



SUMMER 2020

THE Milemarker

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



PARKS AND RECREATION

HOPEFUL FOR EVENTS LATER IN THE YEAR

The Parks and Recreation Committee has canceled movies and concerts for June and July, along with our annual Community Day in August. The Committee is hopeful that East Brandywine will reach the Green Phase designation by August in time to have one concert at Community Park.

If allowed, October 11th will be the big event of the year. From 12 pm to 3 pm our Annual Fall Harvest Festival will combine some of the traditional Community Day activities for a fun-filled, family-oriented afternoon.

On December 5th, if permitted, we will have our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony with ornament making, music, cookies, and hot chocolate, and more!

Check the calendar and the Township website for updates, times, and details about these fun events.

COVID-19

East Brandywine's response in the crisis



THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC has changed the way we live, work, shop, and socialize. East Brandywine Township is committed to keeping our residents informed of changes made at the local, state, and national levels. Latest announcements can be found at our website EBRANDYWINE.ORG. We will continue to follow Governor Wolf's Executive Orders and plans to re-open according to the chart on page 3.

Based on recent information, Chester County may be among the last group of counties in the state to proceed toward the Yellow and Green designations. Here are some things we know:

- The Township's plan to re-open the Municipal Building to the public will occur on a limited basis into the lobby area during Chester County's Green Phase designation.
- Trails in our Parks have remained open since the Stay-At-Home Order began. Pavilion rentals, playgrounds and bathrooms will remain closed until Chester County reaches the Green Phase designation, due to concerns about our ability to sanitize these facilities thoroughly to protect all visitors.
- Meetings have been held virtually by the use of the AnyMeeting program. The public is still able to participate in any public meeting

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TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Kyle P. Scribner
 Vice Chairman Jason Winters
 Member Kenneth Adler

TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETINGS (Held at Township Building)

Board of Supervisors 3rd THU, 6:30 pm
 Bondsville Mill Comm 4th THU, 8:00 am
 Historical Commission ... 2nd WED, 7:00 pm
 Municipal Authority 2nd TUE, 8:00 am
 and LAST FRI, 8:00 am
 Open Space Committee 1st THU, 7:30 pm
 Ordinance Task Force 3rd WED, 7:30 pm
 Park and Rec Board 1st MON, 7:00 pm
 Planning Commission 1st WED, 7:30 pm
 Trails Committee 2nd TUE, 7:00 pm
 Zoning Hearing Board 1st TUE, 7:30 pm
 (as needed)

FIRE/AMBULANCE/POLICE

Fire, Ambulance, 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 & Rec ... parkandrec@ebrandywine.org

TOWNSHIP STAFF DIRECTORY (610) 269-8230 | M-F | 9 am-noon & 1-5 pm

x200 Norann King, Building Department
 x218 Lisa Taraschi, Administrative Assistant
 x203 Scott Piersol, Township Manager/
 Emergency Management Coordinator
 x204 Matthew VanLew, Roadmaster
 x205 Luke Reven, Assistant Township Mgr.
 x210 Dennis Mulhern, Tax Collector
 x100 Police Administration

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

Local Organizations Help out During the Pandemic

How you can help, too

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC has created fear and anxiety, but it has also shown us the better side of humankind. Neighbors helping neighbors. Organizations reaching out to assist individuals and other facilities. Much needed food, masks, space, and cheer have been delivered to those who are most physically and financially vulnerable.

Below are just a few examples of the outreach of local organizations. We know there are many more and appreciate everyone for their efforts as we work together to get through this crisis.

HOPEWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Members of Hopewell United Methodist Church made and delivered over 1,100 masks to health care facilities and local organizations such as Hickory House, Freedom Village, Tel Hai, Gateway Medical Associates, Family Practice Associates, Chester County Hospital, PowerBack Rehab, The Lord's Pantry, CYWA, and City Gate Shelter. There continues to be a great need for masks and their efforts continue.



Children and families created several hundred cards and letters that were delivered to health care workers and residents at Tel Hai and Hickory House along with over 100 potted flowers from their raised beds that had been planted as bulbs by Hopewell Christian Preschool last fall. Their raised garden beds now have the first vegetables of the season which will be distributed to The Lord's Pantry and Safe Harbor. Members packed individual lunches for Safe Harbor residents and hot meals for City Gate shelter.

As an act of appreciation for health care workers, and in partnership with Anthony's Cucina Fresca in Downingtown, 75 meals were delivered to the night shift staff of Chester County Hospital. Due to the financial impact of the pandemic, Hopewell created a fund to assist members and local families with groceries and other needs.

All are welcome to contribute to any of these efforts and can do so by calling the church office at **610-269-1545**.

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Township Response

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by computer or by phone. Visit our website for more info.

- Bulk trash is not currently being collected at the request of our provider, A.J. Blosenski. Yard waste collections will continue as planned. Please visit the Township website for additional information on yard waste collection dates,

and when bulk trash collections will return.

- Residential construction projects that were paused by the Governor's Executive Orders to halt construction were resumed on May 1st under the CDC and State Health Department Guidelines. Exceptions made during the construction shutdown from March 26th through April 30th were dwellings that were ready

for final inspections, emergency repairs, or to make a structure weather tight.

- The June 13th Document Shredding and e-Waste Collection has been postponed. Participating municipalities and the two vendors will determine if there is a suitable fall re-schedule date.

- At the Township website, we have links for residents and businesses, particularly for businesses that have suffered financially from this pandemic. SCORE and the Chester County Economic Development Council provide a lot of valuable information to assist in understanding the CARES Act and the associated loan programs.

- At a special meeting held May 12th, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 09 of 2020, extending the face payment period for real estate and fire services taxes to August 31, 2020. This change was authorized by the passage of Act 15 of 2020 by the Legislature, and signed into law by Governor Wolf.

- In a separate measure, the Supervisors also extended the face payment period for the refuse and recycling fees to August 31st.

- The Township has submitted the initial paperwork necessary to apply for federal disaster relief funding that will hopefully become available through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). This funding is intended to reimburse a portion of the costs associated with the Township's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

COVID-19 REOPENING PHASES

WORK & CONGREGATE SETTINGS

SOCIAL SETTINGS

RED PHASE

- LIFE-SUSTAINING BUSINESSES ONLY
- RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE
- SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
- MOST CHILD CARE CLOSED

- STAY AT HOME ORDERED
- LARGE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED
- RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY
- ONLY TRAVEL FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING PURPOSES

YELLOW PHASE

- TELEWORK MUST CONTINUE WHERE FEASIBLE
- BUSINESSES WITH IN-PERSON OPERATIONS MUST FOLLOW SAFETY ORDERS
- CHILD CARE OPEN COMPLYING WITH GUIDANCE
- RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE
- SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

- STAY AT HOME ORDER LIFTED FOR AGGRESSIVE MITIGATION
- LARGE GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 25 PROHIBITED
- IN-PERSON RETAIL ALLOWED CURBSIDE/DELIVERY PREFERRED
- INDOOR RECREATION, HEALTH AND WELLNESS FACILITIES REMAIN CLOSED
- RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY

GREEN PHASE

- ALL BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE YELLOW PHASE UNDER THE 50% LIMITATION MAY INCREASE TO 75% OCCUPANCY
- ALL BUSINESSES NOT PERMITTED TO OPERATE PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE YELLOW PHASE MAY MOVE TO 50% OCCUPANCY, SUBJECT TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES
- ALL BUSINESSES MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES
- TELEWORK WHERE FEASIBLE
- CONSIDER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VULNERABLE PERSONNEL
- CONSTRUCTION BACK TO FULL CAPACITY WITH SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE

- NOT A RETURN TO THE WAY THINGS WERE, BUT CHANGING BEHAVIOR FOR A NEW NORMAL
- PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: USE GOOD JUDGMENT, WEAR MASKS AROUND OTHERS, CONTINUE SOCIAL DISTANCING + USE GOOD HEALTH HABITS
- LARGE RECREATIONAL GATHERINGS REMAIN RESTRICTED
- VISITS TO PRISONS + HOSPITALS MAY RESUME
- NURSING HOME VISITATION RESTRICTIONS REMAIN FOR NOW
- INDIVIDUALS MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES

DOWNTOWN AREA RECREATION COVID RESPONSE CHANGES

DARC is continuing to work hard for the residents in our community

Due to the stay-at-home mandate, DARC has had to re-schedule, postpone, and even cancel some programs, and trips. They have created the opportunity to serve our communities in a new way.



With many parents and caregivers now working from home and managing their children's online education at the same time, they have posted suggestions for crafts, games, nature hunts, cooking classes, and even a science experiment on their social media pages.

Additionally, they are now offering virtual programming to the community at [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2SIO1V9](https://bit.ly/2sio1v9).

As of this writing, they were proceeding with planning exciting and enriching events for the coming months and were cautiously hoping to host the popular summer camps, bus trips, music and art classes, and fitness programs.

Based on the uncertainty of events, they were delaying the print version of their brochure and have a digital version available at [HTTPS://DARC.PROJECTS.WEBPAGES.ONE/](https://darc.projects.webpages.one/).

Stay up to date with DARC by following them on Facebook @dtownrec, Instagram @downingtownrec, and Twitter @DowningtonRec or at [WWW.DARC.INFO](http://www.darc.info).

Local Organizations Lend A Hand

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CROP'S FRESH MARKETPLACE

Crop's has been donating non-perishable food items on a weekly basis since the beginning of March to fill bags to be delivered to 105 food insecure, at-risk Veterans. The Veterans' support systems are compromised by the social distancing and isolation requirements. More information can be found at [WWW.DAIVSDRIBE831.ORG](http://www.daivsdribe831.org). Crop's has also donated pallets of bleach and hand sanitizer to the Chester County Hospital and Brandywine Hospital.

YMCA OF GREATER BRANDYWINE

The Brandywine YMCA on Hurley Road has been closed but opened their doors in partnership with the Chester County Food Bank and the United Way of Chester County to collect and distribute food to the community. Members volunteered to collect non-perishable food items from donors' cars (to social distance) and stock them for distribution at the YMCA. For more information on this program and other outreach organized by the YMCA go to: [HTTPS://YMCAGBW.ORG/BLOG/YOUR-HELP-NEEDED](https://ymcagbw.org/blog/your-help-needed)



UNITED WAY OF CHESTER COUNTY

A COVID-19 Response fund was created to push out grant money to those most affected by the crisis. As of this printing more than \$800,000 had been collected and been disbursed to more than 51 non-profit organizations in Chester County. For more information or to contribute go to [WWW.UNITEDFORCHES-TERCOUNTY.ORG](http://www.unitedforchestercounty.org)

Food Drive Collection Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM #ourcommunity #thankyou 	Most Needed Items Include: - Rice - Jelly or Jam - Peanut Butter - Canned Fish/Chicken - Canned Fruit - Pasta - Cereal - Tomato Sauce - Beans - Coffee/Tea
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PAIVA PSYCH (FREE STRESS & ANXIETY COPING SESSIONS)

Michele Paiva, PhD, ERYT, MBSR, CHT & licensed psychotherapist and long-time Township resident, is offering complimentary online teletherapy sessions for Township residents who are experiencing stress and anxiety due to the COVID-19 crisis. She also offers free sessions for those in the Township who have a relative or friend who is on the health front lines and working in an emergency room or directly with COVID.

The Brave Girl, a division of Paiva Psych, and under the direction of Michele and her daughter, self-esteem coach Alexandria Kochinsky, has a free online course to help children (boys included, despite the name) navigate the sudden stresses inflicted by COVID. Information on these free programs can be found at: [HTTPS://MICHELEPAIVA.COM/](https://michelepaiva.com/) AND [HTTPS://THEBRAVEGIRL.ORG/](https://thebravegirl.org/)

A Nature Library at Bondsville Mill Park!

Will reopen Monday and Saturday mornings

IN AUGUST 2019, a visitor pointed out an exceptionally large spider to the Bondsville Mill Park's volunteer garden crew and asked them if they knew what it was. That query planted the seed for the establishment of a Nature Library at the Park!

A goal of the Park is to provide educational opportunities on a variety of issues associated with the Park, including history, horticulture, and nature (our ecosystem).

In line with that and the enthusiasm for the idea of a Nature Library, a corner of the Spinning Room (a recently rehabilitated building of the historic Mill) was offered for the project. Requests for donations of books focused on nature were met with immediate success and our library shelves were filled.



Photo of Library currently located in the Spinning Room of the Mill.

The Nature Library now has over 100 non-fiction titles for lending and over 50 in reference. Many of these titles are geared to younger readers. Nature, habitat, gardening, landscaping guides, as well as wildlife encyclopedias, are available for adults as well.

Early this past October, members from the Downingtown Library came to the Mill for a garden and building tour. The librarians were impressed with the Mill's library and soon a partnership was in the works to include monthly library programs focusing on nature.

The first program of our partnership with the Downingtown Library was this past December 21st on the Winter Solstice. The well-attended event began with a hike in the Park followed by well-known storyteller Debri Pieri sharing winter solstice stories. Warm cider and cookies were offered as refreshment.

More events are in the process of being planned, including regular library hours on Monday and Saturday mornings. Once restrictions are lifted and Chester County reaches the Green Phase designation, we will post a schedule of events.



Nancy Kirchgasser is the Nature Library's Volunteer Library Director. She holds the Library's Discovery Book of the Month for July.

Want to keep informed? The very best way for you to know about what's going on at the Park, including the library's schedule, children story hours, and the Mill's programs on nature such as Monarch butterflies and bees is to register for the Mill's Thursday Updates. Please email Sandy Moser at SMOSER@EBRANDYWINE.ORG to sign up, or visit the Bondsville Mill Park's Facebook page.

Getting back to the question that started this article, a reference in our Library says: "The spider species *Argiope aurantia* is commonly known as the yellow garden spider, black and yellow garden spider, golden garden spider, writing spider, zigzag spider, hay spider, corn spider, or McKinley spider." Mrs. Spider and her eggs, carefully protected in a nearby silk egg sac, were pointed out to all of the children visiting the Park that day.



OUR POLICE DEPT HAS A TWITTER ACCOUNT

East Brandywine Police Department's Twitter account is live and **our handle is @ebtpd**. This is the way users of the Twitter app can find our account and follow us if they want. If you don't have or don't want a Twitter account, you can still use a web browser to visit Twitter. The top of the page will have a search field that says, "Search Twitter." Type "@ebtpd" there to see what the Police Department is posting.

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

250 N. Caldwell Circle.....	\$430,000
1387 Horseshoe Pike	\$369,900
32 Blakely Road.....	\$289,000
363 Dawson Place	\$356,000
27 Wellesley Lane.....	\$510,000
41 Lakeview Court.....	\$300,000
105 Locks Farm Lane.....	\$390,000
1109 Horseshoe Pike.....	\$320,000
20 Wyndham Court.....	\$215,000
101 Firethorn Drive.....	\$375,000
119 Locust Knoll Road.....	\$355,000
402 Banyon Lane.....	\$265,000
421 Hallman Court.....	\$531,500
271 Jefferis Road	\$170,000
107 Constitution Drive	\$430,000
12 Rico Circle.....	\$595,000
22 Clayton Lane	\$179,000
101 Lenora Lane.....	\$448,500
16 Keller Way	\$380,000
93 Gloucester Court.....	\$295,000
93 Yellowwood Drive.....	\$275,000
654 Empire Drive	\$479,900
271 Corner Ketch Road.....	\$270,000

Source: **ZILLOW.COM**

East Brandywine Police and Fire Departments

Response to COVID-19 crisis

THE EAST BRANDYWINE Police Department and East Brandywine Fire Company reacted immediately to the Governor's orders and the Chester County Department of Emergency Services guidelines at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. Both Departments received daily updates through the Chester County Public Safety Leadership Website, being alerted to evolving situations.

FROM EBPD CHIEF MARK KOCSI:

- Operationally, the Police Administration, secretaries, and investigations broke into two teams on a staggered rotational schedule.
- We have been following CDC and County guidelines for PPE wearing (masks and gloves) and routine screening for employees. Officers worked from home to complete annual and mandatory training.
- An on-line court process began on May 4th. We set up a webcam in the PD for officers to log in to their court hearings and complete the process of testifying or addressing other issues before the judge.
- Routine cleaning of Police vehicles, locker rooms and office areas is completed by Bio-One. Plexiglas dividers have been purchased for our work areas. We will continue to adjust according to guidelines.

FROM EBFC CHIEF VINCE D'AMICO AND ASSISTANT CHIEF JOE MONESTERE:

- N95 masks and gloves were provided to each Firefighter and EMT for use on calls. These are worn during an entire incident from departure to return to the firehouse.
- We've limited interaction on calls: Only a Chief Officer will approach the scene until it is determined what services are required to mitigate the incident.
- A strict adherence to social distancing recommendations is followed.
- All meetings are now digital via conference or video calls. We suspended all non-emergency gatherings at the firehouse.
- There is disinfection of all touched surfaces after every call (equipment & building) and on a continual basis.
- All front-line responders were provided access to COVID Antibody testing through the office of Christine Meyer, MD.

Both teams remain diligent in protecting employees, volunteers, and their families while continuing to provide high quality routine and emergency services for all residents.



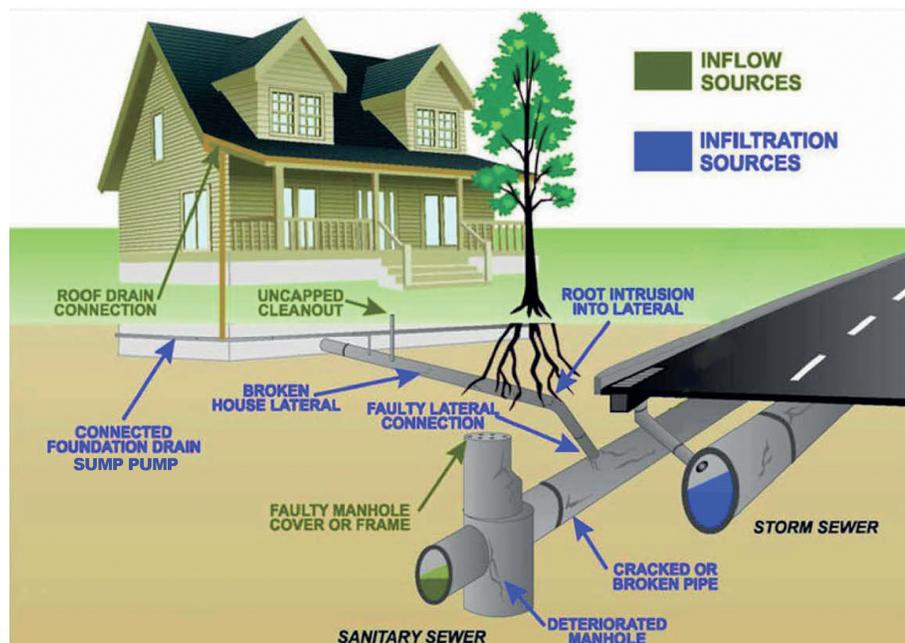
Keeping our Water and Sewer Systems Safe

Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Reduction Program

THIS PROGRAM IS intended to reduce the amount of stormwater (Inflow) and groundwater (Infiltration) that enters the Sanitary Sewer System. Stormwater and groundwater (I&I) can enter the sanitary sewer system at various points, and the Authority must treat this clean water before it is discharged. I&I treatment adds expenses to the Authority, and to the customers in increased rates. Correcting I&I issues can help us avoid costly penalties and reduce the cost of treating sanitary sewerage by making the system more efficient.

Your Part in the Solution: The Authority is asking for your help to ensure there are no prohibited discharges into the sanitary sewer system. This includes any downspouts, sump pumps and foundation drains that are being discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Sanitary sewer cleanouts and vents should be at least 12 inches above grade, capped, and in good condition with no cracks. You should also check for tree roots, broken pipes, etc. that may allow I&I. Not only will this help control costs, but it will also help to prevent basement back-ups and sewer overflows.

We appreciate your cooperation as we make these improvements. Call the Township Office with questions about your property.



East Brandywine Township Municipal Authority: I/I Reduction Program.



IT'S REALLY NOT FLUSHABLE

The East Brandywine Township Municipal Authority (EBTMA) reminds all residents connected to the public sewer system of the vital role each person plays in preventing wastewater overflows and backups.

Many people are using disinfectant wipes to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. EBTMA asks homeowners NOT to flush these wipes down the toilet and to dispose of them in the trash instead. Even wipes labeled as "flushable" do not break down and can cause backups in household plumbing and larger blockages in wastewater collection systems. Please also refrain from flushing facial tissues, napkins, or paper towels which can also cause clogs in pipes.

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SAVE THE DATE

If guidelines allow, we will hold the following community events on the dates below.

Annual Fall Harvest Festival

OCT 11, 12-3 pm, Community Park

Tree Lighting

DEC 5, Community Park

Summer 2020 Calendar of Events

Due to COVID-19, all meetings are being held in a virtual environment until further notice. Please visit WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG, for instructions on viewing and participating in any public meeting, and for more information on any event.

JUL 2019

1	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
2	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
3	4th of July Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		
6	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
7	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
8	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
14	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
14	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
15	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
16	Board of Supervisors Meeting	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
23	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
24	Municipal Authority Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00 am

AUG 2020

3	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
4	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
5	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
6	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
11	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
11	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
12	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
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SPRING STORMWATER TIPS



CLEAR

Uncover and clean storm drains, gutters, and down spouts to help avoid flooding.



MAINTAIN

Inspect vehicles and other equipment for spills, drips, and leaks.



PLANT

Plant trees, native plants, and ground cover to soak up spring rains and provide food and habitat for pollinators.



PROTECT

Move stored chemicals such as salt, fertilizers, and pesticides to high areas where potential stormwater cannot reach.



PICK UP

Pick up pet waste and dispose in a trash receptacle. Pet waste is a source of stormwater pollution.



DISPOSE

Properly dispose of any unwanted household paints and chemicals from spring cleaning at a local hazardous waste collection site.

US FLAG AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION BOXES

Available at the Township Building for proper disposal of these items. For more information:
[HTTP://EBRANDYWINE.ORG/297/US-FLAG-PRESCRIPTION-DRUG-COLLECTION-BOX](http://EBRANDYWINE.ORG/297/US-FLAG-PRESCRIPTION-DRUG-COLLECTION-BOX)

