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TOUR**®

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
CHESTER COUNTY  
STUDIO TOUR**

SATURDAY MAY 20  
10 AM – 6 PM

SUNDAY MAY 21  
11 AM – 5 PM

VISIT ARTISTS THROUGHOUT Chester County. The artists who participate stand out among their peers and are award-winning artists who have been recognized by local and international galleries.

This unique two-day event creates an intimate opportunity and unlimited access to art studios for patrons and art collectors within Chester County and the surrounding area.

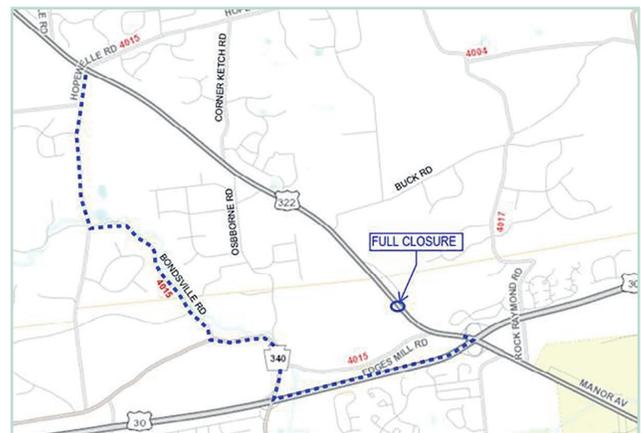
Create your own itinerary and visit artists in their studios. Discover local artists right here in East Brandywine Township.

No tickets are needed for the tour. The event is free. All you need is an appreciation for art and a spirit of adventure!

Go to [WWW.COUNTYSTUDIOTOUR.COM](http://WWW.COUNTYSTUDIOTOUR.COM) for participating artists, maps and more information.

## Horseshoe Pike/Route 322 Road Closure Update

**ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28** East Brandywine Township officials received a PennDOT-approved detour plan for utility work on Horseshoe Pike/State Highway 322 from our neighbors in Caln Township.



Map indicating closure and proposed alternative route

The plan describes a two-week closure of 322 at a point in Caln Township near the south end of Old Horseshoe Pike. The plan further designates Bondsville Road, also a state-owned road, to serve as the detour route. The purpose of the road closure is to perform utility work associated with a 400-unit development located in Caln Township.

On December 8, responding to the concerns of this Board of Supervisors, Township Staff, residents, and business owners, State Representative Friel-Otten's Office provided an update which reads in part:

“The exact location of the work is at a point on 322 where the road narrows a bit, with a guiderail on either side. PennDOT explained that the developer's work involves a jack-and-bore operation under an existing culvert that carries a stream across the road. The road requires extensive excavation to get the line under the culvert, with large, open pits on either side of the culvert. This excavation requires the use of large equipment that will

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## Directory

### 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  
 Budget Committee ..... 2nd THU, 9:00 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@brandywine.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

## Horseshoe Pike/Route 322 Road Closure Update

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occupy much of the roadway space, which precludes even allowing a single lane of traffic to safely get by in a typical work zone pattern.

*PennDOT considered multiple options and determined that a full closure is the only feasible solution. No date has been set for the closure.*

PennDOT is considering the impacts on local businesses, school buses, emergency services, residents, and commuters. When the closure does happen, PennDOT has committed to working with the developer and the township to ensure that signs indicate that the road is OPEN from Hopewell Road all the way through to all East Brandywine Township businesses. **The section of road that will be impassable is east/south of the entrance to the new community.**

On December 19, Caln Township received this notification from Francis J. Hanney, Sr. Manager, Transportation Services Division, PennDOT Engineering District 6-0: *Due to on-going concerns and the critical function of SR 0322 in this area the Department will not permit a detour of this roadway until the dismissal of School for the 2023 Summer vacation at minimum.*

*Please consider the e-mail as our official direction in this regard. Additionally, the proposed detour route utilizing Bondsville Rd is under review at this time due to concerns with the conditions at certain locations which were impacted by Hurricane Ida. The Department is evaluating this now and will respond with some direction after our evaluation is complete. This direction may or may not impact the proposed detour and the use of Bondsville Rd in full or in part for this purpose. When we permit the proposed detour to proceed (current or as revised) there will be a need to provide significant advance notice of the detour with a 30-day notice to our press office and signing placed 14 days in advance on the roadway to notify motorists of the impending detour.*

*This is a unique situation at a critical location and thus great care must be taken to ensure both safety, good planning and full transparency as its impacts are not insignificant. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.*

East Brandywine Township will continue to keep residents informed at our website, on our Facebook page, and through *The Milemarker* newsletter.

# Bondsville Mill Park's New Bird Watch

Visit for a Close View of Local Bird Life

**T**HE BONDSVILLE MILL Historical Park Committee works to share with the community ways to enjoy the gifts nature provides for us.

In January 2023, construction began of a bird watching station known as the Bird Watch. The intention is to bring the community closer to the local bird life at the park, while promoting and preserving biodiversity of life in our neighborhood.

The Mill's feeders are in a quiet area. They are easy for visitors to see without scaring the birds. Close to natural cover, such as trees and shrubs, the cover offers refuge to birds as they wait their turn to feed.

Nothing provides an easier or more dependable food supply than "birdscaping" with native vegetation. Park visitors will soon see the gardeners planting native flowers in this garden and elderberry shrubs, too. While a variety of native plants will attract the greatest diversity of bird species, the Bird Watch will be limited to only plants that need about 3 hours of sun a day because of the tall trees rimming the area.

The year-round feeding stations will ensure that birds have sufficient food to survive, even in bad weather conditions (e.g., frost, dryness, etc.).

*Lists of birds seen in the park number over 60 species. While you won't see all of these at the Bird Watch, you will see woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees, Bluebirds, and maybe the Red-shouldered Hawk.*

We are excited to offer our community the opportunity to visit the Bird Watch, enjoy the biodiversity of the park, and perhaps even spot a rare visitor.



*Birds at the Bird Watch.  
Photo Credit: Volunteer Tobi*

*Join Us!*

## ENDANGERED SPECIES & NATIVE SPECIES DAY

SATURDAY MAY 20, 11 AM TO 1 PM

FOR FIVE YEARS the Mill's volunteers have focused on the plight of the endangered Monarch butterfly. The Mill's gardens are recognized as a Monarch Waystation by Monarch Watch, a nonprofit education, conservation, and research program. **Endangered Species Day** gives Mill volunteers the opportunity to talk with park visitors about this butterfly who manages to fly from here to a mountain range in Mexico. The Monarch migration is truly one of the world's greatest natural wonders, yet it is threatened by habitat loss at overwintering grounds in Mexico and throughout breeding areas in the United States and Canada. Milkweed plants will be ready for you to take home to share with your garden's Monarchs.

Restore Our Roots will also be at BMP on May 20 for the second annual **Native Species Day**. Learn about our stream macroinvertebrates, forest ecosystem, and the critters that surround us. We will host a plant ID hike, crafts, and interactive activities for all ages. Last year was a success as we celebrated the largest Salamander in North America and the PA State Amphibian, the Eastern Hellbender Salamander.

For more information visit: [WWW.BONDSVILLEMILLPARK.ORG](http://WWW.BONDSVILLEMILLPARK.ORG).

**DON'T JUST LIVE  
IN EAST BRANDYWINE—  
BE ACTIVE IN YOUR  
TOWNSHIP**

PAID AND VOLUNTEER  
POSITIONS AVAILABLE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS the most responsive form of government available to the people. The decisions that are made right here in East Brandywine Township have significant impact on your day-to-day services, laws, and taxes. We the people elect the Board of Supervisors who are responsible for our Township staff, Police Department, municipal services, land use and zoning, and much more.

The best way to know what is happening in your community is to participate or work right here in East Brandywine. Convenient and meaningful work. Currently, we have a paid position open and several volunteer opportunities. All committees always welcome your participation even if there is no formal position open at this time. Get involved! See the calendar for committee meeting times.

Find what interests you most and volunteer (or apply) to become part of the decision-making process of this Township! Go to [WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/JOBS.ASPX](http://WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/JOBS.ASPX) to learn more.

**WANTED: 5K DIRECTOR  
AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Parks and Recreation is looking for a 5K Race Director and for Board Members. Call the township office or email [PARKANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG](mailto:PARKANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG) if interested.

*Local Business Spotlight*

**Harmony Hill Nursery, LLC**

*Eat. Sleep. Trees*

**S**INCE 2008 HARMONY HILL NURSERY, LLC has operated in East Brandywine Township on Buck Road. The company motto is *Eat. Sleep. Trees.* And that is pretty much all they do 24/7.

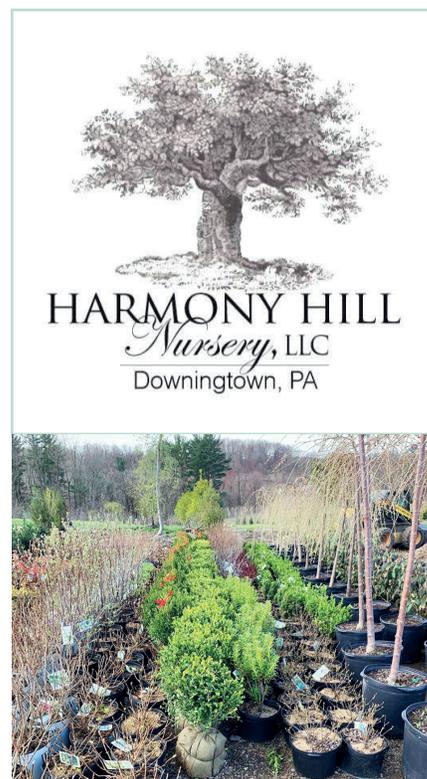
The nursery is a field production, woody plant nursery situated on 62 acres. Chris Uhland, an ISA Certified Arborist and Horticulturist, is one of the original founders of Harmony Hill Nursery, and the President of Operations and Business Development since 2011. He enjoys the challenge of growing trees and shrubs, as well as sharing his expertise on all things tree-related from propagation, production, planting to management in the landscape.

When the nursery started, the focus was on quantity, but the shift in the market in the 2008 recession had Chris rethink the business plan. "A way to stand out from the other growers was to focus on quality over quantity," shares Chris. Introducing landscape size shrubs and species of trees uncommon to the area has helped the Nursery grow over these years.

While their client base includes landscape architects, contractors, and municipalities, end users (that's you!) are welcome to visit and purchase trees and shrubs, too. Homeowners and DIYer's are encouraged to visit on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Chris's schedule includes exploring new species to grow, partnering with vendors for plants, and finding labor for maintenance and office work. What he enjoys most, though, is talking to people about planting and propagating trees! So please stop in!

Learn more about this local business (and job opportunities) at [WWW.HHNURSERYLLC.COM/](http://WWW.HHNURSERYLLC.COM/) or follow Harmony Hill Nursery on Facebook.



# East Brandywine Parks and Recreation

## Spring and Summer Events

### Fore The Parks

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 8 AM



Parks and Recreation invites golfers and sponsors to join them at Honeybrook Golf Club on Wednesday, May 17 as we raise funds for the planning and construction of a new All Abilities Playground. The outing will begin with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. \$125/golfer includes everything needed for a wonderful golf experience. This is our major fund raiser of the year

and sponsorships are available from \$25-\$2000. We look forward to your participation Go to [WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/GOLF](http://WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/GOLF) for more information or email [PARKANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG](mailto:PARKANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG).

### Annual Memorial Day Flag Display

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 6 PM

Join us for the installation of 1,776 American flags at Community Park



### FAMILY MOVIES

DUSK, COMMUNITY PARK

#### The Croods2—A New Age

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 (RAIN DATE JUNE 19)

#### Encanto

FRIDAY, JULY 14 (RAIN DATE JULY 17)

#### The Mitchell's vs. The Machines

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 (RAIN DATE AUGUST 21)



### Don Lynn Summer Concert Series

USUALLY ON THURSDAY EVENINGS, 6:30PM

Dates and Performers to be announced. Watch the website or Facebook pages for more information.

## Recognitions

### TRAGER BROWN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

#### Trager Brown

recently completed his Eagle Scout Project at the Community



Park, a memorial garden in memory of Trager's brother Taggart. This beautiful garden is filled with perennials, a walking path, bench and anchored by a Maple Tree.

### RETIRING MEMBERS

Two long time members of Parks and Recreation retired in 2022 after many years of service.

#### Kirk Fuhrman

has volunteered for over 25 years with Parks and Recreation



and EBYA. Thank you, Kirk, for your dedication and care of our East Brandywine Township Parks, for your ideas and input into policies and events, and the facilitation of all our activities.

#### Leslie Winters

has been our Race Director since 2014. Thank you, Leslie, for your dedication in



raising many thousands of dollars enabling Parks and Recreation to continue to make positive improvements to our Parks.



**DOWNINGTOWN AREA RECREATION CONSORTIUM  
REGISTRATION FOR SPRING & SUMMER ACTIVITIES NOW OPEN!**

DARC IS PLANNING numerous activities for spring and summer. Sign up for great recreational opportunities and stay active.

Try our new lunch time kettlebell or HIIT classes hosted by Kinetic Physical Therapy. Join us on a bus trips—including the Cherry Blossom Festival

in Washington DC or a Cape May Winery Tour. Come to our FREE ICE SKATING DAY. Join us Saturday, April 22 at 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Power Play Ice Rink. Skate rental is included.

There will be summer camps hosted at Beaver Creek or Pickering Valley Elementary schools and Adventure

Camp for elementary and middle school students in neighboring townships, along with a variety of specialty camps.

For a complete listing of our offerings, details & sign up visit **WWW.DARC.INFO.**

**ON THE MOVE**

**RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN  
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP**

243 N. Caldwell Drive .....	\$430,000
61 Ponds Edge Drive.....	\$345,500
555 Reeds Road.....	\$190,000
750 Creek Road.....	\$265,000
203 Bowery Lane.....	\$875,617
640 Pancoast Lane .....	\$525,000
204 Pinebrooke Circle.....	\$380,000
126 Locust Knoll Road.....	\$420,000
432 Timber Pass.....	\$835,000
100 Dowlin Forge Road.....	\$425,000
124 Governors Circle .....	\$615,000
36 Wellesley Lane.....	\$640,000
87 Locks Farm Lane.....	\$480,000
111 Clearview Drive.....	\$420,000
116 Ridgewood Circle .....	\$599,000
117 Helm Way.....	\$350,000
112 Nichols Mills Road .....	\$660,000
11 Hawk Hill Road.....	\$1,200,000
176 Sills Lane .....	\$435,000
57 Delaney Drive.....	\$1,150,000
241 Jefferis Road.....	\$62,500
81 Margil Farm Drive.....	\$1,050,000
720 Houston Street.....	\$727,854
41 Colleen Circle .....	\$870,000

Source: **ZILLOW.COM**

**Township Police News**

**CONGRATULATIONS DETECTIVE DAN**

The Department received bittersweet news in January. Detective Corporal Dan Orris was offered a position by the Chester County District Attorney's office to become a Chester County Detective. After much discussion and consideration Dan decided to accept the position. Dan served with EBTPD for fourteen years and was considered by many to be one of the best Police Detectives in the County. His expertise and knowledge are unmatched, so it came as no surprise to us that this day would come for him. Although we are all very sad to see Dan leave, we are also very excited for this new opportunity for him and wish him the best of luck! Thank you for your years of service to East Brandywine Township and its residents Dan.



**PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

On March 2022, **Juan Lemus** was promoted to the rank of Corporal. On January 2023, **Beau Shephard** was appointed to the rank of Detective. On February 2023, **Cyle Harnish** was appointed to the rank of Detective.



*L to R: Juan Lemus, Beau Shepard, Cyle Harnish  
(Photo credit: EBTPD)*

As always, we want to thank all of our residents and business partners for the incredible support you show us throughout the year. Without you we cannot be successful in what we do.

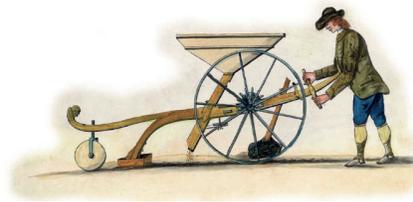
# Historic Commission Spring Speakers Series

Presentations Are In the Township Building

## 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.

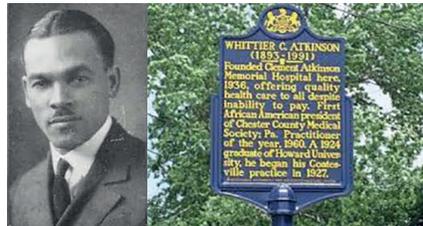


*Presenter: Jim Segrave-Daly has presented nationwide to libraries and civic organizations. His B.A. in history is from Penn State and he has been a volunteer teacher for the last decade for Haverford Township Adult School.*

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023, 3 PM

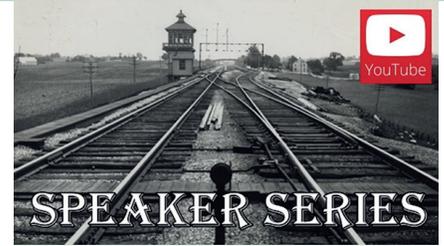
Coatesville's Healer, Dr. W. C. Atkinson left a legacy of creating a hospital in Coatesville for the care and treatment of African Americans in the area. Founded in 1936, the Clement Atkinson Memorial Hospital remained in operation until 1978. Dr. Atkinson was the first African American Physician in Chester County and named the hospital after his father. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.



*Presenter: Toni Morton, member of The Hayti Historical Society will present the program. Hayti is located in Valley Township in Coatesville in the Passtown School that is the only remaining school building from the era of segregation that is still standing the Coatesville Area.*

## Stay Informed Each Month

Sign up for our monthly Eblast with [CarolSinex@gmail.com](mailto:CarolSinex@gmail.com). Receive only one email each month with Historical Tidbits and announcements of upcoming programs. Or check out the "Featured Event" column of the East Brandywine Township on the calendar page at [WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/CALENDAR](http://WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/CALENDAR). Or check *The Milemarker* for events.



## DID YOU MISS A TALK?

Are you interested in the fascinating history of our local Downingtown & Lancaster Railroad? Or how about the mystery of the mass grave at Duffy's Cut? Did you know Chester County soldiers fought in some of the most famous battles of the American Civil War?

These are all the subject of previous historical talks hosted here in East Brandywine. If you missed one of these presentations, the Historical Commission is now uploading previous guest historians to YouTube! Just follow this link to watch from home: [EBRANDYWINE.ORG/HCSPEAKERSERIES](http://EBRANDYWINE.ORG/HCSPEAKERSERIES)

If you're not able to attend presentations in person, more talks will be added to the YouTube playlist over time!

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MAY 17, 8 am, Honeybrook Golf Club

### Chester County Studio Tour

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MAY 21, 11 am to 5 pm

### Annual Memorial Day Flag Display

MAY 23, 6 pm, Community Park

# Spring 2023 Calendar of Events

For more information on any event, see [WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG](http://WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG)

## APR 2023

3-7	Spring Leaf Collection		
3	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 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
7	<b>Good Friday Observed</b> —Administrative Offices Closed		
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
13	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
13	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
16	Historical Speaker Series: American Agricutural Innovations	Township Bldg	3:00 pm
20	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
27	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
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## MAY 2023

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3	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
4	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
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10	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
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11	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
18	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
21	Historical Speaker Series: Build Your Own Door	Township Bldg	3:00 pm
23	Memorial Flag Display Installation	Community Park	6:00 pm
25	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
26	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am
29	<b>Memorial Day Observed</b> —Administrative Offices Closed		

## JUN 2023

1	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
1	East Brandywine Foundation Meeting	Township Bldg	10:00 am
1	Open Space Committee (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
5	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
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## JUL 2023

4	<b>Independence Day Holiday</b> —Administrative Offices Closed		
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