

Welcome to

Spring 2020



# EAST PIKELAND Township

CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## Spring Events 2020

### SPRING TRAIL CLEAN UP

Saturday, March 7, 9am-noon

Help us tidy up the French Creek Trail for Spring starting at the Hares Hill Road Trail Head! Bring along your gloves and tools (e.g. pruners, hand saws, shovels, rakes, etc.). All ages welcome. Meet at 9am at the Trail Head (1155 Hares Hill Rd.) *Rain date: Saturday, March 14*



### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4, 10am sharp!

For families with kids age 0-10. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos beginning at 9:30am (bring your own camera). Don't forget to bring a bag or basket for the "hunt". Rain or Shine! *Location: Kimberton Park*



### GUIDED BIRD WALK

Saturday, April 18, 8am

Join the EAC for a 2-hour guided bird walk. Bring binoculars and wear comfortable shoes. We have a few binoculars for adults and kids to borrow! *Location: Rapps Dam Covered Bridge*



### ROAD CLEAN UP

Sunday, April 19, 9am-noon

Help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day while we clean up Hares Hill Road. Wear long pants, close-toed shoes, and other weather-appropriate gear. We will provide bags and trash grabbers. *Meet at the East Pikeland Elementary School parking lot.*



### SHRED EVENT

Saturday, May 2, 8am-noon

Bring your sensitive documents to be shredded! Residents only, limit 4 bags or boxes per vehicle. *Location: Technical College High School, 1580 Charlestown Rd.*



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# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES LINEUP ANNOUNCEMENT!



We're excited to bring back our popular Summer Concert Series for another year! Performances will be even longer this year, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Kimberton Park Amphitheater. There will be dinner options available and the concession stand will be open, but feel free to bring your own food and beverages. More information will be available on the East Pikeland Township Facebook page.

**ROLLING THUNDER BLUES & REVUE**

**Chico's Vibe**

**VINYL ROOTS**

**Thursday, June 18:** ..... Rolling Thunder Blues Revue

**Thursday, July 16:** ..... Chico's Vibe

**Thursday, August 20:** ..... Vinyl Roots

## 2020 EAST PIKELAND COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Spring Trail Clean Up, March 7, 9am-noon – New Location!**

Help to clean up the French Creek Trail for Spring! *Location: Hares Hill Rd. Trail Head*

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 4, 10am**

Bring your basket to find eggs and meet the Easter Bunny! Ages 0-10. *Location: Kimberton Park*

### **Guided Bird Walk, April 18, 8am**

Join the EAC for a 2-hour bird walk on the trail. *Location: Rapps Dam Bridge*

### **Hares Hill Road Clean Up, April 19, 9am**

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by cleaning up a major road in our Township! *Location: Park at the East Pikeland Elementary School*

### **Yoga in the Park, Wednesdays, 6-7pm – New Night!**

Every Wednesday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Bring your own mat, \$10 donation. *Location: Kimberton Park Amphitheater*

### **Children's Theater, June 13, 11am**

Aesop's (Oh So Slightly) Updated Fables by Steel River Playhouse  
*Location: Kimberton Park Amphitheater*

### **Summer Concert Series, 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm – New Time!**

Join us for a summer of music in the park! Bands will perform on 6/18, 7/16, and 8/20. *Location: Kimberton Park Amphitheater*

### **National Night Out, August 4, 6pm**

Meet your first responders at this fun event! *Location: Kimberton Fire Company*

### **Date Night Movie Night, August 29, 6pm**

Enjoy a fun date night on us! Movie TBD. *Location: Kimberton Park*

### **Kimberton Arts and Music Festival, September 26, Noon-7pm**

Join us for this fun event highlighting art and music from regional bands, performers, crafters, artists and more! Something for the whole family. *Location: Kimberton Park*

### **Family Movie Night, October 3, 5pm**

Activities at 5, family-friendly movie (TBD) at 6:30. *Location: Kimberton Park*

### **Halloween Moonwalk, October 30, 7pm – NEW!**

Enjoy a moon-lit walk along the trail and a cozy bonfire! For families of all ages. *Location: Rapps Dam Bridge*

### **French Creek Trail Fall Clean Up, November 7, 9am-noon**

Help to clean up the trail for Fall. *Location: Rapps Dam Bridge.*

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Visit our Facebook page or [www.eastpikeland.org](http://www.eastpikeland.org) for more info. Just click the Community Events Tab!

**All Events Are Free!**



Did you make a New Year's Resolution to give back to your community or volunteer more often? East Pikeland Township has a number of volunteer opportunities that would give you the chance to make a big difference locally! **To apply, please visit [www.eastpikeland.org](http://www.eastpikeland.org) for an application or email [mrubin@eastpikeland.org](mailto:mrubin@eastpikeland.org).**

**CURRENT VOLUNTEER BOARD VACANCIES INCLUDE:**

- **Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – 2 Vacancies**  
The EAC advises the Board of Supervisors and educates Township residents about environmental issues like recycling, stormwater, Spotted Lanternfly, and more! Committee members strive to promote protection and conservation of natural resources and work towards the Township's transition to 100% renewable energy. They also sponsor environmental workshops and other events like the Bird Walk and road clean ups. *Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7pm.*
- **Open Space Committee – 1 Vacancy**  
The Open Space Committee is dedicated to protecting, preserving, and managing open space in East Pikeland Township. Committee members identify, review, and evaluate land within the township and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in the hopes of preserving the land as open space for years to come. *Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.*

**Community Event Help Needed:**

Every year the Township sponsors community events for residents to enjoy. From movie nights, to the annual Easter Egg Hunt, to music in the park. ***In order to make these events possible we need volunteers!***

Depending on your desired commitment level, you can help with one event for a few hours, or all of our events! Every little bit helps. We usually need volunteer help with set up, tear down, overseeing crafts and activities, operating the concession stand, and more.

*If you are interested in being a part of our community events, please fill out the form on our website and send it to [mrubin@eastpikeland.org](mailto:mrubin@eastpikeland.org).*

**KIMBERTON PARK UPDATES**

**Park Opening**

Kimberton Park is closed for winter. Depending on weather, the plan is to reopen the Park and restrooms the first weekend in April. For more up-to-date information check our Facebook page.

**Pavilion Rental**

If you are already looking ahead to the warmer months of 2020 and beginning to plan a family get-together, birthday party, work event, or some other fun group outing, consider renting the pavilion at Kimberton Community Park! The pavilion has electricity; 5 six-foot picnic tables which accommodate 35-40 people; a charcoal grill; and access to public restrooms, playgrounds and other recreation facilities.

In order to reserve the pavilion you will need to pay a rental fee (see fee information below) plus a \$50 deposit which will be returned if the premise is left in a satisfactory condition. To rent the pavilion, visit the Township building, call 610-933-1770, or email [secretary@eastpikeland.org](mailto:secretary@eastpikeland.org). Cash, check, and credit available; 3% service fee for credit cards.



**PAVILION RENTAL FEES**

	<u>One Timeslot: 9am-2pm or 3pm-dusk</u>	<u>All Day Rental</u>
Resident	\$30	\$60
Non-Resident	\$50	\$100



**MINI CAMP AT KIMBERTON PARK**

***Kick off your summer at this outdoor camp with crafts, games and activities in Kimberton Park!*** The Mini Camp runs from June 15-19 from 9am-12:30pm for kids age 6-12. The program is held outside with access to fields, playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts. The cost to participate is \$85. **Registration opens online at [www.Phoenixville.org](http://www.Phoenixville.org) beginning Monday, March 2.** Contact: 610-933-7728 x3 or [cspeaker@phoenixville.org](mailto:cspeaker@phoenixville.org) with questions.

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# DISCOUNT TICKETS

## DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

Regal Cinema PREMIERE movie tickets \$9.50 (cash or check only) available year-round at the Township office. Premiere Tickets are redeemable nationwide at any Regal Cinemas, Edward Theatres or United Artist Theaters 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 theaters. Premiere tickets never expire.



## DISCOUNT AMUSEMENT & PARK TICKETS

*Cash, check & credit available (fee charged)*

The Township sells **discount amusement and park tickets!** Tickets for 2020 will not be available until mid-April. Check the Township website and Facebook page for updated prices and information.

Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ  
Dorney Park, Allentown, PA  
Dutch Wonderland, Lancaster, PA  
Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA  
Hershey Park, Hershey, PA



Knobels Amusement Park, Elysburg, PA  
Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia, PA  
Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia, PA  
Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ

## E-NEWSLETTERS

### PARK & RECREATION E-NEWSLETTER

Would you like monthly Park & Recreation updates and event information? Email [mrubin@eastpikeland.org](mailto:mrubin@eastpikeland.org) to be added to the mailing list!



### EAC E-NEWSLETTER

Stay updated on current environmental events and local education opportunities by signing up for the Environmental Advisory Council's quarterly E-newsletter. Email [mrubin@eastpikeland.org](mailto:mrubin@eastpikeland.org) to sign up.

## East Pikeland Emergency Service Providers:

### POLICE

East Pikeland Twp Police Department  
610-935-0606



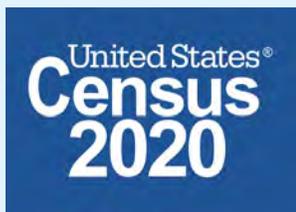
### FIRE

Kimberton Fire Company  
610-935-1388



### AMBULANCE

West End Ambulance  
610-933-1140



## The 2020 Census Is Right Around The Corner

**Census Day is April 1, 2020!** The census is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories. Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census either by mail or a census worker. You will then have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone.

The results of the Census are used to help communities, businesses, and researchers make decisions. The data can help inform how the funding for our community's public resources (roads, hospitals, schools, etc.) are used, how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. Here are some important dates to remember so you can participate:

### ON OR BETWEEN: YOU'LL RECEIVE:

March 12–20.....An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. *(Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)*  
March 16–24.....A reminder letter.

### IF YOU HAVEN'T RESPONDED YET:

March 26–April 3 .....A reminder postcard.  
April 8–16 .....A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.  
April 20–27 .....A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

**So, don't forget... April 1, 2020 is Census Day! PLEASE VISIT 2020CENSUS.GOV FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

# What is a Bioswale?

If you've been on the new Crossover Boulevard you may have noticed that the median between the lanes features tall, native grasses and flowers. This is called a bioswale (bio-swale) and it is a natural stormwater feature.

## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**What is a bioswale?** A bioswale is a manmade, gently sloped, vegetation-filled depression designed to remove pollution from surface runoff water.

**Why a bioswale?** When it rains, pollutants from cars are washed off of the road and onto the surrounding land. These pollutants can be harmful to the environment, humans, and wildlife. A bioswale is designed to slow down and clean this runoff, preventing the pollutants from reaching our streams. Bioswales are becoming increasingly popular features to manage stormwater in residential and commercial areas, while also providing much-needed pollinator and wildlife habitat.

**FUN FACT:** A bioswale is considered a green stormwater feature because of its use of natural features, native plants, and its positive environmental impact. Concrete retention basins, on the other hand, are called gray stormwater facilities due to their engineered, sterile nature.

**How often will the grass be cut in the bioswale?** During the first few years of establishment the bioswale will be mowed occasionally to cut down on weed growth. After the native plants are established, the bioswale will be mowed twice a year, in late winter and mid-July.

**FUN FACT:** The native grasses and flowers that have been planted in the bioswale are low maintenance, and do not need to be maintained the same way as the grass in your lawn.

**What about site distance on Crossover Blvd?** A 5-foot-wide strip will be maintained at lawn height along the curb, trail margins, and to maintain safe sight distances for drivers.

**What about wildlife?** Wildlife, especially birds and pollinators, will utilize the bioswale for food and shelter. In the spring and summer the bioswale will be alive with beneficial and beautiful creatures—bring your binoculars or camera on a walk and take a look!

**FUN FACT: Did you Know...** During a foraging trip, bees fly from 2 1/2 to 3 miles visiting 50 to 100 flowers to collect pollen, nectar and water. One bee will produce only about 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its short 6 to 8 week lifetime.

**What will be growing here?** The bioswale has been planted with the Ernst #105 Mesic to Dry Native Pollinator Seed Mix. These plants can thrive in both dry and wet conditions, making them ideal for a bioswale environment. Some flowers you might see growing during the summer are Marsh Blazing Star, Partridge Pea, Swamp Milkweed, New England Astor and more!



## 2020 Kimberton Fire Company

# Donut Schedule

Are you looking for your Kimberton Fire Company Donut fix?! Check out their 2020 schedule below to see when their delicious donuts will be available. Order online at [www.kfcdonuts.com](http://www.kfcdonuts.com) (by 6pm on Sunday before the sale) or by phone 610-935-1388, Box #4 (by 12 noon on Monday of sale).



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May 18 & 19

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September 28 & 29  
October 26 & 27

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Tue. 6-10:30am

# 2020 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING INFO



Residential Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Opportunities for our region are listed below. **All events start at 9am and end at 3pm sharp.** No electronics will be accepted. For a list of accepted items or more information please visit [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org) or call the Township at **610-933-1770**.

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Saturday, April 4	Technical College High School	1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville
Saturday, April 18	Octorara High School	226 Highland Road, Atglen
Saturday, May 9	Owen J. Roberts Middle School	881 Ridge Road, Pottstown
Friday, June 19	Coatesville Learning Center	1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville
Saturday, August 29	Oxford School District Admin. Building	125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford
Saturday, September 26	Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center	400 South Lewis Road, Royersford
Saturday, October 10	Government Services Center	601 Westtown Road, West Chester

## YARD WASTE RECYCLING

**LOCATION A:** *Leaves & Grass Clippings ONLY*  
**Open Monday through Friday: 7am – Dusk**  
**Saturdays: 9am – 1pm (starting April 4)**

**LOCATION B\*:** *Branches, Brush, Tree Trimmings, Ornamental Grass, Garden Waste, & Weeds*  
**Open Monday through Friday: 7am – 3pm**  
**Saturdays: 9am – 1pm (starting April 4)**

*Branches should not be more over 6 inches in diameter.*

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

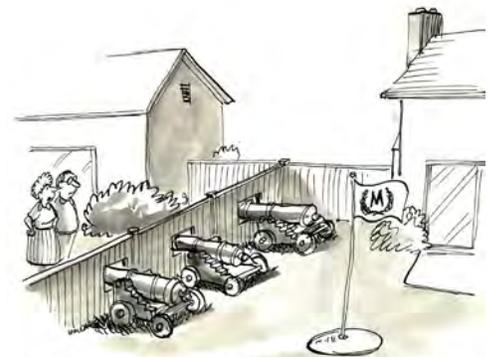


**Compost and Mulch will be Ready for Pick-Up or Delivery beginning March 30**

Call 610-933-1770 to place a delivery order - \$40 per truckload equal to 3 yards of material. \$5 fee (cash only) charged for loading mulch and compost into residential or commercial vehicles. Residents may load their own vehicles at no charge.



The diversity of our neighborhoods has changed over the years, but what hasn't changed is the definition of neighbor. There was a time when neighbors looked out for each other, loaned and borrowed tools, offered a helping hand, and even shared fresh vegetables from the garden. New neighbors were greeted by the welcome wagon with a homemade apple pie; and the annual block party was the event of the year. Unfortunately, the daily hustle and bustle, our unconventional work schedules, and the stresses of everyday life have shortened our patience...even when it comes to our neighbors.



"Have we done something to upset the neighbors?"

You've got folks next door who's trash cans aren't promptly removed from the curb by nightfall; a gentleman who cuts his grass in the evening or very early in the morning; those rambunctious kids that play in the cul-de-sac as opposed to playing video games; the lady spring cleaning to a Michael Jackson playlist with the windows open; the teen (or adult) garage band that has no sense of time; the list goes on and on. But, before you allow them to get under your skin, consider just talking to your neighbor(s).

Next time you're mowing the lawn and see them outside washing their car, take a moment to say, "hey neighbor", which can lead into "by the way..." or "I've been meaning to talk to you about something". You will find that an open line of communication can resolve many issues. For those of you (us) that are guilty of some of these infractions, please try to be more considerate before turning up that radio dial or cranking up the mower at the crack of dawn. Being a good neighbor is a positive reinforcement for a strong community. *Be kind to your neighbor*, for you never know when you will need to borrow sugar or a shovel!

# East Pikeland Township Police Department

1158 RAPPS DAM RD | P.O. BOX 298 | KIMBERTON, PA 19442 | PH: 610-935-0606



## Be Seen and Be Safe

**Being as visible as possible when running, biking, or walking your dog at night, or in low light, is critical to ensuring your safety.** To be seen in these darker conditions, wear bright colored clothing with reflective materials. It is also highly recommended to carry a flashlight, use flashing clip-on lights, or lighted arm bands to increase your ability to be seen and stay safe.

Remember to cross the street in well-lit areas at marked crosswalks or intersections where available. Always obey the traffic signals; be sure to look left and right before crossing, and be alert for turning vehicles. Look across ALL lanes you must cross before proceeding. Even if one motorist stops, do not presume drivers in the other lanes can see you and will stop.

**Be sure to always keep alert.** Put away your electronic devices so you can focus on your environment and safety. Practicing these safety tips for pedestrians and cyclists will help you to be seen and be safe as you travel the roads in your area.

## Child Safety Seats

**The East Pikeland Township Police Department now has a National Child Passenger Safety Certification Officer!** The education and proper use of air bags, car seats, booster seats and seat belts help save lives and prevent injuries and deaths every day. The officer will review and educate residents on the proper use and installation of children's car seats in their vehicles. To make an appointment please call the East Pikeland Police Department at their general number: 610-935-0606. Please have the car seat installed in your vehicle prior to the appointment, and have the vehicle manual and the car seat instructions with you. If possible, please bring the child using the car seat to the appointment as well.

**EMERGENCY CALLS: 9-1-1**

**NON-EMERGENCY CALLS**  
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**NON-EMERGENCY CALLS**  
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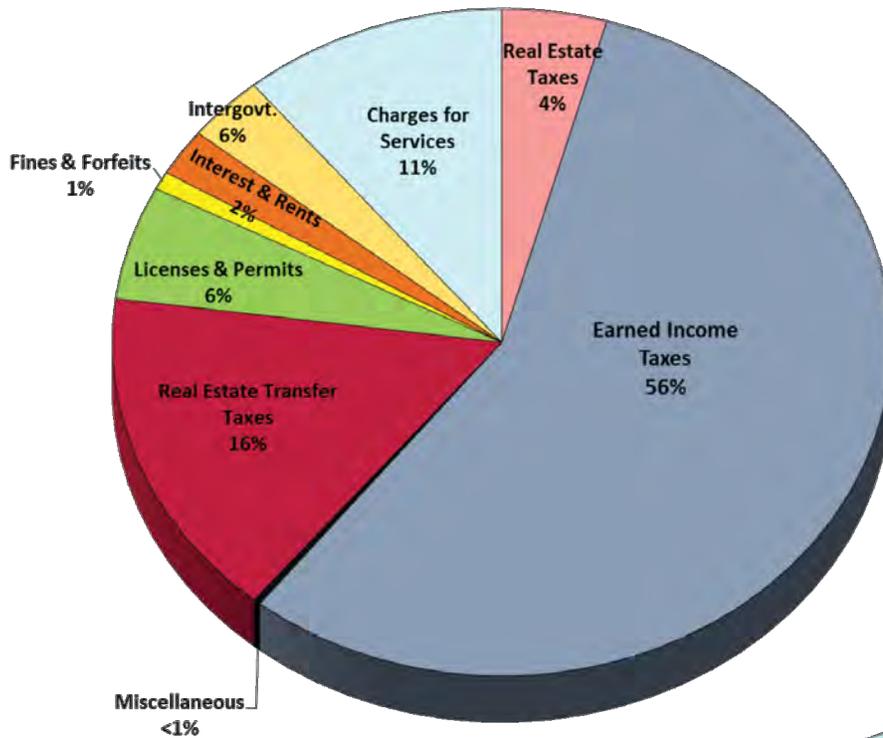
# EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP 2020 BUDGET

The East Pikeland Township Board of Supervisors approved the 2020 Budget at their public meeting on December 3, 2019.

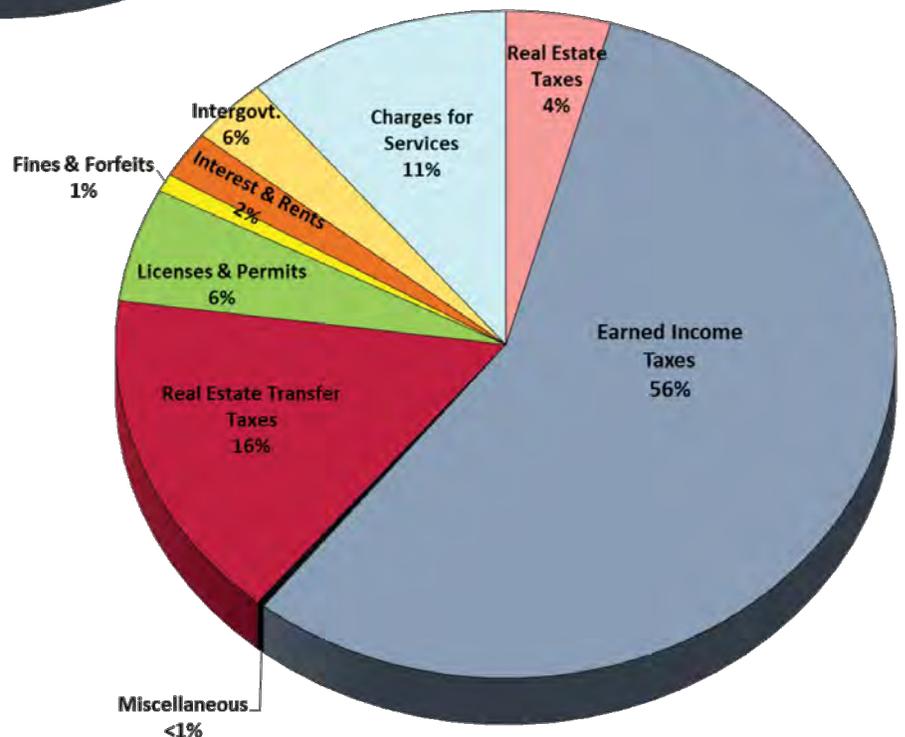
## 2020 TAX RATES

- Township Real Estate Tax .22 mills
- Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%, shared with Chester County
- Earned Income Tax 1.25%  
Shared with Phoenixville Area School District  
(.5% PASD; .5% Township; .25% Township Open Space)

**General Fund Revenues**



**General Fund Expenditures**



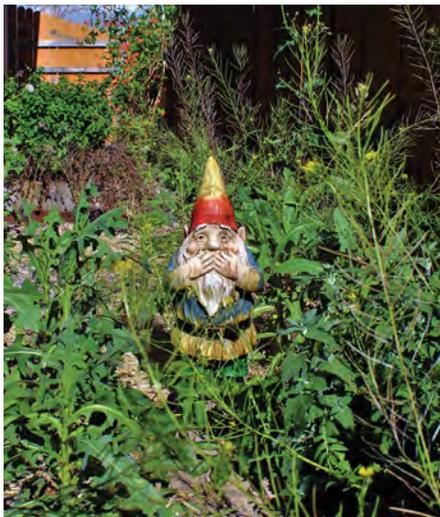
## Building Permits

Building and Zoning permits are required for all construction and most renovation projects. If the project is structural or involves plumbing, electrical or mechanical work, you must obtain a permit. A permit is not needed to re-shingle your residential roof, replace siding, or replace windows and doors (size for size). Decks lower than 30" inches from the ground, accessory structures under 500 square feet, gazebos and the like require a Zoning Permit. Detached garages, pole barns or other accessory structures over 500 square feet require a Building Permit and must be setback a minimum distance equal to the height of the structure, but not less than 15' from the property line. Accessory structures cannot be located in the front yard.



## Barking Dogs and the Leash Law

Chapter 2-102 of the township Code prohibits **dogs running at large** in the community. A dog must be leashed and under the control of the owner at all times while on a street, sidewalk, public land, or private property of others. Be considerate of your neighbors when leaving your dog outside. Chapter 2-202 addresses the nuisance of **barking dogs** and could result in a citation if not controlled. Don't forget pet waste bags when taking your dog for a walk. All dogs must be licensed through Chester County.



## Fences

The township does not require a permit to erect a fence, however the maximum height allowed is six feet (6'). The fence can be placed on the property line, however, we recommend setting it at least a mower's width in so that it can be maintained without trespassing onto the neighboring property. If you have a corner lot, the fence cannot obstruct the line of sight on either angle.

## Lawn Maintenance and Outdoor Plantings

Allowing grass or weeds to grow in excess of 12" is a violation of the Property Maintenance Code (natural meadows, cultivated flowers and gardens are excluded from this provision). Shrubs bordering sidewalks or streets must be kept trimmed to ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety. Make sure any plantings along your front or side yard do not block the view for neighbors pulling out of their driveways. **Mowing or blowing grass clippings or leaves into the roadway is PROHIBITED under Section 2326 "Obstructions and Nuisances on Public Roadways" of the Second Class Township Code and may result in a citation being issued.**

## Outdoor Fire Pits

Wood burning or gas fire pits are all the rage for outdoor entertaining and enjoyment. No permit is required for these portable units. Construction of an outdoor fireplace may require a permit depending on the size. A controlled bonfire for recreational purposes must be approved by the Kimberton Fire Company. Always keep a water source handy, never leave open flames unattended, and always ensure that embers are fully extinguished! **Burning for purposes of disposing of municipal waste, leaf waste, yard waste or recyclable material is prohibited!**

## Portable Sports Equipment

Soccer nets, hockey nets, basketball hoops and similar apparatus are not permitted to be placed in the roadway or the right-of-way (area between the curb/sidewalk and the road). These portable recreation systems are convenient and fun but they are also safety hazards for pedestrians and motorists. Sports equipment, bicycles, and toys should not be left in the street.

## Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs

Whether it's an in-ground or above ground swimming pool, or a hot tub, be advised that if it holds more than 24" of water it requires a Building Permit and an Electrical Permit for the filtration system. Seasonal pools (includes inflatables) with less than 24" of water require a one-time Zoning Permit good for the life of the pool. The Building Code requires fences, self-latching gates and other applicable barriers for all swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

*Township Ordinances and Codes are available online at [eastpikeland.org](http://eastpikeland.org)*



# PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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## HARES HILL PROPERTY



On November 26, 2019, PASD completed the purchase of 29.5 acres of land located at 622 Hares Hill Road in East Pikeland Township as a site for a future school building. The District is currently working to develop the project plan for this property. We are committed to ongoing involvement with East Pikeland Township and the community throughout this process. Regular updates are shared through Board meetings and on the website and Phantom TV (Channel 28 on Verizon and Comcast).



The **PAHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** is having a banner year, with over 150 active members. The group had tremendous success at the regional competition, with 35 students selected to participate in the state competition. Of these 35 students, 10 received a first place ranking, which is an amazing accomplishment. In addition, Ally Tezak (Treasurer) and Bella Cruz (Secretary) were elected as Regional officers. Congratulations to all of these hard-working students. Best of luck at States!

## ARTS PROGRAMS AT PASD

PASD offers a robust arts program, with an abundance of programs and opportunities for students K-12. Numerous concerts, theatre productions, and arts shows are scheduled throughout the year, as well as performances throughout the Phoenixville community. This winter, thirteen talented musicians from PAHS were selected for the 2020 PMEA District 12 Honor Ensembles. Kudos to the following students:

**Chorus:** Emma Brown, Isabelle Butera, Lauren Ferretti, Katarina Lagodzinski, Emily Lutschaunig, Ben Pratte, and Sean Springer

**Band:** Ryan Herbst, Dionna Jackson, Tyler Jenkins Wong, Xandro Xu and Olin Zimmet

**Orchestra:** Dionna Jackson, Tyler Jenkins Wong, Xandro Xu and Olin Zimmet



## PASD Graduate (and East Pikeland resident) Olivia McGinnis Named Rhodes Scholar

For the second time in a year, Phoenixville Area School District has the distinct honor of having a graduate named a Rhodes Scholar. Olivia McGinnis, PAHS Class of 2016, joins an elite club of only 32 Americans selected from a pool of 963 applicants nominated by their colleges and universities for this prestigious scholarship.



Olivia McGinnis

For many in Phoenixville, Olivia's latest accomplishment is no surprise. As a student at PAHS she was the Class of 2016 Valedictorian, President of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Physics Team, Student Representative to the School Board, among other activities. Mr. Jay Jennings, Olivia's Physics teacher had this to say, "Teaching Olivia was one of the highlights of my career. She was bright and inquisitive, and she showed great dedication and perseverance when working on IYPT and USAYPT." He continues, "But what made her stand out even more, and made her such a joy to work with, was her positive attitude. She always treated her peers and her teachers with such warmth and respect. I'm so proud of her for pursuing her interests and wanting to make a positive impact on the world."

Olivia has continued to excel in her studies at Harvard University, while crediting PASD with providing a solid foundation to this success. "I had such a great time in high school," she shared. From intense discussions about Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse* in her English class, to "discovering" Physics, she is generous with her praise of her teachers. "I don't think I had a bad teacher my entire career in Phoenixville", she says. "The education I received in PASD more than prepared me for Harvard," she added, likening the structure of her high school Physics class with the way courses are taught at Harvard.

The oldest of three girls, Olivia grew up in East Pikeland. Her parents are both artists, with her mother teaching art in a neighboring district. She has found a way to join her love of science with her artistic side as the editor-in-chief of an art and science journal at Harvard. *Ecdysis* is a print journal published biannually by Harvard undergraduates that celebrates the inherent beauty of natural phenomena. The journal showcases both visual and written works created by students from Harvard College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Harvard Medical School. In her role as editor-in-chief, Olivia is responsible for the design and layout of the journal, taking special care to place the articles in such a way as to draw comparisons and make people think.

Beginning in September, Olivia will spend the following two years enrolled in a course of study at Oxford. Upon completion, she will have a Masters in Experimental Psychology (in the U.S. its referred to as Cognitive Neuroscience). As for her research, she says, "I am really interested in probing the question of what is the self - from the primitive, spatial models of self in zebrafish that I study in my undergraduate thesis to mouse models or human patients that I hope to study to understand the self as it changes in neuropsychiatric states".

When asked what advice she might give to students who are in high school now, she smiles and worries it might sound trite. "You have to learn to be yourself and be comfortable with yourself. You won't be happy or able to be passionate about your studies. You just have to be true to yourself". Great advice for any age.

### What Little Red Robin Hood had to teach us . . .

All third grade classes across the PASD enjoyed a lively partnership with People's Light in Malvern this winter, and their production of *Little Red Robin Hood – A Musical Panto*. Students attended a performance at People's Light through their Arts Discovery Program.

For many of our students, this was their first exposure to professional theater, and the interactive Panto was the perfect introduction. A battle between good and evil (including a hero to cheer and a villain to "boo"), music and dance, LOTS of slapstick comedy, and cleverly costumed forest animals engaged and delighted the students.

In the days after the visit to the theater, the students' learning was extended when People's Light teaching artists visited our classrooms to explore careers related to theater. Students explored scenery design, directing, acting, choreography, costume design, marketing, and many other careers. Their imaginations were put to the test as they worked in teams to develop the next inventions to improve life for the inhabitants of Sherwood Forest. The importance of teamwork and cooperation was stressed as the students presented their ideas to their classmates, and they were able to identify some of their own theater-related strengths. The smiling faces on the students in Mrs. Gaffney's class at Manavon are a pretty clear indicator this activity was a big hit for all involved.

### SPRING EVENTS

March 12-14 .....	MS Spring Spectacular
March 24 .....	Manavon Musical
April 2.....	HS Musical
April 5-12 .....	Spring Break
April 21.....	Districtwide Art Show
May 1 .....	High School Prom
May 15 .....	Teddy Bear Picnic
May 27 .....	Senior Awards
June 8 .....	8th Grade Promotion
June 9 .....	Senior Salute
June 9.....	Baccalaureate
June 10 .....	Last Day of School
June 10.....	Graduation



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