

THE Milemarker

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



JIM CROCE HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION

FRIENDS AND MUSICIANS GATHER FOR CEREMONY

THE PENNSYLVANIA MUSEUM and Historic Commission and East Brandywine Historical Commission dedicated the Jim Croce State Historical Marker on Saturday, September 10, 2022 adjacent to the former "Croce farmhouse-apartment residence" in Lyndell.

Jim Croce, a Grammy-award winning folk-rock musician, lived in the farmhouse on Highspire Road (near Creek Road) in the early 1970's. While living in Lyndell Croce was inspired to compose and complete 19 of his memorable songs. In 1973, Croce, along with close friend and musical accompanist, Maury Muehleisen, died tragically in a small plane crash while on tour.

About 120 people participated in the dedication event that included Croce family members, Villanova college friend and fellow musician, Michael DiBenedetto, and Mary

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Sandy Moser Receives Sahli Award from the PMAA

SANDY MOSER WAS recently nominated and received the Sahli Award from the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association in recognition of her more than 23 years of dedicated and valuable service.

"We recognize the invaluable service of a number of municipal authority award recipients," said Douglas E. Bilheimer, PMAA Executive Director. "Many authorities are fortunate to have the benefit of their long-tenured experience, knowledge, and dedication."

Sandy is one of the original volunteer members of the Township's Municipal Authority, which was formed in 1999 and currently operates the township's four sewer districts serving over 1,300 customers. Sandy is also a familiar name in the Township, the County, and the State. In addition to her years of service on the Municipal Authority, she served on the Township's Planning Commission and the Ordinance Task Force. She was named Volunteer of the Year in 2001 and continues her volunteerism as an active member of the Bondsville Mill Park Committee and head of the Gardening Crew.

Sandy also spearheaded Operation Christmas Stockings for U.S. servicemen and women serving overseas and volunteers for the Main Line Animal Rescue. She has been a Chester County Jury Commissioner, former Board Member of the Brandywine Hospital, and served as a planner for the hospital's annual Strawberry Festival. Sandy is a steward of the environment and has fought diligently to protect its resources.

These are just a few of the organizations that have been the benefactors of Sandy's tireless energy, dedication, and commitment to our

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Sandy Moser accepting Sahli Award.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman..... Kyle P. Scribner
 Vice Chairman..... Carl K. Croft
 Member..... Jason R. Winters

TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETINGS (Held at Township Building)

Board of Supervisors..... 3rd THU, 6:30 pm
 and 1ST THU, 9:00 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, 7:00 pm
 Park and Rec Board..... 1st MON, 7:00 pm
 Planning Commission..... 1st WED, 7:00 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

Jim Croce Dedication

Friends and Musicians Gather for Ceremony

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Meuhleisen sister of Croce's accompanist, Maury. They engaged fans and other attendees with friendly conversations and posed for numerous pictures.

James and Julie Pook's historic home and stone barn formed the picturesque setting for the dedication event. There was also the gothic window of a stone outbuilding shown on Croce hit album cover, "You Don't Mess Around with Jim", listed on music hit charts for 93 weeks.

Mary spoke of the close friendship and musical collaboration between her brother, Maury, and Jim. DiBenedetto sang, "Operator", and "Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown" after describing development of the lyrics. The poignancy of "Time in a Bottle" sung by Croce Tribute singer Ron Gletcherow, was not lost on the audience.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission administers a program of historical markers to capture the stories of people, places, events, and innovations that have affected the lives of Pennsylvanians over the centuries. East Brandywine Township Historical Commission is sponsor to the Croce marker.

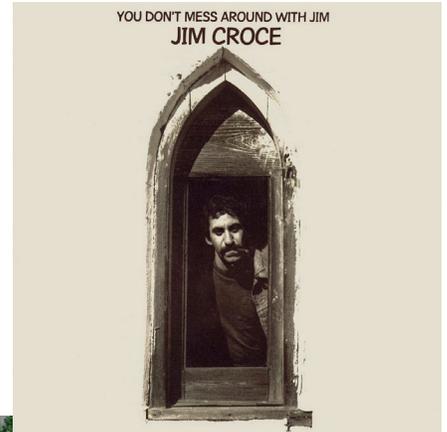


Photo credits: Jim Buczala and Jim Croce Album Cover.

Meadows and More

David Culp's Vision for Bondsville Mill Park—And Your Backyard



David Culp presenting *Meadows & More*

DAVID CULP'S AUDIENCE understands the importance of meadow gardens. At the Township Building, on October 12, they came to his program *Meadows and More* to learn how to plan, plant, and maintain a meadow-garden on their own property. David encourages everyone to look at their land and consider different types of natural gardens vs. our typical American lawns. “Meadow gardens have many seasons of interest. They use different grasses and flowers. Can be framed with rock walls or with fences. Create habitats within a meadow and you will have more birds, butterflies, and pollinator insects.”

David shared his design for a meadow garden at the Bondsville Mill Park—a nearly one-acre parcel in front of the old factory buildings. In the coming months it will be a garden transformed from an industrial ruin into a public park. “I see this not only as a beautiful garden but also a useful space. People can walk intentionally in the garden. Events can be held within and around the garden. The garden will be a place for relaxing, learning, and enjoying. It’s a crazy idea—but I believe it’s rewarding to garden where you live and celebrating where you are.”

Visit the park in the early Spring as the 15,300 bulbs that were planted by volunteers in November burst open in color in Culp’s Garden. Volunteers are always welcome to assist (and learn) at Bondsville Mill Park. For more information and to learn about the various programs offered at the park visit BONDVILLEMILLPARK.ORG



The Downington Area Recreation Consortium (DARC) has been a thriving part of your community for over 30 years.

This winter we have many classes to help you stay active and healthy. Check out our Meraki Run Club at East Brandywine Park, dance classes, babysitting workshops for your tweens, yoga, Pilates and more.

A complete list of our programs can be found on our website at WWW.DARC.INFO or call us at **610-269-9260**.

Applications for summer camp counselors opens February 1, 2023.

Sandy Moser

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community. She continues to be an inspiration to us all. The Municipal Authority members will miss her guidance, insight, and leadership and wish to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for her faithful service and countless contributions.

“It has been a pleasure to have served with someone who has so much dedication and commitment to our community.” —David Summers

“I particularly value Sandy’s hands on contributions to protecting our environmental resources including groundwater recharge, the East Branch of the Brandywine, Beaver Creek, and our parks.” —Mike Corbin



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

DO YOU HAVE good communication skills and a passion for preserving open space in our Township? Seats are available on the **East Brandywine Township Open Space Committee**—the primary liaison between property owners and the Township regarding open space initiatives.

- ✓ Work with property owners to explore their land conservation options and to explain the end-to-end process.
- ✓ Evaluate property appraisal reports and conservation easement documents. Recommend expenditure of Township Open Space funds to the Board of Supervisors.
- ✓ Keep abreast of relevant proposals coming before the Planning Commission.
- ✓ Interact with the Trails Committee regarding the acquisition of easements, proposed routes and construction.

Interested parties should fill out the Volunteer Applications Form found at: WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/REQUESTTRACKER.ASPX.

East Brandywine's Open Space Program Turns 20

More than 25% of the Township's Acres are Protected

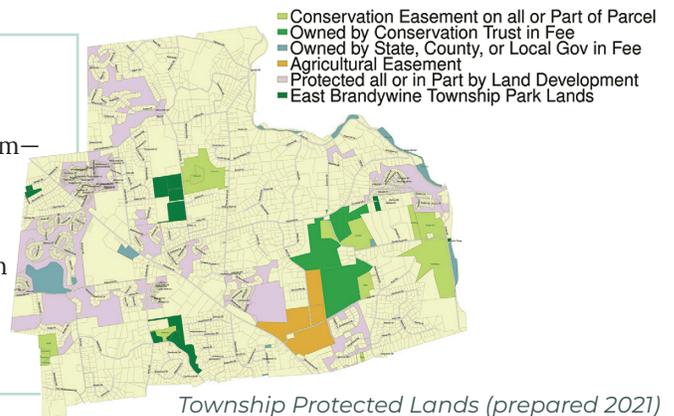


Original notification of Open Space Referendum

IN NOVEMBER 2002, Township residents voted overwhelming to create an Open Space Program, funded by an increase in the Earned Income Tax of 0.125 percent. In the past 20 years 15 properties, totaling 360 acres, have been permanently protected from development through this Program. The 2021 community survey continued to show strong support for the future preservation of open space.

FUNDING

East Brandywine Open Space Program—\$3.3 million
State and County Grants—\$2.9 million
Total Funding—\$6.2 million



Approximately 1,836 acres, representing 25.7% of total Township acres, are protected from future development based on various property easement restrictions. For information about the protected properties and the Committee's current activities visit WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/135/OPEN-SPACE-COMMITTEE.

Parks and Recreation Committee

2022 Year in Review

PARKS AND RECREATION had a great 2022 filled with events, fundraisers, and generous gifts given to our Parks. We hosted 3 movies, 3 concerts, the Memorial Day Flag Event, Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival and the Tree Lighting with a visit from Santa! Our Golf Outing and 5K Run for the Sun were well attended and lots of fun. We are very grateful to all the businesses, organizations, and individuals who supported us throughout the year. Your donations will go toward improvements to our playgrounds in the Community Park as “inclusive” playgrounds.



Start of “Run for the Sun”



Fall at the Community Park



“Thank You” flower bed.

Our work continues towards the building of additional bathrooms in the north end of the Community Park. This long process started in 2018 and has been hindered by the pandemic and increasing costs in materials. We remain committed to this needed improvement and will continue to work to its completion.

Parks and Recreation lost a very dedicated and valued Board member with the sudden passing of Don Lynn. Among the many “jobs” that Don performed was as our concert master organizing all our summer concerts. Don was also a former Board Member of EBYA. His contributions were numerous and many, allowing children and adults throughout our township and beyond to enjoy many recreational opportunities. He will be greatly missed.

Above is a photo of the “Thank You” Flower Bed. The Thank You Bed is located by the Alison Pavilion in the Community Park. This garden was originally built and planted in the early 1990’s as a way to recognize and say “Thank You” to the many that helped build our Community Park. It has a large post with the names of many businesses, organizations and individuals that contributed towards the initial building of our Community Park. Stop by to recognize all those who have helped build our park.

We now look forward to a full season of events in 2023! Stay tuned!

It's the Holiday Season

LET'S BE TRASH SMART!

DID YOU KNOW that household waste increases nearly 25% during the last month of the year? Online shopping and shipping, wrapping paper, more uneaten food, toys, and electronics being replaced ... it all adds up.

Here are some helpful tips on what goes where with your holiday trash so less goes to the landfill:

RECYCLING BIN: Non-metallic wrapping paper and greeting cards without batteries

COMPOST: Evergreens, tea bags, coffee grounds, leaves, twigs, fresh cranberries

GARBAGE CAN: Cellophane, tissue paper, musical greeting cards, plastic ware

BATTERIES: See this article to learn what to do: WWW.CHESTERCOUNTYSWA.ORG/DOCUMENTCENTER/VIEW/2379/BATTERY-CHART-FOR-WEB-PAGE-REPAIRED.

Don't forget—Christmas trees, are accepted at the East Brandywine Municipal Complex after Christmas until late February for composting.

Have a happy holiday season—and a trash smart one too!

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

720 Houston Street.....	\$727,854
81 Margil Farm Drive.....	\$1,005,000
230 N. Caldwell Circle.....	\$590,000
157 Arden Way.....	\$549,435
41 Colleen Circle.....	\$870,000
126 Clearview Drive.....	\$450,000
58 Mulligan Court.....	\$450,000
200 Seven Springs Lane.....	\$615,000
9 Highland Court.....	\$325,000
1235 Osborne Road.....	\$440,000
475 Corner Ketch Road.....	\$1,004,000
473 Paperback Square.....	\$480,010
1301 Horseshoe Pike.....	\$462,000
93 Yellowwood Drive.....	\$380,000
599 Rock Raymond Road.....	\$270,000
2872 Westerham Road.....	\$500,00
484 Hopewell Road.....	\$700,000
17 Graham Drive.....	\$430,000
920 Creek Road.....	\$345,000
8 Summerhill Drive.....	\$850,000
109 Locust Knoll Road.....	\$445,000
12 Wyndham Court.....	\$295,000
9 Winterberry Court.....	\$345,000
23 Dennis Drive.....	\$160,000

Source: **ZILLOW.COM**

**Historic Commission
Spring Speakers Series**

All Presentations Are at 3 pm in
the Township Building

**Caring for Historic Brick and Stone
and Lime-Rendered Buildings**

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023, 3 PM

If your vintage masonry structure is built using brick or stone, or if it is "shelter-coated" with a historic stucco called Lime Render, you will not want to miss this program.

Presenter *Andy deGruchy* is the owner of *LimeWorks*, us, the nation's leading manufacturer and distributor of "green" historic preservation and sustainable building mortars, plasters, and paints based on lime. He will explain how "less is more" to keeping these treasured buildings in a better state of conservation. There will be time during the presentation to answer your unique building repair details. Bring 2-3 photos and samples of failing mortar, stone, etc.



Age of Invention

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023, 3 PM

Agricultural inventions greatly impacted America and the world beginning in the 18th century. We'll discuss how inventors' ideas, both notable and obscure, influenced the industrial revolution, the growth of nations, and world economics.



Presenter: *Jim Segrave-Daly* has presented nationwide to libraries and civic organizations. His B.A. in history is from Penn State and he has been a volunteer teacher for the last decade for Haverford Township Adult School.

**Build Your Own Door—
Dr. W.C. Atkinson**

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023, 3 PM

Dr. Whittier C. Atkinson's legacy included the founding of a hospital in 1936 in Coatesville to serve the local African American population. He was the first African American Physician in Chester County. Hear more about his outstanding contributions to Chester County!



Presenter: *Toni Morton* of Hayti Historical Society in Sadsburyville will share the story of Dr. Atkinson's life and accomplishments. And also the work the historical society has been doing to preserve the community of Hayti that became home to many African Americans during the Great Migration.

East Brandywine Township Police News

Three New Police Officers are Hired

THE EAST BRANDYWINE Township Police Department recently completed the hiring process for three new Police Officers to fill vacancies left over from the past year. These new hirings bring the Police Department up to its approved allocation of 17 full-time Officers. The new hires are Officer Andrew DiPaolo, Officer Gary Parsons, and Officer Rebecca Sousa.



Left to Right: LT Yankanich, Officer Parsons, Officer Sousa, Officer DiPaolo, Chairman Scribner, Chief Kocsi.

Officer DiPaolo graduated from Interboro High School in Prospect Park, PA in 2012. At Penn State University, Andrew earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management and Marketing. In 2019 Andrew graduated from the Temple University Ambler Municipal Police Academy. Andrew was hired in July 2020 as a part-time Police Officer for Birmingham Township Police Department and worked there until his hiring by East Brandywine Township Police in September.

Officer Parsons attended Pequea Valley High School in Kinzers, PA and graduated in 2009. Gary attended the Delaware County Community College Municipal Police Academy, graduating in 2012. He was hired as a Police Officer by Franklin Marshall College Police and Public Safety in 2014 and continued to work there up until his hiring by East Brandywine Township Police in October.

Officer Rebecca (Becca) Sousa graduated in 2010 from Upper Darby High School. Rebecca attended the Delaware County Community College Municipal Police Academy and graduated in 2019. She is presently enrolled at DCCC completing her degree in Administration of Justice. Rebecca was hired by Kennett Square Borough Police Department in 2020 and by East Fallowfield Township Police Department in 2021, working as a part-time Police Officer both Department's up until her hiring by East Brandywine Township Police in October.

Officer DiPaolo has completed his field training program and is assigned to Patrol. Officer Parsons and Sousa are assigned to field training program and are completing those requirements. We congratulate all three Officers and wish them luck with their new positions!



EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP POLICE RECEIVE RE-ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATION

IN AUGUST 2022, the East Brandywine Police Department participated in their three-year re-accreditation review by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

The review is a month-long process in which three state assessors remotely review all of the Department's policies and operations procedures. The assessors also conduct a one-day on-site inspection of the Police Department including internal reviews, ride-alongs with Officers, and interviews. The lead assessor submits a report to the Commission recommending, or not, the Department be re-accredited.

East Brandywine Township Police are very happy to report that we have been approved for our second re-accreditation certification since being initially accredited in 2016. The men and women of the EBTPD are proud of their designation as one of 125, out of 1207, Law Enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania to hold PLEAC certification.

We want to thank our Board of Supervisors, Township staff and the businesses and residents of East Brandywine Township for the support you show us on a daily basis. We remain committed to you.



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SAVE THE DATE

Historical Commission Spring Speaker Series (see article, p. 6)

Caring for Historic Brick and Stone
and Lime-Rendered Buildings
MAR 26, 3 pm, Township Building

Age of Invention
APR 16, 3 pm, Township Building

Winter 2023 Calendar of Events

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

JAN 2023

2	New Year's Day Observed — <i>Administrative Offices Closed</i>		
3	Annual Organization Meeting—BOS	Township Bldg	9:00 am
3	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
4	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
5	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
9	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
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
19	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
25	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
26	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
27	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am

FEB 2023

1	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
2	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
2	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 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	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
20	President's Day Observed — <i>Administrative Offices Closed</i>		
22	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
23	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
24	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am

MAR 2023

1	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
2	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
2	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 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
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22	Ordinance Task Force Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
23	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
26	Historical Commission Speaker: Caring for Historic Brick and Stone and Lime-Rendered Buildings	Township Bldg	3:00 pm
31	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am

APR 2023

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	7:00 pm
6	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
6	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
9	Good Friday Observed — <i>Administrative Offices Closed</i>		
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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