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Exciting New Township Park Planned

Hello and welcome to our Fall/Winter edition of the East Pikeland Newsletter. We hope you've stayed healthy and well this summer, and are enjoying signs of fall's arrival.

We would like to extend a special invitation to all Township residents to attend an upcoming public meeting about a new park proposal. The Township is considering a new park for East Pikeland residents at 87 Ridge Road (near the Hares Hill/23 intersection) and we want to hear from you! The new facility will feature an ADA, paved walking path; dog park; community garden; and native meadowland.

A virtual public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, at 7pm in order to hear feedback from Township residents. Please see page 6 of this newsletter for more information. For updates please see our Facebook page or Township website, www.eastpikeland.org. We hope to see you there!



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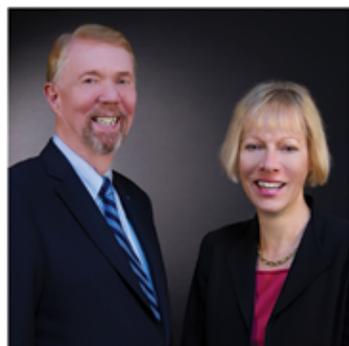

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Zoom Meetings



Since April all Township public meetings have been successfully held online! This change will continue for the foreseeable future. To find meeting connection information please see the “Zoom Tab” on the East Pikeland website.

Township Offices Closed to Public

The Township administrative and Police Department offices remain closed to the public until further notice. The administrative staff is still processing permits, and answering questions via phone and email Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm. The Police Department phone is manned for non-emergency calls weekdays from 9am to 3pm.

Removal of Recycling Dumpsters at Township Building



Due to the overwhelming amount of trash being thrown into the recycling dumpsters at the Township building, the recycling dumpsters have been removed and we will no longer allow cardboard recycling at the Township building. When recycling bins are contaminated with items that are not recyclable (plastic bags and wrapping, items with food waste, plastic toys, window blinds, etc.) the hauler is forced to treat all of the items in the container as trash. Because of this, the containers are no longer serving their purpose. Please continue to recycle your household items, including cardboard, through your trash hauler. If you need a recycling bin for your home, they are available at the Township building for \$10.

UPCOMING SHRED EVENTS

Tuesday, October 13, 8am-noon;

99 Starr St. Phoenixville.

- Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to **PACS (Phoenixville Area Community Services)**
- Maximum of to 4 file size box/grocery bags of documents will be accepted
- Volunteers will remove items from your car

Saturday, October 17, 9am-noon;

Kimberton Park 2202 Kimberton Rd. Phoenixville

- Drive-through shred event supporting **Phoenixville Women’s Outreach** (donations are welcome)
- No limit on amount of materials
- Volunteers will remove items from your car



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2020 EAST PIKELAND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Events:

At this time, we are planning to hold a few community events this fall! All events are subject to change and cancellation, please check our website or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Tickets will be required for some events (see below), and masks will be required at all events. We will be following strict social distancing protocols. Thank you in advance for your patience and participation!

**All Events
Are Free!**

Family Movie Night, Saturday, October 3, 6:30pm

Location: Kimberton Park Amphitheater

Join us for our annual Family Movie Night! There will be no pre-movie activities this year, *The Goonies* will start at dusk. The event is free, but a **ticket and mask will be required for entry**, bring your own food and beverages. Tickets are limited and will be distributed online on a first come, first serve basis with township residents being given preference. Find more information on our Facebook page and website.



Halloween Moonwalk, Friday, October 30, 6-9pm - NEW!

Location: Rapps Dam Trailhead

Join us for a spooky moon-lit walk along the French Creek Trail with the whole family! Participate in our pumpkin carving and painting contest, or simply show up and help us vote for your favorite. Prizes for each age group, costumes encouraged! **Tickets and masks will be required for participation.** For more details on the contest or event please see our Facebook page and website.

Fall Trail Clean Up, Saturday, November 7, 9am-noon

Location: Rapps Dam Trailhead

Help us clear invasives and clean up along the French Creek Trail. Wear work clothes and heavy shoes, and bring work gloves, bow saws, shears, clippers, long handled pruners, etc. if you have them. Rain date: Saturday, November 14



facebook

Visit our **Facebook** page or www.eastpikeland.org for more info. Just click the Community Events Tab!

E-NEWSLETTERS

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



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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 to sign up.

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EAST PIKELAND UPDATES

Yoga in the Park

We have been happy to host a socially-distanced Yoga in the Park at the Kimberton Park Amphitheater this summer in the Yellow and Green Phase! Yoga will continue into the fall this year so join us at 6pm every Wednesday. \$10 donation suggested, bring your own mat. The last day to participate will be Wednesday, Oct. 28.



Ridge Road Park Project

We're excited to share a new park proposal with the residents of East Pikeland!

The new facility, which will be located at 87 Ridge Road (near the Hares Hill/23 intersection) will feature an ADA paved walking path, dog park, community garden, and native meadowland. These amenities were selected based on the review of past Township and regional plans, resident feedback, and gaps in East Pikeland's current recreation facilities.

For additional information please see the Township website. Click on the "Ridge Road Park Project" tab under "Parks & Trails." Sub-tabs cover the background of the property, recreational needs, project benefits, site design, and Q&A.



YOU'RE INVITED



We're holding a virtual public comment session on October 1 at 7pm in order to hear resident feedback on the draft plan for the proposed Ridge Road Park, and we hope you'll attend! Please check our website and Facebook page for more details!

YARD WASTE RECYCLING

The Township Yard Waste Facility is located at 1158 Rapps Dam Road.

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 more over 6 inches in diameter.*

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



Compost and Mulch is available for Pick-Up or Delivery

Call 610-933-1770 to place a delivery order - \$40 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.

Winter Yard Hours

During the winter months the Location B is open during regular weekday hours, but closed on Saturdays effective November 21. Saturday hours will resume in the spring.

Goodbye Summer!

Regulations for Draining Your Swimming Pool

Pool water is full of chemicals and improper draining of your pool is harmful to the environment. It is also a violation of the PA 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.



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SUPERVISOR BIOS

Ron Graham

A lifelong resident of the area, Ron Graham first took office as a Supervisor in East Pikeland Township in 2008. He has served as Chairman of the Board since 2009. Ron believes that efficient and successful governance is based on integrity, open communication, compromise rather than confrontation, and sound fiscal organization.

In his role as an elected Supervisor, Ron supports projects that promote and maintain open space and preserve the historic French Creek environment. He is a past president of Green Valleys Watershed Association, committed to the protection of French Creek, Pickering Creek, Pigeon Creek, Valley Creek, and Stony Run.

Ron graduated from Edison State University with a B.S. in aviation science, and received his J.D. from Widener University Delaware Law School. He has his Masters degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ron is a founding partner of the law firm Graham & Mauer, P.C., with offices based in Valley Forge and Harrisburg. He is licensed to practice law in all Pennsylvania state and federal courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has served as a Judicial Arbitration Chairperson for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. Ron is a former instructor for the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program at Widener University Delaware School of Law.

Ron is a retired Colonel and Master Army Aviator.



Rusty Strauss

Rusty was born in Connecticut and moved to this area in high school. After he graduated from Great Valley High School he went to Stockton University in New Jersey, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science. He moved to the Phoenixville area in the late 1980's with his wife, and has lived in East Pikeland Township since the early 1990's.

Rusty originally started working with East Pikeland Township in 2003 when he was appointed to the Planning Commission. In 2005 Rusty was elected to the East Pikeland Board of Supervisors and has since been re-elected three times for six year terms. Rusty also serves as the chairperson for the East Pikeland Open Space Committee and for the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee.

Rusty's Township interests include implementing a network of local and regional trails, working on improvements in historic Kimberton Village, and encouraging smart economic development to improve the Route 724/23 corridor.

Rusty has been employed in the County of Chester's IT department since 2006 where he is responsible for the EnerGov™ system that supports the County Planning Commission and Health Department's planning and permitting processes.

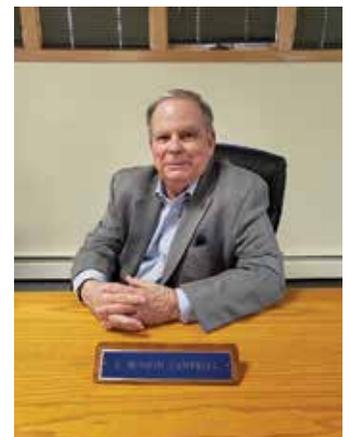
Ben Campbell

Ben Campbell is a lifelong resident of East Pikeland Township, having grown up on the family farm where his daughter, Kristine, is now the 4th generation to live on the original farm property with her family.

Ben was educated in the Phoenixville School District and at Temple University.

Ben is the owner of Campbell Companies with headquarters in West Lawn, Pennsylvania. Over the last 30 years, Campbell Companies has acquired four companies supplying the global market with diverse products such as spine implants, knees, and pump heads. Campbell Companies was approved with an ISO Certification for body implants used for spine, leg, and facial surgeries.

Ben has been a Supervisor in East Pikeland Township for 25 years. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing the Police Department and administrative operations. He advises the Township Manager on financial investments, employee pension funds and the annual budget process. He has also served as the Chairman of the Board at Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf, for six years.



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 off at the Township's Yard Waste Recycling Facility Location A, at 1158 Rapps Dam Road open daily from 7am – Dusk.

Compost – Consider composting your leaves and other yard waste in your backyard! Visit the Penn State Extension website for information on how to start composting www.extension.psu.edu

Please remember that burning is prohibited in our Township (Ordinance No. 136) and is not a viable option for disposing of leaf and yard waste.

What is the MS4 Stormwater Program?



The purpose of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program is to maintain and enhance water quality in the United States. Untreated or uncontrolled stormwater is the number one cause of impairment to our local waterways. Polluted run-off is often transported through municipal stormwater systems, where it is eventually discharged, untreated into streams and other water bodies.

The MS4 program is the result of 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act whereby Congress mandated that the US EPA address non-point source (NPS) pollution in stormwater runoff. NPS pollution comes from many sources, such as rainfall or snow melt runoff. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and man-made pollutants, depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and even our underground sources of drinking water.

In Pennsylvania, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) administers the MS4 program and requires East Pikeland Township to obtain a permit to discharge stormwater into local waterways. This permit requires the township to design a stormwater management program that reduces the

discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent possible. The MS4 Stormwater Management Program has six elements termed “minimum control measures” that, when implemented, result in a significant reduction in pollutants discharged into waterways. The six control measures are:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Participation and Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Runoff Control
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

Every resident and business owner in East Pikeland Township can participate in the MS4 program. Here are some important ways you can prevent stormwater pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint.
- Never throw anything down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Report signs of potential pollutants such as soil, debris, or chemicals from construction sites.
- Install innovative stormwater practices on your own property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens to capture stormwater.
- Pick up after your pets and dispose of their waste properly.
- Volunteer for local or regional stream clean-up days.

For more information on Stormwater Management, visit the township website at www.eastpikeland.org.

East Pikeland Township Police Department

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Citizens' Police Academy

The Citizens' Police Academy has gone virtual!

This summer, area residents participated in the Citizens' Police Academy from the safety of their homes. The weekly sessions included speakers from many aspects of law enforcement and were modified to be available online.



EMERGENCY CALLS: 9-1-1

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KEEP CALM and Avoid Coronavirus Scams

Here are **5 things** you can do to avoid a Coronavirus scam:

- Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.**
Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.
- Hang up on robocalls.**
Scammers use illegal sales call to get your money and your personal information.
- Watch out for phishing emails and text messages.**
Don't click on links in emails or texts you didn't expect.
- Research before you donate.**
Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. Get tips on donating wisely at ftc.gov/charity.
- Stay in the know.**
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WINTER 2020

Holiday Closures

The East Pikeland Township Administrative Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will also be closed Friday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday, and Friday, January 1, 2021 for the New Year Holiday. We wish you all a happy Holiday Season!

Kimberton Park Winter Information

Kimberton Park restrooms will close for winter on Friday, November 6. Although the restrooms are closed, you can still access the park and its amenities all winter long! Remember to wear a mask and maintain social distancing while at the park.

Christmas Tree Recycling

During the month of January, residents will have two choices for recycling their Christmas tree:

- Between December 28 and January 29th, the Township Public Works Crew will conduct a curbside pick-up of trees. This year they will pick trees up only Mondays & Fridays. Please call the Township office 610-933-1770 when your tree is ready for pick up.
- Drop the tree off yourself behind the Township Building at the Yard Waste Recycling Center: Location B, Monday-Friday 7am-3pm.

Whether you participate in the drop-off or curbside tree recycling program, please follow these guidelines:

- Strip the 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 curb with your trash or your trash hauler may take it and it will not be recycled.**



East Pikeland Township Memorabilia



We will have holiday ornaments and pint glasses for sale starting November 2! These items make the perfect holiday gift for friends and loved ones.

The ornament series includes images of Rapps Dam Covered Bridge, East Pikeland Elementary School, Snyder's Mill, Zion Lutheran Church, Christman's Mill (Kimberton Post Office), and Kimberton Railroad Station.

The Township office is not currently open to the public, so if you'd like to make a purchase please contact the township in advance (610-933-1770) to make arrangements for pick up and payment.

Kimberton Fire Co.'s Santa Detail

The Kimberton Fire Company's annual "Santa Detail" is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, from 9am-dusk! As the Fire Truck approaches, children can come out to meet Santa and get a candy cane from the Volunteer Firefighters.

Families with special needs can also call the station and make special arrangements for a Santa stop. In the case of inclement weather, the make-up date will be Saturday, December 19. For additional info go to www.kimbertonfire.org and click on the "fundraising events" tab.

Winter Is On The Way

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 over 50 miles of 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.

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 internal neighborhood roadways (including cul-de-sacs).

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

- During a snow event, and especially when a Snow Emergency has been declared, we ask drivers to stay off the roads, if possible.
- 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
- Do not shovel or plow snow from your driveway or walkway into the street. Pile snow in your yard.
- 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.

- Maintain and repair mailbox posts. Mailboxes should not extend past the face of the curb, preferably 1ft 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 businesses are reminded that a 2ft path of snow and ice must be removed from the sidewalk along your property within 24 hours after the end of 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 property and getting in the way of snow plows.

Refer to the East Pikeland Township website for the township snow removal policy and report any problems to East Pikeland Township at 610-933-1770, 8am-4pm Monday through Friday. Please leave your name, address, contact number, and the nature of the problem if you are calling outside of office hours.

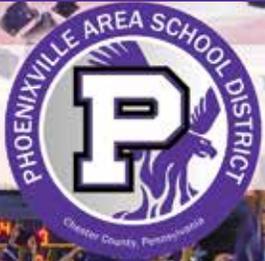
East Pikeland Township has a winter maintenance agreement with PennDOT to plow and salt the following State roadways: Chester Springs Road, Coldstream Road, Hares Hill Road, Merlin Road, and Pothouse Road.

PennDOT is responsible for the following state roads: Route 23/Ridge Rd., Route 113, and Route 724/Schuylkill Rd. PennDOT contact info: call 1-800-FIX-ROAD to report potholes or 484-340-3200 for any other state road maintenance issues.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Per Township Ordinance, parking along the roadways listed below is prohibited when snowfall is 2 inches or greater or if a snow emergency has been declared.

Beacon Drive • Brook Drive • Clover Lane • Fawn Lane • Forrest Avenue • Grace Avenue • Jonathan Drive
Lee Avenue • Red Fox Circle • Red Fox Lane • Thistle Drive • Valley Dell Boulevard • Verdant Drive



PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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Dr. Alan D. Fegley, Superintendent • Dr. Le Roy G. Whitehead, Assistant Superintendent

The end of the school year wasn't what any of us expected or wanted, but we made the best of the situation, and all learned a lot!! Teachers cranked up their creative juices and found new and exciting ways to keep students engaged. As parents took on the new role of co-teacher, we all developed an appreciation for the challenges and rewards faced in the classrooms every single day. We are exceedingly proud of how everyone truly stepped up and worked together for the benefit of all.

The graduating Class of 2020 probably faced the most disappointments, but they taught us all how to handle those disappointments with grit and grace. Dr. Parkinson and his team at the high school did an amazing job of creating many special moments—from delivering senior yard signs, creating a wall of photos, ensuring every eligible graduate was able to walk on Washington Field for a commencement ceremony, to an incredible Graduation Parade. It took a village to make all of these events possible...and we all know, we have the BEST village around!



We also made sure our youngest students knew how excited we were to have them joining us in the fall! The Early Learning Center invited incoming kindergarten students to be part of a Kindergarten Car Parade as they got to say "hello" to Dr. Dawan and the kindergarten teachers and staff. What a fun way to say "Welcome! We can't wait to meet you!!"





With schools and businesses closed, we knew there were many in our community who would not have the resources to feed their families. Governor Wolf ordered schools closed on Friday, March 13th,

and on Monday March 16th, we provided a grab and go lunch to 400 students. Since that time, the District led an effort to provide breakfast and lunch to any student, weekend bags of food for families, pizzas, gift cards, meals for adults, and connecting families with other resources in our community. There are so many people who are deserving of our thanks and praise—visit our website to view some of the local businesses and organizations who were so vital in this effort. A HUGE thank you to the Phoenixville Community Education Foundation and everyone who contributed to the Together We Can Fund and/or donated food to help the cause. We continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity and caring of this community.



A big congratulations to Mrs. Jennifer Adams, PASD's 2020 Citadel Heart of Learning Award winner. Mrs. Adams is a fifth grade teacher at Manavon. Just before the Coronavirus closed our buildings, Mrs. Adams was surprised with an all-school assembly in her honor, featuring a slide presentation of loving tributes from former students. Current students couldn't wait to surround her in a big group hug!

As we look at the 2020-2021 school year, there are still many unknowns, and administrators, teachers, staff, and the school board have grappled with a multitude of decisions. At the time of this writing (late July), we are offering two options for parents—an alternate day schedule for in-person/brick and mortar and a full online platform through the new PASD Virtual Academy. All students will have access to a laptop for their school work—whether they are in the buildings or taking classes at home online. The Technology for All initiative strives to ensure ALL of our students have access to the resources they need to succeed. You can read more about this effort and much more on our website: www.pasd.com

Wherever we are this fall, our promise to you is to continue to provide the best possible education for all of the students of Phoenixville Area School District. Together we can, Together we will, Together WE ARE PHOENIXVILLE.



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