

# THE Milemarker

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## Things are Shaping Up at Bondsville Mill Park! Work Continues on the Spinning Room and Mill Building

**O**VER THE LAST 18 years, the development of Bondsville Mill Park has made steady progress. Using a master plan prepared in 2010, its progress has been driven by a dedicated corps of volunteers with a wide variety of expert skill sets needed for each area of the park.

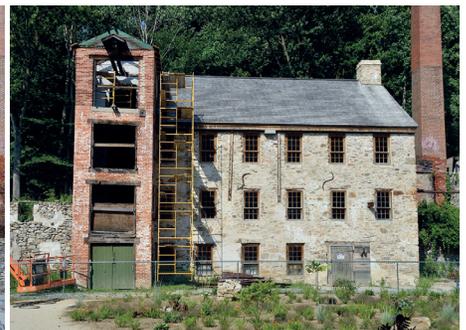
Today a visitor can envision the completed project. The trails are essentially complete, an amphitheater is completed for outdoor programs, and there are pollinator and butterfly gardens, an apiary, a bird-watching area, and picnic areas. In the area in front of the Mill Buildings, the one-acre garden that will be Culp's Clearing is close to completion.

At the core of all these attributes is the historic textile mill, where rehabilitation of the buildings has proceeded at a steady pace throughout the Park's development. A team led by Rocky Stone over the past 10 years has restored the Spinning Room and made great progress in the rehabilitation of the Mill Building (the tall three-story structure at the center of the complex).

This work has been done in coordination with the Township's Code Official to keep the option of pub-



*Spinning Room Building—Before renovation and current status.*



*Mill Building—Before renovation and current status.*

lic occupancy open for future use of the buildings. The Spinning Room is already being used to house the Nature Library and other programs.

The current focus is on completing the exterior of the Spinning Room and the Mill Building. A wood milling shop has been set up in the basement of the Mill Building, where all the items necessary to complete that work will be milled. All the milling

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## Directory

### TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman ..... Carl K. Croft  
 Vice Chairman ..... Kyle P. Scribner  
 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 ... 2nd 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

x100 Police Administration  
 x200 Norann King, Building Department  
 x201 Emily Albert, Township Treasurer  
 x203 Luke Reven, Township Manager  
 x204 Matthew VanLew, Roadmaster  
 x209 Gabby Brown, Municipal Auth. Admin.  
 x210 Dennis Mulhern, Tax Collector  
 x218 Lisa Taraschi, Township Secretary  
 x299 Alexis Bocelli, Township Receptionaist

### TAX INFORMATION

County Taxes..... (610) 344-6361  
 Tax Claim Office..... (610) 344-6360  
 Assessment Office..... (610) 344-6105  
 EIT and LST ..... (610) 269-4402  
 School Taxes ..... 1 (866) 300-1714

## DARC Programs for Fall

### Something for Every Age Group

Check out our website for a detailed list of activities, [WWW.DARC.INFO](http://WWW.DARC.INFO)

### NEW: Afterschool Programs

Join DARC and our instructors in your elementary school for one of our After School Programs. Your child could enjoy an Art Program, learn to play Chess or better their skills, Robotics, and More!



### Youth Soccer

THURSDAYS OR SUNDAYS, EAST BRANDYWINE COMMUNITY PARK

Does your child have an interest in Soccer? Join us on either Thursdays or Sundays with Soccer Shots. They are offering an engaging children's Soccer Program for those ages 2-8.

### Active Aging Fitness

MONDAYS, DOWNINGTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 5PM

Do you want to stay fit as you age? Join this class as we focus on your mental health, cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, flexibility, fall prevention and balance, and have FUN participating.



### Dance

Interested in learning to dance? We have classes for children (3+) and adults of all skill levels, and we welcome new students to this fall dance season. (Ballet, Irish Step, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Modern/Lyrical, and Acro-Tumbling).

### Guitar Lessons

MONDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11

Have you ever wanted to learn to play a string instrument? Join DARC's instructor, Rich McKenzie, for a half-hour lesson on one or the following instruments: Guitar, Bass, Mandolin, or Cello.



### Introduction to Pickleball Lessons

WEDNESDAYS, HICKORY PARK, 6-7 PM OR SATURDAYS, KERR PARK, 9-10 AM

Want to learn the rules of pickleball or how to serve, volley, dink, or what overheads and transitions are? If so, join us for a lesson.

### Bus Trips

**New York On Your Own**—November 18 or December 16

**Washington DC**—Fall Colors: October 21

# EBYA Hosts Kings of D-Town Baseball Tournament

## 9U Teams Played Labor Day Weekend

**T**HE EAST BRANDYWINE Youth Athletics (EBYA) hosted the ‘Kings of D-Town’ Labor Day Baseball Tournament for four of the Downingtown area 9U teams on September 4th at the East Brandywine Community Park. Friends and family of the EBYA Bulls, the Lionville Hillcats, Downingtown West Wolfpack, and the Chester County Bobcats gathered wearing their team colors in support of their boys. The purpose of the tournament was to build camaraderie among the Downingtown teams and bring local families together for a day of fun.

Local Downingtown businesses such as Wegmans, Reading Phillies, PetSmart, Five Below, and the Pizza Box graciously donated items for the raffles and the team hosted baseball-themed games for extra chances at winning prizes!

“Most towns are lucky to have one travel baseball team, and Downingtown has four. It was great to see the unity in the community in the spirit of competition,” said Coach Joe Lopez of the EBYA 9U Bulls team. While there was only one winning team, all players demonstrated great teamwork and strong perseverance. They all went home ‘Kings’ of Downingtown.

For more information on all the EBYA teams visit [WWW.EBYA.ORG](http://WWW.EBYA.ORG)



Tournament winners the Lionville Hillcats.



## Bondsville Mill Park

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needed for this project, including all the window sashes, doors, and siding, have been donated; the milling shop at the park will allow the continued donation of these services and for the schedule to be expedited.

This year, the most noticeable achievement has been the installation of the siding on the East wall of the Spinning Room. On the Mill Building, the crew is constructing the remaining windows and doors needed for it, completing the cedar shingle roof over the stair tower, and finishing the roof trim items, such as the soffits and cornice work.

Stop by soon to see the work of our volunteers!

For more information about the park and programs [WWW.BONDSDVILLEMILLPARK.ORG](http://WWW.BONDSDVILLEMILLPARK.ORG). To provide financial support for the project please see this QR link:



## Parks & Rec and EBYA Bid Goodbye to Mike Mize



OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO Mike Mize for 25 years of combined volunteer service with the Parks and Recreation Board and the East Brandywine Youth Athletics. Thank you, Mike, for your dedication and care of our East Brandywine Township Parks, your ideas and input into policies and events, and the facilitation of all our activities.

## NEW BATHROOM COMING

A PROJECT IN the works since 2018, the addition of new bathrooms in the north end of the Community Park will finally be completed. The bathrooms are funded by a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, fundraisers by the Parks and Recreation Board, and a donation from the East Brandywine Youth Athletics. The bathrooms will be located adjacent to the Alison Pavilion. Some loss of playground equipment will take place, but Parks and Recreation is currently fundraising for a new all-abilities playground.

## East Brandywine Parks and Recreation

### News, Updates, and Events

#### Fall Harvest Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 12 PM TO 3 PM

Join us for our biggest event of the year! Ride the hay wagon and pick out a pumpkin at the pumpkin patch. Decorate your pumpkin, build a scarecrow, get your face painted, ride down the slide, bounce in the house, play golf, fill your bag with lots of treats, and enjoy food by Sabatinos and Hopewell Troop 8, all while listening to music by Teal Tuesday. Back from last year will be the very popular petting zoo. Volunteering at the event will be members of the Downingtown West Football Team and cheerleaders! Come in costume and be a part of a very festive day of fun events. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please email [PARKANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG](mailto:PARKANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG) to volunteer or call the Township Office.



#### Christmas Tree Lighting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 3 PM TO 5 PM (RAIN DATE 12/3)

Our busy season of events will come to a close with the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Community Park. Everyone can enjoy making ornaments to decorate the tree, cookies and hot chocolate, caroling, and games. Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck from Station 49 and will visit with children and their families. Donations of non-perishable items will be welcomed for the Lord's Pantry and toys for the Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots." In exchange for your donation, you will receive tickets for the drawing to "Flip the Switch" on our beautiful tree donated by Mr. Big Twigs! Lots of fun for everyone to welcome in the holiday season!



# Historic Commission Fall Speakers Series

Presentations Are in the Township Building

## Women in Penn's Woods

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 3 PM

Long neglected in history are the contributions of women. Our speaker is dedicated to changing that through historical markers. The Pennsylvania Women's History Project has had twenty-three markers approved by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and Museum. Known as "the marker lady," our speaker will share her work and information on the women and their accomplishments.



*Presenter: Robyn Young is the author of "Women in Penn's Woods: A History of Women in Pennsylvania." She is the Pennsylvania State Coordinator for the National Votes for Women Trail, a committee of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites.*

## Old Caln Historical Society Presentation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 3 PM

The Historical Society is located in the Old Caln Meeting House in Caln Township, next to East Brandywine. They collect and preserve historical information. There is even a museum to house the artifacts and other historic memorabilia and lots of events. Through photos, historic and current, you will have the opportunity to travel through time in Caln Township.

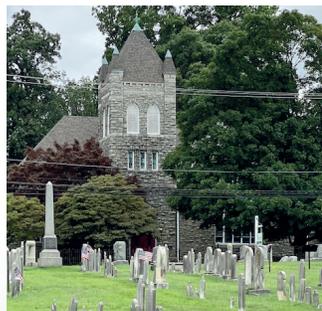


*Presenter: Dawn Coughlan is the President of the Old Caln Historical Society and the Vice Chair of the Caln Township Historical Commission. She resides in a historic home in Caln Township, the Heart of Chester County.*

## Special Event: Hopewell United Methodist Cemetery Tour

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 3 PM, RAIN DATE: NOV. 5TH

Hopewell U.M.C. at 852 Hopewell Rd. will host a walking tour of the cemetery. This tour will honor 240 years of the founders, families, and Native Americans' presence in EB Township. It is a family-friendly event as there is a children's element to this tour. All are welcome.



### 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 subjects 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: [WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/HCSPEAKERSERIES](http://WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/HCSPEAKERSERIES).

We love when you attend presentations in person, as that allows us to meet you and provides fun interaction. But if you're not able to attend, more talks will be added to the YouTube playlist over time!



**ON THE MOVE**

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN  
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

70 Emma Court.....	\$945,000
100 Tradition Lane .....	\$510,000
16 Batten Drive.....	\$825,000
583 Prizer Court.....	\$445,000
464 Hallman Court.....	\$600,000
107 Great Oak Drive .....	\$735,000
111 Hopewell Road .....	\$599,900
253 N. Caldwell Circle.....	\$500,000
599 Rock Raymond Rd.....	\$600,000
221 Ferndale Lane .....	\$675,000
112 Bolero Drive .....	\$1,005,000
117 Helm Way.....	\$629,900
42 Colleen Circle .....	\$851,000
63 Nichols Mill Road .....	\$800,000
401 Dilworth Road .....	\$375,000
4 Elston Drive.....	\$650,000
100 Hopewell Road.....	\$300,000
1208 Osborne Road.....	\$408,000
21 Lammey Way .....	\$905,000
151 Bollinger Road.....	\$400,000
307 Harcourt Lane.....	\$960,000

Source: [ZILLOW.COM](https://www.zillow.com)

**What's Being Built Here?**

Brandywine Walk Community Breaks Ground



**T**ONS OF DIRT was moved this Summer in the 126 acres behind the Township building and across from Brandywine Village Shopping Center. The ground preparation and pipe installation are underway for Brandywine Walk, an age-qualified community of 161 detached and 134 attached units. Walking trails, a community center, and an outdoor pool will also be built.

This property, known as the Weaver Tract, was previously owned by Downingtown Area School District. As the school district expanded, DASD recognized the property did not fit into their development plans and sold it to NVR, Inc./ Ryan Homes. Ryan Homes is the developer of Mapleview, the new community on the north side of Route 322.

Site contractors, Lyons and Hohl, began the first of four phases of their work in March 2023. Expected completion and sales of the new homes TBD.

**Municipal Authority  
Volunteer Opportunity**

Be Involved in Your Township

**T**HERE IS AN opportunity to make a difference in East Brandywine! The Municipal Authority has an immediate opening on its five-member team. The Municipal Authority operates three wastewater treatment plants serving residents in Keats Glen, Hopewell, Guthriesville Village, Applecross, and the Estates at Dowlin Forge.

The Authority meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 8 AM. Interested residents should complete the volunteer form at the website and/or plan on attending the next meeting of the Municipal Authority.

Other job and volunteer opportunities are available in the Township. Find what interests you most and apply to become part of the decision-making process of this Township! Go to [WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/JOBS](https://www.ebrandywine.org/jobs) to learn more.

## In Case You've Wondered ...

### Four Generations of Supporting East Brandywine Residents

**D**RIVING ON ROUTE 322 into or out of Guthriesville, you can't help but notice 'the sign'. Sometimes there are words of encouragement for residents and drivers, other times there are messages of congratulations and recognition for our local youth sports teams, firefighters, or police.

Jonathan and Maria Wright, owners of the Wright Agency since 2015, want residents and drivers to notice their business, of course, but more importantly, want to make a connection with those who drive by. "We have deep roots in East Brandywine and Chester County and always want those who pass through to know we support them," says Jonathan.

Those roots go back to the late 1800s, when Jonathan's maternal great-grandfather, Thomas E. Hope, was a farmer in Coatesville. During the winter months, he sold property and casualty insurance to other farmers. It was his way of making extra income in the off-season. Jonathan's grandmother was a teacher, who took over the business and expanded her father's client base through her network of teachers. She worked in her business in the summer months, which was her 'off season' from her primary job.

In 1977, Jonathan's parents, John and Fran Wright, incorporated the longstanding clients from the Thomas E. Hope agency into their business, The Wright Agency. Originally operating out of the basement of their home on North Bailey Road, they moved the office to the building on Horseshoe Pike in 1985.

As the business grew, so did East Brandywine. Jonathan recalls, "I would be at the office and my dad would ask me to 'go check the mailbox' which was across



*The Wright Agency Office and three generations of Wright's (left to right)—current owners Jim and Maria (and their children), John and Fran.*

the road on the north side of Route 322, There was so little traffic, it wasn't a problem. I couldn't ask my kids to do that today."

Now, as the 4th generation of insurance providers and community residents, the Wrights are proud to be celebrating 46 years of being a family-owned, independent insurance provider. The heart of their business is small businesses and homeowners. They give back with sponsorship of EBYA teams, Township activities, and park events. They will provide public service announcements on their sign to support the community and local businesses.

The sign won't be an electronic one anytime soon, says Jonathan. "It's tell-tale of who we are—simple, nice, effective, and supportive. We want to be known as a reliable neighborhood provider of insurance."



UNDER EAST BRANDYWINE Township code, all dogs must be on a leash when on the property of others

or upon the property open to the public or belonging to the public. Please have your dogs leashed when in any of our Township parks. If you notice an unleashed dog at a park or in your neighborhood, please contact the police.

This is not a 'rule' but a local and Pennsylvania state law. To view the law, go to [HTTPS://ECODE360.COM/11879530](https://ecode360.com/11879530).



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Downingtown, PA 19335-1153

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Fall Harvest Festival

SUNDAY, OCT 8, 12-3 pm  
Community Park

### Christmas Tree Lighting

SATURDAY DEC 2, 3-5 pm  
(Rain Date DEC 3)  
Community Park

# Fall 2023 Calendar of Events

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

## SEP 2023

4	<b>Labor Day Holiday—Administrative Offices Closed</b>		
6	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
7	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
7	East Brandywine Foundation Mtg	Township Bldg	10:00 am
7	Open Space Committee (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
11	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
12	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
12	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
13	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
14	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
14	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
17	Historical Speaker Series: Peter Miller	Township Bldg	3:00 pm
21	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
28	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
29	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am

## NOV 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
8	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
9	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
9	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
13	Fall Leaf Collection (2 of 3) runs Nov 13 to 17		
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 PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
17	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am
19	Historical Speaker Series: Old Caln Historical Society	Township Bldg	3:00 pm
23	Thanksgiving Holiday—Administrative Offices Closed		
24	Thanksgiving Holiday—Administrative Offices Closed		
27	Fall Leaf Collection (3 of 3) runs Nov 27 to Dec 3		

## OCT 2023

2	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
4	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
5	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
5	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
8	Fall Harvest Festival	Community Park	12:00 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
12	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
12	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
15	Historical Speaker Series: Women in Penn's Woods	Township Bldg	3:00 pm
19	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
26	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
27	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am
30	Fall Leaf Collection (1 of 3) runs Oct 30 to Nov 3		

## DEC 2023

2	Tree Lighting (rain date 12/3)	Community Park	3:00 pm
4	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
6	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
7	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
7	East Brandywine Foundation Meeting	Township Bldg	10:00 am
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25	Christmas Holiday—Administrative Offices Closed		
26	Christmas Holiday—Administrative Offices Closed		
28	Bondsville Mill Committee	Township Bldg	8:00 am
29	Municipal Authority (if needed)	Township Bldg	8:00 am