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EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP



The Open Space Committee has preserved the lush scenic view along Creek Road across from the Brandywine River and Struble Trail.

Open Space Projects Preserve Major Acreage in East Brandywine

Five in the bag and at least four more under discussion.

That's the impressive record of the Township's Open Space Committee since its formation in 2002—five properties totaling about 170 acres preserved under conservation easements and another four in the hopper that could bring the total to well over 200 acres. These figures don't count at least another dozen properties on the committee's wish list, some of which almost surely will turn from wish to reality over the coming years.

Close to half the total cost of the preserved acreage, or \$1.6 million, has been financed by income-earning residents of East Brandywine. Another \$1.9 million has come from various state and

county grants. The local contribution is from the .125 mill tax on earned income which Township voters approved in the 2002 fall election. The current successes are listed in a chart on page 3.

The biggest outside support came for the Tischler and Whittaker properties. In the former, two grants from Chester County totaled \$538,000. In the latter, Chester County gave \$505,000 and the state kicked in another \$361,000. The money came from various funds that support the preservation of open space.

The Whittaker property, known as White Acres Farm, involved two transactions. In one, 60 acres surrounding the farm and overlooking Creek Road were preserved under a conservation easement.

In the other, 15 acres of open land between Creek Road and the East Branch of the Brandywine were purchased outright from the Whittaker family.

After the 2002 vote approving the tax, the Township the following year negotiated a \$3 million bond issue to finance the program. Other than the money spent on easements, expenses include fees paid to the Brandywine Conservancy and the Natural Lands Trust for their significant help in negotiations with landowners and work preparing the various easement agreements. The total also includes the cost of appraisals commissioned by the Open Space Committee as part of its discussions with landowners.

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Second Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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*Township Meetings held
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Fire and Ambulance 911

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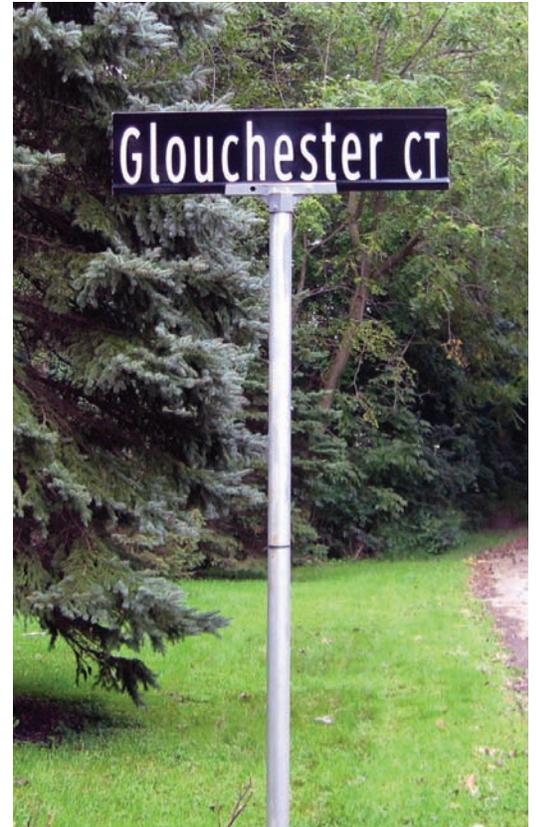
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What the H Is Going on Here?

First, there was Gloucester Drive, a short roadway off Horseshoe Pike. Then came Gloucester Court, a cul-de-sac off Hawthorne Drive in the Hedgerow-Culbertson Run subdivision. Hawthorne Drive opened on Horseshoe Pike almost directly opposite Gloucester Drive. We're talking the 1970s here.

Then a Township employee in charge of road signs noted that Gloucester was pronounced—generally—Gloster. So he knocked out the C and changed the spelling to Glouster. This was later changed back to Gloucester, though no one is sure when.

Meanwhile, over in Hedgerow-Culbertson Run, someone ordered a new sign for Gloucester Court sometime in the 1990s, but

somewhere between the order for the new sign and its arrival the spelling was changed to Glouchester. There's no official record that anyone complained.

This year came another official updating of signs and Glouchester Court stayed just that way. This time there were objections. Someone (unknown) put a piece of black masking tape over the H.

So, the whole spelling issue came before the Board of Supervisors. The problem explained Township Manager Scott Piersol is that six of the 13 residents on the Court identify themselves as living on Glouchester Court and the other seven as living on Gloucester Court. If the name went back to its original Gloucester, six residents might be required to change their mailing address, their driver's

licenses and voter registration.

The Board sought a middle ground, suggesting that Mr. Piersol write to all the residents with the good news that the Township would try to resolve this issue. Vice Chairman Jay Fischer suggested changing the name to Manchester Court, thus cutting out the confusion while retaining the connection to English names.

Mr. Piersol, who is in charge of the Township's emergency services, calls the matter of confusing names very important. When a 911 call is made, the dispatcher asks for the name of the caller's street and the nearest cross street. The Gloucester Drive/Glouchester Court situation might well confuse the dispatcher and emergency personnel.

Open Spaces Projects Preserve Major Acreage in East Brandywine

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The Open Space Committee's list of targeted properties, drawn up when it first went to work, included more than 30 in all parts of the Township. White Acres Farm, with its sweeping views along Creek Road, was always a prime target. As is common in seeking conservation easements, the work calls for determination, perseverance and patience. The journey from first contact to final deal can take years. Because negotiations involve requests for privacy from most landowners, the Open Space Committee works out of any public spotlight. Its successes usually become public after the deal closes.

Nonetheless, certain future developments are from time to time discussed at Board of Supervisors meetings; the Board has to authorize all negotiations and sign off on all settlements. One project concerns the 32-acre Rothman property on Bondsville Road, adjoining the Township's Bondsville Mill Park. The owners originally sought to subdivide this land but have since approached the Township about selling some 22 acres of wooded land while keeping the rest for a single home. This would involve a private rehabbing of an existing building.

In many of its dealings, the Open Space Committee seeks to assure that the Township may construct trails on the eased property. Earlier this year, Dr. Richard Whittaker, the spokesman for the Whittaker family, told the Township that the family is interested in setting up a trust fund to be used to construct the Helen and Robert Whittaker Memorial Park and Nature Trail—in honor of his parents. He suggested a “woody type trail” along the west bank of the Brandywine. Details of the project still are under discussion.

In addition to the work of the Open Space Committee, the Township is doing much to promote the preservation of open space. Its most dramatic move was to acquire the 25-acre parcel now being developed as the Bondsville Mill Park. It also is preserving open space by urging developers to cluster homes in their subdivisions rather than spreading out the houses on one or two acre lots. Pulte's Applecross project, for example, has its 18-hole golf course. In the Hideaway subdivision under construction on land bordered by Little Washington and Highspire Roads, clustering has preserved more than 20 acres of sloping hillsides along Little Washington Road.

Fire Company Wants Township to Come up with More Cash

THE EAST BRANDYWINE FIRE CO. says it has reached a point where it must ask the Township for added financial support. Basically, it's asking the Township to double its annual contribution of about \$70,000.

In a detailed presentation to the Board of Supervisors at its Sept. 1 work session, fire company officials spelled out their needs. These include a new pumper/tanker costing \$650,000 next year to replace an existing 22-year-old unit, a new ladder apparatus costing \$1,000,000 and a new engine costing \$850,000, both to be acquired in 2018 (both acquisitions to replace equipment that by that time each would be 20 years old). In addition, the fire company says it needs to spend around \$1,800,000 to make major improvements at its firehouse on Bondsville Road.

Various factors have led to the financial crunch. Among them: escalating equipment costs, lack of resident support for the company's fund drives and the inability of fire company members to put in the time and effort for such fund-raising activities as chicken barbecues and Christmas tree sales. Said Fire Company President Marc Crusemire, “The men are suffering from burn out. There's just so much they can do. We want to do fund raising that we want to do, such as the Kids Festival, but not the ones we have to do, such as the barbecues.”

The company plans to make similar presentations to West Brandywine Township, where it serves about 65% of the municipality, and Upper Uwchlan Township, where it serves one small segment of the community.

The East Brandywine Supervisors reacted cautiously to the request, saying that they had many questions related to the fire company's financial projections. Chairman David Kirkner voiced concern that the fire company seems to be moving away from community support to government support. “You're putting a big burden on us, a very big burden. I'd like the fire company to rethink its position. We'll try to hold up our end but I don't know if we can double our contribution next year.”

Vice Chairman Jay Fischer said that part of the problem is that the community doesn't cooperate because it doesn't understand that the fire company is a completely volunteer organization. “If we're going to make this contribution, it's going to involve a tax increase because we have a very bare bones budget right now. I look at this presentation as the beginning of a dialogue.”

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE SUCCESSES

Property	Address	Acres	Cost
Tischler	Dowlin Forge Rd.	41	\$ 989,800
Thornbury	Hadfield Rd.	20	\$ 44,500
Robb	Hadfield Rd.	19	\$ 105,050
Whittaker	Creek Rd.	60	
	Creek Rd.	15	\$1,369,907
Pine Hill	Creek Rd.	20+	\$1,012,176

Handi-Crafters Offers Jobs and Pride to Workers with Various Disabilities

Tony Cifelli was three years old when he was critically injured in a car accident, an event that radically changed his life. From being a normal, happy kid he grew up to become a teenager and then an adult with serious emotional problems who had trouble keeping a job. Looking back, he wrote in the Thorndale-based Handi-Crafters summer 2010 newsletter, "People used to treat me like I couldn't do anything."

Thanks to Handi-Crafters, he was directed to a part-time job with a home maintenance company and discovered work he really enjoyed and was good at: painting. "It gave me a feeling of accomplishment," he wrote. "I realized I had skills I didn't even know I had, marketable skills."

Handi-Crafters Inc., which turns 50 this year, is a non-profit organization that helps about 400 people with physical or emotional disabilities in their quest for meaningful work. Some 300 work in the sleek production and warehousing facility on Barley Sheaf Road; others work in various locations in the area, mostly in custodial or janitorial jobs. Some go as individual



Bob Spatola, one of the organization's biggest boosters, talks with Development Director Brian Tagliaferro.



The work area at Handi-Crafters Thorndale facility is a busy, productive place.

workers, others as members of a work crew.

This is no help-out-the-needy charity outfit. Handi-Crafters is close to a million-dollar-a-year operation doing business with such major corporations as Verizon and SC Johnson and scores of smaller companies. It specializes in high-volume, labor-intensive work such as assembling boxes and adding inserts, collating materials for pocket folders, packing a mix of items then labeling and shrink-wrapping them in displays and much more. Brian Tagliaferro, the development director, says, for example, that workers here can assemble about 2,000 boxes a day for Verizon products and have put together more than one million in the past four years.

Amy Rice, the executive director, notes in the 2009-10 annual report that "we are no longer simply a sheltered workshop striving to find meaningful activities to a handful of adults with disabilities;

we are part of several vital supply chains for large companies and we are the affordable solution for several start-up enterprises. We are an offsite temporary labor force ready at a moment's notice, allowing companies to respond quickly as their business ebbs and flows."

In spite of all this work, "we do have our soft times" when new jobs would be welcome, says Bob Spatola, a former president, major booster and prominent resident of East Brandywine (think Spatola Park and the family-owned Christmas tree farm on Marshall Road). In recognition of his support, the organization last year named its principal building the Spatola Center.

If work volume falls off, so do paychecks. To help build new business, Handi-Crafters is considering hiring a full-time salesperson (today it's only a part-time job). "We're also trying to get our story out through word of mouth," Mr. Spatola says.

One problem is that the organization draws 70% or more of its business from a couple of major clients. One is Kiwi, the shoe-shine concern, which over a 45-year association has done hundreds of thousands of dollars in Handi-Crafters business. Earlier this year, however, the Sara Lee Corp. sold its Kiwi brand to SC Johnson of Racine, WI, the Johnson's wax people and maker of many more household and automotive products. The Kiwi work continues in Thorndale but the turnover of ownership raised some anxiety.

Handi-Crafters workers come from all over Chester County, including East Brandywine, with a few from Lancaster, Delaware and Montgomery counties. Some get to work by para-transit; some by public transportation. The staff not only supervises their work, on site or at a worksite elsewhere, but also gives guidance and help in arranging living arrangements, when appropriate. Many of the workers have some stage of Down syndrome or autism, some have hearing or eyesight problems.

In his article for last year's newsletter, Tony Cifelli dealt frankly with this issue. "At first," he said, "I felt out of place. There were many whose disabilities were a lot more prominent than mine. I didn't think I'd feel comfortable working here. As it turned out, not only was I glad to be working at Handi-Crafters, but I made some really good friends." Indeed, the Thorndale facility is a friendly and bustling place.

New workers are screened carefully. A psychologist guides applicants through a 10-day evaluation that includes training in various types of equipment and assessing skills. There follows a meeting that may include a therapist, case manager and parent to develop a work plan best suited to the applicant's talents. "We're always trying to find a way to maximize a person's talents," says Brian Tagliaferro.

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HANDI-CRAFTERS OFFERS JOBS

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Handi-Crafters has about 40 people on staff, including seven case managers and 15 supervisors.

More than half of the organization's total income (it was \$4.1 million in the year ended June 30 last year) comes from the state and from various Chester County agencies. With government at all levels strapped for funds these days, Handi-Crafters is looking more than ever to the generosity of people who live in its Chester County community. Since Brian Tagliaferro was recruited four years ago as development director, such income has increased dramatically. But, as Bob Spatola says, the need for continued and new support is great.

For more information, see www.handi-crafters.org.

Official Map

THE BOARD OF Supervisors considered an update to its Official Map at their October 19, 2011 public meeting. The update generally plans for future improvements to traffic circulation, provides for recreational and open space needs, facilitates subdivision of land, and the use of land and water resources by reserving certain properties or routes for future acquisition by the Township. The plan includes new streets and public parking areas in and around the Village of Guthriesville, the proposed Loop Road, a potential roundabout at the Bondsville / East Reeceville Road intersection, proposed additions to the Township trail system, and additions to the Community Park.

A copy of the Ordinance and Official Map remain available for review on the Township web site www.ebrandywine.org.

GIANT SUPERMARKET PROPOSAL GETS FINAL CONDITIONAL OKAY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS gave final conditional approval to the plan to build a Giant Foods supermarket and related structures in what will be known as Brandywine Center. The plan includes construction of a new connector road linking North Guthriesville Road to Horseshoe Pike. The new road would serve the new center as well as the existing Brandywine Village Shopping Center. In addition to meeting a long list of conditions, Giant will have to resolve various litigation issues before construction can begin.

Smart Police Work Nabs Big-Time Thief

An arrest by East Brandywine Police Department officers led directly to solving all open cases of thefts from communication towers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland.

On April 18, after a maintenance worker at the communications tower on Corner Ketch-Lyndell Road found an open gate at the tower site, he called police. Officers James Ferraro and Beau Shephard, responding to the worker's call, found a person dressed as a maintenance worker inside and, after questioning him and making some follow-up investigation, arrested him for theft of copper plates.

Further investigation by Lieut. Gene Babetski and Officer Steve Tyree determined that the suspect had damaged other towers in the tri-state area.

Chief Mark Kocsi issued commendations to the four officers at the Board of Supervisors mid-August meeting.

At the same meeting, Officer Ferraro was promoted to corporal and took his oath from Board Chairman David Kirkner.



Chairman David Kirkner swears in Officer Ferraro whose mother holds the bible.

New Homes Could Add 'Critical Mass' to Guthriesville Master Plan

The Township has received a concept plan from Pulte Homes to recast part of its Applecross subdivision on the east side of Bondsville Road, replacing 21 proposed single-family homes with 140 townhouses. Because the builder reduced the density of homes in the section along Bollinger Road by more than 100 units, the newly-proposed change could slightly exceed the 656 units originally approved by the Township.

In reviewing the concept, the Township planners noted that the townhouse plan dovetails well with the Township's master plan for the village of Guthriesville, Township Manager Scott Piersol said the addition of so many dwelling units close to the village would help create the critical mass consultants say is vital in building a viable commercial and residential core.

Update on Real Estate Taxes and Fees for 2011

Township Tax Collector Patti Piersol is reminding property owners who received the original 2011 tax and fee notice in March to pay their Township tax bill on or before Thursday, Dec. 15. If they fail to do so, the bill will go to the Chester County Tax Claim Bureau for collection and a lien will be placed on the property until full payment is made.

The fire hydrant tax, recycling fee and refuse removal fee, if applicable, with added interest will be collected by Mrs. Piersol's office. Non-payment of these will result in a municipal lien being placed on the property. This includes legal and filing fees.

Adds Mrs. Piersol: "If you have received an interim, adjusted or a duplicate bill, please refer to your bill for the due dates. If you escrow for taxes with your mortgage company make sure they have made the payment.

"If you have any problems or questions, please contact me at pattipiersol@gmail.com or call my office at (610) 269-4054 during normal business hours. If I do not answer, please leave a detailed message on mailbox #1. I will research your question and contact you with an answer as soon as possible."

Home Burials Are OK in PA, but Be Sure to Obey the Rules



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Which pet owner among us who, having to deal with a dead Fido, puss or parrot, hasn't picked up a shovel and dug a little grave in the back yard?

But what about grandpa?

Earlier this year, Colebrookdale Township in Berks County cited a young couple for burying their 10-month-old son at home but relented when the parents, drowning in medical bills, said they couldn't afford a burial plot. Both sides agreed to leave the grave undisturbed. The township, however, noted that the parents needed a zoning variance to proceed and had not sought one.

The Funeral Consumer Alliance, based in Vermont but with offices in Pennsylvania, is a supporter of home burial but says before they take any action surviving relatives should contact their local zoning board. Turns out that in East Brandywine, home burials are not covered anywhere in the Township ordinances though, when Township Manager Scott Piersol discovered this gap, he planned to bring up the issue before the Ordinance Task Force.

The Funeral Consumer Alliance spells out clearly in its Web site what steps someone must take (besides checking the zoning and/or

other relevant ordinances) before going ahead with a home burial. Among the steps to be taken:

- Contact the proper authorities. If the person died at home, the survivor must contact the local coroner within two hours of death.
- Complete a death certificate. The coroner or a doctor can help.
- Register the death certificate.
- Supply a burial or cremation container (which may be simple and inexpensive).

It's all right to proceed without hiring a funeral home, according to the Funeral Consumers Alliance. It says that in March this year Pennsylvania abused its power when it threatened to fine family members \$10,000 because they cared for their mother's body and arranged her funeral without hiring a commercial funeral home. The threat of the fine was later rescinded and charges dropped though the state's attorney said this not mean that such fines couldn't be levied in the future.

The Alliance commented at the time: "It's important to be clear. Pennsylvania law does not prohibit families from caring for their own dead. One is not required to hire

a funeral director if the family prefers to file the death certificate, obtain the burial permit and arrange the disposition themselves."

Before leaving the subject, it's worth noting a few examples of non-traditional burials. Sailors often ask that their ashes be consigned to the ocean. Mountaineers often choose favorite mountain sites. An untold number of fans find ways to scatter granddad's remains on a sports field. A few years ago, a 44-year-old man, on a nationally televised Philadelphia Eagles-Green Bay Packers game, knelt on the 30-yard line and scattered some of his mother's ashes (she was a big Eagles fan) crying, "This is for you, Mom."

Unfortunately, he was escorted off the field and charged with defiant trespass.

Perhaps one of the most unusual final ceremonies featured the ashes of gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson (author of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" and much more). At Thompson's request his ashes were fired into the sky from a cannon in Aspen, CO. Johnny Depp, who played Thompson in the movie version of "Fear and Loathing," paid for the cannon.

Said Thompson's Widow Anita, "He loved explosions."

Many Local Roads in Sad Shape, but There's Little Cash for Repairs

In an ideal financial world, Roadmaster Matthew Van Lew would ask the Board of Supervisors for just over \$2.5 million to repair Township roads that are in varying degrees of need, about one in 12 of them in "poor" condition. Those he rates either poor or just okay outnumber those he rates excellent by a margin of two to one.

In a presentation to the Board in mid-August he indicated that the work could reasonably be spread over five years, for a total of around \$500,000 a year. But, with total annual Township revenues amounting to less than \$5 million, that's just not going to happen.

It's the old story: infrastructure—from the municipal to the federal level—is in lousy shape and no one—again from the bottom to the top of the political scale—has the money to pay to repair or replace it.

Adding to the local budgeting woes for road repair are a couple of state issues over which the Township has no control. First, the liquid fuels funds the state sends to the various municipalities are either stagnant or declining; the

money comes from Pennsylvania fuel taxes drivers pay. This tax revenue is being affected by the move to more fuel-efficient cars and lower numbers of commuters as more people work from home – or just don't have a job to drive to. East Brandywine's share of the state pot is hanging in at about \$140,000 to \$150,000 a year. So, in the best of budget plans, this cash would total only about \$750,000 over the next five years, far less than what's needed to repair local roads. Most of the tax money goes to PennDOT which, although it is responsible for fewer roads than the state's combined municipalities, does look after the major arterial highways.

The other issue is that PennDOT a while back determined that repair or overlay of new surfaces on Township roads should be considered new construction, a move that means any work had to be done at "prevailing wages" in the region, including Philadelphia. This led to a significant rise in labor costs.

Add in sharp increases for road building materials and the costs

go even higher. Mr. Van Lew told the Supervisors that in just the past year costs of various road repair essentials have gone up between 20% and 180%.

This year, Mr. Van Lew had a budget of somewhat under \$250,000 and, because bids for various road projects came in above projections, the Township had to put off needed repair to Lyndell Road.

"Each year," Mr. Van Lew told the Board, "we find ourselves eliminating projects" either because they can't be included in the budget or are included and have to be cut when Township Manager Scott Piersol is bringing together his final budget figures.

Next year, Mr. Van Lew wants to widen and repave Hadfield Road, at an estimated cost of \$455,500. He also wants to do work on Osborne Road (estimated cost \$138,500), Buck Road (\$184,200) and Dilworth Road (\$119,000). Many other roads are degrading fast, he said, including all in the Locust Knoll development (estimated repair cost \$354,500).

NEW SPA OPENS IN LAIRD BUILDING

Michele Paiva, a long-time resident of the community who also spent time elsewhere, opened the Paiva Ayurveda Yoga Spa in the Laird Building on Hopewell Road in early September.

Ms. Paiva describes Ayurveda as a type of healing that is "passive and pampering." The treatment is used for the relief of headaches, chronic pain and allergies among issues. Yoga, she adds, is a related healing method that is "active and empowering." Ayurvedic treatments are available only for women while yoga is co-ed, except for some specific female-only classes and the "Ladies Luxury Nights"—also available to tweens and teens.

Ms. Paiva is ranked a top-level yoga instructor by the national Yoga Alliance. She has a teacher training program and an Ayurvedic certification program available for students.

In a varied career, she has worked as an on-air broadcast reporter and anchor, has contributed articles to many publications and authored a number of books.

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Downingtown Library Plans Many Events

DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY HAS SCHEDULED a **Flea Market** for November 18 and 19. The library welcomes donations (after Monday, October 24) of unused or gently used gadgets, toys, glassware, dishes, linens and decorative items which may be dropped off inside the library. The library cannot accept furniture or clothing. The Friends of the Downingtown Library sponsor the event.

Ongoing programs for adults and older children include a **book club** for adults (meeting the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.); a **film forum** for adults (meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.); a **scrabble night** for adults (meeting the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m.); and a **Leggo club** for children (meeting the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.).

For more information on these programs or special events call the library at **(610) 269-2741**.

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Adios Middle School

Say Goodbye to the School That Never Was

After spending some years and many dollars preparing for a new \$59 million middle school on the Weaver farm on Bollinger Road, the Downingtown Area School District told Township officials that it wants “to go in a different direction.”

The District now proposes building a new sixth grade center on land it owns next Shamona Creek Elementary School. It says there is sufficient water and sewage disposal on the property for a second school.

The District concedes its two middle schools in Downingtown and Lionville are overcrowded—a prime reason for its desires to build the proposed facility on Bollinger Road. But it indicated that it

may be able to solve this issue by making the design of the new sixth grade center very flexible. Officials said it would be simple to change

the grade level configuration of the new building to meet the needs of a sixth grade center, a middle school or a magnet school.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Talk to your little ghouls about safety
- Have adult supervision
- There is safety in numbers
- Carry a flashlight and wear something reflective
- Parents should check all treats



This sketch shows the school proposed for the Bollinger Road site.