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EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



EAST BRANDYWINE IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING TOWNSHIPS IN PA

2020 CENSUS RESULTS

The 2020 Census population results were released in August with Pennsylvania having a final population of count of 13,002,700 people. This is a 2.4 percent increase from 2010 and Pennsylvania is now ranked as the 5th largest state in the country.

East Brandywine Township's population rose from 6,742 in 2010 to 9,738 in 2020. This is a 44.4% increase in population, and we are the second fastest growing Township in Chester County (West Vincent Township increased by 46%).

Statewide, EBT is ranked 6th in increase in population from 2010-2020 against Townships with population in excess of 1,000 in 2010.

Of the state's total population, 5,677,472 people (or 44 percent) live in a township of the second class. Township populations have grown overall by 2.5 percent since 2010. More Pennsylvanians live in a township than any other type of municipal government in Pennsylvania!

Source: *The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors*

WWW.PSATS.ORG

Meet Our New Supervisor

Carl Croft

THE VALUES AND skills of working hard, public service, and spending equitably are what Carl Croft, the recently elected Supervisor to our Township Board, will bring to the position.

"I am grateful to have been elected," shares Carl. "I hope my experiences and leadership will enable the Township to meet the needs of the citizens—without raising taxes."



Carl Croft

Carl grew up on a working farm in Bucks County. He graduated from Lehigh University and after several years with Price Waterhouse Coopers, established the accounting firm, Croft Drozd & Company PC. He led the company for 38 years until his retirement.

With his wife Miranda (Randy), Carl has lived in East Brandywine Township for 42 years. His son and daughter, now with families of their own, attended Downtontown schools. Family, community, and business have always been his focus. Carl was a founding member of the Uwchlan Ambulance Corp, a member of the United Way of Chester County, and the county Health and Welfare Council. He served as President of the Exton Jaycees and the Exton Area Chamber of Commerce.

In our Township, Carl coached EBYA baseball teams and was Scout Master/Committee Chairperson of Hopewell Troop 8. He has served for more than 15 years on East Brandywine Township commissions and committees including Planning Commission, Open Space Committee, and Budget Committee.

Carl was twice elected by East Brandywine Township voters to be their DASD School

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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
 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

Emergency Information When You Need It

Get alerted by text, email or phone

READYCHESCO

ReadyChesCo is used to notify you during a major crisis or emergency, and delivers important emergency alerts such as weather, road closures, health, or community announcements. You can choose to sign up by county, municipality, or by topic.



Notifications and updates sent to you on all your devices:

- email account (work, home, other)
- cell phone (via SMS)
- pager

Registration takes only a few minutes! Register at WWW.READYCHESCO.ORG.

SMART911

Smart911 is a free Chester County Emergency Service that allows you to create a



Smart911.com[®]

Safety Profile at WWW.SMART911.COM. You provide specific details you want the 9-1-1 center and public safety response teams to know about your household in an emergency. This information is secure and is only shared during an emergency with responders.

When you dial 9-1-1 from a phone associated with your Safety Profile, information you have entered automatically displays to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send responders up-to-date location and emergency information. With your Safety Profile, responders can arrive aware of many details they would not otherwise know. Fire crews can arrive knowing exactly how many people live in your home and where the bedrooms are located. EMS personnel can know family members' allergies or specific medical conditions. And police can access a photo of a missing family member in seconds rather than minutes or hours, helping the search start faster.

Sign up today at WWW.SMART911.COM.

If you've signed up before, please check these sites to make sure your info is up to date!

East Brandywine Youth Athletics 8U All Star Team

World Series Champions!

VOLUNTEERS WORKED HARD during the pandemic to safely offer youth sports as an outlet for families dealing with a loss of activities due to lockdowns and cancellations. The Spring 2020 season was lost, but the Summer and Fall programs were very popular. EBYA Spring Sports returned again in 2021 with traditional programming and continued Covid adjustments. The EBYA Fall baseball, softball, and soccer seasons were very successful with nearly 1,000 participants!

The EBYA 8U All-Star team earned the title of World Series Champions this summer! After winning Districts, placing second in states, and then winning regionals, they made it the 2021 8U Cal Ripken Player Pitch World Series. They beat Pennsbury in the final game 8-6 and the team was titled **WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS**. Their win has earned them an invitation to defend their title at next year's 9U World Series in Treasure Coast, FL

The team roster:

- Nolan Shearer (#1), Brandywine Wallace
- Steven Birenbaum (#3), Uwchlan Hills
- Ryan Zezza (#5), Brandywine Wallace
- Jack Gamble (#8), Beaver Creek
- Emmitt Cronauer (#98), East Ward
- Kayden Malseed (#11), West Bradford
- Brayden Palagyi (#15), Brandywine Wallace
- Jake Henwood (#17), Springton Manor
- Miles Jensen (#24), Brandywine Wallace
- Jacob Peters (#49), Brandywine Wallace
- Brayden Nguyen (#2), Pope John Paul II
- Channing Nugent (#99), Honey Brook Elementary



EBYA 8U Baseball World Series Champions

Coaches: Nick Cronauer, Tommy Nguyen, Brandon Gamble, Matt Peters

Registration for spring sports opens January 1, 2022. Teams will be formed in mid-March.

The Spring season runs April until mid-June. We are always looking for community volunteers to help run our programs, coach teams, and maintain fields. Visit WWW.EBYA.ORG for details.

Meet Our New Supervisor

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Board Director, retiring in 2019. During his eight years on the School Board, he worked to build consensus and understanding on how to financially accomplish Board goals and solve difficult problems.

As Finance Chair he helped establish long term expense planning, capital budgeting, restructuring debt obligations, build 2 new schools and expand one, and negotiated fair personnel agreements. Carl and other Board members negotiated 9 personnel contracts, including 3 teacher agreements through August 31, 2025. No tax increases were incurred during his tenure.

Carl understands this is a time of growth for our Township and wants to be sure “the resources provided by the taxpayers be spent on what our Township needs to be the strong community it is.” He wants to continue to provide residents the impressive level of services we have—a police department and fire company, recreation areas for our families, and open space.

“As a bedroom community our resources are limited. Money must be spent as equitably as possible. I am looking forward to working with the other Supervisors to achieve our goals, to meet the needs of our community, and to provide transparency to our residents in all of our decisions.”

**EAST BRANDYWINE
TOWNSHIP NEEDS YOU!**

VOLUNTEERS HELP OUR
TOWNSHIP THRIVE

The Parks and Recreation Committee advises the Board of Supervisors on the development and maintenance of East Brandywine Township's three park sites: Community Park, Spatola Park, and Hopewell Field.

Individuals interested in the continued care of our Township Parks as well as the running of events—concerts, movies, the Fall Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony should apply. Funds are raised each year at Golf Outings and 5K Runs. These support major projects at our parks like the addition of a comfort station and new playground equipment. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM.

The five-member **East Brandywine Township Municipal Authority** anticipates a vacancy in 2022. Members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serve five-year terms. The Municipal Authority operates three wastewater treatment plants serving residents in Keats Glen, Hopewell, Guthriesville Village, Applecross, and the Estates at Dowlin Forge. Meetings are on the second Tuesday at 8 AM.

Interested residents should complete the volunteer form located at WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/VOLUNTEER and plan on attending the next meetings of the Parks and Rec Committee or the Municipal Authority.

Parks and Recreation
2021 activities and accomplishments

THE PARKS AND Recreation Committee had a very busy and successful year. It was wonderful to be able to plan activities for our residents to enjoy. Some of the highlights of 2021:

- Eagle Scout, Tyler Winterbottom, spruced up our Community Park trash cans and added what has proved to be a very busy Little Free Library.
- Volunteers from Giant Food Stores donated and planted 10 trees and placed 10 benches. They also helped with the spreading of safety mulch in our playgrounds.
- A new 911 Memorial added to our Memorial Garden.
- Parks and Recreation organized and provided: two movie nights, three concerts, a Memorial Day ceremony, a Fall Festival, and a Tree Lighting.
- In September, our Fore the Parks golf outing was enjoyed by 72 golfers. Along with donations from our sponsors, all funds raised will go towards future playground improvements.
- The Fall Festival brought many families to our Community Park where they enjoyed seasonal activities such as hay rides, the pumpkin patch, and mini golf!

Thank you to all who supported these events by donating time, materials or by sponsoring the events.



Volunteers from Giant Food Stores helping at Community Park



A young helper for our Memorial Day 1776 Flag Display



Tyler Winterbottom, Eagle Scout

20th Anniversary of 9/11

Memorial event held in Community Park

by David Summers,
EBT Parks and Recreation

A MEMORIAL EVENT WAS held at East Brandywine Community Park to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001 and dedicate 9/11 Memorials.

Matthew York Chaplain of the Glenmoore Fire Company gave the invocation, and Regina Griffith opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance after which she recapped the events of September 11th. She honored those who lost their lives and those who risked their lives to save others. East Brandywine Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Monastere rang the fire bell. The bell tolled representing the times that the planes struck each of the towers, the Pentagon, and at Shanksville.

Two fifth grade students from Brandywine Wallace Elementary Aubrey Schmalenberger and Abby Nass were chosen to read their essays written on what 9/11 means to them, continuing a 20-year tradition.

East Brandywine Police Chief Mark Kosci and Fire Chief Vince D'Amico recalled events of September 11th. Kosci said that 400 First Responders died while performing their sworn duties, more than any other single incident in American History. D'Amico said there were victims and heroes and gave praise to those who were able to save thousands at Ground Zero and the Pentagon.



Left: Firefighter statue in 9/11 Memorial Garden. Right: Pennsylvania Flagstone commemorating 9/11.

Kosci concluded with: “Those who wear the badges, Police, Fire and EMS has not changed. We will abide by our oath; we will perform our duties to the best of abilities, and we will do so bravely—for you—even if it costs us our life.”

Chester County Search and Rescue dog handler Chuck Linn explained the extent of work performed by dogs and their handlers for months after the attacks. In the audience was Lt. Kevin Cinquemani, Fire Department of New York Retired, who asked if he could speak. He shared with the crowd some of his personal experiences of 9/11 as a New York Firefighter—the heroism, personal tragedy and the amount of devastation they witnessed.

David Summers, Parks and Rec Board member, explained the dedication of the memorials presented to the Township. The bronze statue of a firefighter represents those first responders who selflessly ran into the face of danger that day and

especially those who lost their lives. Relocated from the East Brandywine Fire House, the statue is now a permanent part of the Memorial Garden. The second memorial is a 4-inch-thick piece of Pennsylvania Flagstone, donated anonymously, and engraved with memorial inscriptions:

- “Forever in Our Hearts”—to pay tribute to all of those we lost.
- An angel—to watch over those who perished—and to signify PEACE.
- The Pentagon, Twin Towers and airplane represent the lives lost at those buildings, and in Shanksville, PA.
- The tree is the perennial plant representing a sign of life, hope and rebirth.
- The firefighter helmet calls us to remember those first responders who perished on that day.
- The Dove represents Peace and Purity in the face of evil.

A special thank you goes to all of those who assisted in the planning and preparation of this ceremony.

Historic Commission Guthriesville Series—Part I The Hamlet of Guthriesville



Horseshoe Pike Looking West in Guthriesville

By Carol Schmidt and John Black

IF YOU LIVE in East Brandywine Township, you likely travel Horseshoe Pike, a colonial road which later became Rt. 322. What you may not realize is that the little hamlet of Guthriesville is a historically unique place.

Guthriesville is one of the few villages in Pennsylvania that is almost exactly the same today as it was 140 years ago. There has been little new construction in the village core and most of the original buildings are still standing. Historians call this an "intact hamlet", and they are very rare.

The earliest residence is the William Guthrie House constructed in 1805 and located on the hill on the North side of 322. It was enlarged and altered in 1870 into a Gothic Revival Style residence.

On the South side, heading towards Downingtown, is what was first known as the Guthriesville Store. This Gothic Revival style building was constructed by Jesse Rodgers in 1869. It is currently home to Pizza Mia and Inspirations Hair Salon.

Immediately to the east is the George L. Moore Cabinet Shop, which was an outbuilding, and the Joseph Lammey Tenant House. Constructed around 1850 it is a two-and-a-half story Gothic Revival style residence. Two doors located in the center appear to be a mid-20th century replacement. A distinctive one story high-style Carpenter Gothic detailed porch extends across the front.

Next, note the Joseph M. Lammey House, constructed c. 1835 illustrating a Federal style "side hall" plan and a late 19th century porch. It was once a Methodist Parsonage and currently houses Inslee Antiques.

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS ONLINE!

Oral history helps round out the story of the past. At times this may be the only source of information about our community. It helps us to understand what happened here—not only in the interviewed person's lifetime, but their stories about their families and neighbors as well.

Two of the oral history interviews are now online for your enjoyment!!

Go to WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/309/ORAL-HISTORY-PROJECT to read the about life in East Brandywine Township from two woman who have great stories to tell!

We hope to be posting more soon, so after you read these please check back for more at a later date! If you have a story to tell contact and willing to be interviewed contact CAROL SINEX@GMAIL.COM to set a date.

At 1180 Horseshoe Pike is the John Kerlin House, constructed in 1844 and the village's sole example of the "full Georgian" or center hall plan. This has exposed stone on the front of the house and red shutters. The main entrance has a paneled door and a set of three-pane sidelights.

The Joseph Guthrie house, c. 1845, is the district's only example of the Second Empire Style. A mansard roof was installed during an 1877 remodel. Devastated by fire, it is in the process of rebuilding.

Take note of these historic homes. They are a treasure to our Township.

Devastation to Downingtown Borough Police Department

East Brandywine PD Opens Their Doors to Help

THE PHONE CALL from Downingtown Borough Police Chief Howard Holland to East Brandywine Township Police Chief Mark Kocsi was direct. “We lost everything in the flood, can you help?” The answer was just as direct, “Yes.”

Hurricane Ida hit our area on September 1, 2021 and destroyed the Downingtown Borough Administration and Police buildings. The buildings took on four to six feet of water. Within minutes, as the Brandywine hit an all-time record crest, the Borough suffered millions of dollars in damages and lost equipment.



Downingtown Police cars sharing space with East Brandywine Township Police

One phone call put in to motion a complete relocation of the Downingtown Borough Police operations to the East Brandywine Police facility. Overnight, whatever salvageable equipment, computers, radios and vehicles were left, were removed and relocated to the EBTPD building. The logistics of reorganizing office space, setting up computers, connecting phone and internet services, and addressing every other operational issue continued throughout the week. With the help of many Officers and staff from both PD’s, full operations were set up in a few days.

Repairs and renovations have been ongoing in the Borough. Chief Kocsi estimates that the assistance to Downingtown Police could last 6 months or more.

“The loss that Downingtown suffered is unfathomable.” stated Chief Kocsi.

“There was no hesitation from any of us to help. We opened our doors and welcomed them in. Upper Uwchlan Police stepped up and took in all of Downingtown’s evidence from their evidence room, which was huge. On behalf of myself and Chief Holland, we commend all of the Officers and staff from both Department’s for their teamwork and patience during this process. To accomplish what we did in such a short time is a true testament to the professionalism of everyone involved.”

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

56 Blakely Court	\$552,500
2 William Penn Drive	\$540,000
270 Sugar Maple Square....	\$468,715
260 Chase Drive.....	\$523,300
1160 Osborne Road	\$400,000
370 Marshall Road	\$550,000
319 S. Caldwell Circle	\$665,000
167 Bowery Lane	\$666,681
5 Independence Lane	\$575,000
5 Blakely Road	\$379,000
79 Margil Farm Drive	\$950,000
615 Albion Place.....	\$505,441
112 Waring Drive	\$535,000
1506 N. Bailey Road	\$325,000
516 Prizer Court.....	\$490,000
591 Old Horseshoe Pike.....	\$160,000
1130 Osborne Road	\$410,000
153 T B Read Way	\$614,800
27 Grovehill Court.....	\$640,500
234 Jefferis Road.....	\$725,000
625 Empire Drive	\$575,000
113 Wildbrier Road.....	\$575,000
710 N. Haines Circle.....	\$606,000
251 Seven Springs Lane.....	\$575,360

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GET MOVING THIS WINTER

As the days turn colder and the nights grow longer, it's tempting to stay cozied up inside. Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium (DARC), however, has planned exciting events to get your family out of the house. Check out the programs available through DARC at WWW.DARC.INFO.

Winter 2022 Calendar of Events

For more information on any event, see WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG

DEC 2021

1	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
2	Board of Supervisors Work Session	Township Bldg	8:00 am
2	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
5	Tree Lighting Ceremony	Community Pk	3:00 pm
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
16	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
16	Board of Supervisors Reg Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
22	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
23	Christmas Holiday Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		
24	Christmas Holiday Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		
31	New Year Holiday Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		

JAN 2022

3	Annual Organization Meeting—BOS	Township Bldg	8:00 am
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
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

FEB 2022

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
21	President's Day Holiday Observed—Administrative Offices Closed		
23	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
24	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
25	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am

MAR 2022

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
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