



# EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP

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CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

1158 Rapps Dam Road • P.O. Box 58 • Kimberton, PA 19442

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Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT at Kimberton Park

**Saturday, March 19th at 10AM Sharp!**  
**(Rain date – Saturday, March 26 at 10AM)**

Easter Bunny will be available for photos, beginning at 9:30AM  
(Bring your own camera.)

Don't forget to bring a basket!

*This event is sponsored by the East Pikeland Township Park & Recreation Board*



## FRENCH CREEK TRAIL – SPRING CLEAN-UP

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016**

**9AM TO 12 NOON**

**(Rain date: March 12, 2016)**

Community is invited to participate. Volunteers are to meet in the parking lot near the Rapps Covered Bridge.

Please bring the following, if able:

Work Gloves • Heavy Shoes • Clippers • Shears • Shovels Long Handled Pruners • Pole Saw • Pickaxe

*Organized by the Volunteers on the Park and Recreation Board.*

# Continental Powder Works: A 'Best-Kept Secret' Now on National Register

It's official! East Pikeland Township has recently announced that the Continental Powder Works, Pennsylvania's only government-sponsored powder mill and a major source of gunpowder and gun locks to the American Patriots during the Revolutionary War, has been added to the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places. This formal recognition of the site's significance to the military history of our nation is an important step forward in the township's continuing efforts to preserve and document the site.

Few residents may be aware that the ruins of a complex of structures that played an important role in our country's very existence have long remained mostly buried alongside the French Creek, just behind the East Pikeland Township building on Rapps Dam Road. Joanne Moser, a current member and former chair of the township's Historical Commission, calls the Continental Powder Works "one of the township's best-kept secrets." In 2012, she and other volunteers on the commission, including Jonathan Gayl and Patty Moore, secured a federal grant to fund an archaeological survey of the township's property to locate the powder works ruins. The project was a success, with walls of two structures uncovered by the archaeological team (see photo). The township is optimistic that the site's designation on the National Register will enable the Historical Commission to move forward with new grant funding and discoveries about the site.

Nearly 240 years ago, in April 1776, the Continental Powder Works was the scene of frenetic secret building. A constant short supply of gunpowder in the thirteen colonies during the Revolution was proving to be a major, ongoing concern. Hoping to alleviate the problem, in February 1776, the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, acting under the direction and funding of the Second Continental Congress, purchased a site for the Continental Powder Works by the French Creek. The aim was to locate the powder works within fifty miles of Philadelphia (at that time the largest city and busiest port in British America), but in an area hidden from the British. By June 1776, the powder mill was up and running, with a well-known gunsmith, Peter DeHaven, serving as manager. At its peak, the mill produced about two tons of gunpowder per week and thousands of gun locks. In addition to the powder mill, the complex also included a graining mill with a water wheel, a saltpeter house, four drying houses (see photo), a residence for the miller, and seventeen houses for workers and militia. (Note that research conducted by the township several years ago determined that the current ruins of Snyder's Mill, nearby on Rapps Dam Road, were not part of the original Powder Works.)

Threatened by the British Army in September 1777, most of the Powder Works' inventory of gunpowder and supplies was removed from the site under orders from General George Washington, just days before British and Hessian forces destroyed most of the buildings and any remaining military inventory. The rest is history—for us yet to uncover and celebrate.

*Note: More information about the Continental Powder Works is available on signage that has been erected along the French Creek Trail, near Rapps Dam Road.*



Depiction of the Continental Powder Works (Created by Jim Garrison, Historical Commission).



View of the foundation wall of the graining mill found in September 2012 during archaeological survey of the Continental Powder Works site.



Postcard view of one of the drying houses, taken looking southwesterly from Snyder's Mill.

*The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.*

## 2016 SPECIAL RECYCLING EVENTS

<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event *</b>	Saturday, April 16 9AM to 3PM	Technical College High School 1580 Charlestown Road Phoenixville	<i>Sponsored by Chester County Solid Waste Authority</i>
<b>Document Shred Event **</b>	Saturday, May 7 8AM to 12 Noon	Technical College High School, 1580 Charlestown Road Phoenixville	<i>Sponsored by East Pikeland, Schuylkill and Charlestown Townships and Phoenixville Borough</i>
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event *</b>	Saturday, May 21 9AM to 3PM	Owen J. Roberts Middle School 881 Ridge Road Pottstown	<i>Sponsored by Chester County Solid Waste Authority</i>
<b>Electronic Recycling Event **</b>	Saturday, June 18 9AM to 12 Noon	Phoenixville Middle/High School Parking Lot	<i>Sponsored by East Pikeland, Schuylkill and Charlestown Townships and Phoenixville Borough</i>

\* For a list of items accepted at this event, go to: [www.chestercswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475](http://www.chestercswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475)

\*\* These events are open to residents of the sponsoring organizations only.

## East Pikeland Township Yard Waste Recycling Center

**YARD IS OPEN Monday thru Friday - 7:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**YARD OPEN SATURDAYS - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm starting April 9, 2016**

### Location A

Leaves & Grass Clippings ONLY

### Location B

Branches, Brush, Tree Trimmings, Ornamental Grass,  
Garden Waste, & Weeds

*Branches should NOT be over 6 inches in diameter.*

*Logs, lumber, paneling, or pressure treated wood is NOT accepted.*



### Compost and Mulch Will Be Ready for Residents to Pick-Up April 9<sup>th</sup>

\$5.00 Fee (Cash Only) charged for loading mulch and compost into Residential or Commercial vehicles.  
Residents may load their own vehicles at No Charge.

**Call 610-933-1770 to Place a Delivery Order- \$50.00 per truckload - Starting April 11<sup>th</sup>**

## Residential Yard Waste Spring Collection Trash Hauler Pick-up Dates

- Advanced Disposal - Saturday, May 7
- A.J. Blosenski - Saturday, May 21
- Diamond Waste Disposal - Wednesday, April 27
- Rapid Recycling - Once a month pick-up - Call provider to schedule.
- Waste Management - Thursday, May 12

## New Emergency Management Coordinator Appointed

In July 2015 the Board of Supervisors appointed Susette Wilson to serve as the East Pikeland Township Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). Residents will know Susette from her 25 years with the East Pikeland Township Police Department, most recently as Sergeant. Her volunteer duties as EMC include ensuring that the Township's Emergency Operations Plan complies with State and County requirements; maintaining an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that can be activated during training exercises as well as emergency and disaster situations; and identifying and training personnel to staff the EOC.

Susette's leadership skills from her many years with the Police Department made her an ideal candidate for the EMC position. In November she had an opportunity to put her skills to test with the bi-annual Limerick Exercise. Every two years East Pikeland Township, along with Chester County and other municipalities, is evaluated on its ability to respond to an emergency at the Limerick Generating Station. State and Federal evaluators were on site to witness how well volunteers were able to meet the demands of the mock emergency situation. East Pikeland Township received high marks by authorities for their role in the drill. Special thanks to the following volunteers for participating in the drill: Chris Brignola, Steve Payton, Andrew Gable and Ed Walters; and township staff Gene Bechtel and Officer Pat Ehmman.

## Calling all Community Groups

Is your service organization, student club, or group looking for community service projects? Several times each year East Pikeland Township has the need for volunteers to assist with clean-up efforts (Kimberton Park, French Creek Trail) or events (historic walking tour, Easter Egg Hunt, movie night). If your organization would like to get involved, please contact us at [secretary@eastpikeland.org](mailto:secretary@eastpikeland.org).

## 2015 French Creek Trail Photo Contest Winners Announced

In December the Park & Recreation Board was given the difficult task of choosing winners for the French Creek Trail Photo Contest. Over 100 photos were submitted for the contest and the Park & Rec volunteers were able to narrow winners down to the following:



1st Place - Mike Porchik - "French Creek Trail Bridge"



2nd Place - Jackie Payton - "Stone Culvert along French Creek"



3rd Place - Kristin Dempsey - "Raptor in Flight"

Prizes were awarded to the winners at the February 2nd Board of Supervisors meeting. Honorable Mention entries were: Monique Hedegard, Kayann Cassidy, Cindy Kent, Kersten Appler, Kristen Dempsey, and Mark Less.

Congratulations to all and thank you for participating!

# CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS FROM THE ZONING OFFICER:

## Burning is PROHIBITED!

Ordinance No. 136 prohibits outdoor burning for purposes of disposing of any municipal waste, leaf waste, yard waste or recyclable material. An outdoor fireplace or fire pit, a small campfire for recreational purposes, and any outdoor wood burning unit for home heating are allowed as long as they are used for their intended purpose. Controlled burning for Farm Use properties over 5-acres is permitted for agricultural purposes with prior notification to the township.

## Chickens (...and other Animals)

Section 1818 of the Zoning Ordinance is titled Keeping of Animals. In summary, if your property is 1-acre or more, you may be allowed one horse, cow, pig, three sheep or goats, ten fowl or rabbits per acre. The provisions vary for properties over 10-acres and those located within the AP-Agricultural Preservation zoning district. Before acquiring any animal(s), other than domestic pets, you should contact the township office to confirm the lot size, number of animals permitted, shelter and fencing requirements.

## Dog Laws

It is against township regulations to allow your dog to run at large in the community. They must be accompanied by and under the control of the owner at all times while on a public street, sidewalk, public land, or private property of persons other than the owner. Be courteous and pick up your dog's waste, and be considerate of your neighbors when leaving your dog outside. Barking dogs can be a nuisance and could result in a fine. Don't forget, all dogs must be licensed through Chester County. Also, be advised, that if your animal is picked up by or taken to the Chester County SPCA, you will incur fees from them and be required to reimburse the township for fees that they charge us.

**Beware of Dogs "Cats"...** do not feed or capture stray kittens or feral cats! This can be dangerous and a health risk! We do not encourage taking stray cats to the SPCA because the township is charged a fee for every cat that is dropped off at their facility. If you do encounter a stray and can't bear to see it out in the elements, contact a local feline rescue organization or local farm that may take the animal.

## Garage/Yard Sales do not need permits.

A few temporary lawn signs can be placed in the neighborhood or at the nearest intersection of the location, but they MUST be removed immediately after the sale! POSTING NOTICES, ADVERTISEMENTS, OR OTHER SIGNS ON UTILITY POLES, LAMPPOST, PIERS OR COLUMNS ON OR ALONG THE ROADWAY IS PROHIBITED.

## Property Maintenance

In accordance with the Property Maintenance Code, owners must maintain their property in a clean, sanitary and safe condition. The structure should be kept in good repair and the premises free from the accumulation of trash and rubbish (junk). Vacant land should be maintained and vacant structures adequately secured so they don't become an eyesore or attract illegal dumping.



# WATERSHED PROTECTION

Township residents can help report violations or problems they notice in their local streams before they cause more damage and pollution. You may be the first to recognize “illicit” discharges – typically any flows other than rainwater – being directed into storm drains or out of pipes into streams. “Dry weather flows” defined as flows from stormwater outfall pipes after a 48-hour period without rain, should also be reported to the township for further investigation. Pennsylvania stormwater regulations require that the township investigate more thoroughly potentially illicit discharges into our waterways. You can help by promptly reporting the following events to the township or other authorities listed below.

East Pikeland Township	610-933-1770	To report clogged or leaking sanitary sewer lines; sewage smell in waterways; illegal discharges into creeks or storm drains.
East Pikeland Township	610-933-1770	To report dry weather outfall flows (flows from stormwater pipes after a 48-hour period without rain).
DEP Water Quality Complaints	484-250-5991	Weekdays, 8:30AM to 4:30PM
DEP 24-Hour Water Quality Hotline	484-250-5900	Anytime, including weekends and evenings
Chester County Conservation District	610-925-4920 www.chesco.org/conservation	To report off-site discharge of sediment, erosion and other improper controls during construction
PA Fish & Boat Commission	717-626-0228	To report FISH Kills
PA American Water Co.	1-800-565-7292	To report broken water mains

## Kimberton Fire Company Auxiliary Donut Sales for 2016

Proceeds from Kimberton Fire Department Auxiliary fundraisers, like the Donut Sales, benefit the Kimberton Fire Department. Order processing and donut baking is done entirely by Volunteers.

The Volunteers prepare Plain, White Powder Sugared, and Cinnamon Sugared Donuts which are sold by the dozen or half-dozen. The 2016 KFC Donut Sale Schedule is:

- March 28 & 29
- April 25 & 26
- May 23 & 24
- June 27 & 28
- Fair – July 25-30 (no pre-orders taken)
- September 26 & 27
- October 24 & 25

Call to place your order by 12:00 NOON on Monday Donut Day. Call 610-935-1388, Select #4, and Leave: name, phone number, quantity & variety of donuts, day & time you will pick up your order (Monday: 7:00pm – 8:45pm or Tuesday: 6:00am – 10:45am).

The Auxiliary is always looking for Volunteers and Members. Perhaps YOU can help make donuts! Add your name to the Volunteer sign-up sheet when you pick up your donuts, visit [kfcdonuts.com/blog](http://kfcdonuts.com/blog) to sign up, or view the Webpage: [kfcdonuts.com](http://kfcdonuts.com). You can also visit the Facebook page.

Thank you for supporting Kimberton Fire Company!



## Discount Movie Tickets

Regal Cinema PREMIERE Movie Tickets

**NEW TICKET PRICE**

**Tickets are only \$9.50  
(cash or check only)**

**Tickets are available year-round at the Township office – Call for availability.**

Premiere Tickets are redeemable nationwide at any Regal Cinemas, Edward Theatres or United Artist Theatres, excluding Cayman Island locations. SURCHARGES apply to all IMAX®, RPX®, Large Format, 3D and 4DX films. Other surcharges may apply at Premium or Luxury Seating locations or select theatres. Premiere tickets never expire.



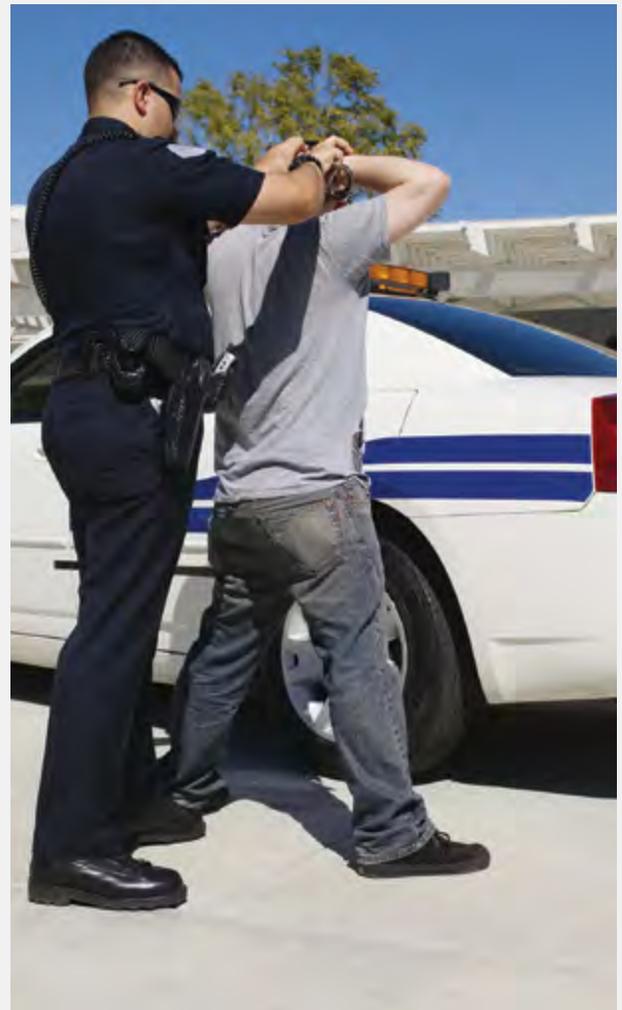
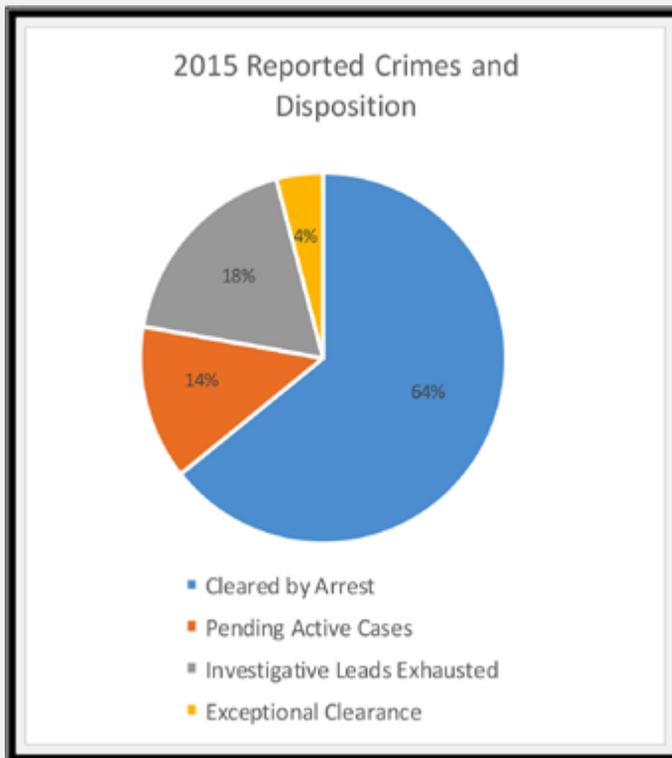
# East Pikeland Township Police Department

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Visit our website at [www.eastpikeland.org](http://www.eastpikeland.org)

## East Pikeland Township Low in Crime and High in Clearance Rate for 2015

The Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reports indicate that East Pikeland Township accounted for only .9% of all the crimes committed in Chester County for 2015. The number of service calls in the Township for 2015 totaled 2,755 compared to 2,525 calls for 2014. This represents a 9% increase in service calls but crime decreased in almost all categories including burglary, theft, criminal mischief, drugs and D.U.I. incidents.

The hard work and dedication of the members of the East Pikeland Township Police Department has resulted in a 68% clearance rate for crimes committed, as compared to the county average of 48%. An offense is considered cleared when at least one person involved in the commission of the offense has been arrested, charged and remanded to the court for prosecution. An offense can be cleared by exception in circumstances where elements are beyond the control of law enforcement.





## NEW RADIO SYSTEM

The Chester County Department of Emergency Services has a new emergency radio communication system that went live on January 4, 2016. The new Harris Radio System supports more than 5,000 first responders in Chester County including law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services that protect and serve the Chester County communities. The system is now operating using portable radios but mobile radios are slated to be installed and operational by April 2016. The radio system was made possible with funding from the Chester County Commissioners and the hard work of many people representing the first responders.



## SCAMS

Identity theft is a growing crime in many communities. I.D. theft can include the use of an individual's personal information as if it was his or her own, use of credit cards for unauthorized purchases and use of medical and insurance information to defraud companies. Thieves can obtain personal information needed to commit these crimes by looking through your trash and taking mail from the mailbox. Thieves can also use more elaborate methods to obtain personal information such as credit card numbers through links in e-mails. In the coming months, be wary of "the IRS imposter". This method a popular scam perpetrated across the country where the caller threatens to have you arrested if you do not follow his or her instructions for payment. The IRS does not operate in that manner. Please do not give out any personal information over the phone or through e-mail. If you have any questions about a scam, please contact the Police Department.



## WINDSHIELD WIPERS + HEADLIGHTS = SAFETY

Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (section 4302) states that any time the vehicle windshield wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric mixtures including rain, snow, sleet or mist, your headlights are also required to be on while operating the vehicle.