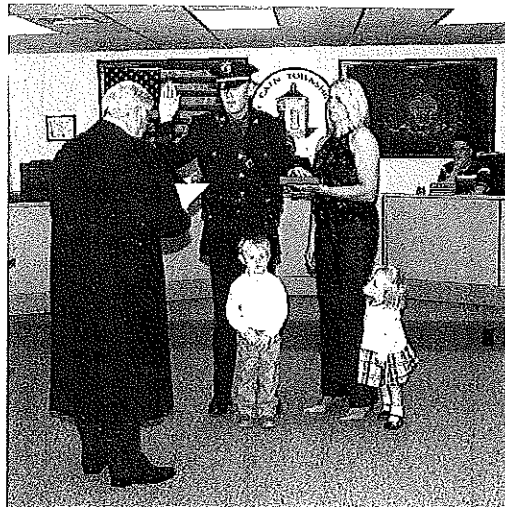
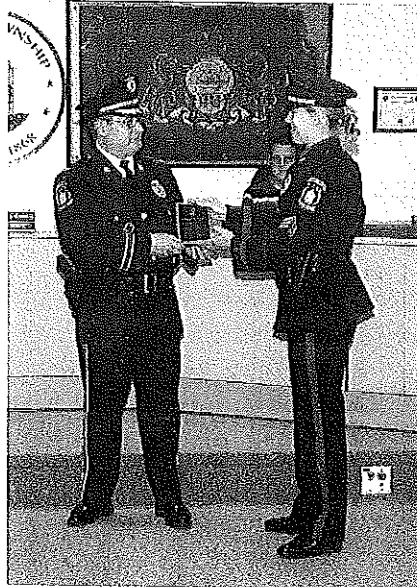


# CALN News

Year End 2011

## CALN'S FINEST HONORED



At the October 13th Board of Commissioners meeting, three members of Caln Township's Police Department were honored. Retired Sgt. Barry Beach was recognized for his over 34 years of service to the residents of Caln. Chief Brian Byerly was recognized for 25 years as a Caln Township Police Officer and Officer Steve Parkinson was officially sworn in as Sergeant. Thank you to these three fine officers for the past service and future service to the Residents of Caln Township.

The Township also recognized Madelyn Rudolph with a Life Saving Award and gave out 24 letters of commendation and unit citations to officers.

### *The Board of Commissioners*

**President**  
William J. Chambers

**Vice President**  
James Kruse

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Charles W. Kramer  
Vincent Rose

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

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Historical*  
William J. Chambers

*Finance, Fire Board and Wastewater*  
James Kruse

*Recreation, Energy Task Force, Finance,  
Code Enforcement & Planning*  
Joshua B. Young

*Highway Department, Engineering and  
Golf Committee*  
Charles Kramer

*Parks, Solid Waste/Trash, Golf  
Committee and Fire Committee*  
Vincent Rose

### **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**  
Tony Scheivert

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Janet L. Bugar

**Treasurer/Finance Office Manager**  
Bonnie Smith

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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

**Vice Chairperson**  
Eugene Spratt

**Jim Benko**  
Jill Kelly Hammond

**Secretary**  
Cheryl Lafferty

**Twinning Committee**  
Bob Steele  
Illaria Steele

**Vacancy Board**  
James Mayrides

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

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## ATTENTION PUBLIC SEWER CUSTOMERS

### FALL REMINDER

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 DOWNSPOUTS AND IMPROPER HEIGHTS OF SEWER VENT STACKS AND CLEAN OUTS LOCATED IN YOUR YARD WHICH MAY BE ALLOWING RAIN WATER TO RUN INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM ILLEGALLY. THESE ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS DRASTICALLY ADD TO THE HIGH COST FOR SEWER TREATMENT, BY AS MUCH AS \$100,000 PER YEAR OR MORE. 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.

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT HOMES WITH ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS MAY BE CITED FOR BEING IN VIOLATION OF RESOLUTION 2005-1-CTMA SUBSECTION 12A WHICH 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" INTO OUR TOWNSHIP SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. 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." 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 (SCOT OR MARY) AT 610-384-0600 X 147 FOR ASSISTANCE. TOWNSHIP STAFF WILL INSPECT AND ASSIST IN OFFERING RECOMMENDATIONS TO CORRECT ANY DEFICIENCIES. THERE WILL BE NO CITATIONS OR FINES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ASSISTANCE UNLESS NON CONFORMANCES ARE NOT RESOLVED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD. 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. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.



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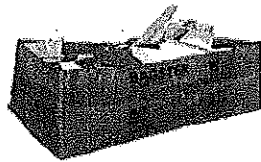
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## Bagster - a Dumpster in a Bag!

You're ready to take on your next project. But what's the best way to handle all the waste? Now there's the "Bagster - a Dumpster in a Bag"; a new service of waste removal from Waste Management, the Township's waste collector. When a dumpster is too big for the job, check out the Bagster® bag, as a cost-effective alternative. It's ready to go when you are so you can take on the projects you want to, when you want to.

The Bagster is a highly durable woven bag that can hold three cubic yards of debris and up to 3,300 pounds, including full sheets of plywood, doors and even a bathtub. Users can purchase a Bagster and use it for as long as they need. When the project is complete or the Bagster is full, customers can schedule collection online or over the phone, and a local Waste Management crew will collect the Bagster from the curb within three business days.

Bagsters are available at the Caln Township Municipal Building and several area stores. The Bagster costs \$29.95. Once you are ready to have the full Bagster picked up you call a toll free number for a pickup time. Hauling costs are based on weight and market, but are currently \$119.00. Contact the Township for a list of accepted materials. **No leaves nor other recyclables are accepted. For more information: [www.bagster.com](http://www.bagster.com) or call them at 1-877-789-BAGS (2247)**



## Western Chester County Report on Advancing Economic Development Released

Caln Township, the Coatesville School District and six other municipalities have completed a regional Economic Study for the Coatesville School District area. The Study, which included input gathered from residents, organizations and businesses, recommends strategies for regional economic development. Specifically, the study recommends ways to attract new business and industry to the region's downtowns, business parks and airport; to improve and expand existing transportation; and to lay the foundation for creating a brand identity for the Western Chester County Region. All of the recommendations were shaped around the integral desire of those who live and work in Western Chester County to maintain a high quality of life.

Led by the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce, the Study was funded in part by Delaware Valley Regional Planning and the Chester County Commissioners. It is unique because it takes a broad regional and integrated approach, combining the concerns and needs of seven of the area municipalities located in the Coatesville Area School District.

The Study's recommendations can be downloaded in its entirety at [WesternChesterCountyFutureFocus.com](http://WesternChesterCountyFutureFocus.com). Caln Township served as the administrator of the study. Triad Associates, headquartered in Vineland, NJ, in partnership with Real Estate Strategies and Market Shift, conducted the Study. The Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce, participating municipalities and other organizations will be tasked with the implementation of the study's recommendations.

### Privileged Citizens President, Dorothy Johnson

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Carol Puoci  
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John DeVecchio  
Victoria Cloud

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Anthony Pollini, Jr.  
Kevin Schneider  
Kimberly Venzle, Esq.

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John DeVecchio  
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Elaine Mayrides  
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610-383-1821  
**Fire / Ambulance & Emergencies**  
911

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

## **Holiday Safety Tips from the Caln Police Department**

The holidays are quickly approaching and the Caln Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind our residents to be safe this holiday season and avoid being a victim. Just as we are all very busy preparing for festive times with our families, criminals are just as busy, using this season as an opportune time to commit thefts, robberies, burglaries, and other crimes. The rate of these incidents increases markedly during the months leading up to the holidays so use these tips to help prevent crime and enjoy your holiday season.

### **While Shopping :**

Always lock your vehicle and don't leave packages, GPS units (including brackets), Ipods, cell phones, or any other valuables within sight in your vehicle.

Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Try to shop with a friend, if possible.

Try to shop before dark or coordinate with a friend if you plan to be out late.

Carry a cell phone in the event that you need to call for help. (911 is free from ANY cell phone – you do NOT need a service plan, simply a charged phone. This is a great idea for children who may not have phones.)

Avoid parking in areas that are not well lit. Always have your keys in your hand and the panic button ready (if equipped) while walking towards your car. Make sure to check the passenger compartment of your car before entering your vehicle.

Notify security or police of any suspicious persons that appear to be just "hanging around". If you feel wary about approaching your car, return to the store and call security or police.

Avoid carrying a large amount of packages that make it hard for you to maneuver or difficult to see. Utilize a store pick-up service or have an employee help you carry your packages to your vehicle.

Be aware that thieves may be drawn to "high-dollar" shopping bags. Consider bringing a non-descript shopping bag to carry your items in while shopping.

Women: If you must carry a purse, do not use one that simply hangs from your arm or shoulder. Carry a purse that can be slung across your body, held tight under your arm, or a fanny pack. Close all compartments of your purse so as not to allow easy access. NEVER leave a purse unattended, including in shopping carts!!!

Men: Carry wallets in a front pants pocket or an inside pocket of a jacket – pickpockets are very clever at removing wallets from back pockets or outside jacket pockets.

Don't carry backpacks as pickpockets are very adept at gaining access to your pack without your knowledge.

Avoid carrying large sums of cash. Pay for purchases with debit or credit cards. Carry only those cards that you will need while shopping and your driver's license.

Be aware of identity theft and properly dispose of any receipts that have your account numbers on them by shredding them or thoroughly scratching out the account number.

Review with your child a plan of action should they become lost or separated from you while shopping, such as having a meeting place and providing them with a cell phone number. Review "stranger danger" and teach them to never go into a parking lot by themselves.

### **While at Home:**

Always lock your home and utilize an alarm.

Always lock your vehicles and make sure all valuables are removed from your vehicle.

Make your home looked "lived in", even if you're just out for the evening. Turn on lights and possibly a television or radio for the evening, or, if you will be away for an extended time, put lights and/or televisions on timers. If you are planning to go away for the holidays, request that the Caln Township Police do vacation checks on your home (this is a free service and request forms are available at the Caln Police Department or online at [www.calntownship.org](http://www.calntownship.org) ).

Do not display gifts or other valuables so that they may be seen from doorways or windows.

Do not "announce" high dollar purchases by throwing out packaging material at the curbside.(ie: televisions, computers)

Be cautious of couriers claiming to have a "wrong address" when making deliveries. Report any suspicious delivery persons or other suspicious people in your neighborhood to police right away.

**Happy Holidays from the Caln Police Department!**

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## Colored Detour Routes to Assist during Highway Closures

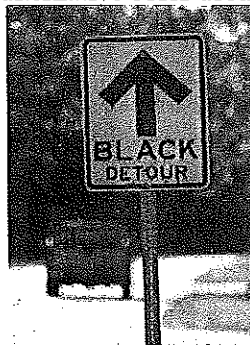
While traveling near one of Chester County's expressways, you may have noticed small, colored detour signs such as "Green Detour" or "Black Detour". These signs have been installed by PennDOT in the event of an emergency highway closure to help police and emergency crews direct traffic from one interchange to the next adjacent interchange.

North-south highways in Chester County (US 1; PA 100 in West Whiteland, West Goshen, and North Coventry; US 202) use red for southbound detours and blue northbound detours. East-west highways (US 30, US 422) are signed with green for eastbound detours and black for westbound detours. The color orange is occasionally used alternatively where detours from two expressways may overlap.

In the event of such an emergency that requires closure of the highway, PennDOT's message boards, media reports, and/or emergency personnel will direct motorists to use the appropriate emergency detour route.

Maps of the detour routes for all expressways are available in PDF format through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Interactive Detour Route Mapping application, known as iDRuM. These maps can be accessed at [www.idrum.us](http://www.idrum.us).

**Summary of Colors:** *Red* is a South Bound Detour, *Blue* is a North Bound Detour, *Green* is an East Bound Detour, *Black* is a West Bound Detour and *Orange* is an alternative color used when detours overlap.



## 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!

**PARK AND RECREATION**  
**610-384-0600, x3**

## **2011 WINTER SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Sunday, December 4th 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

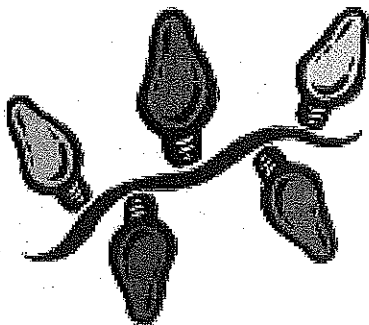
**Location:** Thorndale Fire Company  
**Fee:** FREE

### **CALN TOWNSHIP TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

**Sunday, December 4th 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

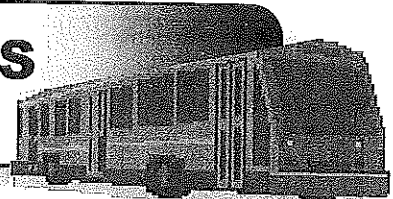


### **2011 HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

Participants are required to have their lights and animation in operation between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 13th** 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.

For more information on any event  
call 610-384-0600x148.

## **BUS TRIPS**



### **"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. There will be a stop for dinner on your own on the way home.

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

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

**Saturday, April 28th, 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 5th, 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 depart from the Kmart parking lot in Thorndale at 7:00 am & will return by approximately 8:30 pm.

**Fee:** \$40.00/per person includes transportation

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

For more information call 610-384-0600x120.

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### INGLESIDE GOLF CLUB

Come to Ingleside Golf Club to do all of your holiday shopping. You can buy a gift certificate or merchandise. Starting December 1st and running until December 31st everything will be on sale:

**Clothing 50% OFF**  
**Putters and Wedges 40% OFF**  
**Shoes 35% OFF**  
**Hats 20% OFF**  
**BALLS 20% OFF**

Also a great gift for someone is golf lessons.

#### END OF YEAR SPECIAL ON LESSONS

You can get 3 - 45 minute lessons for \$120.  
 (Normally \$150)

This special runs until Dec 31st.

For more information on the Ingleside Golf Club contact Golf Professional Tim Kauffman at 610-384-9128.

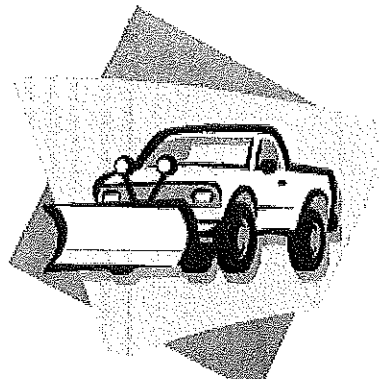
#### 2012 in Ingleside Golf Club's 50th Anniversary

The Township will celebrate this occasion with exciting promotions and events throughout the year. The main celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th at the course. Look for more information soon on the Golf Course's website [www.inglesidegolfclub.com](http://www.inglesidegolfclub.com).

### 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 paving, 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.



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## THORNDALE FIRE COMPANY NEWS

### ***Help Protect Your Family From Fire - Be Prepared***

What's the best way to protect your family from fire? Be ahead of the game, of course. With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), your best defense is a good offense. That's why the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company is focused on Fire Prevention and wants our community members to also focus on preventing the leading causes of home fires -- cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

In 2009, 2,565 people died in home fires. Nearly all of these deaths could have been prevented by taking a few simple precautions like having working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan, keeping things that can burn away from the stove and always turning off space heaters before going to bed. Fire is a dangerous opponent, but by anticipating the hazards, you are much less likely to be one of the nearly 13,000 people injured in home fires each year.

### ***The Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company offers the following tips for protecting your home and family from fire:***

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

While preventing home fires in Caln Township is always our number one priority, it is not always possible. Caln Township residents need to provide the best protection to keep their homes and families safe in the event of a fire. This can be achieved by developing an escape plan which you practice regularly and equipping homes with life-saving technologies like smoke alarms and home fire sprinklers.

### ***The following tips will help keep your family safe if there is a fire in your home:***

- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement).
- Interconnect all smoke alarms in the home so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to respond if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible ways out. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- If you are building or remodeling your home, consider installing home fire sprinklers.

Should you need more information on helping to prevent fire tragedies in your home please feel free to contact the fire company through e-mail at [info@thorndalefirecompany.com](mailto:info@thorndalefirecompany.com) or call us at 610-383-4835.

### ***Remember to Check Those Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors***

We want to remind everyone of the importance of checking your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors to be sure they are functioning. If you haven't done so already replace the batteries and make sure you have an exit plan established in the event that an emergency might arise. If you need assistance with checking these devices or changing the batteries please feel free to give us a call and we will be glad to assist you. You may contact the fire station by phone at 610-383-4835 or send us an e-mail at [info@thorndalefirecompany.com](mailto:info@thorndalefirecompany.com).

### ***Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow***

While snowy winter days are far from our mind it won't be long until that first snowflake falls and we will be shoveling paths and driveways. When the snow begins to pile up we want everyone to be reminded that it's important to keep fire hydrants clear so they are easily accessible should the need arise. If you have a fire hydrant that is in front of or near your house take the extra time to clear the snow from around the hydrant so it is visible to responding units and the connections can be accessed. Should a fire emergency arise, finding a hydrant in a wall of snow, or having to dig a hydrant out in order to connect the hose to the truck could be the difference between a minor or major fire event in your home. Any delay in accessing water not only delays the firefighters from stopping a fire but could also put them at risk during their firefighting efforts. It's during this time that seconds count from being a situation easily controlled to a potentially complete loss of property.



## **THORNDALE FIRE COMPANY NEWS (continued from page 8)**

Throughout the Township you may have noticed that some of the hydrants have a metal stake on them with color indicators. These again are on the hydrants for a quick visual means of knowing where a hydrant is located. If the hydrant near you has this stake on it, please make sure it is sticking up in the air. Your help in maintaining the hydrants during inclement weather is greatly appreciated. For those residents that assist in maintaining them on a regular basis, thank you as your efforts do not go unnoticed.

### ***I Hear Those Sleigh Bells Jingling***

As we approach the holiday season we have heard from Santa Clause that he is looking forward to visiting everyone in Caln Township by Fire Truck on Saturday December 10th. Keep your eyes open for that jolly old man in the big red suit as he Ho, Ho, Ho's his way through the streets and developments

### ***2012 Annual Fund Drive***

It is hard to believe that a year has passed already since last requesting your support of the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company. We want to take this opportunity to first of all thank each and every resident and business in Caln Township for your continued support. We realize that in these difficult economic times it is not always easy to provide that support but the members of our community always come through and for that we are extremely grateful. If you are new to our community, you may not realize that the Fire Company is a volunteer based organization. As a volunteer firefighter/emergency responder members give of their own time with no compensation for the tasks they perform.

This includes the many hours of training and commitment to achieve and sustain the necessary level of excellence for which they provide to the community. Your contributions toward our annual fund drive support these volunteers in their efforts by helping to purchase the necessary equipment to maintain their status and keep the company in existence. In the next few weeks you will be receiving our Annual Fund Drive letter for 2012. When you receive this letter we ask that you take the opportunity to support us through this tax deductible contribution so we can continue to support you.

### ***It's Party Time***

Just a reminder that if you are planning a holiday party, celebration, or get together, Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company's banquet facility is available to help meet your needs. For information on renting the hall or scheduling your event please call Kirk Smith 610-269-2074

In addition to banquet hall rentals the fire company and its members are ready to serve your birthday party needs as well. Whether bringing a fire truck to your home or hosting the party in the fire station we are there to serve your needs. Contact us at 610-383-4835 and we will be glad to assist in making the arrangements.

In closing we remind you to visit the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company Web Site at [www.thorndalefirecompany.com](http://www.thorndalefirecompany.com) to learn more about us and the many things the fire company has to offer in serving the community.

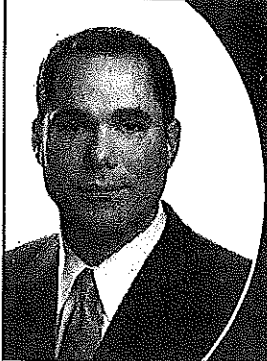
## ***Caln Senior News***

The Privileged Citizens meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Caln Township Municipal Building at 1:30 pm. Residents of Caln Township, 60 years of age and over, are invited to attend the meetings. There is a coffee hour starting before the meeting at 12:30 pm. The upcoming fall programs include The Meistersingers (Redmen and Belltones), a trip to the American Music Theater to see the Christmas Show and our Annual Christmas luncheon at the Thorndale Inn.


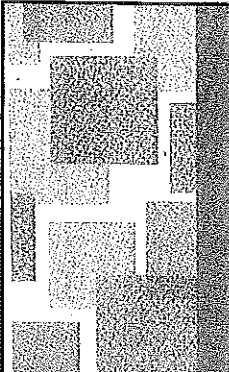
Each month there is a representative from the Visiting Nurses taking blood pressure screenings for members from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm before each meeting.

The Privileged Citizens Board would like to thank the Board of Commissioners and the members of the group for their continued support.


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## OLD CALN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

On November 5, at 6:00 pm, our annual banquet was held at the Thorndale Inn. Our guest speaker for the evening was Roger Price, who spoke on the importance of the Underground Railroad; why it was necessary and why common people would risk their own safety to help others escape from slavery. Mr. Price focused on the "railroad activity" in Caln Township.

On November 19th our group will have items for sale at the Thorndale United Methodist Church bazaar. From 9 am - 2 pm shoppers will have the opportunity to purchase crocks and other earthenware items. Of special note will be the return of our very popular Caln landmark replicas. A second issue of the Thorndale UM Church will be available, as well as the newest replica, the Isaac Coates House. Caln History books are still available and make great gifts any time of the year.

Esther Zittle prints are always popular gifts. Esther was a local artist and painted pictures of many buildings that we now consider historic treasures. The 14" X 18" signed/numbered prints are of the Caln Hexagonal Schoolhouse and Edge's Grist Mill. When matted and framed these paintings will make great additions to your decor. Pick one up for yourself and as a holiday gift. Prints are also available anytime by phoning Lois at 610-384-8153.

On Tuesday, December 6th, at 7:00 pm the historical society will present an **Old-Fashioned Candlelight Christmas** program at the Caln Meetinghouse on route 340. Performing groups will be the Fishers for Men from the Thorndale UM Church, The Belltones and Redmen, a select group from the high school Meistersingers, and John and Josephine Taylor, a musical duo. Please join us to enjoy some warm cider, homemade cookies, and delightful entertainment to set the holiday spirit. You will be glad you did.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope you will consider joining our historical society as another year of Caln's history begins.

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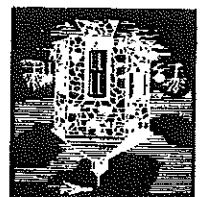
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