

# EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP

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CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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## HOLIDAY HOURS

The East Pikeland Township Administrative Office will be closed on December 24 & 25 for the Christmas Holiday, and again on December 31 & January 1, 2019 for the New Year Holiday. We wish you all a Happy Holiday Season!

# WINTER EVENTS

## Christmas Tree Recycling

During the month of January, residents will have two 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-Friday).
2. Drop the tree off yourself behind the Township Building at the Yard Waste Recycling Center at 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.



## Kimberton Fire Company Santa

The Kimberton Fire Company's annual "Santa Detail" is Saturday, December 15, from 9am-dusk! As the Fire Truck approaches, children can come out to meet Santa and get a candy cane from the Volunteer Firefighters. Following behind the fire truck will be a vehicle selling the famous "Kimberton Fire Company Doughnuts." The cost is \$7/dozen; if you would like to order in advance call the Station by Friday evening at 610-935-1388.

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 22. For additional info go to [www.kimbertonfire.org](http://www.kimbertonfire.org) and click on the "fundraising events" tab.



# EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP MEMORABILIA

Great  
for Gifts!



## Holiday Ornament Series

\$5.00 each

*Snyder's Mill*

*Rapps Dam Covered Bridge*

*Kimberton Railroad Station*

*Chrisman's Mill (Kimberton Post Office)*

New this year:  
East Pikeland  
Elementary  
School!



## East Pikeland Township Pint Glass 16oz

\$6 each or 2 for \$10



## Prints & Notecards

Featuring *Snyder's Mill* or  
*Rapps Dam Bridge*

Signed Prints: 12"x18" \$35

Notecards: Pack of 12, \$10



Items can be purchased at the  
East Pikeland Township  
Building during regular  
business hours.

Cash, Check, and Credit accepted.  
*\*2.75% service fee added for credit*

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our community events in 2018! This year we hosted a total of 8 events and activities and had approximately 2,000 people in attendance. Check your spring newsletter or the Township website or Facebook page for 2019 events—We can't wait to see you there! – East Pikeland Park and Recreation Board

## Halloween Movie Night

This spooky event was held on Saturday, October 27 at the Covered Bridge Room at the Kimberton Fire Company. Creatures and characters of all ages enjoyed crafts, games, face painting, a photobooth, a costume contest and more! Hocus Pocus was the feature film of the evening.



## Date Night Movie Night

On Friday, September 21 over 600 people joined us for our first Date Night Movie Night! Guests enjoyed dinner from 8 unique food trucks, live music, and Top Gun under the stars.



## Citizen's Police Academy

This session of Citizen's Police Academy ended on November 14. Participants got a glimpse into the operations, decisions, and challenges faced by police officers on a daily basis. This picture shows the group learning about forced door entries.



In September Officer Corbo visited Windsor Christian Preschool to talk with students about their favorite superheroes and when to call 911.



## Fall Trail Clean Up

Thanks to everyone who came out to help keep the French Creek Trail clean and healthy!



Do you want monthly **Park and Recreation** updates & event information? Sent your request for the E-newsletter to: [mrubin@eastpikeland.org](mailto: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](mailto:mrubin@eastpikeland.org) to sign up.

**DISCOUNT Amusement & Park Tickets Available at Township:**



Tickets are available until Dec. 21 and good through 2019.  
*Cash, check, or credit\* accepted.*  
 Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ  
 Baltimore Aquarium, Baltimore, MD  
 Crayola Experience, Easton, PA  
 Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia, PA  
 Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA  
 Museum of the Amer. Rev., Phila., PA  
**Visit our website to view discount pricing!**  
 \*2.75% service fee added for credit.

**DISCOUNT Movie Tickets**

Regal Cinema PREMIERE movie tickets \$9.50 each  
*Cash, check, or credit\* accepted.*  
 Tickets are available year-round at the Township office. Premiere Tickets are redeemable nationwide at any Regal Cinemas, Edward Theaters, 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.  
 \*2.75% service fee added for credit.



**Park Closing Info**

FYI: Kimberton Park is closed for winter! While you can still access the park, the bathrooms will be closed and water fountains are turned off.



Filing and reporting local payroll taxes is about to get easier

**AS OF 1ST QUARTER 2019\***

*\*File 4th Q 2018 LST with the prior collector*

**FILE LST AND EIT ONLINE WITH KEYSTONE**



<https://Business.KeystoneCollects.com>

- **As of the 1st QUARTER OF 2019\*** file both LST and EIT online with Keystone
- Use your existing Keystone account to report and file both taxes

Employer Helpline  
 (724) 978-0328



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# Bus Safety

The school year is well under way. School bus safety rules must be obeyed at all times. When the red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended or the bus is stopped to unload children, motorists must also stop at least 10 feet from the school bus. Motorists may not proceed until after the red lights stop flashing and the arm is retracted. Please look carefully and make sure all the children are clear of the roadway before one proceeds. Failure to stop for a school bus carries penalty with an automatic 60-day suspension of your driver's license, five points on your record and \$250 fine. Drive safely.



## KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- ◆ These children are transported approximately 400 million miles to school each year.
- ◆ Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST STOP**.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

## SEPARATE ROADWAYS

Drivers may proceed on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

*If In Doubt, STOP!*



Physical barriers include concrete median barriers, metal median barriers, guide rails, etc.



Clearly indicated dividing sections include trees or shrubs, rocks or boulders, a stream, grass, etc.



## 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



## Yard Waste Facility Winter Update

During the winter months the Township's Yard Waste Facility is open during regular weekday hours, but will be closed on Saturdays. The last Saturday the yard will be open is November 17. Saturday hours will resume in the spring.



# 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 37 miles 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 tertiary 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:

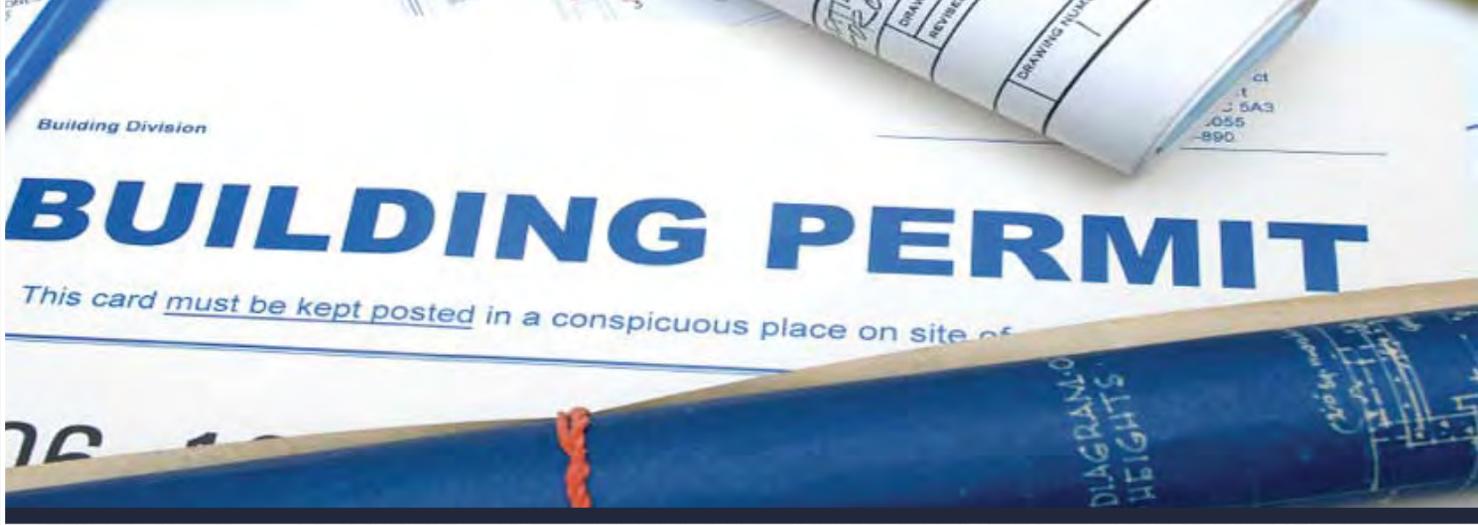
- During a snow event, and especially when a Snow Emergency has been declared, First Responders ask drivers to stay off the roads, if possible.
- Remove your vehicles from the street. Vehicles parked in the roadway or cul-de-sac create a hazard for snow plow operators and do not allow roadways to be 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 before winter. 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 2 ft. 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 property and getting in the way of snow plows.

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

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.*

Please remember to refer to the East Pikeland Township website for the township snow removal policy.



# BUILDING, CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND ZONING

## Building Permit Requirements

A building permit is required for most residential and all commercial construction and renovation projects. If the project involves plumbing, electrical or mechanical work, those specific permits must be also obtained. Sheds and barns under 500 square feet are deemed accessory structures, which require a zoning permit. Contact the zoning officer for setback and building coverage information.

## Burning is PROHIBITED!

Ordinance No. 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.

## Emergency 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 windows). Portable units should always be placed outside to avoid harm from the noxious fumes! Always refer to the manufacturer's specifications for safe placement and be sure to follow the instructions provided with your unit.

## Heating Unit Repair or Replacement

Repair or replacement of your residential heating unit does not require a permit. Conversion of the heating type from electric to gas, propane, etc. does require a mechanical permit, as does the replacement of units for commercial, industrial, educational or other non-residential buildings.

## Historic Structures (Permit Review)

If your home is a designated Historic Resource or located within the Kimberton Village Historic District, any façade changes, including paint, roofing, windows, solar panels, or other exterior changes require review and approval by the East Pikeland Historical Commission prior to commencement of the work. Article XVI of the East Pikeland Zoning Ordinance, entitled Historic Resource Protection Standards, clearly outlines the regulations applicable to historic resources. Accessory structures, such as a detached garages, barns, greenhouses and storage sheds also require review in advance of obtaining a building permit.

## Sheds and other Accessory Structures

Storage sheds and other accessory buildings under 500 square feet require a Zoning Permit and must be setback a minimum distance equal to the height of the structure, but not less than 15 feet from the side and rear property lines. No accessory structures shall be located in the front yard. Footings or other anchoring methods may be required depending on the size of the structure. Structures such as detached garages and pole barns over 500 square feet require a building permit, grading plan and stormwater management.

*All ordinances and permits can be accessed from the township website at [www.eastpikeland.org](http://www.eastpikeland.org).*

# HOLIDAY *Safety* TIPS



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. It is important to practice safe driving habits during the busy holiday season. Also, remember to protect your home and your identity from thieves. There have been reported thefts in neighboring townships and we want to help protect our community. 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. This safety tip also applies to your vehicle when parked at your residence.



- 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!**