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EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 UPDATES

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

To minimize public exposure to COVID-19, and maintain social distancing, Township meetings will be conducted via webinar until further notice. In-person attendance will not 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.

Members of the public electing to join by phone should dial the toll-free number then use the unique PIN codes listed on the website when prompted. Members of the public participating by phone will have no mechanism to be recognized by the Chairman to provide public comment. Those joining by internet-enabled devices will be able to request an opportunity to speak. Users with laptop or desktop computers using the Chrome web browser have reported 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.

Kimberton Whole Foods Distributing more than food to our community

HAVE YOU EVER wondered what happens at the Kimberton Whole Foods building on Route 322? The site, which was previously the home of the Chester County Food-bank, is the Distribution Center for all six locations of KWF. They began operating out of the 8,600 square foot space close to eight years ago.

THE KWF DISTRIBUTION CENTER SERVES TWO PURPOSES

The warehouse facility, which is approximately two-thirds of the building, is the central point of distribution for prepared foods, dry goods, supplements, and locally grown and made products.

Commissary Kitchen, the other third of the facility, is where the staff of 16 produces KWF's made-from-scratch, organic where possible, prepared foods including soups, sandwiches, grab-and-go salads, meals, and more. Everything, including the salad dressings, is made here and delivered to stores 3 times a week. Packaging of bulk products—nuts, seeds, grains, dried fruit, and more—is also handled here.

Each week approximately 40 deliveries are made to this location. Some are goods from other parts of the country. More often, it's one of the more than 200 local producers of dairy, produce, pasta, ice cream, honey, coffee, and other products. The only processing of local products done by KWF is weighing

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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
 and 1ST THU, 8:00 am
 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.... 4th 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
 x203 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

Kimberton Whole Foods

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and labeling meats with pricing. Everything else is ready to move to the stores when delivered to the Distribution Center.

LOCAL VENDORS/DISTRIBUTION

Kimberton Whole Foods takes on the entire distribution process. This allows vendors to make one drop-off versus delivering to each of their six locations. Goods are separated by staff and distributed with KWF delivery trucks. This method of receiving and delivering goods cuts down on the carbon footprint of distribution.



Terry Brett, KWF co-founder and CEO shared, "Before we were Kimberton Whole Foods, we were a farm store at Seven Stars Farm. At our inception, the store's very purpose was to support the farm. We eventually began bringing in local products from the Kimberton CSA and Camphill Village Kimberton Hills. Our local product selection grew once we moved into our current location in Kimberton Village in 1994.

We don't mark up these local products because we're trying to bring a better value to our customers. Our goal is to help our local farmers by selling more—and the best way to achieve that is to both pay the farmer a fair price and make the product affordable to our customer."

ROUNDING UP AT THE REGISTER

Each of the six Kimberton Whole Foods locations features a different non-profit each month of the year for their "Rounding UP at the Register" program. All locations typically follow a monthly theme that supports issues in the community ranging from food insecurity to environmental conservation. Customers can 'round up' their purchase to the nearest dollar and Kimberton matches all customer donations. In 2020 Kimberton Whole Foods raised \$129,000 for local non-profits through Rounding Up at the Register.

In April of this year, East Brandywine's Bondsville Mill Park was the non-profit featured for the KWF Downingtown location. During the campaign \$773.26 was raised to support the renovations and programs at the park. Including KWF's match, the donation totals \$1,546.52.

Thank you, Kimberton Whole Foods for supporting our local farmers and producers and contributing to the well-being of our community.



Concerts, Movies, and Festivals Return!

The Parks and Recreation Committee has planned events for the upcoming months with the best hopes they can happen. Mask wearing and social distancing protocols will be in place and COVID-19 protocols followed. All events, except the golf outing, will be held at the Community Park. For more information or to volunteer to help or participate, email: parkandrec@ebrandywine.org

Parks and Rec 2021 Events

Memorial Day Flag Display Installation and Ceremony

TUE, MAY 25, 6PM AND 7PM

Flag Display Installation at 6pm followed

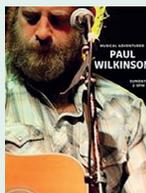
by a Memorial Day Ceremony at 7pm supported by American Legion Post 475 of Downingtown. We will highlight the 80 men and one woman who were residents of East Brandywine Township at that time and who served during World War II.



Concert: Paul Wilkinson Band

THU, JUN 24, 6:30PM

Rain date June 29. Bring your own chairs.



Movie: Toy Story 4

FRI, JUL 9, DUSK

Rain date July 12. Free popcorn.



Concert: West Chester Swing Band

THU, JUL 22, 6:30PM

Rain date July 27. Bring your own chairs.



Movie: Dolittle

FRI, AUG 6, DUSK

Rain date August 9. Free popcorn.



Concert: Walton Marquette Project

THU, AUG 12, 6:30PM

Rain date August 17. Bring your own chairs.



Golf Outing at Honey Brook Golf Club

WED, SEP 22, 8AM

Shotgun start followed by lunch and prizes. This is our only fundraiser for 2021. Please bring a foursome or be a sponsor and help us raise funds for new playground equipment at the Community Park.

Fall Harvest Festival

SUN, OCT 10, 12:00 NOON - 3PM

The Costume parade will begin at noon followed by scarecrow building,



witches' tales, hayrides to the pumpkin patch, moon bounces, pumpkin decorating, trunk or treat, rides, food, music, and many other activities. This is our main event of the year. Bring the family and enjoy lots of fun activities.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

SUN, DEC 5, 3PM - 5PM

Rain date December 12. Enjoy making ornaments and help us decorate our tree.

Cookies, hot chocolate, music, games, and,

maybe, Santa will even visit. Bring food items to donate to the Lord's Pantry and have a chance to flip the switch on the tree!!



Swim Season is Approaching

Know PA Department of Environmental Protection
Swimming Pool Guidelines before you jump in!

A S RESIDENTS BEGIN to prepare backyard pools for the Summer season, please keep in mind the proper disposal of water from in and around your pool. Discharged pool water and waters containing chlorine or other chemicals can be detrimental to fish and aquatic life if not handled properly and responsibly.

Below are the highlights of the guidelines for discharge safety from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water, to a water of the Commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law, the Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987, as amended.

A. DISPOSAL OF WATER TO SANITARY SEWER

If the municipal authority grants permission, discharging of pool backwash water, neutralized pool cleaning wastewater, and standing water to the sanitary sewer system is the best environmental alternative. Care should be taken in making sure the discharge is to a sanitary sewer and not a storm sewer which would be hauled off-site for disposal at an approved treatment facility.

B. DISCHARGE OF WATER

The following guidelines must be followed if water is not pumped or hauled to a sanitary sewer. Water



should be pumped over a grassy area to allow absorption, filtration, and aeration of water. The discharge should be at a rate that prevents erosion and optimizes infiltration. In no event shall pool waters be directly discharged to waters of the Commonwealth.

a. Standing water or accumulated rain and/or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top so as not to disturb settled solids. Solids on the pool bottom should not be discharged. Following pump down of water, solids should be cleaned out manually.

b. Cleaning wastewaters containing muriatic acid or chlorine that is used in cleaning pool surfaces

needs to be treated before discharge. Muriatic acid wastewater should be neutralized to a pH between 6 and 9 standard units. Chlorine rinses should stand for a period of days to allow chlorine degradation prior to discharge.

c. Filter backwash water during normal pool operation must be at a sufficiently low volume that all water infiltrates to the ground. Backwash water discharged to a stream or storm sewer is not permitted.

For more information and questions concerning pool guidelines please see: WWW.DEPA.GOV/OURCOMMONWEALTH/PAGES/ARTICLE.ASPX?POST=31



Bondsville Mill Park's New Website

Stay up to date on all that is going on



THE WINTER MONTHS provided just enough downtime for volunteers to develop a website dedicated to Bondsville Mill Park. Visit WWW.BONDSSVILLEMILLPARK.ORG to learn about the park's history, the trails, the gardens, and see the schedule of events planned for the coming months.

Programs are scheduled throughout the year to educate the community – young and old alike—about local history, our local ecosystem, and sustainable gardening methods. Information and dates can be found on the **Calendar** page. Already on schedule for June 12, 2021 is the PA Game Commission Program displaying animal pelts—highlighted with library stories about these animals. August into September, there will again be programs and releases of Monarch butterflies. In 2020, over 400 Monarch butterflies were released and 200 of them were tagged and registered with Monarch Watch.

Learn more about the park's newest garden, Culp's Clearing, under the **Garden** page. One of the focuses of landscaping and gardening at the Park is the promotion of native species plants and the removal of invasive species.

Curious about what to expect on the nature trails? Look at the **Trails** page and check out the video.

If you have an interest and are wondering what volunteers do in the park, go to the **Volunteers** page. Our park has made the news number of articles have been published on the Mill and you can link to those on the **In the News** page.

Bondsville Mill Park is your park, here in East Brandywine Township located at 1647 Bondsville Road, Downingtown. If you haven't visited yet, come out to see the treasure we have right in your backyard.

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

125 Locks Farm Lane	\$420,000
56 Yellowwood Drive	\$270,500
457 Corner Ketch Road	\$365,000
1878 Thistle Court	\$360,000
263 Sugar Maple Square	\$401,990
150 Preakness Way	\$656,371
41 Blakely Road	\$485,000
17 N. Tompkins Square	\$426,551
415 N. Orchard Street	\$391,963
149 American Way	\$445,327
600 Prizer Court	\$459,000
103 Great Oak Drive	\$625,000
159 TB Read Way	\$552,990
187 Brooklyn Mill Place	\$543,100
144 Nichols Mill Road	\$568,000
1301 Horseshoe Pike	\$791,000
315 S. Caldwell Circle	\$550,000
43 Locks Farm Lane	\$415,000
115 Waring Drive	\$560,000
204 Resolution Drive	\$390,535
134 Brookfield Court	\$330,000
12 Delancey Place	\$175,000
140 Crawford Road	\$450,000
107 Hilltop Drive	\$300,000

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One Community, Greater Together

2021 East Brandywine Fire Company Building Renovation Campaign

REHABILITATION AND REDESIGN of the East Brandywine Firehouse is underway. The Firehouse will remain at the present, community central site on Bondsville Road. While this renovation dramatically improves the operations of the Fire Company, it will also provide the community with much need conference and gathering space. Spring 2022 is the expected completion date of the project.

The original Fire Station was built in 1962 and was designed for emergency services operations of that era. In 1967 and 1992, additions were made to meet the specific needs at that time. Over the last 60 years, the complexity of emergency services has changed significantly as well as the equipment used to mitigate emergencies. The space required to house this emergency equipment is no longer sufficient.

This renovation will completely transform the exterior of the building and address essential emergency service needs. More importantly, it will provide firefighters and EMS personnel with the appropriate facilities like decontamination rooms, training facilities, and sleeping quarters. All of this will provide improved service delivery to the community.

Traditionally an anchor for the community, the firehouse will once again play this crucial role in bringing



people together. Several years ago, Banquet Hall rentals to the community were stopped. A combination of antiquated aesthetics and the use of the room to accommodate volunteers and equipment made it less appealing to most renters.

Conferencing space has been included in the renovation to include a large conference area, smaller private meeting rooms, and an outdoor deck gathering space. All will be available for rental to the community.

BUILDING CAMPAIGN AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The cost of the renovation is 3.1 million dollars. The funds to pay for the building will come from a variety of sources.

The first \$500,000 will be paid from the Fire Company's savings. Having

always prided themselves on being good stewards of the community's money, they have been saving to prepare for this for some time.

To fund the remainder of the project, the Fire Company has secured a nonprofit loan and will be taking on a mortgage payment. To assure the loan can be repaid and operations sustained, they are seeking support from different stakeholders.

Our Township Supervisors have been incredibly helpful and have pledged unanimous support for the project. Additionally, the fire company will be engaging the community seeking sponsorship opportunities. These opportunities will provide residents, business owners, and corporations the ability to partner to make this project a reality. Grant opportunities are being pursued for different

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Participate in the Future of Your Township

Zone Hearing Board is looking for new members!

THE EAST BRANDYWINE Township Zoning Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body of Township residents that renders decisions on specific types of land use appeals and applications. Members of the Zoning Hearing Board are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Although the Zoning Hearing Board functions like a court, formal court procedures are not strictly required.

The primary purpose of the Zoning Hearing Board is to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the zoning ordinance. The zoning hearing board hears appeals from the Zoning Officer's determinations and grants relief from the literal enforcement of the zoning ordinance in certain hardship situations by means of a variance.

We are currently in need of two Alternate Members. Zoning Hearing Board members must be residents of the Township and serve one-year terms. An Alternate Member may participate and vote in hearings before the Board in the absence of a regular member. Meetings are held, only if needed, on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Interested parties should complete the form located at WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/VOLUNTEER and return it to the Township attention **Lisa Taraschi, Township Secretary**.



INTERESTED IN HISTORY?

WE NEED YOU!

EB Historical Commission is gathering a group of volunteers to do outreach in the township to let everyone know just how interesting the history is in East Brandywine. It doesn't require expertise—just willingness!

Let's gather and come up with ideas on how to spread the word. We are planning to meet in May—outside or on zoom to begin brainstorming. You can do as little or as much as you like—no requirements. This is an ad hoc committee to assist the Historical Commission.

Contact **Carol Schmidt** at CAROLSINEX@GMAIL.COM if you are interested!

Fire Company

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aspects of the building. It is important to note the Fire Company already aggressively pursues grants to reduce the operational expenses and has been successful each year in securing monies.

The building campaign allows the EBFC community to become part of the building with name recognition prominently incorporated into the two-story vestibule entrance of the firehouse.

All donations greater than \$100 will receive a Building Renovation Contributor Medallion. All donations greater than \$250 will be memorialized in the vestibule. Room naming opportunities are available for corporate and individual donations. Sponsorships start at \$1,000 and escalate depending on the size and function of the room. Of course, donations of any size are appreciated.

Additional Information on the renovation and donation opportunities, including Frequent Asked Questions, can be located online at WWW.EBFC49.ORG.

Thank you!
Volunteers!



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AUG 12, 6:30 pm, Community Park

Spring/Summer 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.

MAY 2021

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	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00 am
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
20	Board of Supervisors Reg Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
25	Memorial Day Flag Display	Community Pk	5:30 pm
25	Memorial Day Ceremony	Community Pk	7:00 pm
26	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
27	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
28	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am
31	Memorial Day Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		

JUNE 2021

1	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
2	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
3	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00 am
3	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
7	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
8	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
8	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
9	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
17	Board of Supervisors Reg Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
23	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
24	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
24	Concert in the Park—Paul Wilkinson Band	Community Pk	7:00 pm
25	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am

JULY 2021

1	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00 am
1	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
5	Independence Day Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		
6	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
7	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
9	Movie in the Park—Toy Story 4	Community Pk	Dusk
12	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
13	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
13	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
14	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
15	Board of Supervisors Reg Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
22	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
22	Concert in the Park—West Chester Swing Kings	Community Pk	6:30 pm
28	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
30	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am

AUG 2021

2	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
3	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
4	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
5	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00 am
5	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
6	Movie in the Park—Dolittle	Community Pk	Dusk
10	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
10	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
11	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
12	Concert in the Park—Walton Marquette Project	Community Pk	6:30 pm
19	Board of Supervisors Reg Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
25	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
26	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
27	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am