



WINTER 2021

THE Milemarker

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 UPDATE



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

To minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing, Township meetings will be conducted via webinar until further notice. No attendance in-person will be allowed. Members of the public may join online using an internet-enabled device. Unique links and passwords for each public meeting are available at WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/CALENDAR.

Those who elect to join by phone should dial the toll-free number then use the unique PIN codes listed on the website when prompted. When participating by phone there is not a mechanism to be recognized by the Chairman to provide public comment. Those joining by internet-enabled device will be able to request an opportunity to speak. Using the Chrome web browser seems to offer the best experience. If you require special accommodation, please call the Township office at **(610) 269-8230**.

For the latest information on the COVID-19 news and regulations in Pennsylvania and Chester County, WWW.CHESCO.ORG/CORONAVIRUS.

New Roles for Familiar Faces

Changes to the Township administration team

MEMBERS OF THE East Brandywine Township administration team have been taking on new roles in recent months. The Board of Supervisors appointed **Lisa Valaitis** as Township Treasurer in September and **Lisa Taraschi** as Township Secretary in December. The roles of Township Treasurer and Township Secretary had previously been filled by a single individual. A Five-Year Strategic Plan commissioned by the Board of Supervisors in 2018 recommended this change after an analysis of the former Secretary/Treasurer's workload.



From left to right: Lisa Valaitis, Luke Reven, and Lisa Taraschi.

In January, the Board named **Luke Reven** to serve as Township Manager, filling the vacancy created by the departure of long-time Manager **Scott Piersol** which was announced in November. Reven joined the Township in 2014 as Assistant Township Manager. "I am grateful for the trust the Board of Supervisors has placed in me, and I look forward to working with the Board, our excellent Township staff, consultants, and the many volunteers who serve on Township committees to provide excellent services to the people of East Brandywine Township" said Reven, adding "I am also deeply appreciative for the mentorship of Mr. Piersol over the last six years and wish him the best with his future endeavors."

Reven is a Missouri native who relocated to southeast Pennsylvania in 2013 with his wife Michelle, who is an Associate Professor at West Chester University.

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Directory

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Jason R. Winters
 Vice Chairman George W. Scherbak
 Member Kyle P. Scribner

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 if needed, 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.darc.info
 Park & Rec... parkandrec@ebrandywine.org

TOWNSHIP STAFF DIRECTORY

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

x200 Norann King, Building Department
 x201 Lisa Valatis, Township Treasurer
 x218 Lisa Taraschi, Township Secretary
 x204 Matthew VanLew, Roadmaster
 x205 Luke Reven, Township Manager
 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

DARC Is Open!

Winter programs available online at WWW.DARC.INFO

THE DOWNINGTOWN AREA RECREATION CONSORTIUM, “DARC” hope this finds you and your family happy, healthy, and engaged. It has been over ten months since the pandemic has turned our world upside down and caused all of us to approach things in new ways. While we know you enjoyed getting our program brochure in the mail, we did not send a paper brochure for our winter programs. But that does not mean that we are not offering a wide variety of programs to meet the physical, social, and creative needs of families in East Brandywine.

We provide an assortment of activities including Drawing and Cartooning, Culinary Workshops, Financial Management, Yoga, Dance, First Aid and CPR, crafting, and so much more! Our sports offerings include basketball, bowling, ice skating, and soccer, just to name a few. We work very hard to meet all health guidelines and practice social distancing. Our goal is to provide you with many fun and safe opportunities to learn and play this year, especially this year!

All our (in person & virtual) programs may be viewed on our website WWW.DARC.INFO. We look forward to the day when we can offer discounted tickets to your favorite attractions and continue our terrific bus trips and Broadway shows. Please stay active and stay healthy. Hope to see you this winter.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

FOR EAST BRANDYWINE FOUNDATION

The Township's non-profit arm, the East Brandywine Foundation is a 501(C)(3). This entity accepts private donations for Township improvements and, unlike gifts which go to the Township directly, these contributions are tax-deductible. The East Brandywine Foundation bylaws call for a five-member board. Three of these members are ex-officio—they are the current Board of Supervisors. The other two are at-large appointees who need only be Township residents.

The Foundation has not met in some time and all the terms of these at-large seats are up. We are looking for two residents to fill these positions. Applicants with non-profit fund raising or accounting experience would be ideal, but these are not necessary qualifications. The Foundation regularly meets only twice a year. The seats will be filled at a meeting of the Foundation scheduled for March 4, 2021. If you would like to be considered for one of these spots, please complete the form at: WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/DOCUMENTCENTER/VIEW/686.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: Christy Silva

Aidan's Heart Foundation—Empowering the community to save lives

LAST DECEMBER, CHRISTY Silva, one of the founders of Aidan's Heart Foundation and East Brandywine resident, was voted the 2020 BeWellPhilly Health Hero. The award is presented to those who are making a difference in the region through improving the health and wellness of their communities. The award provided \$15,000 to Aidan's Heart Foundation.

It's been ten years since Christy Silva reached out to her seven-year-old son Aidan to tell him it was time to leave for a Labor Day picnic. When Aidan didn't respond, Christy called 911. First responders arrived with an automated external defibrillator (AED), but Aidan had already passed away from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). He had no history of heart issues and had received a clean bill of health six weeks earlier.

Over 7,000 children die each year from SCA, a life-threatening emergency when the heart suddenly stops beating. When an AED and CPR are used within the first 3 to 5 minutes of a SCA the chance of survival increases by 74%. SCA is the number one cause of high school deaths on school grounds.

"I had no idea about SCA until it happened to Aidan, but felt it was my responsibility to honor Aidan by helping other children and educating our community," Silva shared. The family established Aidan's Heart Foundation in 2013 with the mission



Christy Silva at DASD's Marsh Creek Sixth Grade Center during a CPR Training session with students.

to teach families about SCA, how to perform CPR, and use AED's. Over 100 AED's have been donated and placed in area schools, parks, and other youth activity establishments.

Over 2,000 young hearts have been screened through the Foundation's free heart screening program. Approximately 1 in 300 have been found to have a potentially life-threatening heart condition requiring follow up.

Christy, a Reading Specialist at Marsh Creek Sixth Grade Center, along with other volunteers, has trained over 6,500 youth in the Downingtown Area School District in how to save a life using Hands-Only CPR+AED skills.

"Not only are we teaching kids a life-saving skill, but we are also providing confidence and empowering these students in knowing how to respond in an emergency."

The funds awarded from the BeWellPhilly recognition will help to expand the programs to raise awareness about SCA. Christy said the money is important, but so is what happens right here in Downingtown. "The community has been a huge support in our efforts from the very beginning," said Christy. We are so grateful to all who continue to honor Aidan and ensure his legacy lives on."

To learn more about Aidan's Heart Foundation go to: AIDANSHEART.ORG/

The Garden Project at Bondsville Mill Park Begins!

AND WE'RE OFF! Long in the planning and grant support process, the Garden Project is starting at Bondsville Mill Park! Two years ago, a Horticultural Committee was formed within the Bondsville Mill Park Committee to plan a large garden in the space immediately in front of the historic Mill Buildings.

The hallmarks of this garden will be water-wise, no-spray, naturalistic design, and low maintenance. It will be used as a tool to teach our community about these kinds of gardening techniques. It will also be used to support the current education program at the Park about the importance and interconnection of pollinators, invertebrates, birds, and humans. The design will present seasonal color displays throughout the year.

The Park currently consists of the historic textile mill at its core, and the 47 acres of grounds that include two miles of well-marked hiking trails, picnic areas, and native plant gardens. This one-acre garden will add a third component to the Park and will focus on native species plants, with the core themes of sustainability and "where art and ecology meet". Just as significant as the size of the garden, is the makeup of the Horticultural Committee guiding the details of the garden's layout and design. This Committee draws from the horticultural community



Top: Current condition of the concrete pad area in front of the Mill Buildings (photo credit: Jim Buczala). Bottom: A rendering of project at completion (artwork donated by Adrian Martinez).

of Chester County and includes personnel from the leading nurseries and garden design firms of our region to provide the expertise needed to create something truly special at the Park:

- **David Culp** (Horticultural Committee Chair, internationally renowned plantsman, designer, author, and East Brandywine Township resident)
- **Kai Pederson** (Sun Leaf Gardens)
- **John Lilley** (plantsman and former owner of a landscape design/build company)
- **Dale Hendricks** (Green Light Plants, and authority on Hershey Tree Farms)
- **Matthew Ross** (Longwood Gardens)
- **Adrian Martinez** (artist)
- **Sandy Moser** (lead on gardens for BMP Committee)
- **Chris Uhland** (owner of Harmony Hill Wholesale Nursery [East Brandywine])
- **Andy Schenk** (owner of Sam Brown's Wholesale Nursery)

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Garden Project at Bondsville Mill Park

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- **Bridget Wosczyzna** (owner of Diggin Jacks, plantsperson)
- **Glenda Brion** (plantsperson, Director of Community Warehouse Project)
- **Chris Felhaber** (Chanticleer)

Beyond the Garden Project, the Horticultural Committee will also guide development of gardens and landscaping throughout the Park.

To fund this project, the Bondsville Mill Park Committee was successful in obtaining grants from both the County and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in 2019 and, again, in 2020, with a funding match from the Township.

Two rounds of bidding were conducted for the first phase of the project (removal of the concrete pad), the contractor was selected in November 2020, and work is now IN PROGRESS! In addition to the multiple grants from the County and DCNR, the project could not have proceeded without the commitment of significant support in donated labor by the Park's Volunteer Corps.

There are three phases of work after removal of the concrete pad: Phase II is the placement of soils specified by the Horticultural Committee, along with the installation of paths and utilities to support the garden. Phase III involves installation of the plants and Phase IV involves installation of a parking area to the South side of the gardens for approximately 60 parking spaces for the anticipated additional visitation to the Park and future planned events. Phase II is expected to occur later this Winter and Spring, the Phase III plant installation is expected to occur late this summer into fall, and the Parking Lot work should occur early next year.

As gardens and landscaping projects proceed, many helpful hands will be needed. Sandy Moser has created a "Friends of the Park" group where she provides weekly email updates that provide a tidbit about the history or ecology of the Park, an indication as to what the volunteers of the Park are doing, and a heads-up for upcoming events at the Park. If you would like to be added to this group or if you have an interest in gardening/landscape development and want to be part of this exciting project, please contact Sandy at smoser@ebrandywine.org. You can also visit our Facebook page (just search for "Bondsville Mill Historic Park"). If you have questions about any aspect of the Park, please contact Jim Buczala at JBUCZALA@EBRANDYWINE.ORG.

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

12 Delancey Place.....	\$168,000
1012 Hopewell Road.....	\$370,000
24 Clement Court.....	\$365,000
18 Cumberland Drive.....	\$1,008,000
1230 Osborne Road.....	\$460,000
91 Canterbury Court.....	\$325,000
237 Patriot Lane.....	\$691,000
243 Sills Lane.....	\$360,000
11 Patterdale Place.....	\$475,000
545 Prizer Court.....	\$525,000
111 Hilltop Drive.....	\$472,500
9 Clover Lane.....	\$524,900
215 Seven Springs Lane.....	\$558,000
369 Dawson Place.....	\$361,990
42 Colleen Circle.....	\$660,000
701 Pinebrooke Circle.....	\$255,000
18 Windemere Court.....	\$257,000
171 Zynn Road.....	\$695,000
151 Dowlin Forge Road.....	\$495,000
307 Harcourt Lane.....	\$780,000
6 Highland Court.....	\$292,500
360 Marshall Road.....	\$459,000
1370 Horseshoe Pike.....	\$362,200
44 Lakeview Court.....	\$277,000

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Hillendale Wastewater Treatment Plant

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY ASSUMES MANAGEMENT OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The East Brandywine Township Municipal Authority (“Authority”) will soon accept dedication of the new wastewater treatment system that will provide sewage collection, treatment and disposal service for homeowners in The Estates at Dowlin Forge Station.

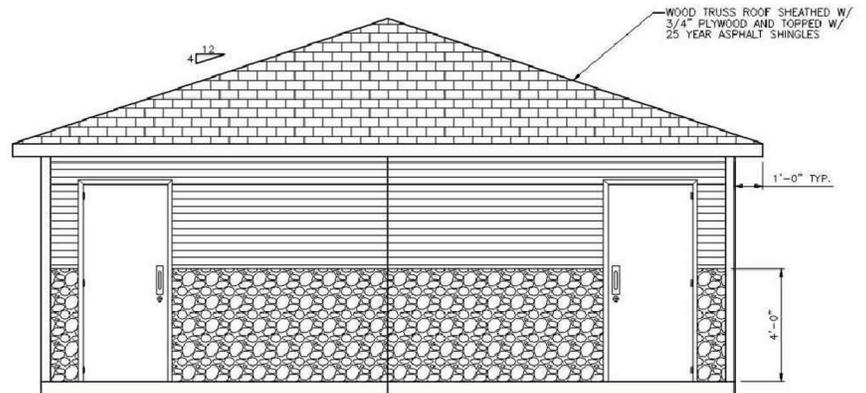
The plant, constructed by the developer, will be owned by the Authority. The treatment processes are authorized and permitted by the Pennsylvania DEP and are required to meet specific environmental regulations.

Known as the Hillendale Wastewater Treatment Plant, it will be operated by an independent contractor hired by the Authority. The Authority will be responsible for the management, operation, finances and permit compliance of the plant.

All treated effluent from Hillendale will be recharged to the groundwater using a drip irrigation system. Groundwater quality is monitored as part of the permit.

For more information on the Authority’s management of sewer services in East Brandywine go to: WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/212/MUNICIPAL-SEWER-AUTHORITY

Parks & Recreation
The Community Park new comfort station



Sample Drawing of the Comfort Station.

THE PARKS & Rec Committee has been planning activities for Summer and Fall 2021. The schedule will be published in the Spring issue of *The Milemarker* based on known COVID regulations at that time.

Despite the pandemic, there has been progress made on the Community Park Comfort Station, which will be located north of the Allison Pavilion at the north end of the Park. The prefabricated comfort station includes ladies and men’s bathrooms, storage and concession areas as well as septic and well. The storage and concession could be used by EBYA. Funds for this project are coming from a DCNR grant of \$165,000, the financial support of EBYA, and fund-raising efforts of Parks and Recreation including Golf Outings and 5K Runs.

This project has been in the works since 2018. Timeline as of December 2020:

- Complete plans, specifications, DNCR review January 29, 2021
- First advertisement of bids February 22, 2021
- Second advertisement of bids February 25, 2021
- Bid opening March 11, 2021
- Supervisors meeting March 18 Award bid
- Place order for building as soon as possible 10-12 weeks lead time
- Notice to proceed for site work March 29, 2021
- Building arrives on site week of May 2, 2021
- Complete utility connections week of May 9, 2021

The installation of the Comfort Station will provide visitors a much-needed resource at this side of Community Park. Thank you to the Committee members who worked diligently to make this happen.



EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

Recycling & Trash Programs

RECYCLING

TUESDAY will remain the pick up day for curbside recycling removal in 2021.

In 2016 Township, with assistance from the PA Department of Environmental Protection, purchased and distributed new containers, also called "Toters," to all residents except those in townhomes without garages.

The Township has two sizes of recycle Toter: 35- and 64-gallon. Most homes have the 64-gallon variety however homes with very long driveways, and the homes of senior citizens or individuals with mobility disabilities may request the smaller size.



64 Gallon Toter Cart L: 31.50" x W: 24.25" x H: 41.75" 35 Gallon Toter Cart L: 23.75" x W: 19.75" x H: 36.25" Legacy Bin L: 15" x W: 16" x H: 15"

All residents must participate in our recycling program per PA law. Recycling also significantly reduces the Township's tipping fees for garbage at the landfill--Keeping your annual fees low!

The annual fee for recycling is only \$85.00 per residence.

RECYCLABLE ITEMS

#1 thru #7 plastics: Such as milk, water and soda bottles; laundry care products; and food containers.

Clear, green & brown glass: Such as beer, liquor and soda bottles as well as food jars

Aluminum, steel & tin: Such as beverage and food cans.

Mixed paper: Such as newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs, cereal boxes, grocery bags, home or office paper, books, envelopes, letters, junk mail, wrapping paper, and similar paper products.

Cardboard (small boxes): These must be flattened and tied.

Very large corrugated or cardboard boxes must be flattened and taken to the East Brandywine Township building (**not accepted at curbside**).

PREPARING RECYCLABLES

Cans, bottles, jars and plastics should be rinsed clean.

Compress plastics and cans to reduce volume; do not break glass.

CURBSIDE PICK UP

Place recyclables at curbside on **MONDAY** evening for pick up **TUESDAY**.

TRASH REMOVAL

TUESDAY will remain the pick up day for curbside trash removal in 2021.

Annual fee for trash removal is only \$165.00 per residence.

WEEKLY TRASH PICK UP

Put your trash at curbside on **MONDAY** evening; the hauler starts at 5:30 A.M.

Weekly limit is the equivalent of three 35 gallon containers or bags from each residence.

May substitute one three foot by three foot securely tied bundle for one 35 gallon container or bag.

Township will pay landfill tipping fee (per ton cost to dump trash). The hauler will strictly enforce the limit.

By recycling, you can avoid exceeding the allowable amount of trash. Paper accounts for 35% of our waste.

BULK TRASH PICK UP

Bulk Trash accepted on the last pick up day of each month.

One large item permitted each month, or the equivalent of two 35 gallon or bags in addition to weekly limit.

Weight limited to an item two men can easily lift.

ACCEPTABLE BULK TRASH

Furniture, small appliance, water heater, or similar item.

Any air conditioner, refrigerator or freezer must display a sticker certifying the removal of the refrigerant ("freon") by an authorized dealer or repair facility.

UNACCEPTABLE TRASH

Automotive parts, tires, building materials, etc.

Leaves and similar compostable materials.

Christmas trees are accepted at the Municipal Complex after Christmas until late February for composting.

Items included in the Covered Device Recycling Act (Act 108) of 2010, namely: desktop computers; laptop computers; computer monitors; computer peripherals; tablets; televisions; and e-readers.

YARD WASTE

The township offers leaf collection once in the spring and for three weeks in the fall (dates are always announced on www.ebrandywine.org). For those collections, residents are encouraged to place leaves on their lawns within 6 feet of the edge of the road. Road crews then use a leaf vac to pick up all the leaves.



Visit www.ebrandywine.org to learn about limited Wood Chipping service available to residents.

There is an additional monthly pick-up of certain bagged yard waste during the spring through early fall. This service is offered six times a year on the last Saturday of the month. Please check the website for exact dates.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Please visit www.ebrandywine.org to learn about special programs for Household Hazardous Waste collection. Additional information about Household Hazardous Waste can be found at www.chestercountyswa.org.

COMMERCIAL

Commercial Properties are those properties used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes.

All commercial properties must recycle aluminum cans, newspapers, plastic containers, and green, brown and clear glass containers, corrugated paper, and high-grade office paper. All commercial properties must contract with a licensed collector to provide recycle services OR utilize the Township's Curbside Service. To use the Township's Curbside Service commercial properties must meet both of these requirements:

- The volume of recyclable materials generated at the commercial establishment will fit in the Township-provided containers; and
- The commercial establishment has access to a curbside location.

Instructions for commercial properties who utilize the Township Curbside Recycle Service are the same those listed for residential customers.

All commercial establishments may use the recycle drop-off facility located at 1214 Horseshoe Pike.

Find more information at WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG



1214 Horseshoe Pike
Downingtown, PA 19335-1153

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Standard Mail
U.S. Postage
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Permit #50
West Chester, PA

Winter/Spring 2021 Calendar of Events

Due to COVID-19, all meetings are being held virtually 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.

FEB 2021

1	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
2	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
3	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
4	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00 am
4	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
9	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
9	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
10	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
15	President's Day Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		
17	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
18	Board of Supervisors Meeting	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
25	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
26	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am

MAR 2021

1	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
2	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
3	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
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APR 2021

1	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00 am
1	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
2	Good Friday Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		
5	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
6	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
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Township Alerts

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Stay on top of Township news, changes in trash and recycling collection, employment opportunities, bid proposals, and more. Sign up to receive email or text alerts from the Township at WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/LIST.ASPX