

February 2024



**Caln**  
**TOWNSHIP**

THE HEART OF CHESTER COUNTY



### Calendar

February 19th  
Presidents' Day  
Offices Closed

February 29th  
Board of  
Commissioners  
Meeting  
7:30 PM

March 14th  
Board of  
Commissioners  
Meeting  
7:30 PM

March 30th  
Easter Egg Hunt  
1:00 PM

April 6/7  
Caln Community  
Clean Up Weekend

March 29th  
Yard Waste Collection  
Resumes

**FREE EVENT!**

# EASTER

# EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY MARCH 30TH**

**1:00 PM**

Join Caln Township Parks and Recreation for our fun annual Easter Egg Hunt at Caln Municipal Park (241 Municipal Drive, Thorndale)! This event is free and open to kids of all ages. The egg hunt will begin promptly at 1:00 PM with the youngest group of "hunters."

You'll also have the opportunity to take a picture with the Easter Bunny!

# Caln Township 2024 Tax and Fee Schedule

## Trash and Recycling \$67 billed bi-monthly

An annual trash and recycling fee is collected for each home. The fees for trash services include the cost of hauling, landfill, disposal, leaf collection, yard waste, chipping program and weekly bulk items collected. The annual fee is \$402 per household.

## Sewer \$84 billed bi-monthly

Properties connected to public sewer facilities are subject to an annual sewer service fee. The township provides this utility service per home. **Please note that the connection of sump pumps and downspouts to your sewer line is strictly prohibited and actually increases the cost of sewer treatment substantially.** The annual fee is \$504 per household.

**Trash/Recycling and Sewer are billed together bi-monthly.**

Bill Dates are the 1st business days of:  
January, March, May, July, September & November

Due Dates: Jan 25, Mar 25, May 25, Jul 25,  
Sep 25, Nov 25

## Township Real Estate Tax

The Caln Township annual tax bill is calculated in the form of mills. A mill is \$1 of taxes for every \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. The Caln Township Annual Tax bill is comprised of the following: General Purpose - 4.088 mills, Fire tax - 0.880 mills, Debt tax - 0.440 mills, and EMS Tax - 0.200 mills totalling 5.608 mills. The 2024 millage rate is 5.608 mills. A home assessed at \$125,000 amounts to an annual tax amount of \$701.00. ( $\$125,000 \times 0.005608 = \$701.00$ ).

Millage Rate total:	5.608	Bill Date:	Due Dates:
General	4.088	March 1st	Paid by April 30 - a 2% discount is applied.
Fire	0.880		May 1 through June 30 - payment is Face Value
Debt	0.440		Paid July 1 or after a 10% penalty is applied.
EMS	0.200		

**\* All taxes and fees are the responsibility of the property owner and mailings will be forwarded to the owner's address. This includes rental and leased properties.(72 P.S. § 5511.7)**

## Changes for 2024

- **No more street light bills!** By upgrading our street lights to more efficient LEDs, we reduced costs dramatically, so street light bills will no longer be sent out to residents.
- The annual Fire Tax millage rate was increased in 2024, from 0.60 mills to 0.88 mills, to help offset the cost of staffing to supplement volunteers, replace trucks and apparatus and the general increase cost of service.
- An EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Tax was instituted in 2024 as funding can no longer be sustained through service billing. Municipal support and contributions are essential to survivability of the system. The tax is at a millage rate of 0.200 mills.

# Bill Payment Options

For your convenience, we have four different options for paying your Township bills:

- **Online: at [www.CalnTownship.org/pay-my-bills](http://www.CalnTownship.org/pay-my-bills)** Payment requires your account number and pin located on your bill. Contact us with questions about your account or pin information at [finance@calntownship.org](mailto:finance@calntownship.org) or by calling 610-384-0600 x1. (*Third party convenience fee applies*)
- **Automatic Debit: From your checking or savings account**
  - Download the Automatic Debit Authorization form from [www.CalnTownship.org](http://www.CalnTownship.org) and return it to the Finance Department:
    - Via email to [finance@calntownship.org](mailto:finance@calntownship.org)
    - Via postal mail to Caln Township Finance Department - 253 Municipal Dr. Thorndale PA 19372
    - Via the drive-up drop box outside the Township building
  - This service is free.
- **By mail (check or money order only - NO CASH)**

Caln Township/CTMA  
C/O S&T Bank  
P.O. Box 1004  
Downingtown, PA 19335

  - Residents who utilize their banking institutions' "bill pay" feature, please confirm that the account number you are referencing matches your utility bill.
- **In person at the Township Building**

253 Municipal Dr. Thorndale, PA 19372

  - Drive up drop box (check or money order only, NO CASH)
  - At our Finance Dept. (all forms of payments accepted)

*We recommend that your original invoice accompanies your payment*

## Billing FAQs

- An Earned Income tax and Local Service tax are collected by Keystone Collection Services on behalf of the township. Keystone can be reached at 1-724-978-0300.
- Delinquencies are handled by Portnoff Law Associates who can be contacted toll free at 866-211-9466.
- The Township does NOT bill or accept payment for WATER Utilities. Each property should receive a bill from either PA American, Aqua & Downingtown Water Authority. Please contact them directly.
- The township does NOT collect tax payments for the School District or the County. Please see the contact information below and reach out to them directly.
  - CASD School Tax Collector - Berkheimer 866-300-1714 or <https://www.hab-inc.com>
  - Chester County Tax Collector - Chester County Treasurer 610-344-6370 or <https://www.chesco.org/161/Treasurer>



# Caln Township Police Department News

## Police Department Award Ceremony

The police department held an awards ceremony and reception at the Thorndale Inn on Friday, February 2, which was attended by officers, their families and friends, as well as Township officials. Congratulations to all of the awardees!

Read the award details and see more photos at [www.CalnTownship.org/news/category/police](http://www.CalnTownship.org/news/category/police)

2023 Officer of the Year – Investigator Tyler Reece

Valor Award – Corporal Jonathan Regan & Officer Samantha DiFrancesco

Merit Award – Investigator Christopher Traini

Life Saving Award – Officer Travis Hodes

Distinguished Unit Citation – Corporal Timothy Pohlig, Officer William Verikakis, Officer Charles Norwood

Police Chief's Award For Outstanding Community Service – Officer Samantha DiFrancesco

Letter of Commendation – Officer Michael Cabry

