

CALN News

YEAR END 2007

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THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE.

David Mushrush will be leaving the board following six and one half years of service to the Township. Appointed in 2001 to complete the term of Commissioner Paul Woodruff, Commissioner Mushrush has served as President of the Board as well as liaison to the Code Enforcement, Engineering, Finance and Fire Departments. A graduate of West Chester University with a Public Administration Degree and over 20 years of experience in public works as a Roadmaster and public works superintendent, Commissioner Mushrush brought a great deal of knowledge specifically about engineering, public works construction and maintenance. He is a charter member of the recently created Caln Township Municipal Authority. While on the Board, Commissioner Mushrush led the initiative to acquire Ingleside Golf Course and introduced the Township to Landstudies, a company hired by the Township to formulate a stormwater management plan along the Valley Run corridor. Thank you, Mr. Mushrush, for your service and commitment to Caln Township!



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MEETING DATES & TIMES

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Second Thursday of month
7:30 p.m.
Work Session
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
Fourth Monday of month
7:00 p.m.

Thorndale Fire Company
Second Monday of month
8:00 p.m.

Wastewater Authority
Last Monday of month
7:00 p.m.

At the end of December, James Sacco will be ending 30 years of continuous service to Caln Township. He was a member of the Recreation Board from 1978-1984, a member of the Planning Commission from 1985 – 1993, and a member of the Zoning Board. From 1994 – 2000. In 2000 he was appointed to the Board of Commissioners replacing Shawn March. A graduate in engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, Commissioner Sacco Vice President, liaison has served as to the Public Works, Code Enforcement, and Police Departments. While on the Board, Commissioner Sacco stressed fiscal responsibility, well managed growth, communicative government, open space preservation, First Class Township services, and helping to improve the quality of life for Caln residents. He has certainly "left his mark" on the Township. Mr. Sacco, your experience, knowledge and leadership will be missed.





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Trash Collection in Caln Township: SYRINGES

Throwing out syringes is a little more complicated than pitching them in the nearest trash bin. Needles can accidentally cut whoever takes out the trash or collects your family's garbage. To protect others, it's important to dispose of syringes carefully.

Based upon information obtained from the American Diabetes Association, an easy way to get rid of used syringes is to put them in a heavy-duty plastic or metal container with a tight-fitting lid. An empty laundry detergent bottle with a tight-fitting lid should do the trick. You can also ask your doctor what types of containers they recommend. If you go this route, just put the used syringes in the container. Lancets should also be put in this container. When the container is full, put the lid on securely and throw the whole thing in the trash.

You can also buy a "safe-clip," which clips the needle off the syringe and stores the needles safely. You can find safe-clips at any pharmacy. Once the needle is off, you can safely toss the rest of the syringe into the trash; but don't try to clip needles off with scissors—they can send the needle flying across the room.

If you are away from home, you should keep used syringes and lancets until they can be disposed of properly. You or your child can carry a metal or hard plastic pencil box to keep the syringes in until you get home.

If you are in doubt about putting something out for pickup, contact Waste Management at 1-800-932-2232.

GIRL SCOUTS - NOT JUST ABOUT COOKIES



Girl Scout Cadet Troop #41368, based at Caln Elementary, completed their Silver Project, the second highest honor in Girl Scouts. The project involved marking hydrants in Caln Township with a reflector flag. The Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company offered their support in helping the girls to install these flags safely, as they know this will benefit them as well as other fire departments in locating hydrants easier, in case of fire, bad weather—such as snow and rain, and/or darkness. The girls put many, many hours raising money for these flags. They picked this project because they wanted to do something for the entire community. Troop #41368 would like to thank all that helped sponsor our project along with Tanya Couch, Cindy Willen, Jill Kelly Hammond, and several firefighters at the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company who gave their time to help.

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Caln Township SALUTES One of Its Finest!



Officer Joseph Tomasovich, a nine-year veteran of the Caln Police Department, returned safely home after spending a year in Iraq. A twenty-six year veteran of the Army National Guard, Master Sergeant Tomasovich was stationed at Camp Ashraf during his participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom for one year. His post was approximately 62 miles west of the Iran border and 37 miles North of Bagdad. In addition to accompanying convoys on their missions he was in charge of convoy logistics.

While serving in Iraq, Master Sergeant Tomasovich was awarded the following honors: Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraqi Campaign Medal. We are proud of Joe's service not only to the Township of Caln but also to his selfless commitment to serving our Country overseas during this time of conflict.

We are happy that he has returned to us safe and sound!

SECOND CHANCE: Youth Aid Panel

The Caln Township Youth Aid Panel (YAP) provides a second chance for first-time non-violent juvenile offenders. It aims to prevent future offenses and make the juvenile responsible for his/her actions. It's important to note that these juvenile offenders are not criminals; they are our sons and daughters! Good kids who made a poor choice. Good kids who deserve a "second chance."



Youth who admit their involvement in a first-time summary or misdemeanor offense are offered the opportunity to go in front of the Youth Aid Panel, rather than getting caught up in a complex court system. Youth and their families meet formally with trained community volunteer panelists who decide an appropriate resolution to hold the juvenile accountable for his/her criminal actions and, more importantly, learn from his/her mistake. Youth who successfully complete their resolution get a "second chance," as they will not have an official court record. The Youth Aid Panel teaches personal responsibility; saves taxpayers court-related costs; and helps the juvenile and his/her family to understand that they live in a community that cares and expects responsible resolutions for criminal behavior.

The Caln Youth Aid Panel program depends on its volunteers! Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and may not have a criminal record. Panelists participate in training, attend monthly Youth Aid Panel meetings, and commit to a minimum of one year of volunteer work. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer and giving youth "a second chance," please contact either Criminal Investigator James Lippolis (610-383-1821 x146) or JoAnn Tarrant (484-459-1970).

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LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection for Caln Township continues through the month of November. Leaf bags are still available for purchase at the Caln Township building in bundles of 5 for \$1.50. You may also take advantage of the leaf vacuuming; no appointment is necessary. Below is the schedule for this season's leaf collection:

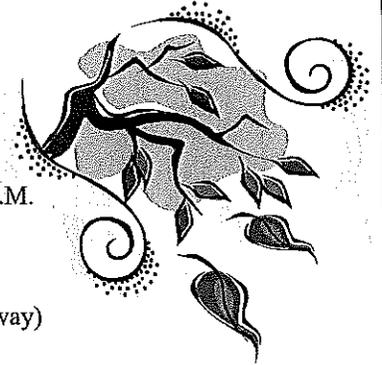
Leaf Bag Pick-up October 27 (by Waste Management)
 November 17 (by Waste Management)
 November 28 (by Waste Management)

PLEASE HAVE BAGS OUT TO CURB NO LATER THAN 6:00 A.M.

Leaf Vacuuming will take place the week of the following dates:
 November 5 (Barley Sheaf Road and east)
 November 12 (West of Barley Sheaf Road and north of Kings Highway)
 November 19 (Barley Sheaf Road and east)
 November 27 (West of Barley Sheaf Road and north of Kings Highway)

PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET as leaves could get washed into storm inlets during inclement weather or can freeze to the roadway as we get cooler temperatures.

Please contact 610-384-0600, x4, with any questions.



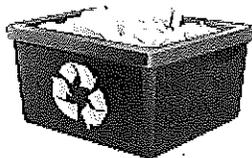
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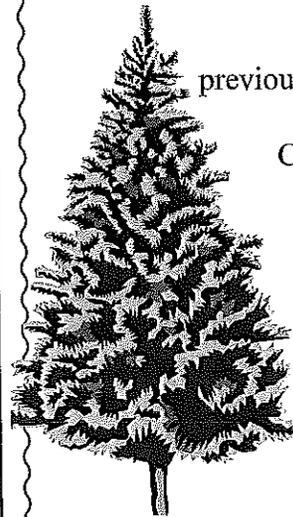


ACT 101 of 1988 requires commercial, institutional, and municipal establishments located in Pennsylvania's mandated municipalities to recycle high grade office paper, corrugated paper and aluminum cans.

To set up a recycling collection system for your business contact your current hauler or call the Division of Solid Waste Management at 610-344-5937 to obtain a list of haulers. Technical information and assistance on any aspect of recycling can be obtained from the county's recycling coordinator at 610-273-3771 or by visiting www.chestercountyswa.org.



Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...



As has been the case in previous years, Waste Management will again be picking up Christmas Trees at the end of the holiday season.

You may dispose of your Christmas trees with your regular Wednesday trash collection during January.

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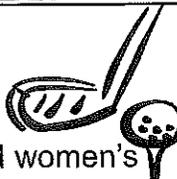
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Ingleside Golf Club Leagues and Clinics



Ingleside Golf Club sponsors men's and women's golf leagues that are open to the public. Our leagues are played every Tuesday evening starting in May and ending in August. The Club will also be sponsoring four junior clinics that are administered by the Club's Golf Pro. Each clinic is limited to 16 children. Junior clinics will be held in the summer months.

Signup information will be available for our leagues along with our junior clinics after January 1, 2008.

For more information call the Pro Shop at 610-384-9128.

Children's Holiday Party

Saturday, December 1st at 2PM

Join the Park and Recreation Board for the 3rd Annual Children's Holiday Party. This year's party will be at the Thorndale Fire Company. There will be a magic show, ornament making and a visit from Santa.

FREE



Caln Township Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 2nd at 5PM

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 and more. Events take place at the Caln Municipal Building.



Caln Township

2007 Holiday House Decorating Contest

Tuesday, December 11th

Participants are required to have their lights and animation in operation between 6-9 p.m. for judging purposes. Houses will be judged on overall appearance. Prizes will be awarded to the three best houses by a volunteer panel of judges. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building, 253 Municipal Drive, or via e-mail.

BUS TRIPS



Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty Tour

Saturday, March 29, 2008

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. Bus will depart from the Kmart in Thorndale parking lot at 7AM and return by 8PM. There will be a stop for dinner on your own on the way home.

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CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CAROL PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

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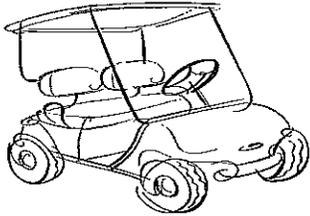
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Ingleside Golf Club 2008 Pass Holder Options

2008 Season play plans are available in two categories. The "Weekday Plan" permits the holder of the pass to play eighteen holes per day throughout the year, Monday thru Friday, less three holidays. The three holidays are Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. The "Seven Day" plan permits the holder to play eighteen holes per day throughout the year on any day all year long. Prices for single players and families are available. For an application, stop by the Ingleside Gold Club pro shop or the Caln Township Municipal Building.



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CALN PRIDE DAY, CALN COMMUNITY DAY, AND MORE.

CALN visits CALNE

The Caln Township Twinning Committee had the pleasure recently to visit our sister-city Calne, Wiltshire, England to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the twinning of Caln/Calne. The trip was a wonderful opportunity not only to renew old friendships, but to begin new ones.

On our day of arrival, a special service of thanksgiving was held at the 900 year old St. Mary the Virgin Church in Calne. It began with a quarter peal of the church bells to commemorate the founding of Caln Township 325 years ago! The ringing of the bells lasted 45 minutes and bathed the town in glorious music.

After several busy days of traversing the English countryside and sight-seeing with our host families to such destinations as the Calne Heritage Center, we then continued through the village of Calne. Another highlight of the trip was a visit to the country estate, Bowood House, where we were greeted by Lady Arabella Unwin. Other points of interest toured were Lacock Village (where snippets of the Harry Potter movies were filmed), and the ever-popular Bath and Stonehenge.

The group gathered in the hall of Marden House to celebrate our twinning adventures. At that time, gifts of pictures and books were exchanged between Calne, England and Caln Township, Pennsylvania committee Chairpersons.

The Caln visitors also journeyed to London to spend time visiting such sites as St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Harrod's Department Store, etc., before returning home to the United States.

This was a wonderful experience; the host families treated us royally. It is anticipated that our friends from Calne, England will come visit us in Caln, Pennsylvania next year. If you are interested in twinning activities, please contact Illaria or Bob Steele, Co-Chairpersons, at 610-383-4478.



(Pictured to the Right:
Illaria and Bob Steele, Patty and Tom DeFroschia,
Doreen Jacoby, Tom Bradley, Barb and Fred Travaglino)

FINANCE OFFICE: 2007 BILLS



Sewer: Last bill for 2007 is due by January 31, 2008
Street Light: Yearly bill mailed January 1, 2007.
Due in penalty by December 31, 2007
Trash: Yearly bill mailed May 1, 2007.
Due in penalty by December 31, 2007

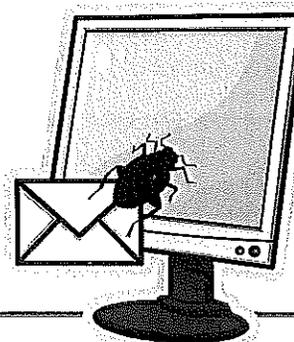
* All unpaid Sewer, Light and Trash bills will be turned over to collection and lien after January 31, 2008.

* Township Real Estate Tax: Due in penalty by December 31, 2007 to avoid a lien on your property January 2008.

Please contact the Finance Office at 610-384-0600 with any questions.

TOWNSHIP EMAIL:

With the ever-increasing amount of SPAM and virus-infected emails, the Township has enhanced the SPAM detection and filtering on their computer network. According to our SPAM filtering software, approximately 85% of the incoming email to the Township is SPAM. In the event you have attempted to contact the Township via email and have not received a response or are having difficulties, please contact the Township. It has been discovered that some email addresses are not able to pass through the SPAM detection filter, and therefore do not reach the intended recipient.



YOU CAN HELP CALN TOWNSHIP DETECT STREAM POLLUTION!

Caln Township, as well as many other communities in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region, recently was required to obtain a permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for its storm drainage system. This permit required Caln Township to locate and map all stormwater piping and drainage ditch systems owned and maintained by the Township. The permit also requires the Township to inspect these drainage systems periodically to detect any "illicit discharges" from the systems.

What in the world is an illicit discharge? Simply stated, an illicit discharge is something that is exiting a storm drainage pipe or drainage ditch that is not stormwater and potentially could pollute our streams. Examples of illicit discharges that would be typical for a community like ours are septic system overflows, sanitary wastewater, chlorinated pool water, paints, oil or other vehicle fluids, etc.

While the Township inspects its drainage system thoroughly, our Highways Department personnel can not be everywhere all the time. If you happen to see something exiting a storm pipe or ditch that looks, smells or feels like something other than stormwater, please contact the Township's Engineering Department so we can track it to its source and keep our streams as clean and pure as possible. To report an illicit discharge, call the Engineering Department or send an email to jmclintock@calntownship.org.

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FROM THE CODES DEPARTMENT...

The Code Enforcement office would like to remind the residents of Caln Township that plot plans are a required item for both building and zoning permit submittal. Plot plans should have the location of any and all structures including the house, driveway and any other accessory structures (shed, pool, fence etc.) with the dimensions of each listed. Setback distances are required from all newly installed structures to the adjacent property lines. We would also like to inform the residents that if there are any questions with regard to property corner locations, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to either provide a survey plan or accurate corner locations during the required site inspection.

A Use and Occupancy permit and inspection is required when transferring ownership of any residential or commercial property. Please note the Township has adopted Ordinance 2007-10 dated September 13, 2007 which outlines the expanded inspection criteria for the inspections of residential and commercial properties. A copy of this ordinance along with the permit application is available on line at www.calntownship.org.

With cooler weather approaching, please remember your fire safety in regard to portable heaters and wood stoves along with holiday ornamentation.

Housing rental bills will be mailed by the end of December with the annual rental fee of \$25.00 due by January 31, 2008.

From the Highway Department...

As we write this article, it is 85 degrees in Caln Township - a record for this time of year. However, Winter will soon be upon us. With that comes ice and snow. To that extent, we would like to remind you of some important guidelines so 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 paving 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 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.

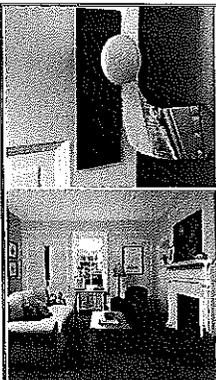
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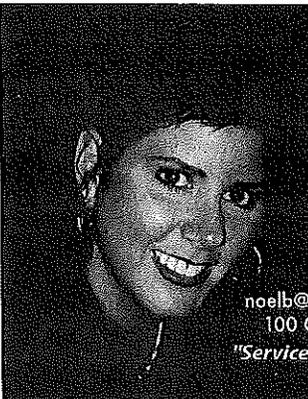


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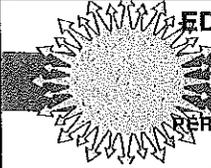
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Did you know that the Caln Townwatch is celebrating its 25th Anniversary?

Yes, we have been here, patrolling the streets of Caln Township for 25 years, and look forward to another 25!

Townwatch volunteers actively patrolled your streets in 2007. On Mischief and Halloween nights, extra patrols provided added support for surveillance and to help you watch over your children during "trick or treat" hours. In 2007, we were able to contribute a total of approximately 500 volunteer hours and approximately 1000 miles patrolling. Our members donated their time and the cost of using their personal vehicles which amounted to \$700.00.

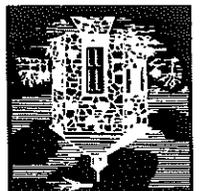
Townwatch members spent 80 hours to serve the community by fingerprinting your children to provide parents with a permanent record to increase the safety factor for all of our children. In total, 200 children we fingerprinted, and or provided with fingerprint ID kits. We also participated in community events, including Caln Pride Day, The Caln Police Bike Rodeo, Caln Day in the Park, and Caln Community Day among other events. This coming year, please stop by and visit our Townwatch tent at the community events mentioned above.

Townwatch added seven new members this year, for which we are very grateful. However, we always need new members to be able to expand and extend local security. A couple of hours a month are a great way to give back to your community. If you would like to join Townwatch, please contact the Caln Police Department at 610-383-1821 or Townwatch directly at 610-380-0729 for more information. You can also download the membership application today at www.calntownship.org, and click on the Caln Townwatch link on the left side of the page.

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