

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

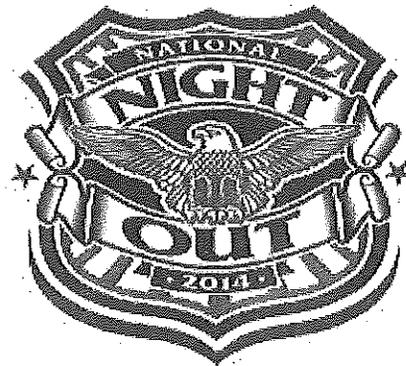
Tuesday, August 5th

6PM - 8:30PM

On **Tuesday, August 5th**, the Police Department will be hosting National Night Out 2014; a community-police awareness raising event in the US, held the first Tuesday of August. The event has been held annually nationwide since 1984, and is meant to heighten awareness of crime, drug and violence prevention efforts, and to encourage community participation in Town Watch and other anti-crime efforts.

This will be the first time the Township is holding such an event. It will take place in Caln Park between 6PM – 8:30PM, and will include a 5K run for charities that promote anti-crime awareness, and conclude with Movie Night for children and their families. The event will also offer community safety information, presentations by various organizations, car seat safety checks, a prescription drug drop-off station, food and refreshments, entertainment, and activities for children.

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



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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newsletter

Summer 2014

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& Golf Committee
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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

Information on Summer Concerts, Lawn Chair Movies Series and the new
"FIRST FRIDAYS" on Page 4.
SAVE THE DATE - CALN COMMUNITY DAY
SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 - 10AM - 2PM

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CALN POLICE

The Police Department presented Stacy Lynette Merrell an Outstanding Citizenship Award for her actions in the aftermath of a hit-and-run pedestrian fatality on Lincoln Highway last Fall. Ms. Merrell observed the pedestrian being struck, and stopped to render aid. The striking vehicle stopped momentarily and then fled the scene. Ms. Merrell pursued it, and managed to get it stopped approximately ¼ mile from the accident scene. She called 911 and maintained visual contact with the vehicle and driver until Caln officers arrived. Chief Joseph Elias presented the award, and was accompanied by the Police Officers that investigated the incident. Chief Elias stated that Ms. Merrell's actions were both selfless and courageous, and epitomize the Police Department's motto of "Policing With The Community". She placed her own safety at risk, and had it not been for her, the hit-and-run driver may never have been apprehended. The individual has since plead guilty to Homicide by Vehicle and DUI, and was sentenced to prison.

The Brandywine Health Foundation, Coatesville Youth Initiative, Pennsylvania American Water, and local police departments have joined forces to provide residents with an easy way to discard unwanted and expired drugs and medication safely. The Caln Township Police Department is one of five local departments participating in the initiative. A prescription drop-off station is located in the lobby of the Police Department, and is available to the public Monday – Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM. Police Chief Joseph Elias spoke at the kick-off event and said the effort will protect children and families. "The availability of these drugs in the home has become a leading cause of accidental poisoning, and has led to the alarming rate of prescription drug abuse in recent years," he said. "In many cases they have become gateway drugs for other illegal, highly addictive drugs. Public awareness and proper alternatives to appropriately dispose of unwanted medicine play a vital role in education and prevention, and are critical in keeping our communities safe." Types of medications that are available for drop-off include: prescription medications, patches and ointments; over-the-counter medications; vitamins; sample medications and pet medicines. Items that we cannot accept include: needles; thermometers; aerosol cans; inhalers; bloody or infectious waste.



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Caln Township, PO BOX 1004, Downingtown, PA 19335

NEW MAILBOX FOR PAYMENTS

There is a mailbox located along the Township Driveway for payments. Please use this box for after hours drop off and for your convenience.

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.

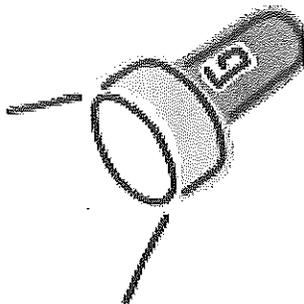
- Cruise the Township for an hour or so, one or two nights a month
- Stroll your neighborhood with friends once a week
- Keep an eye out at community softball, soccer and other sporting events
- Be alert while taking your dog on an evening walk
- Organize a neighborhood specific patrol
- Help with the 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.

Caln TownWatch -- IT IS IMPORTANT!



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Park and Recreation Activities

FIRST FRIDAYS AND LAWN CHAIR MOVIES AT INGLESIDE GOLF CLUB - NEW FOR 2014

Join the Park and Recreation Board for food, fun, music and then a movie. Each night will follow a theme and will have local restaurants serving up food around the theme.

Friday, June 6th - Luau
Friday, July 11th - All American
Friday, August 1st - Mexican

Event will take place at the Ingleside Golf Club Pavilion starting at 6:30PM. Food will be served until 8:30PM and movie will begin at dusk.

LAWN CHAIR MOVIE SERIES

The Lawn Chair Movies will be offered again in 2014. All movies are shown at the Caln Township Building and are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Please contact the Township Park and Recreation Department at 610-384-0600x148 for a list of titles to be shown. Below are the dates for the Movies. All movies begin at **DUSK**.

Friday, June 20th
Friday, July 25th
Friday, August 15th

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Caln Township Park and Recreation Board is proud to sponsor the Summer Concert Series again in 2014. There will be 3 concerts 2 in Caln Township and 1 held in Caln Township. Concerts are free and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Sunday, June 8th - "74-75"
Sunday, July 13th - "The Twangabillies"

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BUS TRIPS -

Sunday, August 24th - NY Yankees vs. Chicago White Sox at Yankee Stadium - \$70.00 per person includes bus and ticket to game

2014 SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS

Monday through Thursday

June 23 - July 25

\$70 per student

1st and 2nd Grades - 9:00am - 9:30am

3rd - 5th Grades - 9:30am - 10:00am

6th - 8th Grades - 10:00am - 10:45am

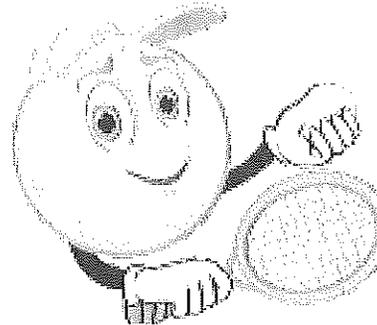
9th and 10th Grades - 10:45am - 11:30am

11th and 12th Grades - 11:30am - 12:30pm

Lessons are at Caln Municipal Park

Instructor: Tim Irwin - Coatesville Tennis School

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



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, in 2013, the Chester County 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 stormwater 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.

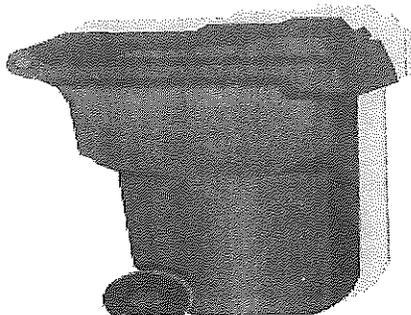
In watersheds with approved PA Act 167 plans, any individuals or entities involved with altering the stormwater runoff characteristics from the land within the watershed are required to implement measures to manage the quantity, velocity and direction of stormwater runoff in a manner that adequately 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 in 2014 should consult with the Township Engineer, Mr. Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM, prior to finalizing said construction plans.

RECYCLING AND TRASH UPDATES

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL REMINDER

YARD WASTE SUCH AS GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, STICKS, BRANCHES AND GARDEN WASTE ARE NOT CONSIDERED TRASH AND WILL NOT BE COLLECTED FOR DISPOSAL BY THE TRASH HAULER. EITHER COMPOST THESE ITEMS OR LEAVE THEM ON YOUR LAWN AS THEY PROVIDE FERTILIZER AS THEY DECAY. A DROP OFF AREA FOR RECYCLING OF YARD WASTE AND BRANCHES IS AVAILABLE BEHIND THE POLICE STATION ON MUNICIPAL DRIVE. ITEMS MUST BE IN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS (PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) OR EMPTIED FROM THE BAG OR CONTAINER IN WHICH THEY WERE TRANSPORTED. THE TOWNSHIP'S LEAF COLLECTION AND CHIPPING PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE SCHEDULED PERIODICALLY.

TRASH COLLECTION WILL BE DELAYED ONE DAY FOR EVERY COLLECTION AREA THE WEEK OF MAY 26TH FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



Ingleside Golf Club

1st Annual IGC Charity Classic Scramble

Ingleside Golf Club - Saturday May 31st- 9:00 shotgun start

This is the inaugural Kickoff Golf Event to start every Season!

Choose 1 of the 3 Charities to have \$25 of your Entry Fee donated to.

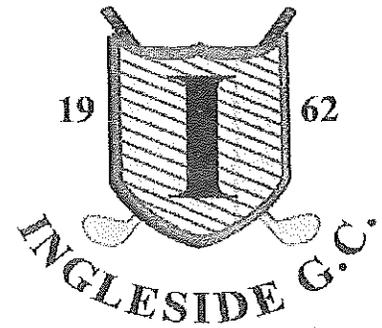
\$85 per player ~ \$160 per twosome ~ \$300 for a foursome

LOCAL CHARITY - David's Drive 831 - Supporting Veterans at the Coatesville VA Hospital with the same passion David supported the Veterans!

NATIONAL CHARITIES - Folds of Honor Foundation – Giving back to the Spouses and Children of Soldiers Killed or Disabled in service to our country through scholarships, and other assistance.

Susan G. Koman Foundation – Supporting life-saving breast cancer research, education, screening, treatment programs and provides important breast health information to over 30 million people annually.

Stop by, call or email the Ingleside Golf Shop for more information, to donate if unable to play or to become a sponsor.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Thursday 5/29 - Breakfast Tournament-\$55 per player~ \$100 when registering as a team

9:00 Shotgun – 2 Person Scramble Format

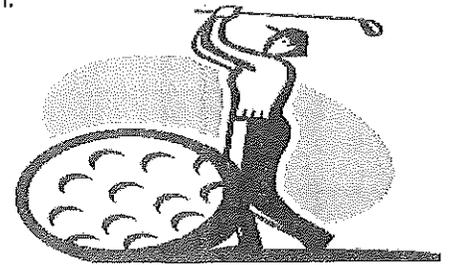
Entry fee includes Golf with Cart, Special Contest Prizes, Awards, Continental Breakfast and Lunch.

Thursday 6/26 - Senior Stableford Scramble (Earn points vs Par –Highest Point total wins)

Open to all players age 50 and up

Entry fee includes Golf with Cart, Special Contest Prizes, Awards, and Lunch

\$50 Per Player ~ \$180 when registering as a Foursome



TeeGIF Sunset Social & Golf – Friday 5/30 and 6/27

4 Person Mixed teams (2 Male & 2 Female)

9 Hole Scramble Golf Event – 6:00 Shotgun Start - \$35 per player (\$15 social only)

Entry fee includes Golf w/cart, special contest prizes, Light fare buffet during awards presentation and social.

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON- 8/17 there will be **THE FIRST TEE ADULT/JR GOLF EVENT** Details to be determined.

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Tuesday ~ Thursday - 9:00 – 12:00

\$100 includes Jr. Camp Golf Shirt-9 Hours instruction-

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Camp 1 -June 10,11,12

Camp 2 July 22,23,24

Camp 3 August 5,6,7

JUNIOR SUMMER GOLF CLINICS - Friday 10:30-11:30 - June 20th through August 29th (11 weeks)

\$20 weekly ~ \$150 for unlimited participation ~ \$100 for 6 clinics

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY PROGRAM OR EVENT CALL 610-384-9128 and speak to Golf Pro Jim Baer.

Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company

Spring is finally upon us after one of the worst winters we have experienced in quite some time. Your VOLUNTEER fire company would like to remind you of a few spring items. If you have not changed the batteries in your smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors with the changing of the clocks please do so. A working smoke or carbon monoxide detector can make the difference between surviving a fire or carbon monoxide event. Some manufacturers now offer a ten year battery for your detectors which would save you from replacing them every year.

With all of the storm debris that was left in the wake of this winter and our thoughts turning to cleaning up this debris from our yards, please remember the townships no burning policy, and I offer you an alternative for disposing of such yard waste. You can drop off such waste to the rear of the township police station. The only type of burning permitted in the township is recreational camp fires that are contained within an approved fire pit or chiminea. If you have questions about this ordinance, you can visit the township web site under the codes department for additional information.

The Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company is celebrating our 75th year of service to Caln Township and the surrounding communities. Many things have changed since 1939 and during the past seventy-five years one thing is for certain, we are here for our community. I would like to thank the residents and businesses that support our organization on a regular basis and encourage those that have not done so to please start. In order to survive another seventy-five years we need everyone's support. Only one in ten homes or businesses supports our annual fund drive.

Once again this year you will see the fire company staff, family and friends parking cars at the Brandywine Health and Wellness Foundation's Strawberry Festival May 29th through June 1st. We look forward to seeing you there. We will also be at the Caln Community Day September 13th, Stop by to check out our apparatus, our firefighting gear, and our firefighters. Make sure you pick up some fire safety information while you are there.

The members, officers and I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past seventy-five years. We hope you have a safe and happy summer!

Thank you and be fire safe.

John Cordisco
Fire Chief

Caln Senior News

Caln Priviledged Citizens is a club devoted to bringing the Seniors of Caln Township together. Enjoyable meetings and inexpensive outings are part of what the club does to accomplish to bring people together. The group goes to four shows a year, trip includes lunch and bus transportation all for \$35.00.

June will be the group's last meeting until Fall. The last meeting will be an indoor picnic at the Thorndale United Methodist Church at 12:00PM. For reservations call Dot at 610-269-3136.

We start our fall meetings on September 10th at 1:30. Social hour and blood pressure screenings begins at 1:00PM.

There are two scheduled shows left this year. On October 15th we will travel to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater to see "Crazy for You". Bus leaves KMart parking lot at 10:30AM. On December 3rd we will travel to the Rainbow Dinner Theatre to see "Burglais Holiday". Reservations can be made by calling Joyce Smith at 610-269-3627 or come to the meeting in September.

SUMMER VACATION HOME SAFETY TIPS

The kids are out of school and the days are getting longer. No it is not a nightmare. It is summertime! It is a time for sunburns, mosquitoes and a well-deserved vacation. Before you decide to pack up the family and head for the beach invest in this checklist to ensure your house will remain safe even while you are soaking up some rays.

1. **Keep Your Lips Sealed** Like Agent Mulder used to say on "The X-Files" trust no one. Be cautious of who you tell about your departure. One innocent comment could lead to a disaster. Don't risk it. It is okay to let a trusted neighbor know when and where you are going, just don't broadcast it to your whole neighborhood.
2. **Just In Time** Fake potential burglars into thinking you are home in a "Home Alone" type of manner. Not as clever as Macaulay Culkin? Never fear, an electrical timer is here. Hook a timer up to lights, televisions and radios. This will throw off the fact that there isn't anyone home. Adjust the timer's setting to your normal routine. You are a sly fox.
3. **The Obvious** Make sure that everything is locked up and secure before heading out on your summertime excursion. Double check sheds, windows, garage doors, basement windows and any other opportunistic niche a robber might get into.
4. **Snail Mail** It is also a good idea to get the post office to hold your mail while you are away. Or let a trusted neighbor collect your mail for you as well as newspapers.
5. **Magic Box** Keep valuables such as jewelry and important documents in a safe deposit box. You might also consider keeping a video diary of all of your belongings. This may prove useful in getting your belongings back if something were to happen to them.
6. **Who is it?** An unanswered phone might tip off a prowler that no one is home. Turn the ringer to the phone off while away and most definitely don't vocalize your departure on your answering machine message.
7. **Auto-zone** Remember that trusted neighbor that you are going to have collect your mail? Why not get him or her to park in your driveway while you are away? This gives the house a "lived in" feel.
8. **Perpetual Motion** Keep the curve balls coming with an outdoor light with a motion sensor. If the light were to come on while prowling around your house a robber would assume someone is home and get out of the vicinity ASAP!
9. **Oven Ware** Before heading out make sure you cut off your electricity, gas and water to avoid potential flooding, gas leakage or fire. It sounds a bit rash but it is always better to be safe than sorry.
10. **Sound the Alarm** It might be a good idea to call your home security company and tip them off about your plans. This way the company will know where you are and how to reach you if something does occur. Notify local law enforcement as well so they can keep an extra eye on your home.

It's time to gather up the kids, grab the sunscreen and fill up the car because you are now ready for your summer vacation. With these tips not only will you be able to relax on your vacation with your newly acquired piece of mind but you can be assured that your house is safe. Now the only thing you have to worry about is how much sugar you would like in your coffee. Will it be one lump or two?

Caln Township Municipal Authority

What is the Municipal Authority

The Caln Township Municipal Authority is a five member Board, appointed by the Board of Commissioners. In addition to being charged with the operation and maintenance of the system, an initiative of the Authority is to extend public sewer access to Township residents with on-lot septic systems. The Authority works with the Township on sanitary sewer related projects with a cooperative goal of keeping our community a great place to live and work.

The Caln Township Department of Wastewater Operations is responsible in conjunction with the Municipal Authority for the operation and maintenance of the system. There are approximately 50 miles of sewer lines, 1,112 manholes, and three pumping stations within the Township.

Attention Public Sewer Customers

Spring Reminder

Now that the weather is getting nice, property owners are asked to inspect their plumbing in order to identify and remove illegal connections to the public sanitary sewer system, such as sump pump connections, floor drains, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, and improper heights of sewer vent stacks and clean outs located in your yard which may be allowing surface and subsurface water to discharge into the sanitary sewer system illegally. These illegal connections drastically add to the high cost for sewer treatment, and may also result in the additional cost of infrastructure being constructed to accommodate increased flows. The Township and Municipal Authority are doing all they can to stabilize and reduce high treatment costs. Property owners can help by disconnecting illegal connections.

The Wastewater Operations Department is currently in the process of locating properties with illegal connections to the sanitary sewer system, detected by means of flow monitoring, dye testing, and camera inspection. Property owners should be aware that homes with illegal connections may be cited, and you will not be able to sell a property in Caln Township if you have an illegal sump pump or other illegal connection to the sanitary sewer system.

Property owners who are unsure if their sump pumps, floor drains and down spouts are illegally connected should contact the Department of Wastewater Operations at 610-384-0600 x 147 for assistance. Sump pumps discharging outside onto your property are not illegal.

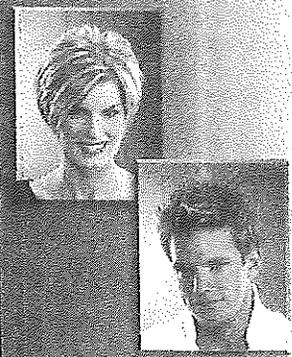
Keep in mind, storm and ground water improperly draining into the public sanitary sewer system contributes to high treatment costs to the Township and its residents. Eliminating improper connections will help keep cost increases to a minimum. Please do not hesitate to contact the Department with any questions or concerns you may have.

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 your own trees or shrubs, please use the following guidelines.

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.



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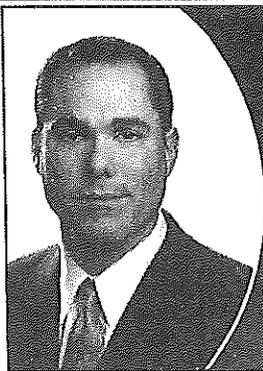
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Historical Review

The history of the Nelms Mansion is to a great extent the history of the Thorndale Iron Works, though the Iron Works lasted only about 50 years and the mansion three times as long.

The land on which the Thorndale Iron Works and mansion were built was the property of the Pims. In 1835 they sold to John Bell, who promptly sold to James Miller. He held it for three years, selling in 1838 to James Forsythe. Forsythe was an iron manufacturer who had built and operated the Triadelphia Iron Works in Coatesville for ten years. He soon began building a new iron works between the Turnpike (route 30) and the Pennsylvania Railroad. Ten years later James brought his brother John into the business. The Forsythe brothers named Thorndale for the thorn bushes growing in the area.

The tax record for 1850 shows "John and James Forsythe and Sons: 18 acres, rolling mill, and eight double tenements." In September 1851 they tried to sell the whole thing including "a large stone dwelling house, containing ten rooms and a wash house and eight comfortable frame dwelling houses accommodating sixteen families (the eight double tenements)" Therefore the mansion must have been built in 1850-1851.

The Forsythes did not sell the property. In 1852 it was placed in the hands of an assignee, Charles Downing. Over several years, the property changed hands many times. Charles and William Bailey were the most prominent owners. The rolling mill had many up and downs, finally closing in 1893 and demolished in 1902. In 1911, after both had died, the old house was sold to developer H. Graham Rambo. Rambo sold the house and over 3 acres to Charles B. Conner, a Thorndale storekeeper and postmaster. The post office had been in the iron works and was known as Thorndale Iron Works, now it was housed in Mr. Conner's store as the Thorndale Post office.

Six years later, in 1918, Charles Conner and his wife, Nora sold the property to his sister, Laura Nelms and husband Howard. Although there are no visible remains of the Thorndale Iron Works, the large white house, not a mansion by today's standards, still stands on Embreeville Road. Many of us have fond memories of Laura and Howard Nelms and their family of six children and twelve grandchildren who lived there until 1948. Neighborhood children were always welcome. Perhaps you were among those sliding down the bannister from the third floor to the first, playing on the wraparound porch or swimming in the pond at the end of the yard.

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