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EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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**STUDIO
TOUR**®

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 10 AM – 6 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 11 AM – 5 PM

Visit artists throughout Chester County during this unique two-day event. The Studio Tour is an intimate opportunity with 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. The artists who participate stand out among their peers and are award-winning artists who have been recognized by local and international galleries.

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 COUNTYSTUDIOTOUR.COM for participating artists, maps, and more information.

Welcome Francis Taraschi! East Brandywine Township's New Supervisor

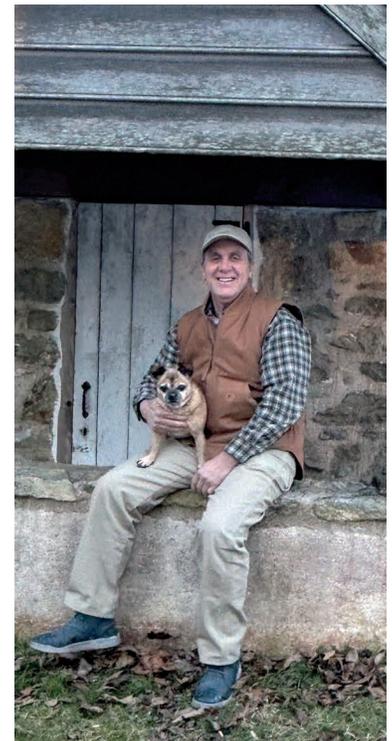
FRANCIS TARASCHI never thought he would run for an official public office position. Yet, when asked last year if he would consider running for the open position on the Board of Supervisors for our Township, he decided the time was right.

“This has always been home,” says Francis. “Getting involved, volunteering, being a public servant—those are important to me. I recognize that our Township administration is the resident’s first connection to government. People come first—and I was happy to consider serving the people of East Brandywine.”

Francis’ professional background started in the mechanical engineering field and engineering sales. He currently owns a local mechanical contracting firm specializing in the mechanical aspects of historical restoration and other residential and commercial buildings. He and his wife Lisa have four children and three grandchildren. They have lived in East Brandywine Township for thirty-two years.

Born and raised in Downingtown borough, Francis has witnessed firsthand the growth of Chester County. He recognized early on that change is inevitable. In the 1990’s he volunteered with the Brandywine Conservancy to help preserve the land that makes this county unique. In recent years, Francis

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Francis and his dog Coco

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Directory

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Kyle P. Scribner
 Vice Chairman Carl K. Croft
 Member Francis Taraschi

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
 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 Receptionist

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

East Brandywine Police Department News

Congratulations Deputy Police Chief Yankanich!

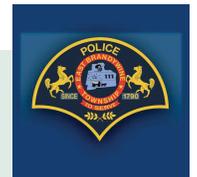
ON FEBRUARY 5, 2024, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Yankanich received his NJSACOP Command and Leadership Academy diploma during a ceremony held in East Brunswick, New Jersey. The graduation ceremony was held to recognize the Officers from multiple states who attended the Academy in 2023.



In 1993 the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police with the assistance of faculty from the United States Military Academy at West Point developed a law enforcement leadership program for mid and upper-level management personnel. The intense 14-week program has become one of the “crown jewel” professional development programs for local, county, state, and federal agencies in the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, and Maryland.

We want to congratulate him on the completion of the Academy and commend him on his outstanding job.

Pictured above, left to right: Chief John Russo of Rutherford PD (NJ) & 1st Vice President of the NJSACOP; Deputy Chief Yankanich, EBTPD; Retired Chief Gerald Simpson of Southern Chester County Regional Police Department & Lead Instructor for Area 5 (Chester County) NJSACOP Command and Leadership Academy.



Chief's Corner

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CHECK FRAUD

With check fraud being one of the fastest growing financial crimes, consider using a secured digital form of payment or a “bill pay” service through your bank whenever possible. If you must mail a check, use the mailbox inside a US postal facility rather than putting the check in a curbside mailbox or your home mailbox. Mailboxes located outside or in remote locations are prime targets for mail thieves.

DARC Spring and Summer Activities 2024

Programs and Trips for All Ages!

DOWNINGTOWN AREA RECREATION CONSORTIUM (DARC), supported by East Brandywine Township, is planning numerous activities for the spring session. We are excited to announce that our paper brochure is back by popular demand. Keep an eye on your mailbox!!



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Offered at Brandywine Wallace, Springton Manor, and Beaver Creek Elementary Schools. Check the schedule for which days each school offers each program: **Fab, Fun & Beautiful** with Abrakadoodle, **Jedi Masters** with Snapology, **Drawing Club** with Young Rembrandts, **Amusement Park Engineering** with Snapology.

TRIPS & TOURS

Join us on a day-long Bus Trip or one of these great vacation trips: **Great Trains & the Grand Canyon** departing September 22, 2024, **A Culinary Journey through Tuscany** departing November 5, 2024, **Spend the Holidays in New Orleans** departing

December 3, 2024. If interested in any of these, join us on Monday, April 4 for an informational seminar.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE AND AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

Tickets to Exton Movie Tavern and Regal Theaters (all locations) are available in our office. Amusement park tickets will be available beginning in May!

FREE ICE SKATE NIGHT

Don't miss this event hosted by Power Play Ice Rink on Saturday, April 22 from 5:30-7:00 PM. Preregistering is required on our website.

SUMMER CAMPS

Registrations are now open!! Join us at Brandywine Wallace Elementary School for our **Playground Camps** (ages 3-11) and some of our specialty camps.

If you need full-day childcare, consider our **Adventure Camps** (ages 7-14). These camps go on an exciting trip every day including Hershey Park, Lincoln Financial Field, Lancaster Science Museum, zip-lining, and swimming. If your child has a passion for a particular interest or hobby, there are **computer, engineering, art, cooking, sports, tennis, golf, Lego, theater, and science camps**.

See our website, DARC.INFO, for details about all of our programs.



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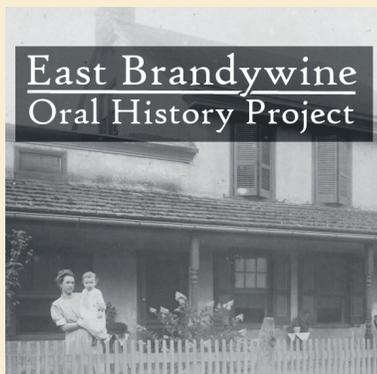
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has served on the Planning Commission and as a member of the Historical Commission in EBT.

Francis believes it is the people of EBT that make it a unique place to live and work.

“Both longstanding and new residents make this Township special. We have so many amazing volunteers working to maintain the rural history, natural spaces, and parks for everyone to enjoy. We have great businesses that work hard to make life easier for all, including our Police and Firefighters who tirelessly work to make our community safe each day. Looking forward we will work to encourage and support more business opportunities within EBT. There is no better place to live.”

Francis is looking forward to serving on the BOS and being an integral part of the future of East Brandywine Township.



ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS

Over the last six years, the Historical Commission has conducted interviews with long-term residents of our community to capture first-hand experiences. There are 10 interviews posted on the Township website. Listen in and learn about the storied history of East Brandywine.



JOIN THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

If you are interested in the history of our Township, preserving our historic resources, planning educational programs, organizing archives, or any of the many other functions in which the Historical Commission is involved, become a member! No specific background is required, only your interest and a commitment of 3 or 4 hours of your time per month. To volunteer, please fill out the "Volunteer Application Form" under "Submit A Request" on the Township website at WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG.

Historic Commission Spring Speakers Series

Presentations Are in the Township Building

The Man Who Knew All of Pennsylvania's Mushrooms

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 3 PM

Charles McIlvaine, also known as Old Ironguts for his ability and willingness to eat even the most questionable of mushrooms, was an avid 19th-century explorer and documenter of mushrooms in the greater Philadelphia region. He collaborated with well-known botany professionals of his day and published the first publicly available mushroom guidebook in the US. We will explore McIlvaine's historical work and discuss how it is relevant to understanding the modern environment.



Presenter: Luke Smithson, a PA native who loves nothing more than spending time in the woods, past President of the Mycological Assoc., and current officer in the North American Mycological Association.

Chester County During the Great Depression

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 3 PM

We peer back into Chester County politics and race relations during the Great Depression. We'll explore the impact the New Deal had on work relief programs that got farmers "out of the mud" to construct parks, water treatment plants, and sewer lines, and preserve historical sites and wholesome recreations for thousands. We'll touch on Prohibition, Sunday sports, and Sunday movies.



Presenter: Dr. Charles Hardy, Professor Emeritus, West Chester University. He spent a decade working as a documentary producer and historical consultant, and was President of the Oral History Association (2008-2009).

Chester County's Civil War Generals: They Marched Where Duty Called

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 3 PM

Ten Civil War soldiers with Chester County connections reached the rank of General in the Union Army. Their triumphs and tragedies are memorialized and honored in this visual presentation.



Presenter: David K. Walter, Past Chairman of Westtown Township Historical Commission, Past Treasurer of West Chester Railroad Heritage Association, and Past Treasurer of Brandywine Civil War Roundtable.

Parks & Recreation Continue to Improve Our Parks

Major Improvements Ahead at the Community Park

WITH THE HELP of the Public Work Staff, upgrades and maintenance at our Township Parks continue. The Committee expects the new bathrooms in the north end of the Community Park will be in full construction when you receive this newsletter. Public Works will be giving the entire area around the Alison Pavilion and the new bathrooms a bright new look by refreshing the gardens and shrubbery.



All-Inclusive Playground Draft Concept 2024

Our next major project will be to replace our aging playground at the Community Park. Parks and Recreation is working on plans for an all-inclusive playground that will be placed over a resilient rubber surface. This safety surface, along with ramps, sensory play, and equipment will allow access and fun for all children, regardless of their abilities. Although we are in the planning stage, we continue to fundraise and seek grants to help with such a major undertaking.

You can lend your support to our parks through sponsorship or play in the “Fore the Parks” Golf Outing to be held on May 15 at the Honey Brook Golf Course, or through your donation to the East Brandywine Foundation—memo to read, “Parks and Recreation Playground.” Reach out to any member of Parks and Recreation at [PARKANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG](mailto:ParkandRec@EBrandywine.org), or call the township office, 610-269-8230, for more information.



Thanks to the continued generosity of the Spatola Family, new picnic tables have been added to the Pavilion at Spatola Park. We will begin phasing in new metal picnic tables at the Community Park to replace the wooden tables.

Parks and Recreation Events 2024

A full slate of events is in the works for our East Brandywine Community. New this year: a food truck will join us for each of the concerts. Follow our page on Facebook by searching, “East Brandywine Community Park,” or check [EBRANDYWINE.ORG](http://EBrandywine.org) for details closer to each date.

Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 17, 3 PM

Fore the Parks Golf Outing at Honey Brook Golf Club

MAY 15, 8 AM

Memorial Day Flag Installation

MAY 21, 6 PM

Family Movie—TBA

JUNE 21, DUSK

“Elvis”—Jeff Krick Jr.

JUNE 27, 6:30 PM

“Red Satins”

JULY 11, 6:30 PM

Family Movie—TBA

JULY 26, DUSK

“Fabulous Greaseband”

AUGUST 8, 6:30 PM

Family Movie—TBA

AUGUST 16, DUSK

Fall Festival

OCTOBER 6, 12-3 PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony

NOVEMBER 30, 3-5 PM

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

219 Montpelier Drive.....	\$ 755,000
126 Locust Knoll Road.....	\$ 570,000
21 Newman Drive.....	\$ 865,000
138 Aspen Drive	\$ 1,000,000
282 N. Caldwell Circle	\$ 580,000
21 Emma Court	\$ 937,000
1301 Horseshoe Pike.....	\$ 711,000
49 Nichols Mill Road.....	\$ 865,000
425 Rock Raymond Rd....	\$ 1,200,000
410 Rock Raymond Rd....	\$ 425,000
155 Crawford Road	\$ 708,762
581 Prizer Court.....	\$ 427,000
82 Margil Farm Drive	\$ 1,000,000
311 S Caldwell Circle.....	\$ 675,000
107 Locks Farm Lane.....	\$ 495,000
13 Wyndham Court	\$ 249,000
350 Zynn Road	\$ 145,000
590 Dilworth Road.....	\$ 350,000
279 Sugar Maple Square	\$ 458,000
99 Gloucester Ct.....	\$ 217,300
1178 Horseshoe Pike.....	\$ 200,000
230 Zynn Road	\$ 905,000

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

Road Department Purchases New Equipment

Tractor Enhances Safety and Efficiency

AS SPRING APPROACHES, the Road Department work turns to lawn care maintenance. We recently purchased a Ventrac Tractor with two attachments, but many more are available. The attachments are a 72-inch rotary mower and a 72-inch flail mower.

The Ventrac is constructed as a Low Ground Pressure (LPG) mower that minimizes the compaction of soils while maintaining sensitive areas. The Department currently maintains 8 stormwater basins and approximately 10 acres of drip field, with more to come. It is important to use an LPG in these facilities to ensure they will continue to infiltrate as designed. These areas are not mowed weekly, so a flail mower is used to chop up the vegetation.

The second aspect of the Ventrac is its ability to mow steep slopes. With 8 tires hugging the ground we will be able to maintain steep slopes up to 30 degrees. The Department currently maintains these steep areas using a walk-behind DR mower and trimmers. That operation is a safety concern. The Ventrac will not only decrease time spent maintaining these steep areas, but the crew will be able to do so in a safer manner.

Last year we took delivery of an International diesel dump truck. This truck will be used for snow removal, as a chipping truck, and for daily responsibilities.

East Brandywine Fire Co.

2023 Recap

Two thousand twenty-three was a busy year for East Brandywine Fire Company. As the municipalities we serve continue to grow in population, so does the need for Fire / EMS service. Our 100% volunteer organization responded to 801 emergencies in 2023, many being serious incidents. EBFC 49 thanks our community for the generous and continued support of the local fire company. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or donating to our fire company, please visit [EBFC49.ORG](https://www.ebfc49.org).



801 Total Calls
413 Fire
388 EMS
59 Box Alarms
19 Working Fires

What's Going On Inside a Honeybee Hive?

Eagle Scout Connor Riley Makes Informational Box

HAVE YOU EVER wondered what's going on inside a Honeybee hive? The answer is now on display at Bondsville Mill Park. Connor Riley, a Boy Scout in Downingtown Troop 23, wanted to combine his interest in the environment, bees, and service for the local community into his Eagle Scout Project.

As a beekeeper himself, and a member of the Chester County Beekeepers Association (CCBA) for four years, Connor reached out to CCBA for ideas. This teamwork has resulted in an information board at BMP that is fun, interactive, and made from actual bee boxes. The three bee boxes each contain five bee frames.



From left to right: *Russ Lux, President CCBA, Connor Riley, Sandy Moser.*

Families are encouraged to open each of the boxes as if they were beekeepers. The bee boxes Connor used are actual nucleus (nuc) boxes used to maintain small bee colonies. They allow park visitors to "open up a hive box" without the fear of getting stung. There are actual bee frames in the boxes, but instead of containing bees, they contain interesting information about bees. The last frame in box #3 is an actual frame that contains approximately 1,400 cells where the bees raise brood and store honey and pollen.

The CCBA has three active hives at the BMP where they conduct beginner beekeeping classes. Club president Russ Lux knows that many visitors pass by the beehives at the park and have an interest in what's going on in the beehives.

The CCBA have been great friends to the Mill Park. Last year the beekeepers built and donated a Native Bee Hotel to the Mill. Mason Bees quickly moved in, and park visitors could sit and watch the bees building their nests. A beekeeper grant two years earlier provided funds for early blooming perennials and shrubs at the Mill so that nectar is available for the earliest insects.

Visit the Mill at **1647 Bondsville Road, Downingtown**. For more information on Eagle Scouts or the CCBA, visit [HTTPS://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/EAGLE_SCOUT_SERVICE_PROJECT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eagle_Scout_Service_Project) and [WWW:CHESCOBEES.ORG](http://www.chescobees.org). To learn about the Mill and upcoming programs on nature, go to [BONDSVILLEMILLPARK.ORG](http://bondsvillemillpark.org).



MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHERE YOU LIVE

YOUR TOWNSHIP NEEDS YOUR EXPERTISE

The activities and accomplishments in East Brandywine, as published in *The Milemarker* are primarily the result of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers help to preserve the history, integrity, and future of our Township.

Consider offering your expertise to sit on one of the committees where you can provide support and vision for the Township. Volunteers help East Brandywine Township grow and thrive! Be part of the solution in creating the community you want to live in!

Current opportunities for volunteers are on the Budget Committee, Open Space, Parks & Recreation, and the Historical Commission.

Details about all current openings are at: [HTTPS://EBRANDYWINE.ORG/JOBS.ASPX](https://ebrandywine.org/jobs.aspx).

Step up today and make a difference!



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SAVE THE DATE

Chester County During the Great Depression

APR 21, 3pm, Township Building

Chester County's Civil War Generals: They Marched Where Duty Called

MAY 19, 3pm, Township Building

Family Movie

JUN 21, Dusk, Community Park

Concert: "Elvis"—Jeff Krick Jr.

JUN 27, 6:30pm, Community Park

Spring 2024 Calendar of Events

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

MAR 2024

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	Open Space Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
8	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 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	Easter Egg Hunt	Community Pk	3:00 pm
21	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
28	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am
29	Good Friday Observed —Administrative Offices Closed		

APR 2024

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18	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
25	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am

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