

THE Milemarker

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025

Time for Outdoor Fun in Our Local Parks, Fields, and in Our Own Backyards

WHILE MOST KNOW the advantages of living in the Brandywine Valley, with the proximity to Marsh Creek State Park, Valley Forge National Park, Philadelphia, and Lancaster County, we can sometimes forget there are places in our own Township to enjoy. A few relaxing outdoor places that are just a very short drive, walk, or bike ride away:



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

WHILE ENJOYING THESE LOVELY SPACES DON'T FORGET:

Do not speed while driving.

Our local communities, developments, and parks have speed limits to keep everyone safe. Please obey the traffic laws!

Leash your dog.

It is a Pennsylvania State Law that your dog **MUST** be leashed in public places. It's not a rule—it's the law! Please be sure to keep your dog on a leash when enjoying our parks.

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EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK



With a new playground and restroom facility, this is a beautiful, spacious park for a fun afternoon to rest, walk, and play soccer, baseball, tennis, or pickleball. Reserve a pavilion for a family party or reunion. Enjoy a concert or movie night this summer (see p. 5).

BONDVILLE MILL PARK GARDENS AND ARBORETUM



On 47 acres within our own Township we have a treasure. A historic site, nationally accredited Arboretum, gardens designed by the renowned gardener David Culp, nature programs,

hiking trails, and tables for picnicking along Beaver Creek, the BMP has something for everyone to enjoy.

HELEN & ROBERT WHITTAKER MEMORIAL TRAILHEAD PARK



Filled with new plantings of native trees, flowering shrubs, and ferns, the Whittaker Memorial Trailhead Park is a quiet, contemplative space for pedestrians and bikers to rest along the trail to Hibernia Park. The park has benches, walking paths, an information kiosk, and dedication plaque. The park is across the creek from the Struble Trail at Dowlin Forge Road.

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Directory

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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
 x201 Emily Albert, Township Treasurer
 x202 Norann King, Building Department
 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

Downingtown Area Recreational Consortium

Get Ready for a Fun-Filled Summer with DARC!

DOWNINGTOWN AREA RECREATION CONSORTIUM is proud to serve the residents of East Brandywine Township. Don't miss out—our popular summer camps fill up fast, so grab your spot today and let the adventure begin!

EAST BRANDYWINE COMMUNITY PARK

Soccer Shots
 Thursdays, JUN 19-AUG 7
 Beginning at 4:30pm

BRANDYWINE WALLACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Playground Camps (ages 3-6 & 7-11)
 Monday–Thursday, beginning JUN 16
 9am–Noon

Under the Sea Art Camp (Ages 4-8)
 JUL 14-17, 9am–Noon

Snapology Motor Mania (Ages 5-12)
 JUL 21-24, 9am–Noon

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BUILDING MEETING ROOM

Yoga Camp (Ages 6-10)
 JUN 23-27, 9am–Noon

Snapology Motor Mania (Ages 5-12)
 JUL 7-10, 9am–4pm

**Radical Rides using LEGO®
Materials (Ages 5-9)**
 AUG 4-8, 9am–Noon

**Machine Mayhem using LEGO®
Materials (Ages 7-11)**
 AUG 11-15, 9am–Noon

**Intro to Film & TV: Acting & Behind
the Scenes (Ages 9-15)**
 AUG 18-22, 9am–4pm

VICTORIA IREY SCHOOL OF DANCE

Acro Tumbling Camp (Ages 5+)
 Tuesdays, JUL 8-AUG 5, 6:30-7:30pm

Ballet and Tap Camp (Ages 3+)
 Tuesdays, JUL 8-AUG 5, 5:30-6:30pm

Hip-Hop Camp (Ages 5+)
 Wednesdays, JUL 9-AUG 13
 6:30-7:30pm

Princess Dance Camp (Ages 3-7)
 Wednesday & Thursday
 AUG 8 & AUG 10, 10am–Noon

Pom Camp (Ages: 5+)
 Tuesdays, JUL 8-AUG 5, 7:30-8:30pm

OTHER CAMPS

Adventure Camp (Ages 7-11 & 11-14)
 Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm
 (extended care available).

NOW HIRING

Summer Camp Counselors
 Monday–Thursday, 8:30am-12:30pm

Join our 8-week **Playground Camps Program** and make a difference this summer! We're looking for enthusiastic, responsible individuals who love working with kids. Apply today!

For details on all camps and opportunities visit: WWW.DARC.INFO
Phone: 610-269-9260.

Bondsville Mill Park and Gardens

A Summer Respite

FROM BIRDWATCHING AND beekeeping to arboretum trees and native plants, and the many water sites along the trails, the BMP is filled with natural beauty for a fun-filled summer day. We have planted attractors for Giant Swallowtail and the Zebra Swallowtail butterflies. Milkweed has been planted for the Monarchs to lay their eggs. Join us on Monarch Day to learn more!



Saturday | August 23 | 2025

JOIN US FOR
MONARCH DAY
at the Mill

Habitats will be on display - see Monarchs in all stages!

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Games, Books & Crafts!

Bondsville Mill Park Gardens & Arboretum
1647 Bondsville Road
Downingtown, PA 19335
www.bondsvillemillpark.org

Free Milkweed Seeds!

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

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Pick up after your dog.

Everyone wants to enjoy walking on the streets, fields, and paths of the Township. Be courteous and pick up waste. Many parks and trails have bags and trash containers. Please use them. Dog waste is also a sanitation concern for our beautiful waterways! Let's keep them clean!

Follow the burning ordinance.

Burning trash, recyclables, leaves, limbs, tree stumps or yard debris of any kind, whether in an open fire or in a barrel-type container, is strictly prohibited in the Township.

No bonfire or other uncontained fire shall be kindled or permitted to burn whenever drought or extreme weather conditions exist, or when a ban on outdoor burning has been placed into effect by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Supervisors of East Brandywine Township. Notice of such restrictions shall be given by notice in a newspaper of general circulation, by posting of a notice at the Township Office, and any other such notice as the Township may deem necessary.

Make it a safe and fun summer!



Volunteer Spotlight

IT IS OFTEN SAID, “it takes a village” in reference to raising children. That is certainly true. But to run a municipality such as East Brandywine Township, it takes a village and then some.

All of our committees who report on and submit articles for *The Milemarker*—Parks and Recreation, Open Space, Planning, Historical, Bondsville Mill Park, Municipal, and Trails (and subsets of some of those) are led by and filled with unpaid volunteers.

These Township residents spend countless hours each year assisting and guiding Township management on the crucial pieces of keeping our Township a beautiful, clean, spacious, safe, and enjoyable place to live. We thank them – and appreciate the work they do.

Many residents volunteer or assist other local organizations, churches, and charities. Good work is being done everywhere.

But if you ever find yourself asking questions like: Why are they building so much around here?, What is happening to our waterways?, How can we make our parks even better?, attend a Township or Committee meeting to learn the answers to your questions—and how to help to make East Brandywine Township an even better place to live.

Remember—you are the village!

Public Works Department

New Roof for the Krapf Pavillion

THE PUBLIC WORKS Department completed a number of projects at East Brandywine Community Park over the last few months:

- The new comfort station has opened.
- Cracks have been filled in on the tennis courts.
- All flower beds and trees have been cleaned and mulched.
- The new Tot Lot has arrived and soon will be installed.
- Trees have been trimmed.

As part of our maintenance of the parks in our Township, we noted the Krapf Pavilion, located at the far end of the Community Park near the back baseball fields, was in need of a new roof. The existing asphalt shingle roof was permitting rainwater to blow under the shingles causing the roof sheathing to rot.

Due to the low roof pitch and prevailing winds, the decision was made to replace the shingles with a raised seam steel roof. The materials were purchased from AB Martin in Ephrata and installed by Township Public Works.

Public Works replaced the rotted 2 x 6 tongue and groove pieces with new boards. The underside of these boards was stained to match the existing color in the pavilion. An underlayment material was placed over the sheathing to provide a vapor barrier for the steel roof, and edge trim was installed prior to the steel panels that were clipped down and screwed every 2 feet. The roof is expected to last 40 to 50 years.



Public Works employees installing new roof on Krapf Pavillion.

Parks and Recreation

Movies and Music All Summer Long

ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

Your Parks and Recreation Committee continues to raise funds for the **United We Play** playground. This all-abilities playground will have elements for all ages and abilities such as the We-Go-Round, We-Saw DB and two ZipKrooz.

On May 14th we hosted the annual Golf Outing with all proceeds going to the **United We Play** playground. Our thanks to the golfers and sponsors who support this event every year. We have submitted grants to state and local organizations and raised over \$100,000 through golf outings and fun runs, but we continue to need your support to see our 2026 target date become a reality. Please use the QR code to donate.



Donate to
United We Play

SUMMER MOVIES

including free popcorn ...



June 6—Garfield

June 27—Despicable Me 4

July 25—Paddington

Movies begin at dusk with rain dates on the following Monday.



United We Play, clockwise, starting from above: We-Go-Round, We-Saw DB, ZipKrooz.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Join us for dinner before each concert. Food Truck catering will be available from 6:00–8:30pm with the concert beginning at 6:30pm.

Steve Cofield and Sweet

June 19



Classic Motown and R&B band that performs throughout the tri-state area.

Chico's Vibe

July 10



An eight-piece orchestra, including a four-member dancin' and groovin' horn section. Their musical style spans all decades and genres from Etta James and the Beatles to Billy Joel and the Black-Eyed Peas.

The Fabulous Greaseband

August 7



A highly entertaining and energetic delivery, sharing the “Best of the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, 80’s & 90’s.”

Rain dates for all concerts are the following Tuesday.

FALL FESTIVAL

October 5 is our annual Fall Festival. We are planning new activities such as pony rides and Jacob’s Ladder along with the favorites—Trackless Train, Mini Golf, Petting Zoo, and the Pumpkin Patch.

Volunteers are always needed for this event. Please call the township building to volunteer or email PARKSANDREC@EBRANDYWINE.ORG.



Chief's Corner

VACATION SAFETY TIPS FOR A WORRY-FREE SUMMER

As summer approaches, many of us are planning vacations to relax and unwind. To ensure your time away is enjoyable and stress-free, take a few precautions.

Before you leave, make sure your home is secure by locking all doors and windows. Consider using timers for lights to give the appearance that someone is home. Inform a trusted neighbor or friend about your travel plans so they can keep an eye on your property. Make sure that your security systems are working properly and re-charge the batteries on cameras that need it.

Additionally, avoid posting your travel plans on social media to prevent potential burglars from knowing your home is unoccupied.

Finally, if you are going to be away for an extended period, consider filling out an "EBTPD vacation request form" and our officers will do periodic checks on your home.



Keep Lithium-Ion Batteries Out of Trash & Recycling

By Patti Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager

IT IS EXTREMELY likely that you have rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in your home—to power a cell phone, laptop, or power tool. Batteries are confusing with various sizes and chemistries. They don't last forever, so it is important to know how to properly dispose of them. Especially those with lithium-ion. Their power can make them dangerous to manage, even if you think they have lost their charge.

BASIC FACTS

Batteries are either primary (one and done), or they are rechargeable. RECHARGEABLES DO NOT go in your recycling bin OR your trash bin.

- Look for these symbols that mean lithium-ion in a battery: Li-ion, Li+, LiB, LIB, UN3480, and UB 3481 (If built into a product).
- Beware counterfeit Li-ion batteries; they are often made with lower quality materials and less safety features. Look for misspelled words, forged certifications, cheap packaging and pricing, and suspicious third-party sellers online.

HOW YOU SHOULD HANDLE "DEAD" BATTERIES:

- A spent battery can still have a charge. Li-ion batteries are flammable if they are punctured. It is unsafe to remove a Li-ion battery. Before battery drop-off, tape the terminals, or put the same type of batteries (all NiCad, e.g.) in a plastic bag. View the CCSWA's safety video here. [WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=GPWL5VBGDY8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPWL5VBGDY8)
- Retailers such as Staples, Home Depot, and Lowe's often accept batteries. Check online or use Call2Recycle's zip code locator: [WWW.CALL2RECYCLE.ORG/LOCATOR/](https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/)
- Register for a County Household Hazardous Waste event here: [WWW.CHESTERCOUNTY.ORG/121/UPCOMING-HOUSEHOLD-HAZARDOUS-WASTE-EVENT](https://www.chestercounty.org/121/upcoming-household-hazardous-waste-event)
- Bicycle batteries: the Call2Recycle product stewardship organization that recycles batteries has partnered with People for Bikes to collect bike batteries at retail bike shops: [WWW.PEOPLEFORBIKES.ORG](https://www.peopleforbikes.org)
- Small power equipment batteries: [WWW.OPEI.ORG/BATTERY-BASICS](https://www.opei.org/battery-basics)
- Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, etc.) are the only ones that can safely go in trash.
- For more battery types, visit [WWW.CHESTERCOUNTY.ORG/373/DISPOSING-OF-BATTERIES](https://www.chestercounty.org/373/disposing-of-batteries)

Batteries are getting recycled for their component metals, thereby reducing extraction needed from the earth. That is a good thing. Please be safe and responsible with your batteries.

Helping Those in Need in Chester County

CCDHS Partners with PA 211



CHESTER COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT of Human Services (CCDHS) has partnered with PA 211 to provide a single point of information and referral support, connecting local residents to the health, housing and human services available in Chester County. This includes disaster relief, utility assistance, senior citizen programs, emergency food, job counseling, youth programs and much more. It is a one-stop shop for services available for those in need.

PA 211 is designed to serve three major objectives:

1. Connect people in need to health and human service assistance available through government programs and private nonprofit organizations such as Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM), Brandywine Valley Active Aging, and Rover Community Transportation, to name just a few.
2. Provide assistance to communities in time of disaster, allowing 911 to work primarily with first responders.
3. Connect volunteers and donors with organizations who can leverage these resources to meet the needs of the community.

Currently, the PA 211 system is funded by a combination of United Way support, state funding, grants and private contributions, and contracts. PA 211 has 24/7 phone coverage, as well as texting during some or all hours of the day.

To text 211, simply text your zip code to 898-211. These features provide easy access to services for varying needs and at times convenient for those looking for information.

To learn more about the PA 211 system, please visit WWW.PA211.ORG/211-OVERVIEW/ or WWW.PA211.ORG/FOR-STAKEHOLDERS/.

ON THE MOVE RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

930 Horseshoe Pike.....	\$1,000,000
1214 Osborne Road	\$1,441,647
3770 E. Fisherville Rd....	\$ 369,000
48 Butterworth Court....	\$ 885,000
110 Waring Drive.....	\$ 590,000
565 Old Horseshoe Pk..	\$1,312,500
1173 Osborne Road	\$ 498,200
354 N. Buck Road.....	\$ 495,000
203 Heritage Court	\$ 669,000
1153 Osborne Road	\$ 230,000
110 Wooded Acres Ln...	\$ 640,000
100 Tradition Lane	\$ 510,000
21 Lammey Way.....	\$ 905,000
8 Summerhill Drive.....	\$ 850,000
1235 Osborne Road	\$ 440,000
940 Horseshoe Pike.....	\$ 780,000
207 Heritage Court	\$ 690,000
1132 Daffodil Place	\$ 625,000
203 La Vida Via.....	\$ 510,000
425 Mercer Drive	\$1,140,000
33 Locks Farm Lane.....	\$ 540,000

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SUMMER MOVIES

INCLUDING FREE POPCORN

Garfield

JUNE 6, Dusk

Despicable Me 4

JUNE 27, Dusk

Paddington

JULY 25, Dusk

Summer 2025 Calendar of Events

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

JUN 2025

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	EBT Foundation Meeting	Township Bldg	10:00 am
5	Open Space Committee (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
6	Movie Night – Garfield	Community Pk	Dusk
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
19	Concert in the Park—Steve Cofield & Sweet	Community Pk	6:00 pm
19	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
26	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am
27	Movie Night – Despicable Me 4	Community Pk	Dusk

JUL 2025

2	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
3	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
3	Open Space Committee (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
4	Independence Day Holiday—Administrative Offices Closed		
7	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
8	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
8	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
9	Historical Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
10	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
10	Concert in the Park—Chico's Vibe	Community Pk	6:00 pm
10	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
17	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
24	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am
27	Movie Night – Paddington	Community Pk	Dusk

AUG 2025

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	Concert in the Park—The Fabulous Greaseband	Community Pk	6:00 pm
7	Open Space Committee (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
21	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
28	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am

SEP 2025

1	Labor Day Holiday—Administrative Offices Closed		
3	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
4	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
4	Open Space Committee (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
8	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
9	Municipal Authority Regular Meeting	Township Bldg	8:00 am
9	Trails Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
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11	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
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