

THE *Milemarker*

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

CRAWFORD ROAD

The Open Space Committee and BOS, in partnership with Natural Lands Trust, are pleased to announce the permanent protection of 10.5 acres on Crawford Road. Open Space Program funds were used to purchase the development rights to 141 Crawford Road. This property was attractive to the Committee as it is near the 200+ acres already preserved in the southeast section of the Township.

County records show the Crawford Road area was likely cleared for agricultural use shortly after European colonists settled in the area and was still in agricultural use when the first available aerial images were taken in 1937. By 1958, the area had been reforested. In 1966, the property was acquired by Kenneth and Ceida Ebert. Between 1971 and 1995, the surrounding area experienced considerable

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Meet Noah Stribrny

East Brandywine's New Assistant Township Manager

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP has a new face at the office—Assistant Township Manager Noah Stribrny. A graduate of West Chester University, Noah started his career as a high school social studies teacher. “I actually taught government,” he says, “so it’s funny to find myself working in it now.” After a few years in education, he followed his passion for public service, first working at the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and later with the Chester County Sheriff’s Office, where he oversaw communications and public relations while earning his master’s in public administration.



When the opportunity came to join East Brandywine, Noah knew it was the right next step. “Municipal government is where you really get to know the people you serve,” he explains. “I love being able to talk directly with residents, hear their ideas, and work together to make a difference.”

Noah has enjoyed getting to know the various committees who serve our community and meeting the people involved in the Township. He is glad to see so many citizens engaged in the community. One of his top priorities is improving the Township’s digital communication—updating the website and expanding the Township’s social media presence so residents can more easily stay informed about events, meetings, and community news. He’s also hoping to see more younger residents get involved on Township committees and commissions. “We need people of all generations to share and communicate their ideas,” says Noah.

Above all, Noah brings a strong sense of purpose to his work. “I’m passionate about making a positive impact,” he says. “Each day, I want to do something that helps our community move forward.” Be sure to say hello when you see Noah around the Township—he’s eager to meet the neighbors he now proudly serves.

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Directory

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Carl K. Croft
 Vice Chairman Francis X. 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 Derrick Claas, Roadmaster
 x205 Noah Stribrny, Assistant Township Mgr.
 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

Chief's Corner

A Letter from Retiring Chief of Police Mark Kocsi

Dear East Brandywine Residents and Business partners,

After 45 years of dedicated law enforcement service, I have decided to retire and step away from the badge. For the last 23 years, It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve this community as your Chief of Police. I am deeply grateful for the trust, support, and partnership you've shown me and our department over the years.

Together we've faced many challenges, celebrated triumphs, and together built a safer, stronger community. I am proud of the progress we've made—not just in public safety, but in fostering relationships grounded in respect and transparency.

As I step away, I do so with the utmost confidence in the team of officers that remain. They are committed, capable, and ready to continue serving you with integrity and compassion.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives. I will always carry this community in my heart.

With gratitude,

Mark D. Kocsi
Chief of Police

New Officer Sworn In

The Township Welcomes James Kelso

Welcome new Police Officer **James Kelso**. James was sworn in at the October 2, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting. James was previously a five-year veteran of the Brookhaven Borough Police Department and holds a number of specialized training certifications including FAA drone pilot.



DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY

THE DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY is here to serve the East Brandywine community! The library is a great place to study, read, and even work remotely. Families enjoy our play areas or can sit to read picture books together. We offer a wide variety of fun and educational free programs for everyone each month, providing our community with the opportunity to enjoy learning in all phases of life. Plenty of our patrons just visit to check out a book—or ten! We need the community's support to continue offering a wide variety of programs and materials, as well as a comfortable space to read, play, and study. Your tax-deductible contribution to the library helps us continue to serve the community. You can give online at [HTTPS://BIT.LY/SUPPORTDOWNINGTOWNLIBRARY](https://bit.ly/supportdowningtowntownlibrary) or contact us at **(610) 269-2741** to request a donation mailer. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Storytimes with Miss Rebecca

REGISTRATION REQUIRED (VARIOUS AGE GROUPS AND TIMES, SEE WEBSITE)

Monthly Book Club

(ADULTS) 4TH TUESDAY EACH MONTH, 6:30-7:30PM

Mah Jongg Free Play

(ADULTS—BEGINNER LEVEL) FRIDAYS, 11AM-1PM

Drop-In Knitting/Crochet/Fiber Arts Groups

(ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS)

TUESDAYS, 11AM-12:30PM; WEDNESDAYS, 1-2:30PM; THURSDAYS, 6-7:30PM

Drop-In Family Storytimes

(VARIOUS TIMES, SEE WEBSITE)

Middle School Library Club! (MSLC)

(MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE) 1ST MONDAY EACH MONTH, 6-7PM

15th Annual "A Midwinter's Night; a dram good time!"

WHISKEY TASTING FUNDRAISER EVENT, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
(MORE DETAILS TO COME ON OUR WEBSITE)

4th Annual Designer Bag Bingo

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH AT RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN IN EXTON
(MORE DETAILS TO COME ON OUR WEBSITE)

Friends of the Downingtown Library Spring Used Book Sale

(MORE DETAILS TO COME ON OUR WEBSITE)



CRAWFORD ROAD

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residential development. In 1972, a single residence was constructed on the 141 Crawford Road parcel, but much of the woodland was left intact.

According to Ceida Ebert "the property always held a special place in the Ebert family's heart. It was a source of pride and joy—a true home for their three children and a welcoming place for all who stepped through the door." A devoted nature lover, Kenneth cared deeply for the land and served as its dedicated steward until his passing in 2024.

The family is grateful that their little slice of heaven will now be forever protected. The hope is that it will be cherished by others for generations to come. "Heartfelt thanks go to the Township Open Space Program for making this legacy possible."

With this acquisition, the Township has secured parcels of open space totaling 2,054 acres, or 28.8% of 7,146 total acres in East Brandywine Township.

Visit DowningtowntownLibrary.org for more info.

From Your Curb to the Conveyor

What Happens to Your Recycling after Pickup?

By Noah Stribrny

EVERY BOTTLE, CAN, and piece of cardboard collected curbside in East Brandywine Township takes a short trip to TotalRecycle, a state-of-the-art recycling facility located in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. This facility processes recyclables from across the region, including those collected right here in EBT.

Upon arrival, materials travel along an extensive network of conveyor belts where advanced optical scanners and artificial intelligence identify each item based on its shape, color, and material type. These technologies allow the system to separate thousands of items per minute, ensuring that clean, recyclable materials are sent into the correct processing stream. Magnets, air jets, and manual sorters further refine the process, making sure every piece is handled efficiently and safely.

Despite these innovations, about 20% of what enters the facility is non-recyclable—items like plastic bags, food-contaminated containers, and general trash. These contaminants must be removed manually and sent to a landfill, which increases processing costs and slows down sorting lines. Of the remaining materials, approximately 99% are successfully recycled into new products ranging from new packaging to construction materials. Only 1% of what's accepted as recyclable ends up discarded due to contamination.

All processed materials are then sold to manufacturers within the United States, supporting domestic recycling markets and local industries. The only exception is about 30% of mixed paper—such as junk mail and magazines—which is currently exported overseas due to limited domestic demand.

WHAT BECOMES OF YOUR RECYCLABLES

Cardboard

The largest volume item—turned into new cardboard.

Paper

Reused in products like cereal boxes, drywall backing, and roof decking.

#1 Plastics

Beverage bottles recycled into new bottles, backpacks, and tote bags.

#2 Plastics

Detergent bottles recycled into new bottles, plastic lumber, and plastic containers.

#3-7 Plastics

Lower volume, recycled into industrial and automotive products.

Steel/Tin Cans

Recycled into new cans, car parts, steel beams, rebar, and bike parts.

Glass

Crushed into sand-like material used by landfills for internal roadways.

Large Items

(pots, toys, trash cans)

Separated and sold to scrap dealers.

RECYCLING RIGHT: TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

Here are some quick tips for improving our community's recycling habits:

- Containers must be empty—liquids cause machines to reject items
- Rinsing isn't required for processing (only for odor control at home)
- Leave caps and lids on bottles and jars—loose caps end up in landfills
- Pizza boxes are acceptable, even if stained with grease
- Plastic bags can be taken to stores where they are accepted for recycle
- No need to remove labels
- Never place lithium-ion batteries, electronics, or plastic bags in the bin.

WHY IT MATTERS

Recycling correctly protects workers, reduces Township costs, and ensures valuable materials are reused instead of wasted. Every properly sorted item helps keep our community cleaner and our program more sustainable.

For more information, visit the Trash, Recycling, Chipping & Yard Waste section of the East Brandywine Township website, see the insert in this newsletter, or contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at **(610) 273-3771** for disposal guidance.

Parks and Recreation

Volunteers Are the Heart of Our Community

PARKS AND RECREATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR "UNITED WE PLAY"



In partnership with our Public Works Department and EBVA, many projects were completed in 2025. We are excited that our "United We Play" All Abilities Playground will be built in the spring of 2026.

Our capital campaign has been supported greatly by our community. Individual and family donations, business support, and volunteer organizations, such as the Dazzling Duffers, have stepped up to help us raise much needed funds. We have applied for grants from the county and state to supplement the Playground Fund Campaign and are still actively seeking your support.

If you belong to a volunteer group or business that is looking for a cause to support, please consider the Playground Fund. Any size donation is welcome and donations of \$1,000 or more will be recognized on the United We Play Plaque to be permanently displayed at the new Playground.

To donate by mail, send a check to East Brandywine Foundation, memo: Playground, 1214 Horseshoe Pike,

Downingtown, PA 19335. For online donations, go to:

EBRANDYWINE.ORG/318/ALL-ABILITIES-PLAY-GROUND-PROJECT or use this QR code:



EBVA PARTNERSHIP



East Brandywine Youth Athletics has made major changes to the fields. Field B's infield has been refreshed with fresh sod and work was done to improve drainage of the field. Field C was converted to a fully skinned baseball/softball field with a practice soccer field in the former outfield area. EBVA's final project will be to convert soccer Field 6 into a fully skinned baseball/softball field with improved accessibility thanks to a 12' wide staircase. Parks and Recreation's partnership with the EBVA continues to allow for great recreation for our Community and provides for many opportunities for our children and youth to participate in athletics.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Parks and Recreation has added a beautiful Eagle and Plaque to our

Thank You Bed. This garden honors and recognizes the impact our volunteers, staff, patrons and donors make by serving others with their unique gifts and talents. Volunteers are the heart of our community. As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, we are reminded of the importance of the role of volunteers throughout our history.



LOOKING BACK & AHEAD

In 2025

New metal picnic tables in our pavilions, major field conversions by EBVA, new trees, clock & well improvements, facelifts for the Millicent Fails Garden and the Thank You Bed, concerts, movies, Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day 1776 Flag Display, Fall Festival, Tree Lighting.

Coming In 2026

"United We Play" playground, concerts by Chico's Vibe, Fabulous Greaseband and Elvis, new metal roofs on all pavilions, movies, Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day 1776 Flag Display, Fall Festival, Tree Lighting.

And in '25 and '26

Our Fore the Parks Golf Outing that supports all our major projects continues to help us raise funds for Parks and Recreation.

Bondsville Mill Park

Events Planned for 2026

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING NATURE PROGRAMS

Owl Prowl—Friday, January 16, 6PM

Enjoy a fun evening learning about (and hopefully hearing from!) some of the owls that live in our Township. Registration is required to attend, and the event is limited to 30 people. Sign up today at: [TINYURL.COM/BONDSVILLEMILLPARKREG](https://tinyurl.com/bondsvillemillparkreg).

Water Wonders—April

Join us for a magical experience with water! Well-known Chester County environmental leader Connie Nye will be in the woods and in the creek examining everything! Walk with her as she searches out natural wonders. We'll learn how much fresh water we use each day and how precious it is. We'll play with clay to understand some basic watershed dynamics and trace where water goes from our Bondsville Mill Creek (hint: the Atlantic Ocean!). We'll finish with catching creek critters to indicate how clean our creek is! *Exact date TBD.*

Still to come:

Bugs!, Yoga in the Park, Forest Bathing, the Third Annual Pawpaw Festival and of course, Monarchs! Garden presentations will include Planting a Greenery Wall and Meadow Basics.

Information and registration at WWW.BONDSVILLEMILL-PARK.ORG. Follow our Facebook page for updates.

UPCOMING REPAIRS TO BONDSVILLE MILL PARK'S SOUTH BRIDGE

We're pleased to inform residents that essential repairs to the south bridge at Bondsville Mill Park in East Brandywine are scheduled for late winter 2026. In 2021, Hurricane Ida caused significant damage to the bridge's southwest wing wall and adjacent streambanks. To prevent further erosion, the Public Works Department, with support from Pennoni Engineering, implemented a temporary stabilization solution. Since then, the

WHO-O-O
will you hear calling
from the trees at night?

OWL PROWL
BONDSVILLE
MILL PARK
Friday, January 16, 2026
6:00 PM

Learn about the various owl species, including large Great Horned Owls and tiny Eastern-Screech Owls, found at Bondsville Mill Park - and with any luck, hear one calling from up in the trees!

A Live Animal Program Presented by
Indian Run Environmental Education Center

Owl Prowl Tips:

- Dress warmly!
- Footwear appropriate for a nighttime walk on uneven ground.
- Bring a chair and a flashlight.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- AGES 6 AND UP -
LIMIT TO 30 VISITORS
SIGN UP AT:
[TINYURL.COM/BONDSVILLEMILLPARKREG](https://tinyurl.com/bondsvillemillparkreg)

Township has been working closely with FEMA, PEMA, and Cedarville Engineering to develop a permanent repair plan.

The upcoming project will include:

- Removal of the temporary wing wall
- Construction of a permanent wing wall
- Repair of scouring beneath the southwest footer
- Reinforcement of the adjacent streambank

These improvements are designed to protect the bridge and surrounding area from future storm related damage and erosion. The project is progressing as planned, and more specific timelines will be shared as it moves into later phases.

A Year of Fun & Memories with DARC

AS THE YEAR ends, the Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium (DARC) would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in our programs throughout the year. We're grateful to be part of your community experiences. Looking ahead, DARC is excited to continue offering **afterschool programs in your child's elementary school**, providing fun, creative, and educational activities right in your neighborhood. Don't forget to also check out our popular **"Arty Night Out"** programs for kids and our **School's Out Programs**, perfect for when DASD has days off. This year's lineup includes Abrakadoodle art adventures, Yoga with Ms. Rebecca and Coding & Robotics with Code Ninjas.

Cooking with Crafty Chef Academy

Kids can enjoy a fun cooking class once a month all year long. Each session features a creative, hands-on culinary theme that kids love!

New Fitness Programs for All Ages

- Chair Yoga with Deanna—gentle, supportive movement for all levels
- Ageless Strength: Training for Women 50+ (on Zoom)
- Move N Groove & Core Fusion—a fun and energizing way to build strength
- Move N Groove—get your heart pumping to upbeat music
- Daytime Yoga with Pearl—perfect for flexibility and relaxation
- Beginner Tai Chi—build balance, focus, and calm

Discounted Movie Tickets (Movie Tavern & Regal Cinemas)

They make great gifts and are perfect options for family nights or date nights!

Sneak Peek at 2026 Bus Trips

March: Atlantic City—Caesars Casino, April: Cherry Blossom Festival, May: New York City & Broadway Show

Premier Vacations Informational Seminar (March 11, 6-8PM)

Learn about our upcoming travel adventures: Athens & the Greek Islands, Switzerland Christmas Markets River Cruise, and last call for the Canadian Rockies 2026. This free session is the perfect opportunity to get trip details, ask questions, and start planning your next getaway.

If your teens are looking for a fun and rewarding summer job, working at DARC's Summer Camp is a great way to gain valuable experience. Hiring begins in February, so keep an eye on our website for more information.

In mid-February, look for our 2026 Program Brochure, filled with exciting programs and trips for the year ahead. For details and registration, visit WWW.DARC.INFO. Here's to another year of fun, learning, and community connection!

ON THE MOVE

RECENTLY SOLD HOMES IN
EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

36 Clement Court.....	\$ 500,000
141 Crawford Road.....	\$ 565,000
320 Dawson Place.....	\$ 508,000
436 Hallman Court.....	\$ 775,000
21 Grayson Lane.....	\$ 595,000
1210 Gilray Drive.....	\$ 697,560
117 Nichols Mill Road....	\$ 850,000
1134 Daffodil Place.....	\$ 703,295
727 N. Haines Circle.....	\$ 640,000
790 Hopewell Road.....	\$ 510,000
295 Sugar Maple Sq.....	\$ 460,000
112 Hockley Drive.....	\$1,300,000
108 Grandview Drive.....	\$ 480,000
9 Wyndham Court.....	\$ 300,000
102 Brookhaven Lane....	\$ 730,000
21 Delaney Drive.....	\$ 279,000
91 Rebecca Drive.....	\$ 925,000
5 Independence Lane....	\$ 640,000
241 Ferndale Lane.....	\$ 775,000
101 Yellowwood Drive...	\$ 380,000
55 Tarrytown Lane.....	\$ 750,000

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SAVE THE DATE

Owl Prowl
BONDVILLE MILL PARK
JAN 16, 6PM

Registration required.
Ages 6 and up.
Limited to 30 visitors.

Learn about the various owl species
found at Bondsville Mill Park.

Winter 2026 Calendar of Events

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

DEC 2025

1	Fall Leaf Collection from 12/1 through 12/5 (3 of 3)		
1	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
3	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
4	Board of Supervisors AM Session	Township Bldg	9:00 am
4	EBT Foundation Meeting	Township Bldg	10:00 am
4	Open Space Committee (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
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	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
18	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	8:00 am
18	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
24	Christmas Holiday —Administrative Offices Closed		
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JAN 2026

1	New Year's Day —Administrative Offices Closed		
5	Annual Reorganization Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
5	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
6	Board of Auditors Annual Meeting	Township Bldg	3:00 pm
7	Planning Commission Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
8	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
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
16	Owl Prowl	Bondsv Mill Pk	6:00 pm
22	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	7:30 am

FEB 2026

2	Parks & Rec Board Meeting	Township Bldg	7:00 pm
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12	Budget Committee Meeting	Township Bldg	9:00 am
12	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	Township Bldg	7:30 pm
16	Presidents' Day —Administrative Offices Closed		
19	Board of Supervisors PM Session	Township Bldg	6:30 pm
26	Bondsville Mill Committee	Bondsv Mill Pk	7:30 am

MAR 2026

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