



SUMMER 2024

THE Milemarker

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

FAREWELL AFTER 20+ YEARS

Late last year, the Municipal Authority gave a fond farewell to long-time Administrator, **Jan Bednarchik**. Jan had been with the Municipal Authority for over 20 years, and through her hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication, Jan helped to shape the authority from its inception to the current day. She was always willing to lend a helping hand while balancing new development and growth.

In 2023, Jan received the Salhi Award from the Pennsylvania State Municipal Authority Association for her more than 20 years of service. Jan will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of health and happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

With Jan's retirement, we welcome **Gabrielle Brown** to the team. Gabby's experience in the financial industry, together with her strong communication and customer service skills, make her a welcome addition.

Pictured above: Retiring member Jan Bednarchik (l) and new member Gabby Brown (r).

East Brandywine Fire Company

Training for the Present and the Future

TRAINING IS A core component of East Brandywine culture. We believe that to build a successful organization, we must first invest in our personnel. Without our highly dedicated volunteers, the organization as we know it today would not be possible. We believe we have a duty to honor that dedication by providing the next generation of firefighters and EMTs with the best possible tools to support their success. In turn, this lays the framework for building our organizational success for decades to come.



Seventy-five percent of East Brandywine Fire Fighters meet the National Qualifications Standards. EBFC is one of only seventy-five fire companies in the state to be recognized by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner for this achievement.

Our training program is constructed to provide the concepts, as well as the practice, necessary to develop the skills to confidently perform at the highest level. We take a multifaceted approach utilizing external courses for state and national certification, and a focused internal program designed to hone and advance those building blocks.

Internally, we utilize a classroom-based setting for theory, coupled with hands-on scenarios for tactile reinforcement. This enables us to paint a cohesive picture of not only the

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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

Bondsville Mill Park A Summer of Secrets in the Garden

AS PARTICIPANTS IN Longwood Gardens Community Read with *The Secret Garden* as the selected book, activities and events are planned throughout the summer at the gardens at Bondsville Mill Park. The park has lots of secrets to share! With the new parking lot scheduled to open in late June, there will be plenty of room for everyone to park and participate.

Adventures in Bondsville Mill Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Free nature activities and fun for all ages, there will be live raptors and reptiles to see. Storytime, crafts, butterflies, geocaching, and much more. Registration is required for the wildlife presentations by the Indian Run Environmental Education Center.



Art in the Park

THROUGH SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Visit the Bondsville Mill Nature Library to view a painting of the Mill Gardens by local artist Alexis Bocelli. Her artwork will be on view through August 17. Write down your thoughts and email address, deposit it in the Flower Pot, and you'll be registered for a chance to win four tickets to Longwood Gardens in the drawing on August 17.



Butterflies, Monarchs, and Insects, too!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Saturday, August 17 will be a very special day honoring pollinators. There will be exhibits and presentations and Monarch tagging. Other Secret Garden activities will be going on as well.

Culp Clearing

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Save the Date: Culp Clearing will open on October 5. Walking tours and programs are being planned.

For a list of all programs and to register (if needed), visit WWW.BONDVILLEMILLPARK.ORG/PROGRAMS.HTML



David Culp



East Brandywine Fire Company

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“how,” but also the “why.” We take great care in scaling our training concepts to the appropriate experience level, ensuring all are challenged and supported to best foster growth and development. This individual attention and dedication to building on the positives is fundamental to fireground performance, but equally critical for our recruitment and retention.

We also have brought in key thought leaders from around the fire service to speak to our membership and the members of some of our key neighboring fire companies. On nearly all larger-scale incidents, neighboring companies are called for resource and personnel support. Building strong partnerships creates high inter-agency performance when working together in emergency situations.

We have also partnered with Med-Tex Services to present free training sessions at our station for first responders throughout our region. We feel strongly about always being students of our craft. Leveraging multiple viewpoints is integral to being a dynamic organization.

In the first quarter of 2024, EBFC conducted 15 internal training classes, with a total of 769.5 training hours from our dedicated volunteers. Some of these classes included firefighting operations, water rescue operations, forcible entry, hazardous materials incidents, and emergency medical training. We also have several members in external academy classes to obtain their state/national certificates for Firefighter 1, and Vehicle Rescue totaling over 300 hours. We have a detailed schedule that will continue this pace throughout the remainder of the year.

Interested in finding out more? Visit us at the station any Wednesday at 6:30 or WWW.EBFC49.ORG.



~~HELP WANTED~~ NEEDED!

MULTIPLE COMMITTEES NEED
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, Planning Commission, Zoning Board, and the Historical Commission.

Details about all current openings are at: WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/VOLUNTEER. Step up today and make a difference!

Oral History Interviews from the Historical Commission

Joyce and Bob Arters – The Story of Green Tree Tavern

OVER THE LAST six years, the EBT Historical Commission conducted interviews with long-term residents of our community to capture first-hand experiences of living in East Brandywine Township in decades past. Oral history interviews help fill in gaps and capture the emotions, memories, and lived experiences to provide a deeper understanding of the history of an area. There are 10 interviews posted and more are in the works.

For this *Milemarker* we share a bit of Joyce and Bob Arters' interview. The Arters lived in East Brandywine for 47 years. In the interview, they share details about the Green Tree Farm, located on Horseshoe Pike across from the East Brandywine Baptist Church. Originally known as the Green Tree Tavern and more recently known as Locust Knoll Farm, the property is currently owned by David Thal who is restoring and renovating the property.

The main home structure was built by William McFarlan in 1811 and licensed as a tavern in 1812. Bob's family bought the Green Treen Farm in 1909. Bob says his grandfather wanted a farm with a short lane. At that time Horseshoe Pike was not where it is now but curved toward the house. His grandmother had a smokehouse in the attic of the house and vegetables were kept in the cellar area.



Bob and Joyce Arters

The house that sits on the corner of Osbourne and Horseshoe Pike was built by Bob's father in 1926. It was a kit home, sold by Sears Roebuck & Co., manufactured by Aladdin Company in Bay City, Michigan, and shipped to Downingtown by train. To put the house together, all you needed was a hammer and to know how to read the blueprints. Bob remembers keeping the hedges cut back as a boy—now the hedges practically conceal the house.

At one time, there was also a gas station on the property. It had a store that sold soda, ice cream, and candy. Students from the Downingtown Industrial and Agricultural School

located across the street (now Delaware County Community College) would come after school for snacks.

The Manleys purchased the farm in 1936 and changed the name to Locust Knoll Farm because of the abundance of locust trees that dotted the knoll.

The interview provides more information about the Farm, the original East Brandywine Baptist Church where Joyce and Bob got married, and life in EBT during WWII.

Read more of their story and the other oral history interviews at [WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/ ORALHISTORY](http://WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG/ORALHISTORY)

Parks & Recreation

Community Park Updates and Upcoming Events



Movie in the Park— Migration

JUNE 21
8:45 PM

Summer Concert—Elvis

JUNE 27
6:30 PM

Food available from
The Nacho Depot and
Maggie Moos.



Summer Concert— The Red Satins

JULY 11
6:30 PM

Food available from The Nacho
Depot and Maggie Moos.



Movie in the Park— Dolittle

JULY 26
8:45 PM



Summer Concert— The Fabulous Greaseband

AUGUST 8
6:30 PM

Food available from The Nacho
Depot and Maggie Moos.



Movie in the Park—Trolls Band Together

AUGUST 16
8:45 PM

Fall Festival

OCTOBER 6, 12-3 PM

A fun, family day with rides,
inflatables, pumpkin patch and
pumpkin decorating, mini golf,
Trunk or Treat, petting zoo, food
trucks, face
painting, music,
games, clowns
with balloon
art, and more.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

NOVEMBER 30
3-5 PM



NEW BATHROOM PROJECT COMPLETED

The new bathroom project, begun
in 2018, is finally complete. The
building was lifted into place on
April 17 and our public works staff
continues to work to provide all the
electrical and plumbing hookups.
Sidewalks and the final landscaping
will soon be in place!



ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Slides, swings, a merry-go-round,
and a zip line are just some of the
elements that will be a part of our
All-Inclusive Playground. The Play-
ground will be surrounded by a rub-
ber safety surface and will provide
play areas for children of all abilities
and ages. We are now in the design
stage but continue to fundraise and
seek grants.

FOR THE PARKS GOLF OUTING

A big thank you to all our spon-
sors and golfers for a fantastic day
of golf and fun. We had over 100
golfers and many sponsors. Most
importantly, funds were raised to
enable the building of our All Inclu-
sive Playground.

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

6 Darien Court.....	\$ 915,000
191 Hopewell Road	\$ 510,100
99 Gloucester Court	\$ 343,000
457 Hallman Court	\$ 632,500
116 Locust Knoll Road	\$ 638,500
744 Corner Ketch Road...\$	328,195
335 S Caldwell Circle.....	\$ 685,000
803 S Haines Circle.....	\$ 670,000
108 Grandview Drive	\$ 355,000
109 Crawford Road	\$ 640,000
1618 Bondsville Road.....	\$ 550,500
174 Patriot Lane	\$ 630,000
1370 Horseshoe Pike.....	\$ 520,001
34 Cambridge Court	\$ 409,500
105 Locks Farm Lane.....	\$ 498,000
115 School Lane	\$ 470,000
1650 Bondsville Road.....	\$ 166,000
302 Pinebrook Circle.....	\$ 365,000

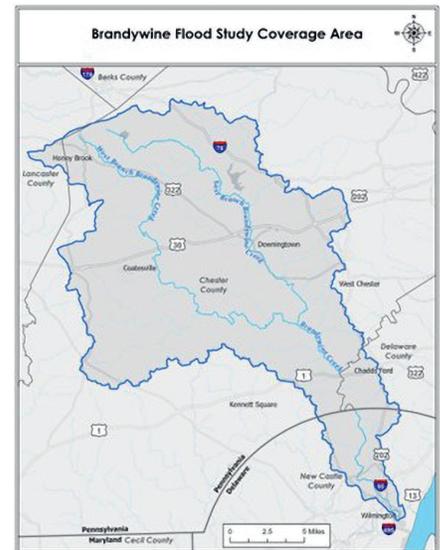
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Brandywine Flood Study

Protecting our Watershed and
Surrounding Communities

IN RESPONSE TO more frequent and extreme flooding events impacting communities along the Brandywine Creek in both Pennsylvania and Delaware, the Brandywine Conservancy announced the launch of the Brandywine Flood Study in August 2023—nearly two years after Hurricane Ida produced historic flooding that devastated the region. Conducted in partnership with the Chester County Water Resources Authority (CCWRA) and the University of Delaware Water Resources Center (UDWRC), the flood study is a coordinated effort to better understand where and why flooding occurs, and to help identify the best approaches to protect our communities from future severe flooding events.

Encompassing the mainstem of the Brandywine Creek and key tributaries in Chester and Delaware Counties in Pennsylvania and traveling downstream to impacted areas over the Delaware state line, the flood study aims to identify options for reducing flood impacts to improve public safety and lessen property damage. The study is funded through grants from FEMA, PEMA, Chester County Government, and Delaware County Council, and is slated to be completed by summer 2024. A series of public meetings are being held at pivotal stages throughout the process to engage with impacted residents and to gather feedback.



The study will also include Stroud Water Research Center, West Chester University, and other technical experts as key partners. Once the study is complete, the team is committed to working with impacted communities, elected officials, key funders, and government agencies to implement the study's recommendations so that the watershed and its residents in both Pennsylvania and Delaware are better prepared, protected, and equipped to rebound from future severe flooding events.

For more information about the Brandywine Flood Study—including progress updates, notifications about upcoming public meetings, and to join our email list—please visit WWW.BRANDYWINE.ORG/FLOOD-STUDY. You can also email the team directly with any questions at FLOODSTUDY@BRANDYWINE.ORG.



EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

Recycling & Trash Programs

RECYCLING

TUESDAY will remain the pick up day for curbside recycling removal in 2024.

In 2016 Township, with assistance from the PA Department of Environmental Protection, purchased and distributed new containers, also called "Toters," to all residents except those in townhomes without garages.

The Township has two sizes of recycle Toter: 35- and 64-gallon. Most homes have the 64-gallon variety however homes with very long driveways, and the homes of senior citizens or individuals with mobility disabilities may request the smaller size.



64 Gallon Toter Cart L: 31.50" x W: 24.25" x H: 41.75" 35 Gallon Toter Cart L: 23.75" x W: 19.75" x H: 36.25" Legacy Bin L: 15" x W: 16" x H: 15"

All residents must participate in our recycling program per PA law. Recycling also significantly reduces the Township's tipping fees for garbage at the landfill--Keeping your annual fees low!

The annual fee for recycling is only \$90.00 per residence.

RECYCLABLE ITEMS

#1 thru #7 plastics: Such as milk, water and soda bottles; laundry care products; and food containers.

Clear, green & brown glass: Such as beer, liquor and soda bottles as well as food jars

Aluminum, steel & tin: Such as beverage and food cans.

Mixed paper: Such as newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs, cereal boxes, grocery bags, home or office paper, books, envelopes, letters, junk mail, wrapping paper, and similar paper products.

Cardboard (small boxes): These must be flattened and tied.

Very large corrugated or cardboard boxes must be flattened and taken to the East Brandywine Township building (**not accepted at curbside**).

PREPARING RECYCLABLES

Cans, bottles, jars and plastics should be rinsed clean.

Compress plastics and cans to reduce volume; do not break glass.

CURBSIDE PICK UP

Place recyclables at curbside on **MONDAY** evening for pick up **TUESDAY**.

TRASH REMOVAL

TUESDAY will remain the pick up day for curbside trash removal in 2024.

Annual fee for trash removal is only \$170.00 per residence.

WEEKLY TRASH PICK UP

Put your trash at curbside on **MONDAY** evening; the hauler starts at 6:00 A.M.

Weekly limit is the equivalent of three 35 gallon containers or bags from each residence.

May substitute one three foot by three foot securely tied bundle for one 35 gallon container or bag.

Township will pay landfill tipping fee (per ton cost to dump trash). The hauler will strictly enforce the limit.

By recycling, you can avoid exceeding the allowable amount of trash. Paper accounts for 35% of our waste.

BULK TRASH PICK UP

Bulk Trash accepted on the last pick up day of each month.

One large item permitted each month, or the equivalent of two 35 gallon or bags in addition to weekly limit.

Weight limited to an item two men can easily lift.

ACCEPTABLE BULK TRASH

Furniture, small appliance, water heater, or similar item.

Any air conditioner, refrigerator or freezer must display a sticker certifying the removal of the refrigerant ("freon") by an authorized dealer or repair facility.

UNACCEPTABLE TRASH

Automotive parts, tires, building materials, etc.

Leaves and similar compostable materials.

Christmas trees are accepted at the Municipal Complex after Christmas until late February for composting.

Items included in the Covered Device Recycling Act (Act 108) of 2010, namely: desktop computers; laptop computers; computer monitors; computer peripherals; tablets; televisions; and e-readers.

YARD WASTE

The township offers leaf collection once in the spring and for three weeks in the fall (dates are always announced on www.ebrandywine.org). For those collections, residents are encouraged to place leaves on their lawns within 6 feet of the edge of the road. Road crews then use a leaf vac to pick up all the leaves.



Visit www.ebrandywine.org to learn about limited Wood Chipping service available to residents.

There is an additional monthly pick-up of certain bagged yard waste during the spring through early fall. This service is offered six times a year on the last Saturday of the month. Please check the website for exact dates.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Please visit www.ebrandywine.org to learn about special programs for Household Hazardous Waste collection. Additional information about Household Hazardous Waste can be found at www.chestercountyswa.org.

COMMERCIAL

Commercial Properties are those properties used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes.

All commercial properties must recycle aluminum cans, newspapers, plastic containers, and green, brown and clear glass containers, corrugated paper, and high-grade office paper. All commercial properties must contract with a licensed collector to provide recycle services OR utilize the Township's Curbside Service. To use the Township's Curbside Service commercial properties must meet both of these requirements:

- The volume of recyclable materials generated at the commercial establishment will fit in the Township-provided containers; and
- The commercial establishment has access to a curbside location.

Instructions for commercial properties who utilize the Township Curbside Recycle Service are the same those listed for residential customers.

All commercial establishments may use the recycle drop-off facility located at 1214 Horseshoe Pike.

Find more information at WWW.EBRANDYWINE.ORG



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1214 Horseshoe Pike
Downingtown, PA 19335-1153

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Standard Mail
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West Chester, PA

SAVE THE DATE

Movies in the Park

8:45pm, Community Park

JUN 21—Migration

JUL 26—Dolittle

AUG 16—Trolls Band Together

Summer Concerts

6:30pm, Community Park

JUN 27—Elvis

JUL 11—The Red Satins

AUG 8—The Fabulous Greaseband

Summer 2024 Calendar of Events

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

JUN 2024

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
11	Municipal Authority Regular Session	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
20	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
21	Movie in the Park — Migration	Community Pk	8:30 pm
27	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am
27	Concert in the Park — Elvis	Community Pk	6:30 pm

AUG 2024

1	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
1	Open Space Committee (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
5	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
7	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
8	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
8	Concert in the Park — The Fabulous Greaseband	Community Pk	6:30 pm
8	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
13	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
13	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
14	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
15	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
16	Movie in the Park — Trolls Band Together	Community Pk	8:30 pm
22	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am

JUL 2024

1	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
3	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
3	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
4	Independence Day —Administrative Offices Closed		
9	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
9	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
10	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
11	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
11	Concert in the Park — The Red Satins	Community Pk	6:30 pm
11	Open Space Committee (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
11	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
18	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
25	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am
26	Movie in the Park — Dolittle	Community Pk	8:30 pm

SEP 2024

2	Labor Day —Administrative Offices Closed		
4	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
5	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
5	Open Space Committee (as needed)	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
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12	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
12	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
19	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
26	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am