calntownship.org.

FLOOD INSURANCE

There have been some changes to the National Flood Insurance Program that will likely affect all property owners in the floodplain. The two main pieces of legislation are the "Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012", also referred to as "BW-12", and the "Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014" also referred to as "GW-14" or "HFIAA-14". Some property owners may have already been affected by this legislation that was passed in 2012 and 2014. If you have questions about the floodplain, please contact the Township Engineer, Mr. Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM at (610) 384-0600 or floodplain@calntownship.org.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE INTO STORMWATER SYSTEM

The Township prohibits non-stormwater discharge to enter the municipal separate storm sewer system and the Waters of the Commonwealth. The following discharges are authorized unless they are determined by the Township to be significant contributors to pollution of the Township's separate storm sewer system or to the Waters of the Commonwealth: discharges from firefighting activities, potable water sources (including water line and hydrant flushing), irrigation drainage, air conditioning condensate, springs, water from crawl space pumps, Pavement wash waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless all spill material has been removed) and where detergents are not used, diverted stream flows, flows from riparian habitats and wetlands, uncontaminated water from foundations or from footing drains, lawn watering, dechlorinated swimming pool discharges, uncontaminated groundwater, water from individual residential car washing, and routine external building wash-down (which does not use detergents or other compounds).

In the event that the Township determines that any of these discharges significantly contribute pollutants to the Township's separate storm sewer system or to the Waters of the Commonwealth, or is notified of such significant contribution of pollution by PADEP, the Township will notify the responsible person to cease the discharge. Upon notice provided by the Township, the discharger shall, within a reasonable time period, as determined by the Municipality consistent with the degree of pollution caused by the discharge, cease the discharge.

Lastly, the Township also prohibits any private connections to the separate storm sewer system from indoor drains and sinks. Roof drain, sump pump, foundation and footing drain discharges, to the maximum extent practicable, shall discharge to infiltration or vegetative areas, or to other areas with adequate capacity to assist in the reduction of pollution prior to the runoff draining to our waterways. In the event you notice an illicit discharge to the Township's storm system and/or the waterways of the Township, please contact Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM, Township Engineer, to report the discharge. He can be reached at (610) 384-0600 or ms4@calntownship.org.

A Message from the Highways Department

As we write this article, it is about 60 degrees in Caln Township; however, winter will soon be upon us and with that, unfortunately comes snow and ice. The following are some important guidelines we would like to share with you, so that we may effectively and efficiently clear the roads:

- Make sure your mailbox is erected out of the road right-of-way and securely fastened to its post. Due to the "wings" on the plows, it requires approximately 3 feet of clearance from the edge of the road to completely clear the road surface. Since mailboxes tend to be very close to the road, the weight of the plowed snow as it comes to rest off the pavement can be damaging. **It is the Township's policy NOT to replace mailboxes that are hit by the weight of the snow coming off the plow.**
- **Please wait until the plow comes down your street before shoveling your driveway.** Also, when clearing your driveway, **do not** plow or shovel snow **into the street.** After the initial plowing, it is often necessary for the plow to return to widen the path. This provides an area to plow additional snow should another storm arrive prior to the melting period.
- **Do not park your car on the roadway, especially in cul-de-sacs.** The equipment operators need the total area in a cul-de-sac to maneuver the equipment. Please park all vehicles in driveways, where possible. If vehicles are prohibiting plows from getting through, it will be requested that the vehicles be towed at the owner's expense so the Highway Department can complete routes.
- If you are driving on the roadway and see a snowplow approaching, please **SLOW DOWN** and move as far to the right as possible to permit the plow to pass safely.
- Basketball nets and/or backboards in streets or right-of-ways also hinder the effectiveness of the crew clearing the roads. As with mailboxes, it is **not** the Township's policy to replace objects that are in the right-of-ways that may be damaged from the weight of plowed snow or a truck striking it as a result of it being too close to the roadway.

Caln Senior News



Caln Privileged Citizens meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Caln Township Building. Meeting starts at 1:30PM. Social hour and blood pressure screenings begin at 1PM. The group is open to all Caln Township residents over the age of 60.

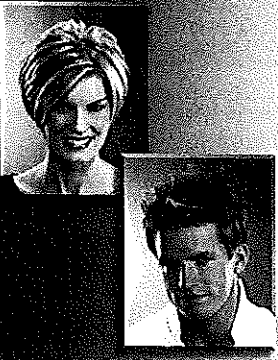
Each month there are guest speakers or entertainers. There are monthly trips sponsored by the group. The group also holds an annual Christmas Party and an annual End of Year picnic.

For more information stop by a meeting or call Joyce Smith at 610-269-3627.

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...

As has been the case in previous years, the Township trash hauler will again be picking up Christmas Trees at the end of the holiday season. You may dispose of your Christmas trees with your regular trash collection during the month of January.






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Caln Historical Review

Chestnut Grove School located at 1798 Blackhorse Hill Road was one of several one room schoolhouses in Caln Township. The school was built on part of the property owned by John and Lydia Moore, who in 1864 sold an acre of land to the Valley Township School District for \$100.00. This part of Valley Township is now part of Caln Township. Grades one through eight were taught by a teacher earning \$35.00 a month in 1874. Some of the teachers in the 1880's: Florence Ladd, Minnie Reagan, Mary T. Kelleher and Mrs. Alda G. Bean. Though Dr. George Beck was reported as Arbor Day director, trees were planted on that day in 1887 because there was no more room. The school was described as neat, pretty and attractive as any school in the township or perhaps the county.

Clarence Gill, a former resident who passed away at the age of 100, started school at Chestnut Grove in 1915 when he was six years old and attended until his family moved away in 1919. He remembered when World War I ended and the school bells rang and whistles blew and school was dismissed early to celebrate.

Chestnut Grove closed in 1927 when it, along with the other one-room schools, made up the new eight room Caln Elementary School. Many of the one-room schools became private residences, as they still are today.

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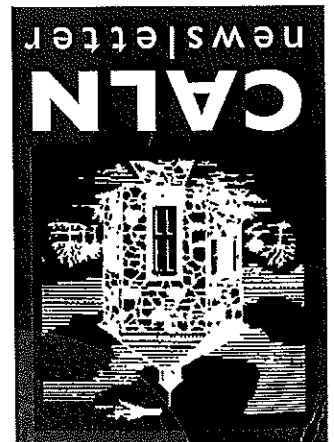
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