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EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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EAST BRANDYWINE
TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Remember Paoli

SUN, MAR 18, 3:30 PM



Historic Preservation

SUN, APR 15, 3:30 PM



How Old is That Picture?

SUN, MAY 20, 3:30 PM



Courtesy of Peter Miller and Don Horne. Miller studied the first group of which he was family and shared Miller's observation on Jerry Reed on left to right: Marked Bill Clay, Carrie Trigo and her husband Charles Trigo. Trigo helped Buffalo Bill run his Wild West Show and witnessed some of the livestock when cold weather caused a kill in the performance.

The Man of Many Hats!

*Congratulations to Lt. Gene Babetski for 25 Years
with the East Brandywine Police Department*

AS A YOUNG man, Gene Babetski knew he wanted a career in public service. But as many do, he first followed a couple of different paths before landing the job that fit best.

He attended college in Philadelphia studying art. His dislike for city life, and his genuine desire to be of service to others, led Gene away from that pursuit. Next, he started work in the medical field at Brandywine Hospital. A positive outcome of that experience was meeting his wife—now 32 years married, two children, and one very loved grandson. He soon found the work he did at the hospital was not varied enough and he enrolled in the Police Academy. Little did he know how much variety was ahead!



Lt. Gene Babetski

After graduation in 1989, Officer Babetski's first position was as a part-time officer in West Brandywine Township. Soon after he transferred to Caln Township, again as a part-time officer. His experience there provided him great opportunity to learn about policing in a commercial business area, as well as a residential community.

In 1993, Officer Babetski came to East Brandywine Township—population @ 5,500—with little commercial business to speak of at that time. East Brandywine Township has changed a lot since 1993. There are more residents (over 8,000). The volume of calls has increased. And what is expected of our police department has changed.

Lieutenant Babetski is currently responsible for the overall operations of the East Brandywine Police Department. He wears many different hats

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Directory

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CHAIRMAN Kyle P. Scribner
 VICE CHAIRMAN Jay G. Fischer, Esq.
 MEMBER Jason R. Winters

TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

[Held at Township Building]

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 1st Thu at 8:00am
 and 3rd Wed at 7:30pm
 BONDSVILLE MILL COMM 4th Thu at 8:00am
 HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2nd Wed at 7:00pm
 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY 2nd Tue at 7:30am
 OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE 1st Thu at 7:30pm
 ORDINANCE TASK FORCE 3rd Thu at 7:30pm
 PARK AND REC BOARD 1st Mon at 7:00pm
 PLANNING COMMISSION 1st Wed at 7:30pm
 TRAILS COMMITTEE 2nd Tue at 7:00pm

FIRE/AMBULANCE/POLICE

FIRE AND AMBULANCE 911
 POLICE (EMERGENCY) 911
 POLICE (NON-EMERG) (610) 383-7000
 POLICE ADMIN (610) 269-4300
 POLICE WEBSITE WWW.EBTPD.ORG

RECREATION

EBYA WWW.EBYA.ORG
 DARC WWW.DARCINFO.COM
 Park and Recreation Board Email
 PARKANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG

TOWNSHIP STAFF DIRECTORY

DIAL (610) 269-8230 M-F, 9am-noon; 1-5pm
 x200 Norann King, Building Department
 x201 Mary Slade, Secretary/Treasurer
 x203 Scott Piersol, Township Manager/
 EMC and Fire Marshal
 x204 Matthew VanLew, Roadmaster
 x205 Luke Reven, Assistant Township Manager
 x100 Police Administration

TAX COLLECTOR

Dennis Mulhern (610) 269-8230, x210

TAX INFORMATION

COUNTY TAXES (610) 344-6361
 TAX CLAIM OFFICE (610) 344-6360
 ASSESSMENT OFFICE (610) 344-6105
 EIT AND LST (610) 269-4402
 SCHOOL TAXES 1 (866) 300-1714

Meet Our New Supervisor

Jason R. Winters



GOING DOOR TO door to meet East Brandywine Township residents while he was campaigning for the Board of Supervisors position was fun for Jason Winters. He loves talking with people—especially those in this community. Having grown up in the Township, Jason really cares about East Brandywine Township. He remembers stocking shelves at Croppers Market at age 12, attending Brandywine-Wallace Elementary School, and graduating from Downingtown High School—when it was only one school, not East and West.

He now heads the company his father established over 40 years ago on Bondsville Road, a Mechanical/Plumbing/Heating contracting firm. The firm holds federal contracts at major VA hospitals and other government facilities throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions. The company also supports local youth groups, veterans, local schools, and the elderly in our community. His family—wife Jaimee, daughter Joella, and son JR—live in the Township with their growing animal family of cows, goats, and chickens. Sounds like a pretty full life—so why did Jason want to be on the Board of Supervisors?

“For the residents,” Jason says, “I feel people need to speak up or they won’t be heard.” Jason believes he can be a voice for East Brandywine residents. That is why he enjoys meeting and listening to the people of East Brandywine. “Honesty, respect, and transparency are what I promise to the residents of East Brandywine,” said Jason. When he took the Oath of Office on January 2, 2018 Jason remembered the conversations and his promises to those who elected him. During the first few weeks of his six-year term, he has kept his focus on key issues that he heard as most important to the residents of East Brandywine.

The Township has seen a lot of growth and change since Jason was a young boy. He believes the Township should continue to develop and expand responsibly, while keeping the small town feel that has attracted many to settle here. He would like to see more businesses develop in the Township to support the influx of residents. The opening of Crops Market and Pizza Mia (See page 4) are the types of businesses Jason believes residents want. Jason hopes to find ways to attract similar types of businesses to serve our community and to help increase Township revenue.

Getting more people involved in local government, on committees, and in services to the community is another initiative of Jason’s. “Progress and change will happen if new people step up to be involved, share ideas, and help our Township develop and grow.” Jason is grateful for the opportunity to serve the community he grew up in and where he is raising his children. He looks forward to being part of the future of East Brandywine. He welcomes calls and emails from anyone in the community. Jason encourages everyone to ‘get involved, speak up, and be heard.’

East Brandywine Township Parks and Recreation

2018 Upcoming Events

THE PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE IS EXCITED TO HAVE A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS PLANNED. DATES AND DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION NEWSLETTER OR AT **EBRANDYWINE.ORG** OR ON FACEBOOK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION!

FLAG DISPLAY

IN MAY WE honor our military with a display of over 1,400 American Flags at the Community Park.



MOVIES & CONCERTS

THIS SUMMER, WE will host **three** Family Friendly Movies and **three** Summer Concerts.



COMMUNITY DAY

ALSO THIS SUMMER, we will host our annual Community Day.



FUND RAISERS

THE SUMMER MONTHS will also be host to **two** main fund-raising events, our Golf Outing and the Run for the Parks. These two benefits will help us work towards our goal of building a second comfort station in the Community Park.



NEW EVENT THIS FALL

WE WILL HOST a Fall Harvest Festival.

TREE LIGHTING

WE CLOSE OUT the year with our December Tree Lighting.

Lt. Babetski

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in this position. Department services include patrol, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, truck enforcement and a wide variety of community service programs.

Lt. Babetski is involved with it all. He works with Chief Kocsi on policy. He reviews and approves police officer reports. And he oversees the Criminal Investigation unit working with the detectives.

He also leads East Brandywine's Youth Aid Panel. This volunteer committee helps youth deal with underage drinking, curfew violations, graffiti, etc. and staying out of the criminal justice system.

Lt. Babetski shared with us that one of his proudest moments was in 2016 when the East Brandywine Police Department received accreditation from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA). Only 117 agencies in the state have attained this accreditation. There are tough standards to meet and then maintain PCPA accreditation.

One thing has not changed in the 25 years, says Lt. Babetski. "It is still a pleasure to come into work every day. Our department is very welcome in the community. And I could not work with a better group of men and women. The East Brandywine Police Department is a 1st rate department with the best people."

*We think you are first rate, too!
Thank you, Lieutenant Babetski,
for your 25 years of service to
our community!*

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD
HOMES IN EAST
BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

34 Emma Court	\$584,370
1211 Osborne Rd.....	\$335,000
609 Empire Drive.....	\$425,000
420 Mercer Drive.....	\$620,000
123 Locks Farm Lane	\$426,410
33 Locks Farm Lane.....	\$356,200
29 Emma Court	\$623,092
703 Pinebrooke Circle.....	\$232,000
540 Prizer Court	\$385,000
217 La Vida Via.....	\$520,000
103 Evergreen Drive	\$310,000
437 Hallman Court.....	\$385,088
107 Wooded Acres Lane	\$488,500
4 Sussex Place.....	\$445,000
22 Emma Court	\$715,478
123 Governors Circle.....	\$487,000
227 Sills Lane	\$852,500
595 Prizer Court	\$458,000
80 Canterbury Court.....	\$220,000
21 Wyndham Court	\$205,000
108 Cherry Grove Lane.....	\$518,500
340 Rock Raymond Road	\$425,000
118 Bolero Drive	\$675,000
58 Highspire Drive	\$290,000
21 Grovehill Court.....	\$471,222
258 Lenora Lane	\$520,000
1370 Horseshoe Pike	\$315,000

Source: Zillow.com

**Did You Know You're
Getting a New Medicare Card?**

Cards Will be Mailed Between April 2018 & April 2019

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT SOCIAL SECURITY
AT SSA.GOV/MYACCOUNT OR 1-800-772-1213.
TTY USERS CAN CALL 1-800-325-0778.

BEGINNING IN APRIL 2018, Medicare will be mailing new Medicare cards to all people with Medicare. The new cards will have a new, unique, randomized Medicare number on them for better protection of your identity. Your social security number will no longer be on your Medicare card. Your new Medicare card will automatically be mailed to you at your address on file. Pennsylvania residents will be among the first to receive the new cards. If you have questions, contact Social Security at the website or phone number above. Here's how you can get ready:



- Make sure your mailing address is up to date. If your address needs to be corrected contact Social Security at the website or phone number above.
- Beware of anyone who contacts you about your new Medicare card. Or offering to get one to you sooner for a fee. You will never be asked by Medicare to give personal or private information to get your new Medicare number and card.
- Understand that mailing everyone a new card will take some time. Your card might arrive at a different time than your friend or neighbor.

CROP'S FRESH MARKETPLACE

Fresh meat, fresh seafood, and fresh quick to-go, ready-to-eat meals will all be offered when Crop's Market opens this Spring. And you will still find produce, a bakery, florist, and deli inside the newly renovated store. Look for new signage, new black steel roofing, and a newly sealed parking lot in the coming weeks, too! As his father did over 50 years ago, John Cropper is looking forward to once again serve the community of East Brandywine.

PIZZA MIA

Older residents fondly remember Mama Lena's, the pizzeria in the historical building on the south side of Route 322 in Guthriesville. The building's newest owner, Toni Naiman, hopes to be thought of just as fondly when his new restaurant, Pizza Mia, opens later this Spring. Toni has been in the pizzeria business for 25 years and is proud to bring with him Chef Abramo, an Italian chef from the Abruzzi region of Italy. Pizza Mia will offer takeout and delivery, as well as in-house seating. Watch for signs announcing the opening in a few weeks.

**What's
Sprouting this
Spring?**

Hedgerow/Culbertson Run Stormwater Improvement Plan is Moving Forward

EAST BRANDYWINE HAS been working with our Engineer on stormwater design and road repairs for the Hedgerow/Culbertson Run development. The development, built in the late 1970s, is in the west end of the Township. Hawthorne Drive which is approximately one half mile long is dedicated to the Township; the remaining cul-de-sacs are the Homeowners Association (HOA) responsibility.



Stormwater basins to be installed.

In March of 2015, the Township was contacted by the HOA regarding erosion problems within the swales along Hawthorne Drive. An initial assessment indicated that street trees planted within the swales are contributing to the erosion. Township Supervisors authorized Cedarville Engineering to conduct a Comprehensive Storm Water Management Study to provide guidance on how to proceed with stormwater repairs. Cedarville provided four alternatives:

ALTERNATIVE #1

Do nothing, which would be zero cost to the Township but does not solve the problem.

ALTERNATIVE #2

To reestablish the swales and reduce runoff with the installation of rain gardens and infiltration trenches (BMPs) to permit rain to percolate into the

ground. This would require the removal of numerous trees.

ALTERNATIVE #3

To install curbing along the road edge and relocate the stormwater system within the roadway. This would be very costly and would cause damage to tree roots with the eventual need to remove the trees. There would also be an impact on individual residential properties.

ALTERNATIVE #4

To relocate stormwater swales by reducing the width of the roadway from 30 to 20 feet. This alternative would also be costly and would impact the trees.

The Supervisors authorized Cedarville Engineering to proceed with a Storm Water Improvement Plan using Alternative #2. We explored the installation

of stormwater infiltration within the Township right-of-way (Hawthorne Drive).

The initial plan was to install subsurface stone trenches within the existing swales to infiltrate runoff into the ground. After meeting with utility companies, it was determined the cost to relocate the utilities to install the trenches would be very costly. Cedarville Engineering is currently designing stormwater basins that will be located beneath the road surface. This work is being coordinated with AQUA PA who plans to replace their water mains in the development.

In January 2017 we applied to the Department of Environmental Protection Agency DEP for a Growing Greener Grant for \$195,000.00 for the design and installation of Stormwater BMPs to help reduce the project cost. In December of 2017 we received notice that our application was not selected for funding. There may be an opportunity during the next round of grants.

To-date the Comprehensive Study and Improvement Plan has cost the Township approximately \$85,000.00. We anticipate additional construction costs between \$250,000.00 and \$300,000.00 for tree removal, swale repair, stormwater BMP installation and new paving.



EAST BRANDYWINE
Township

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM **KYLE P. SCRIBNER,**
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD CHAIRMAN

The BOARD OF SUPERVISORS has very recently engaged THE STRATEGY GROUP, INC & HALVORSEN ASSOCIATES, LLC to conduct A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT & FIVE YEAR "GAME-PLAN" for our Township.

The Board and Township management have offered full and complete cooperation throughout the multi-phased project which is expected to take 4-6 months. This initiative will include, among other aspects, a special Board of Supervisors TOWN HALL meeting later in the Spring. Our fellow residents of East Brandywine Township will be encouraged to attend this meeting and weigh in with your thoughts about our future.

KYLE P SCRIBNER, Chairman

THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Plans are on for construction to begin on the child development center on Hopewell Road in March. Opening is still TBD.

Historical Commission Speaker Series

Spring 2018 — Mark Your Calendars!



REMEMBER PAOLI

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 3:30 PM
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Jim Christ, Vice President of Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund will give a presentation on the nation's first battle cry on the night of September 20, 1777. Learn how British General Charles "No Flint" Grey lead around 2,000 men at night into the Great Valley to surprise over 2,000 of General Anthony Wayne's men and 2,100 Maryland Militia in one of bloodiest battles

of the Revolutionary War. We'll explore why this battle is called the 'Paoli Massacre' and common myths about the battle.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 3:30 PM, EAST
BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Students of Dr. Lisa G. Doan-Harley at Coatesville Intermediate High School have been studying historical research and preservation. The students will share their findings to help you become more mindful of the buildings in and around East Brandywine. Learn what to look for that indicates

age and condition. You will gain insight into as to why it is important to save these parts of our history as seen through the eyes of our young people.



HOW OLD IS THAT PICTURE?

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 3:30 PM, EAST
BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Pamela Powell, Photo Archivist at Chester County Historical Society, will introduce methodology used to assign a date range to

an historical photograph. Have you ever wondered how old is that picture in the attic? When were those family photos taken? Photographing process and visual clues, along with costume and background details, will be explained. Time will be allowed for questions. Individuals may bring one image with them to be dated. For more information:

EBRANDYWINE.ORG or **Carol Schmidt 484.237.8071, CAROLSINEX@GMAIL.COM.**

Tell Us Your Story

East Brandywine Township's Oral History Project

WE ALL HAVE stories to tell. Everyday memories of everyday people who have lived their lives in our Township are invaluable. Our longtime residents are primary sources of our local history. The East Brandywine Township Historical Commission has initiated an Oral History Project. The goal of the project is to capture these memories, including any involvement with working at the Bondsville Mill. If we do not take the time to collect and record these memories, they will soon be lost to us.

Taking the lead on the project are Allie Proko and Carol Schmidt, both members of the Historical Commission. Allie wrote her college thesis on the Bondsville Mill. She has a particular interest in gathering direct-source information about the Mill from those that have lived it. Carol is a longtime resident of the Township. She will help to guide the interviews from her personal understanding of the area.

Your stories are unique and valuable treasures to the community. As are those told to you by older family members and friends. These stories are our local heritage and provide an understanding of how we got to where we are. Let's preserve your unwritten history! Participation in the program is currently open-ended. We would like to encourage as many with a history in the Township to be part of this project. Interviews are already underway as of the printing of this issue of *The Milemarker*. Please contact **Allie Proko** at ALEXANDRIA@ALEXANDRIAPREVENTS.COM or 484-574-6631 to discuss your interest and schedule an interview.



SPRING 2018 YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

OPENING DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 7

The day kicks off at 9 AM at Community Park with Opening Day ceremonies for Baseball & Softball. Soccer games will be running simultaneously throughout the park. We will have nearly 1,500 kids participating in our programs this Spring. We invite all residents to come out to the park and enjoy a game or two!



HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE 2018 DROP-OFF DATES & LOCATIONS

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority and the Municipalities of Chester

County will be hosting six Hazardous Household Waste Drop-Off Events in 2018.

All events start at 9 am and close at 3 pm. For more information and a list of the accepted items go to [HTTP://CHESTERCOUNTYSWA.ORG/DOCUMENTCENTER/VIEW/1879](http://CHESTERCOUNTYSWA.ORG/DOCUMENTCENTER/VIEW/1879)

Saturday, April 7

CENTER FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY,
PICKERING CAMPUS
1580 CHARLESTOWN RD, PHOENIXVILLE

Saturday, April 21

OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL
226 HIGHLAND RD, ATGLEN

Saturday, May 19

OWEN J. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
981 RIDGE RD, POTTSTOWN

Friday, June 22

COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER
1425 EAST LINCOLN HWY, COATESVILLE

Saturday, September 8

OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
125 BELL TOWER LANE, OXFORD

Saturday, October 13

GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER
601 WESTTOWN RD, WEST CHESTER

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SPRING 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY EVENT, SEE WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG

MAR 2018

1	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00am
1	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
5	Parks and Recreation Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
7	Joe with Five-O	Milan Café	8:00am
7	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
13	Municipal Authority Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30am
13	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
14	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
15	Board of Supervisors Regular Session	Township Bldg	7:30pm
18	Historical Speaking Series: Remember Paoli	Township Bldg	3:30pm
21	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
22	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00am
30	Spring Holiday—Township Offices Closed		

MAY 2018

2	Joe with Five-O	Milan Café	8:00am
2	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
3	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00am
3	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
7	Parks and Recreation Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
8	Municipal Authority Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30am
8	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
9	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
16	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
17	Board of Supervisors Regular Session	Township Bldg	7:30pm
20	Historical Speaking Series: How Old is That Picture?	Township Bldg	3:30pm
24	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00am
28	Memorial Day Holiday—Township Offices Closed		

APR 2018

2	Parks and Recreation Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
4	Joe with Five-O	Milan Café	8:00am
4	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
5	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00am
5	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
7	EBYA Opening Day Ceremonies	Commun. Park	9:00am
10	Municipal Authority Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30am
10	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
11	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
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JUN 2018

2	Parks and Recreation Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00pm
6	Joe with Five-O	Milan Café	8:00am
6	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
7	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00am
7	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30pm
12	Municipal Authority Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30am
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