



EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP



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Hours: Monday - Friday / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • www.eastpikeland.org • Phone: 610.933.1770 - Fax: 610.933.0919

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Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
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610.935.0606

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Kimberton Park Movie Night

Movie Night on September 24th was a successful event and the movie Zootopia was enjoyed by all! Thanks to the East Pikeland Park & Rec Board for set up and clean up, the Kimberton Fire Company and KYAL for the lighting, and the members of the Phoenixville Area High School Clean Up Club for baking and manning the Snack Bar!



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PAHS Clean Up Club Members: Kelly Kopera, Julia Hihl, Enola Hihl, and Amanda Monachelli

Address Posting Requirements

Ordinance No. 144, adopted in 2009 requires each residential and commercial building to post and display it's address as assigned by the township, in cooperation with the Chester County Emergency Services (911) and the United States Post Office.

- Every building shall have the identification number posted on both sides of the mailbox or supporting structure. Numbers shall be at least 3 inches high, and made of reflective material.
- Any building that does not have a mailbox located directly in front of the property shall place an identification number on a separate post in front of the building or directly on the building in a conspicuous place.
- All identification numbers shall be clearly visible from the street or road that provides public access to the premises and cannot be obstructed by vegetation, trees or any other object.
- The color of the identification numbers shall be such that it is clearly visible as it relates to the background color on which it is attached, and the display of the address shall be maintained in good condition to provide reasonable identification.

Reflective address markers can be ordered through the Kimberton Fire Company www.kimbertonfire.org for \$15.

REMEMBER: We Can't Help You, If We Can't Find You!

Questions call: (610) 935-1388



KIMBERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Hydrant Heroes – Adopt-A-Hydrant

Fire hydrants are part of the suburban landscape and are sometimes invisible to passers-by and those who live or work near them. The need to keep them clear remains vital year-round, but especially during winter months.

Winter storms often hide fire hydrants under a mountain of snow, making hydrants impossible to find quickly. In the event of a fire, firefighters have to locate and shovel out buried fire hydrants before hooking up to them, losing precious time.

The Kimberton Fire Department is asking residents to help by adopting a fire hydrant close to your home or business and keeping it free of snow during the winter and free of weeds and shrubbery in the summer. There are 99 fire hydrants in the township.

We ask that you shovel the area around your adopted fire hydrant after each snowfall. When shoveling snow, please be aware of vehicle traffic. Clear a path approximately three feet around the hydrant as well a clear path from the street or roadway up to the fire hydrant so that the hydrant is visible and accessible. Do not stand in the street and be careful not to slip and fall out into the roadway. Also, please do not throw or pile the snow in the roadway.

If you notice that a fire hydrant that is not marked with a snow pole, has been damaged, missing caps, leaking water, or if it is blocked please notify the Kimberton Fire Department by calling 610-935-1388 or Email: KFC@KIMBERTONFIRE.ORG.

Make a difference and help ensure safety in your neighborhood!

“Santa Detail”

The Kimberton Fire Company's annual “Santa Detail” is Saturday, December 10, 2016, beginning at 9:00 am! Following behind the fire trucks will be the vehicle selling the famous “Kimberton Fire Company Fair Donuts”. For additional Info visit the website at: www.KimbertonFire.org (under Fund Raising Events).





**REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER
ORDER FORM**

Please complete the following information:



Name _____

Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Address Number Requested

Note: If your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X out boxes not used.

Mounting Preference

HORIZONTAL _____

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Installed on your post.



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Installed on your mailbox.

SEND CHECKS WITH ORDER FORM TO:

Kimberton Fire Co.
PO Box 99
Kimberton PA 19442

Or

Liberty Steam Fire Co.
20 S Main St
Spring City PA 19475

Installed Free for those who need help.
Installation is quick and easy.
Pick up at either fire company.
Not for Townhouse Communities.

Questions?
Call
610-935-1388



Volunteer Opportunities

East Pikeland Township currently have volunteer openings in the Environmental Advisory Council and Open Space Committee.

To learn more, please call the Township at 610-933-1770.

To fill out a form, visit our website: eastpikeland.org.

Select:

*Boards and Personnel,
Volunteer Opportunities,
Volunteer Position Form*

Email, Mail, or drop the form off at the township office.



- BUILDING
- CODE ENFORCEMENT
- ZONING



Tree Removal

In accordance with Section 404.7 of the East Pikeland Zoning Ordinance, no tree shall be cut or otherwise removed from any lands in the Township without a tree removal permit. No permit is required for removal of trees from residential lots if a tree is less than six (6) inches diameter; is dead, dying, diseased or damaged; causes structural damage to buildings or foundations; or the angle of growth makes it a hazard to structures, roads, or human life; however Township notification is still required. Be advised that if a tree (or large branch) from your property falls onto the roadway, creating a hazard for motorist, it is the township's responsibility to clear the hazard from the roadway. All branches, limbs and debris will be pushed back onto the property and it's YOUR responsibility for removal and disposal.



Burning is PROHIBITED!

Ordinance #136 prohibits outdoor burning of trash, leaf waste, yard waste or recyclable materials. Farm use properties over 5-acres are allowed controlled burning for agricultural purposes only. An outdoor fireplace, a patio or lawn 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.



Generators

Portable generators do not require a permit, but permanent ones do. Placement of permanent units must be 5-feet from any door, window, vent or other opening (includes basement openings). Portable units should never be used inside! Always refer to the manufacturer's specifications for safe placement and be sure to follow the instructions provided with your unit.



HVAC Repair or Replacement

Repair or replacement of your residential heating unit does not require a permit. Conversion of your heating type from electric to gas, propane, etc. does require a mechanical permit. Replacement of units in commercial, industrial, educational or other non-residential building always requires a mechanical permit.



Permit Requirements

A building permit is required for residential and commercial construction and renovation projects. If the project is structural or involves plumbing, electrical or mechanical work, permits must be obtained. Accessory structures such as decks, gazebos, swimming pools and even sheds require a permit. Applications are available on the township website.

Winter Weather Operations and Tips for Residents

East Pikeland Township's Snow Removal procedures are designed to keep the Township roadways as safe and accessible as possible during and after snowstorms. The Public Works Department is on call 24/7 for winter storms and has the responsibility of clearing 37 miles of township roadways and 7 miles of PennDot roadways of snow and ice. Our goal is to provide residents with the highest possible level of service, in a quick, efficient, and safe manner. We take this responsibility very seriously, and strive to continuously improve our operations and to ensure the safety of our residents.

At the beginning of a snow event, be assured that the township crews are out, but all roads cannot be treated at once. The Township prioritizes roadway plowing during snow and ice events: first State roadways, then major secondary roadways, and lastly tertiary roadways (including cul-de-sacs).

During snowfalls when plows are used (generally when accumulation reaches 2 inches or more), the initial passes of the snowplow are to open the road to traffic flow, and emergency vehicles. Expect to have the snow pushed back to the curb on a later pass. This is done to provide more space to push away future snow and to provide drainage when the snow melts, so that water runs along the side of the road and not in the cartway where it may re-freeze as temperatures drop. Remember that snow plows cannot pick up and carry snow, so snow is placed where our operators believe it will create the least amount of problems for motorists.

In order to assist the Township Public Works Department during snow events, we would like to remind residents of the following:

- Remove your vehicles from the street. Vehicles parked in the roadway or cul-de-sac create a hazard for snow plow operators and do not allow roadways to be completely cleared.
- On streets that allow parking remember it is a PA State Code that no vehicles may park 20 feet from an intersection, 30 feet from a Stop Sign, or 15 feet from a Fire Hydrant.
- Do not shovel or plow snow from your driveway or walkway into the street. Pile snow in your yard.
- Maintain and repair mailbox posts. Mailboxes should not extend past the face of the curb, preferably 1 foot behind edge of road, and should be constructed 4' high of sturdy lumber so that the snow being pushed off the roadway will not damage the box.
- Property owners and business are reminded that a two foot path of snow and ice must be removed from the sidewalk along your property within 24 hours after end of the snowfall.
- As a precaution, have an experienced professional cut tree limbs away from power lines, the roof of your house and all sidewalks adjacent to your property. During a snow event, tree limbs can be weighed down by snow and snap, damaging your property and getting in the way of snow plows.
- Refer to the East Pikeland Township Website for the Township Snow Removal Policy.
- Report any problems to East Pikeland Township at 610-933-1770, 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. Please leave your name, address, contact number, and the nature of the problem if you are calling outside of office hours.

East Pikeland Township has a winter maintenance agreement with PennDOT to plow and salt the following State roadways: Chester Springs Road, Coldstream Road, Hares Hill Road, Merlin Road, and Pothouse Road.

PennDOT is responsible for the following State roads: Route 23/Ridge Road, Route 113, and Route 724/Schuylkill Road. PennDot Contact Information: Call 1-800-FIX-ROAD to report potholes or 484-340-3200 for any other state road maintenance issues.



Hotline

DEAD DEER HOTLINE

Who should you call when you see a deer on the side of the road?

State Roads call PennDOT: (484) 340-3201
(Rt. 724, Rt. 23, Rt. 113 & Coldstream,
Hares Hill & Merlin Roads)

Township Roads call PA Game Commission:
(610) 926-3136



Discount Movie Tickets

Regal Cinema PREMIERE Movie Tickets

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.



Leaves, Yard Waste & Composting Information

East Pikeland has established a program for the mandatory source-separation and collection of leaf waste. Ordinance 136, referred to as the Recycling Ordinance, requires leaf waste to be separated from other municipal solid waste. In compliance with the Recycling Ordinance, waste haulers are required to provide each household with a separate collection for leaves during the months of September through December (and also in the Spring) as part of their subscription service.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT YARD WASTE OUT FOR TRASH PICK-UP. HAULERS SHOULD NOT ACCEPT YARD WASTE ON REGULAR PICK UP DAYS and can face penalties if they do.

Leaf collection schedule, by hauler, is provided for your reference:

2016 YARD WASTE PICK-UP DATES BY TRASH HAULERS		
Advanced Disposal	A.J. Blosenski	Diamond Waste
Saturday, November 12, 2016 Saturday, December 10, 2016	Saturday, November 12, 2016 Saturday, December 17, 2016	Wednesday, November 2, 2016 Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Phoenix Disposal	Republic Services	Waste Management
Contact Hauler for Dates	Contact Hauler for Dates	Thursday, November 10, 2016 Thursday, December 8, 2016

Christmas Tree Recycling During Month of January

Residents have **2 choices** for recycling their Christmas tree:

1. Between January 3rd and 31st, the Township Public Works Crew will conduct a curbside pick-up of trees (Monday thru Friday).
2. Drop the tree off yourself behind the Township Building at the Yard Waste Recycling Center at Location B: Monday - Friday from 7am - 3pm.

Whether you participate in the drop-off or curbside tree recycling program PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

- Strip tree of all ornaments and tinsel
- Do Not wrap the tree in plastic (it will not be picked up)
- Do Not place the tree at the curbside WITH your trash. Your trash hauler will take it and it will not be recycled

Electronics Recycling - Through November 2016

Recycle 3 electronic items (per vehicle) for FREE TV, Computer, Electronics, Appliances: Items must be intact (not dis-assembled). Residents must be able to unload items.

Location:

Lanchester Landfill
7224 Division Hwy, Narvon, PA 17555
Phone: (610) 273-3771



East Pikeland Township Yard Waste Recycling Center

As an alternative to collection by the hauler, residents have the opportunity to bring leaves and yard waste to the township's recycling yard for composting. Yard waste includes garden residue, leaves, shrubbery, tree trimmings, Christmas trees and similar organic material including glass clippings. Home composting is also encouraged (see article "A Guide to Home Composting").



****There is a Burning Ban Ordinance in East Pikeland Township - Recycle your Yard Waste ****

Location A - YARD OPEN DAILY - 7:00 am - Dusk
Leaves & Grass Clippings ONLY

Location B - YARD OPEN Monday thru Friday - 7:00 am – 3pm & SATURDAYS - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (until November 12th)
Branches must be 6 inches or less in diameter. Brush, Tree Trimmings, Ornamental Grass, Garden Waste, and Weeds.
Logs, lumber, paneling or pressure treated wood is NOT accepted. Closed Saturdays November 19 until April 22.

Bamboo'zled! East Pikeland Adopts A Bamboo Ordinance!

On August 2, 2016 the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 176 to regulate the planting, controlling and removal of Bamboo. The purpose of the Ordinance is to protect property from the damaging spread of the tropical plant. Bamboo is a natural landscape feature used as an alternative for privacy screening that, if not aggressively maintained, can become INVASIVE. Once established, it is nearly impossible to control, and if allowed to grow out of control, can become a maintenance nightmare!

Bamboo: Any monopodial (running) tropical or semi-tropical grasses from the genera *Phyllostachys* or *Pseudosasa*, including, but not limited to, *Phyllostachys aureosulcata* – Yellow Groove Bamboo. This definition includes Common Bamboo, Golden Bamboo and Arrow Bamboo.

The new Ordinance prohibits the planting or growing of bamboo, unless the root system is entirely contained within a planter, barrier, or other vessel, located entirely above ground to prevent the spread/growth of the root system beyond the container in which it is planted.

- Bamboo shall not be planted, maintained, or otherwise exist within 40 feet of the edge of the pavement of any public roadway in the Township. Whether planted, growing in a container or contained within a barrier, all bamboo plants shall be located, trimmed, and maintained so that no part of the plant (including stalks, branches, leaves, and/or roots) extends nearer than 10 feet to any property line.

The ordinance also lays out guidelines for pre-existing rooted bamboo. Any bamboo that has been planted or otherwise permitted to grow on any property prior to the effective date of the Ordinance, may remain on the property, and is subject to compliance as follows:

- The property owner shall remove and abate the growth of any bamboo within 40 feet of edge of the pavement of a public road in the Township; and must ensure that it does not encroach or grow upon any adjoining or neighboring property, including all public property and right-of-ways. Reasonable measures must be taken to prevent growth, invasion or encroachment upon adjoining or neighboring property by the bamboo.
- In the event that it invades or grows onto Township property, including, but not limited to right-of-ways, the property owner is responsible for removal of the encroaching bamboo.
- If for any reason, the bamboo is dead, destroyed, uprooted, or otherwise removed, replanting and replacement is prohibited. Any cut stalks or uprooted bamboo must be destroyed by burning only with prior authorization by the township. No composting or trash disposal of bamboo is allowed.

Failure to comply with the regulations set forth in the Bamboo Ordinance may result in further enforcement and include fines and penalties.



East Pikeland Township Memorabilia

1838 • 175 Years • 2013

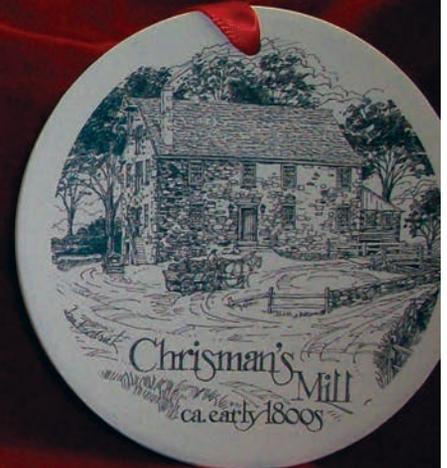
Holiday Ornament Series
\$5.00 Each. Great for Gift Giving!*



Snyder's Mill



Rapps Dam Covered Bridge

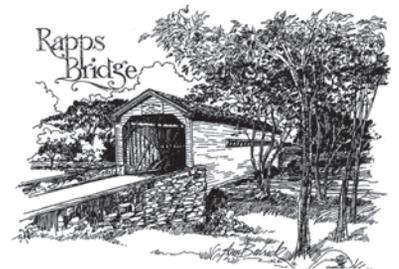


Chrisman's Mill
Kimberton Post Office

Snyder's Mill or Rapps Dam Bridge



Notecards
Pack of 12 / \$10.00 each



Pint Glass
with Township Logo
16 oz. Glass
\$6.00 each / 2 for \$10.00



*Items can be purchased at East Pikeland Township Building during regular business hours only - Payment via Cash or Check.

Information from the East Pikeland Township Police Department

On September 18, 2016, Harrisburg enacted a new motor vehicle code law. The law dubbed "Ride on Red" allows drivers to proceed through a red light at an intersection if a malfunctioning red light detains the driver at the red light for an extended period of time.

The law was originally introduced for motorcycles that are too light to trip the sensor at red lights. The law was extended to allow motorists in all types of vehicles to proceed with caution through a red light if a vehicle detection system fails to recognize the vehicles presence. ***It is paramount to remember to always proceed to the white line ("stop bar") indicated on the road to ensure the detection system recognizes your vehicle and to allow an appropriate amount of time for the vehicle to be detected.***

If your vehicle is too far in front of the line, your vehicle may not be detected by the sensor, and proceeding through the red light may endanger yourself and other drivers. Locally, the intersection at Rapps Dam Road and Route 113 is an example of this type of intersection, where the white line indicates where your vehicle should stop to trip the sensor for the red light. One must also allow time for the sensor to trip the light. Following the roadway signs and lines is important as we keep our roadways safe. Always be cautious at all intersections.

The East Pikeland Township Police Department wishes to thank the Phoenixville Veterans of Foreign War Post #1564 for their generous donation of \$3200 to the department. The donation will allow the department to purchase two rifles and two shotguns. The East Pikeland Township Police Department greatly appreciates the support of the member veterans of the Phoenixville V.F.W. who served our country and continue to serve our community.



The East Pikeland Township Police Department has a few tips and reminders to help make this a safe and happy holiday season for all our residents and citizens. It is important to practice safe driving habits during the busy holiday season. Also, remember to protect your home and your identity from thieves. Please take some time to review this information and enjoy the holiday season.

- Be sure that your vehicle is properly maintained. Make sure that you are prepared for cold weather and wintery weather conditions. Inspect your tires before long road trips, keep your windshield washer reservoir full, and make sure your car has wiper blades that are in good condition. Always have roadside assistance contact information on hand, in case an incident occurs on the road. Always remember to keep anything of value in the trunk or in a covered storage area of your vehicle.
- It is important to protect your identity, both online and in stores. Before you embark on a shopping trip, remove your social security card and medical cards from your wallet or purse, as they may contain personal information. Carry only the essentials when you are out on the town. When shopping online, only use a secure website and be sure to log off after you complete your purchase. Use only one credit card for online purchases.
- It is also important to monitor your credit card statements and bank account information. Create a list of all your credit card and bank account information, and keep the information in a secure place, such as a password protected file. The list should include account numbers, expiration dates, phone numbers, and emails of the customer service and fraud departments. You will have quick access to the information if your cards are ever stolen.
- To insure your safety while shopping, make sure to lock your car and keep valuables out of sight. Park in well-lit areas of the parking lot and be aware of your surroundings.
- Remember to have a plan for online package deliveries to your home. Take advantage of electronic delivery alerts to make sure your gifts are delivered and received. If you cannot be at home to receive deliveries in a timely manner, make arrangements with a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your packages. Thefts of deliveries from your porch are on the rise with the increase of online shopping during the holidays.

The East Pikeland Police Department wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

