



EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP

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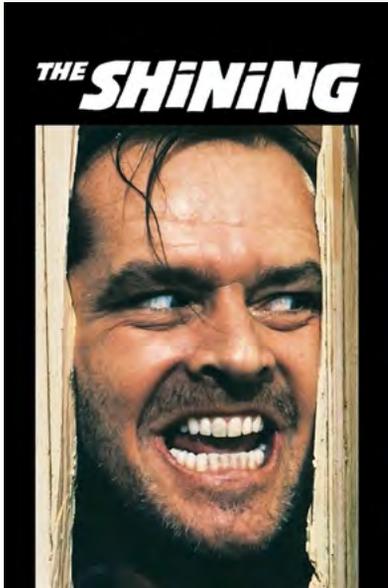
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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FALL EVENTS



Date Night Movie Night

Friday, September 13

Location: Kimberton Park

We can't wait to see you at our 2nd annual Date Night Movie Night! To celebrate this superstitious day, the movie will be the classic thriller, *The Shining* (R).

This event is free to attend. Two pay-as-you-go food trucks will be available from 6-10pm, with local rock band, *Less Than 7*, playing from 6-7:15. The movie will start at 7:30pm on the amphitheater stage. Don't forget your blanket and chairs!

This event is sponsored by Phoenixville ACE Hardware & the East Pikeland Park and Recreation Board.

Family Movie Night

Saturday, October 5 • Location: Kimberton Park

Mark your calendars for our annual Family Movie Night! Pre-movie activities will start around 6pm. The movie (TBD) will start around 7pm. Voting will take place on our Facebook page, like the event page for more information!



Fall Trail Clean Up

Saturday, November 2,

9am-noon

Location: Rapps Dam Bridge Trail Head

Help us clean up the trail for fall. Wear work clothes and heavy shoes, and bring work gloves, bow saws, shears, clippers, long handled pruners, pole saws, shovels, and/or pickaxes.

Rain date, Sat., November 9th

***For more information on these events, visit our Facebook Page!**

East Pikeland Township & Kimberton Arts Alliance
Present the Inaugural

KIMBERTON

ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL



Saturday, Sept. 28 | 11am-7:30pm
Kimberton Park

Jeffrey Gaines

Mason Porter

Phyllis Chapell & SIORA

Rolling Thunder Blues Revue

Vinyl Roots

Ryan Mayersky | Frozen Smoke

Rob Dickenson | Miss Maggie Sings

Over 30 Local Craft, Art & Business
Vendors · Kids Activities · Food



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MORE INFORMATION

Bird Walk

The Environmental Advisory Council co-sponsored a guided bird walk on the French Creek Trail with French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Over 19 birds were seen and heard from the trail!



Yoga in the Park

It was a great first year of Yoga in the Park! Thanks to Shelia Keating for leading this fun activity every week.



Children's Theater

We had a blast watching this new event! Thank you to Steel River Playhouse for putting on a great performance of "The Fisherman and His Wife" for our audience.



National Night Out

East Pikeland's second annual National Night Out was a success! Visitors watched a K9 dog demonstration, got to spray a firehose, tried a zip line and bungee bounce, and more. Kids also enjoyed the traditional water balloon fight with officers.



SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Summer Concert Series 1, 2 & 3

Thanks to everyone who joined us this summer for our first Summer Concert Series in Kimberton Park! We had great audiences each month listening to music from "Middle Class", "The Mighty Manatees", and "The Whiskeyhickon Boys" in June, July, and August.



Open Space Acquisition

On May 14 the East Pikeland Township Board of Supervisors held settlement on a 115-acre farm that will be preserved as parkland and open space!

The property is located in the northeastern portion of the township along Spring City Rd. and Wall St., and was formerly proposed to be a high-density development, but will now be public land. The Township plans to preserve and restore the property's scenic beauty, wildlife habitats, and protect natural features, such as wetlands and riparian buffers. Future use of the property will include both passive and active recreation with a connection to the adjacent Schuylkill River Trail.

The land was purchased with funds from the Township's Open Space Fund, which was started in 2006 when voters approved a .25% increase in their earned income tax to start a fund to preserve open space. The cost of the land was \$5,187,500 and will be offset by a Land Acquisition Grant from Chester County in the amount of \$1,210,500.

To date, 1,305 acres have been preserved in the Township (23% of land in East Pikeland), either through the Township's

Open Space Program or private property owners' initiative. With this acquisition the Township now owns 356 acres of open space and parkland.

Residents will be invited to participate in public meetings to discuss use of the property during the future design phase, stay tuned for more info!



Meet our Newest Staff Members!

Meghan Brumfield

In May 2019 East Pikeland Township hired a new part time Administrative Assistant. Meghan Brumfield comes to East Pikeland Township with over five years of municipal experience. She previously worked for East Nantmeal Township, in Chester County, as the Administrative Assistant and Township Clerk. Meghan is a member of CCSIGA (Chester County Secretaries in Government Association) and PAMA (Pennsylvania Association of Municipal Administrators). Meghan brings her municipal knowledge, willingness to help and a positive attitude to the front desk of East Pikeland Township.

Meghan and her husband are the proud parents of two young boys. When Meghan is not spending time with her little family (family time is the best time), she enjoys going out with her husband to local restaurants/breweries, going to see live music and catching up on TV shows and podcasts.



Mike Scahill

In 2018 East Pikeland welcomed Mike Scahill as a full time Public Works crew member. Mike had previously worked for the Township part-time for 4 years. Residents would recognize him as the keeper of the mulch yard on Saturdays. Before coming to the township Mike had worked in construction as an independent contractor, based mostly in Philadelphia, and as a cabinet maker and woodworker.

In his free time Mike likes working on his truck and playing golf. Mike and his wife, Virna, enjoy finding new restaurants, exploring the city, barbecuing, and hang out with friends.



Ready for 100

At the July Board of Supervisors Meeting a Resolution was approved that sets a goal to move the Township toward 100% clean and renewable energy, and to complete this transition for electricity by 2035 and for heat and transportation by 2050.

The Resolution was created to align with the *Ready for 100* initiative, a national program run by the Sierra Club. Drafted by the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), East Pikeland's Resolution is one of many in this area including Phoenixville, Charlestown, Schuylkill, and West Chester. The Resolution is available to view on the Township's website under Boards and Personnel, Environmental Advisory Council. For more information on Ready for 100, visit www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100.



Chester County Clean Energy Tour

East Pikeland Township is proud to endorse the 2019 Chester County Clean Energy Tour brought to you by Chester County Ready for 100%, the American Solar Energy Society and Solar United Neighbors. Held locally this year on Saturday, October 19th, this event is the largest grassroots solar, renewable energy and sustainable living event in the nation.

Chester County ranks #2 in solar installations in PA and employs over 8500 men and women in clean energy related jobs.

What happens on a clean energy tour? Solar homeowners, schools, houses of worship, businesses, farms and non-profits open their doors and explain their own sustainable solutions. It is an opportunity for everyone in the community to spend time with early adopters of clean energy to learn how to get started, what products are available, costs, financing options, payback periods, how to find an installer and more.

Find out more and register for the tour today! <https://www.nationalsolartour.org/localtours/chester-county/> or sign up as a host by completing an entry form at surveymonkey.com/r/5RNQQ76.



Stop the Bleed

Join Kimberton Fire Co. and West End Fire Co. #3 for Stop the Bleed, a national program to train bystanders to become equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. The training will take place at the Kimberton Fire Co. on Tuesday, October 15 at 7pm.

Anyone interested can sign-up by e-mailing Lt. Zac Hartmann at zhartmann@westend67.com.



Do you want monthly **Park and Recreation** updates & event information? Sent your request for the E-newsletter to:

mrubin@eastpikeland.org



The **East Pikeland Environmental Advisory Council** has started a monthly E-newsletter. Stay updated on current environmental events and local recreation and education opportunities. Email mrubin@eastpikeland.org to sign up.

Recycling Bins for Sale

Based upon demand from residents, the township has obtained a limited number of recycling bins that are available for purchase. The 24 Gallon bins will be available first come, first serve to residents at a cost of \$10 per bin. Stop by the township office during regular business hours to pick one up. We accept cash, checks and credit cards (fee charged).



Caring For Your Streamside Property

Taking good care of a stream involves taking care of the land around it.

A streamside buffer (or riparian buffer) is a planted area along the edge of the stream.

A well-planted streamside buffer:

- Absorbs nutrient and pollutants
- Stabilizes the bank and prevents erosion
- Reduces floodwater damage
- Filters out sediment
- Helps control the temperature of the stream.

Creating a Streamside Buffer

Begin with a 'no mow' or 'no graze zone' along your stream banks. A buffer of any width is more beneficial than grass. Make yours as wide as possible. Plant trees and shrubs in your buffer area; they provide long-lasting benefits and can be inexpensive to establish and maintain. Using shrubs will give your buffer a quick start; many reach full size in just a few years. Where you do have lawn, set your mower blades at least three inches high. Taller grass slows runoff, resists drought and needs less fertilizer.

Stabilizing Your Streambank

It is best to work with professionals when looking for cause of and solutions to erosion problems. Where buffers alone aren't enough, there are many new and innovative techniques to help solve erosion problems. Contact your regional office of the Pennsylvania Department of

Environmental Protection (DEP) before making plans to alter a streambank. Permits are likely to be required.

Reduce Pollution

Most stream pollution comes from manure, fertilizers, road salts, oil and other chemicals. Called non-point source pollution, these come from the entire watershed rather than from any one point. Together, these pollutants add up in the streams and become a big problem. Other accumulated pollution includes trash and yard debris that washes into the streams.

To protect a stream from pollution:

- Don't overuse fertilizers - and don't use fertilizers near streams
- Limit your use of pesticides and herbicides - use extreme caution near streams
- Compost yard waste - leave lawn trimmings in place for effective recycling of nutrients
- Don't store or dump manure, garden waste or grass clippings near streams
- Store firewood, trash or materials away from streams
- Never dump trash or chemicals into streams, storm drains or sewers
- Keep farm animals out of and away from the stream

The Benefits of a Native Landscape

Native plants and animals sustain the environment on which we ourselves depend. By planting native species in your streamside buffer, you are providing an

excellent opportunity for our native birds, insects and other wildlife to thrive in the habitat they need. Seeds from your native species can travel throughout the watershed, promoting a healthier community environment.

Furthermore, native plants are much better adapted to our specific environment - the climate and conditions of this area. Native are therefore easier to grow and require far less maintenance than their non-native counterparts.

Native plants can provide year-round color and texture in your streamside area or garden. Vibrant flowers in the spring, colorful berries in the summer, deep colors in the fall and contrasting bark and branch patterns in the winter are just some of the diverse characteristics of the many native plants available.



Turn Around Don't Drown®

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters. People underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in cars swept downstream. Many of these drownings are preventable. Never drive around the barriers blocking a flooded road. The road may have collapsed under that water. A mere 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away most cars and just 2 feet of rushing water can carry away SUVs and trucks. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.



Fall Leaf Recycling Information

Did you know that you CAN'T throw your leaf waste in the trash? Township Ordinance No. 136 requires any recyclable material to be recycled, and that includes your yard waste.

As fall approaches, make a plan for dealing with your leaf waste. Options include:

- **Hauler Pick Up** – Some trash haulers provide customers with specific dates for leaf waste pick up. Call your hauler to find out what these dates are. *Do not just put your leaf waste on the curb without first checking with your hauler.*
- **Township Drop Off** – Residents can drop their leaves and other waste off at the Township's Yard Waste Recycling Facility located at 1158 Rapps Dam Rd. open daily from 7am – Dusk.
- **Compost** – Consider composting your leaves and other yard waste in your back yard! Visit the Penn State Extension website for information on how to start composting.



Don't Forget... Burning is PROHIBITED!

Ordinance No. 136 also prohibits outdoor burning for purposes of disposing of any municipal waste, leaf waste, yard waste or recyclable material. Controlled burning for Farm Use properties over 5-acres is permitted for agricultural purposes with prior notification to the township. *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.*

Township Ordinances and Codes are available online at www.eastpikeland.org.



Yard Waste Recycling

Location A:

Leaves & grass clippings ONLY

Open Daily 7am – Dusk

Location B*:

Branches, brush, tree trimmings, ornamental grass, garden waste, & weeds.

Open Monday through Friday 7am – 3pm, Saturdays 9am – 1pm.

* Branches should not be over 6 inches in diameter.

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



Compost and Mulch

Now available for Pick-Up or Delivery

Call 610.933.1770 to place a delivery order.

\$50 per truckload

\$5 fee (cash only) charged for loading mulch and compost into residential or commercial vehicles.

Residents may load their own vehicles at no charge.



Regulations For Draining Your Swimming Pool

Another summer has come to an end and it's time to close the pool. Before you extend that hose, remember, the water in your pool is full of chemicals! Improper disposal (draining) of your pool is harmful to the environment, and a violation of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Streams Law!

- It is *illegal* to drain pool water or backwash into any water course or storm drain because it may contain chlorine, copper, and filter backwash that can harm aquatic life in local creeks and rivers. Storm drain systems are not designed to filter or dissolve these pollutants.
- Pool water should NOT be discharged into the street! It should be discharged into a grassy area on your property where it will allow for absorption, filtration, and aeration of the water through the soil before it reaches the groundwater table. By draining the pool at a slow and steady rate, filtration will be optimized and erosion will be prevented. When draining pool water into the grass, be attentive so that the water does not drain onto a neighboring property, which is a violation of township ordinances.
- If you utilize a professional service make sure they comply with these regulations!

A fact sheet from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection entitled Swimming Pool Water Discharge Guidelines is available online at www.dep.state.pa.us (search keyword: Wastewater). Questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the PA DEP Southeast Regional Office in Norristown at 484.250.5900.

What Is A Right-Of-Way?

A right-of-way provides for "the right to pass over property owned by another party" and is the basis for creating and maintaining roads in our communities. For land that is intended to be streets (or other situations which require passing over private property), municipalities establish regulations that create what is called a "right-of-way." The right-of-way typically encompasses both the paved areas of a road for use by vehicles, called the "cartway," plus strips of land along each side where shoulders, curbs, gutters, sidewalks or drainage swales exist. These strips of land that abut the paved road are called the "ultimate" right-of-way. The right-of-way between private property and the paved road is the owner's to use for access to the driveway and placement of a mailbox. Care and maintenance of any plantings, sidewalks, driveway aprons and curbs in this area is the homeowner's responsibility, but is also regulated by the township to keep it available for use by utilities or other public projects, including road widening.

Planting trees, shrubbery, or installing a fence within the right-of-way is discouraged. Existing trees should be pruned to hang no lower than 9 feet above the sidewalk, and 11 feet above the roadway. Existing shrubbery must be trimmed back beyond the street and/or sidewalk. Hanging tree limbs and shrubs must not obstruct any road sign, intersection visibility for motorists, or safe pedestrian access.

Section 2326 of the Second Class Township Code prohibits obstructions and nuisances on public roadways, which includes *portable recreation apparatus*. These objects are a public safety issue and a liability. The owner of the object may be sued for any resulting injuries or damages. So, if you have a portable basketball hoop, hockey net, soccer goal or any other contraption in the street or along the sidewalk, it must be removed. These items should be located within your yard or driveway, NOT within the right-of-way or roadway.

