



EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

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New Park Planned for Farming Ridge \$69,159.50 DCNR Grant Makes Park Possible

Using natural stormwater management, recycling, conservation, energy efficient and non-polluting materials won Exeter a \$69,159.50 grant from the PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to build a Park at Farming Ridge.

The Park, located at the intersection of Ritters Road & Farming Ridge Boulevard is bordered by over 1,000 homes and can be accessed easily on foot.

Elements of the Park include a 100-person capacity, eco-smart pavilion complete with picnic tables, bathroom facilities, water fountains, a concession stand, an equipment storage facility and two outdoor grills. The pavilion will be made of a wall construction material called "Liteblok", chosen because it is a durable, affordable, light weight building material that is produced in an energy efficient way using 40% less cement. A significant savings in energy and less environmental pollution was realized in the production of "Liteblok". This material has a higher insulation value; does not rot; is vermin resistant; moisture-proof; sound absorbent; and contains no VOXs or potentially toxic substances. Sitting on top of the "Liteblok" interlocked walls will be wooden trusses topped with a 25% recycled, scrap metal roof. Other amenities of the park include a playground with a recycled tire base, security equipment and LED energy-efficient lights.

The entire Park is ADA accessible. The parking lot, with the exception of the ADA accessible portion, will be surfaced with a natural stone base to promote groundwater infiltration and eliminate water runoff into the Owatin Creek.

A riparian area/wetland buffer between the stoned parking area and the Creek will contain trees, wildflowers and plants natural to the area providing opportunities for

passive recreation and interaction.

"The challenge was to balance ecology with cost," said Joe Seltzer, Parks and Recreation Superintendent. "Fortunately, this Park will not cost Exeter residents a cent because the money in the recreation budget used to match the grant funds has been provided by subdivision developers and has been held by the township for this designated purpose."

Partnerships have been formed with the Exeter Lions Club whose members will assemble playground equipment saving the Township \$1,500; the Youth Soccer Association, Exeter Township School District whose new Owatin Elementary School is nearby and whose Principal plans to use the Park for nature study. Boy Scout Troop #319 and Senior Girl Scout Troop #1676 plan to hold nature studies for "Gold Award Projects" and will, periodically, clean up any debris along the Owatin Creek when the Park is in full operation.

Farming Ridge Park is expected to be completed in 2011.



Preparing for the Future

Township staff is fortunate enough to have two, professionally-minded young adults working with them as they complete their “on the job training sessions” this winter. They are 22-year-old Peter William Gerhard, a senior at Penn State University Berks Campus who is studying Business Administration with a focus on Finance; and 19-year-old Rhiannon Elizabeth Trate who is a sophomore at Alvernia University studying Criminal Justice.



Rhiannon is working in the Township’s Police Department as a Federal Work Study Student affiliated with an Alvernia University program. While looking into the program she met Exeter Police Chief Christopher Neidert, who was impressed with her dedication and goals. He selected her through the federal program that pays her to work 12 hours a week in the Police Department. When not here, she works in Rep. Tim Holden’s office, serves as a Cadet in the Civil Air Patrol, is a member of Berks County Crime Alert and is a hostess at Ruby Tuesday’s.

As a Tulpehocken High School student in the gifted program, Rhiannon set her sights early, focusing on the specific goal of becoming an officer in the armed forces. She was ready to fulfill her dream of an appointment to West Point when she sustained a stress injury in her spine that delayed her acceptance to the Academy. She underwent surgery to repair the injury and is now awaiting West Point’s decision to accept her.

Peter requested the opportunity to serve an internship in Exeter’s Administrative Offices at 14 hours a week for academic credit at no cost to the Township. Penn State requires Peter to set and accomplish several goals and objectives during this internship that include a focus on daily accounting functions, developing the resident volunteer program, learning grant writing and creating a “2011 Power Point Budget Presentation” for the Board of Supervisors and the public. At the same time he is completing his winter semester courses in preparation for graduation in 2011.

A graduate of Exeter Township School District and a resident of the Township, Peter has worked at tutoring individual students during the fall and spring semesters at Penn State; interned as a school district custodian and maintenance person; and on Exeter’s highway crew paving roads and maintaining lawn equipment. Through all this, Peter has maintained Dean’s List status in all semesters of his college years.

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2011 Township Tax News Mixed

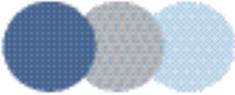
Some might call it “good news, bad news”. We call it reality. Township officials have announced **there will be no increase in the general real estate tax** which will remain at 1.64 mills per \$100,000 of assessed value. That means residents will pay \$164 on every \$100,000 of a home’s assessed value.

However, **there will be a 0.1 mill increase in the Debt Service Tax** to repay the loan for the acquisition of the Reading Country Club property or an increase of \$10 per \$100,000 of assessed value. According to Township Manager Troy Bingaman, last year there was an over compensation in the decrease of the Debt Service Tax and a higher expectation of revenues coming in. Between Golf and Food & Beverage, a contribution to the Debt Service of approximately \$300,000 was made instead of approximately \$400,000 as budgeted.

A slacking economy and weather related issues reduced Golf’s income, and estimates of incentive fees for Food & Beverage were not accounted for in 2010’s budget. Even though it has been a tough economy, there is a **silver lining**. According to Chef Alan’s executives, the food & beverage business picked up in October and November, and while the numbers are not yet calculated for December at this printing, increased business is expected for the 2010 holidays.

Also, **there will be a 0.165 mill increase in the Fire Tax** or \$16.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value. **This tax will eliminate the annual fund drive mailing historically conducted by the Fire Department and raise required funds for future apparatus replacement.**

Finally, **there will be a sewer rate increase of approximately \$14 per quarter on the average residential bill.** According to Paul Herb, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, declining revenues and the need to upgrade the aging portions of plant to continue to meet Department of Environmental Protection Permit regulations are the reasons. There is a **silver lining** here also because the new Biosolids Dryer, after being tested and when in full operation, will eliminate the approximately \$600,000 in landfill disposal fees currently being paid. “It will take much of 2011 to clear all the hurdles necessary to produce Biosolids for alternate uses, keeping them out of the landfill and realizing the savings,” said Mr. Herb.



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Spring Solid Waste Collections

Household Hazardous Waste will be collected April 16th at the Exeter Township Building from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (rain or shine). Collected will be oil paints; turpentine; wood preservatives; paint thinners; solvents; oil-based paints; varnishes and stains; weed killers; pesticides; asphalt & driveway sealants; pool chemicals; herbicides & fungicides; antifreeze; gasoline; transmission oil; motor oil; automotive paints & finishes; solvents; disinfectants; rug, oven & drain cleaners; photographic chemicals; floor & furniture polish; and lithium, NiCad & button batteries.

Tire Collection & Paper Shredding is scheduled for April 30th at the Exeter Township Building from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (rain or shine)

Pharmaceuticals will be collected on May 7th at the Exeter Township Building from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (rain or shine).

The **Electronic Recycling Center**, 1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA has collected 3,661 items from 1,137 County residents since its opening in the fall. The Center will continue to be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to Noon, with other days and times available by appointment.

The items accepted include Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Radios, Stereos, Televisions, VCRs, Fax Machines, Copiers, Telephones, Answering Machines, Mobile Phones, Microwaves and Fluorescent Bulbs. **No refrigerators or freezers will be accepted.**

Fees - \$2.00 each will be charged for all electronic items. \$20 each will be charged for televisions. Batteries, Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers will be accepted free of charge.

Questions can be answered by calling (610) 478-6362 or by checking the BCSWA Website for details at www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

Trout Run Brush Depository Spring/Summer Hours Begin with Daylight Savings Time on

**March 13, 2011
8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.
7-DAYS-A-WEEK**

Only brush and grass clippings are accepted at Trout Run. Township-Made Mulch is free of charge and available for residents to take.

**Proof of residency may be requested.
Please be prepared to show your driver's license or a form of identification verifying your address.**

The Trout Run Brush Depository is located at the end of E. Neversink Road.



Snow Removal

Residents are advised to wait to clear the end of their driveways and walkways **until after the snow plow has cleared their street.** The reason is that plowing pushes snow to the sides of the streets and will block the entrance to the driveway.

Cul-de-sacs in residential developments will be cleared as quickly as possible and are usually done after the main road has been cleared. This process takes a while as there are only three trucks small enough to clear them.

Residents are encouraged to work with municipal employees to resolve any situations that occur during snow plowing season.

This can be done by calling the Township building at (610) 779-5660. **The office will be staffed during regular business hours - 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. in inclement weather and in snow falls.**

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Never Too Soon To Think “Spring”!

The following programs will be offered by the Township in the spring. They are “**Mulch by the Scoop**” that offers Exeter residents the opportunity to purchase one or more 3.5 cubic yard scoops of Township-made mulch loaded into the resident’s truck at the Trout Run Recycling Center on E. Neversink Road.

Two Saturday’s in May on the 14th and 21st from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon have been designated for the program.

Residents can pre-purchase a voucher for \$10 per scoop at the Township building that can be exchanged for the mulch. The Loader Operator at Trout Run will not accept the fee nor will he issue the necessary waiver. Mulch will continue to be available free in either small or large amounts for those who want to shovel it themselves.

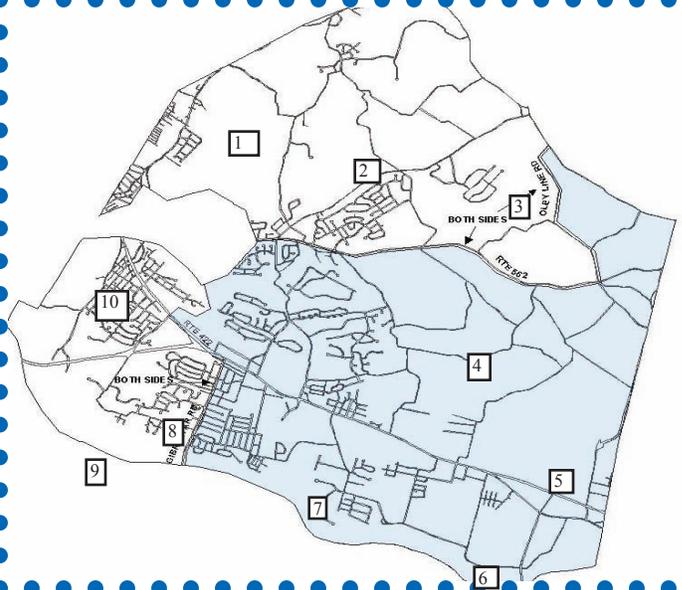
Township Highway Crews are scheduled to collect brush curbside from residents during the month of May in the “**Spring Brush Pick-up**”. Brush will be collected **Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 6th** on the north side of Route 422. From **Monday, May 9th to and including Friday, May 13th** brush will be collected on the south side of Route 422. Brush should be bundled, tied and left on the curb by 7:00 A.M. on the first day of each week as crews will be collecting throughout the week. Please do not put brush in plastic bags, and brush should be cut into lengths about 4 feet long and no longer in diameter than 4 inches.

Spring Clean Up

Spring Clean up has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 16th for residents living in the Recycling Zones of 1,2,3,8,9, 10 and Saturday, April 23rd for residents living in Recycling Zones 4,5,6,7.**

Curbside collections will begin at 8:00 A.M. Examples of items that can be picked up are washers & dryers; refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers that have a freon-free sticker from a certified refrigeration services company attached.

For more information call J.P. Mascaro at (610) 779-8807



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Mommy & Me Classes!

Winter Session classes will be held on Wednesday mornings in January for infant to pre-school age children. Classes are 45 minutes long.

For information and registration call (484) 336-0268; email enrichacademy@aol.com or go to the Exeter Township Website at www.exetertownship.com Click on Parks & Rec.



**Crime Prevention Officer
David L. Behm #166**

“Cop’s Corner”

By Officer David L. Behm

Hello Exeter Residents! The Officers of the Exeter Township Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit hope you have had a safe and happy Holiday season. Winter is now upon us and soon the warm breezes of spring will blow away the snow and bring out the spring foliage.

The Exeter Township Police Department continues to encourage Citizens to remain vigilant against the bad guys during these long winter nights. Do not let yourselves become easy targets for criminals! I wish articles like this would not be needed and we could keep all the criminals locked up, but that is not the case. I appreciate the opportunity to take a

few minutes of your time again to help keep you and your loved ones from falling victim to some criminal who would rather take away what you have earned than go out and earn something himself.

The last time we talked, I discussed some personal safety suggestions regarding awareness of yourself and how you appear, of your surroundings and what could indicate danger, and of other people and whether or not they are suspicious. I promised I would discuss other things you can do personally regarding your attitude and behavior that could help you if some maggot makes you a target. Well, let’s not beat around the bush, if you are taking the time to read this, then I owe you some straight talk. There are two hard questions Police Officers get asked very often. We will take them one at a time.

SHOULD I FIGHT BACK OR NOT? This is a question Police Officers are asked over and over again. There is no simple or absolute answer for everyone. The response would differ for each person depending on their attitude, physical size, age, and skill level. What I can tell you based upon my research and experience is that statistics indicate a victim’s odds of being seriously injured during a robbery or sexual assault are split about 50/50 between those who fought back and those who complied with the attacker. This means your chances of being hurt are about the same whether you choose to fight or choose to do what the jerk tells you to do. I have personally known sexual assault victims who fought back and others who did not. In my experience, the recovery from the crime is faster for those who resisted because they did something. Does this mean everyone should fight back during all crimes all the time? **The answer is no. Circumstances are everything.** What does the bad guy want? If it is just money, **GIVE IT TO HIM**, because nothing in your purse or wallet is worth you getting hurt. But don’t just hand him your wallet or purse. **THROW IT!** Preferably in the **OPPOSITE** direction from which you intend to **RUN** when he goes after it. If all he wants is money, he will follow the money. If he wants something more, he will come after you, but at least you will have a small head start and you will be screaming **“HELP!! – FIRE!!”** at the top of your lungs to draw attention (throw in the **“FIRE”** part because people seem to come running to see what’s burning). **Bad guys do NOT want attention.** If you do decide to fight an attacker because he is coming after you, do so as loudly as possible. Also, commit yourself totally and do not “fight fair.” Stomp feet, claw eyes, elbow throats, and knee crotches to try and get away. Remember what we talked about in the past, **DISTANCE** is your friend. Do whatever you can to get distance between you and your assailant. Does all this mean that the Exeter Police think that you should all fight bad guys all the time? Absolutely not. The choice must be yours alone, because only you know your own abilities and limits.

SHOULD I REPORT THE CRIME TO THE POLICE? The answer to this question may seem simple and obvious to those who have not been victimized. The reality is that many victims feel violated, embarrassed, humiliated, and, above all, scared. Reporting a crime means a victim will re-live the crime as they describe the incident to a Police Officer. Many victims would rather “just put it behind them” or “try to forget it” after a crime. Here it is folks, that scumball is still going to be out there if the Police are not told about him. Some people say that the justice system or the Police “probably won’t catch him anyway, so what’s the point?” **The only sure way to know that a bad guy will get away with what he did to you is if you never report it at all.** In addition, you almost guaranteed that he will continue to commit crimes, because he will have gotten away with making you a target. He may know where you live after a crime, and I do not want him to pay you another visit. Remember, the world is small sometimes, and the next person he targets may be someone you care about. Then how would you feel? Also, for minor crimes, you will not be “bothering the Police with nothing” if you report them. The Police would rather be aware of criminal activity than let it run unchecked and uninvestigated, because then the crimes will increase in frequency and possibly in violence.

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Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms



Berks County Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht announced his department will be issuing Pennsylvania Licenses to Carry Firearms at the Exeter Township Municipal Building on Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Sheriff Weaknecht said this was part of a new effort to issue licenses at remote locations within the County.

Applicants are to bring a Pennsylvania Drivers License or Pennsylvania Photo Identification Card and payment of \$25 cash or check. After filling out the application, a computer background check will be performed immediately. Upon successful completion of the background check, the license will be issued.

Further information or answers to any questions can be obtained by calling (610) 478-6240 or by going to website www.CountyofBerks.com/Sheriff

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These two questions are hard to find universal answers for. No matter what answers you decide are right for you, please know the Officers of the Exeter Township Police Department are here for you and working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to try to keep you safe. Call us if you have questions about your safety or have been the victim of a crime. We will do our best to help you and to pursue justice.

If you found *“Cops Corner”* to be helpful and would like us to continue the forum, please take the time to let your Township Office know. Requests for safety talks for your business or Community group can be made by contacting the Police Department to schedule arrangements at (610) 779-1490. The Exeter Township Police Department is very supportive of Crime Prevention measures and wishes you a safe and happy winter and spring season!

David L. Behm, #166
Crime Prevention Officer

Handwritten signature of David L. Behm, #166

Office of Crime Prevention
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Fax: (610) 779-2918
Email: info@exeterpolice.com
Website: www.exeterpolice.com

Exeter Parks & Recreation 2011 Annual Events Schedule

February 19 - *"Family Fun Night"* 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. at "The Body Zone"

April 9 - *"Easter Egg Hunt"* 11 A.M. at Community Park
(Rain Date April 10)

May 20 & 21 - *"May Days"* from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. at Exeter High School

June 4 - *"Playground Registration"* from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at
Dunn Community Center

June 6 - *"Youth Basketball"* ages 12-14 years old at Community Park

June 7 - *"Youth Basketball"* ages 8-12 years old at Community Park

June 13 - *"Playgrounds"* begin at Exeter Parks

June 13 - *"Tennis"* for 9-13 year olds begins at Community Park

June 14 - *"Street Hockey"* for 9-14 year olds begins at Lorane Hollow Park

June 14 - *"Lacrosse"* for 9-13 year olds begins at Trout Run Sports Complex

June 16 - *"Skateboarding"* for 9-14 year olds begins at Pineland Park

September 10 - *"5th Annual EX Games"* will be held at 11 A.M. in Pineland Park
(Rain Date - September 11)

September 23 - *"10th Annual Exeter Township Golf Tournament"* at RCC

October 7, 8, 9 - *"11th Annual Hay Ride"* from 6:30 to 9:30 at Trout Run

December 5 - *"Festival of Lights"* at 6 P.M. at the Reading Country Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out Exeter's Website at www.exetertownship.com Registration forms are on line and can be downloaded for your convenience. Forms also can be picked up at all Exeter Elementary and Middle Schools, and at the Township Building, 4975 DeMoss Road. If more information is needed call the Township Administration Office at (610) 779-5660 or **JOE SELTZER** at 610-406-0263.

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Family Fun Night Scheduled



Mark your calendars! Saturday, February 19th is the date for **"Family Fun Night"** to be held at the Body Zone on Broadcasting Road in Wyomissing. This event is a local speciality that provides an opportunity for parents and children to play Basketball or Soccer, and to Ice Skate from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The cost is \$8 in advance plus \$1 for skate rentals, or \$12 at the door.



"Family Fun Night" is open to Township residents only. Register on line at www.exetertownship.com or at the Township Building, at 4975 DeMoss Road.

Easter Egg Hunt



Exeter's Annual Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 9th at 11:00 A.M.** in Community Park. The rain date is **Sunday, April 10th.**

Children ages 1-2 will start first, followed by children ages 3-4; then ages 5-6; and finishing with ages 7-9. No preregistration necessary.

Hay Ride Thank You's



The success of our 2010 Hayride rests on the shoulders of the following people who worked hard to please the 3,500 people that showed up for the event. They are: **Scenes & Planning** - Denise Kramer & Girl Scout Troop #1676; Sue Roth & Girl Scout Troop #1909; Michelle Koch & Girl Scout Troop #1091; Pat Frederick, Lornia Light & Troop #1076. Alan Blackburn & Boy Scout Troop #319; Mike & Carol Fritz and Adah Raffensberger; Brittany Czimcharo & Family; Shannon Santillo; Herbert & Lizzie Weimar; Brendan Clark & Family; **Pictures and Planning** - The Rev. Wendy Orzolek "North Star United Methodist Church"; Steph Yorks & the Exeter Fire Company; **Rock Band** - Brad Kopicz; All Exeter High School Community Service Volunteers; **Crafts** - Dawn Greenleaf & the "Metro Bank" employees & Denise Deisher & "PNC Bank" employees; **Haunted House** - Tony & Sue Kopicz, Rich Haddock & Family, Dona Starr and Sue; **Radios** - Jeff Koch "Radio Maintenance Inc."

Costume Contest & Dance Party - Dennis & Mollie O'Neil & DJ Special D; **Face Painting** - Maria Hutchco; **Parking** - Exeter Fire Police; **Food Service** - Cheryl Franckowiak, Clarence Hamm, Linda Cusimano, Eric Gardecki, Alli Franckowiak, Ken Smith, Amy Kapaona, Tracie Trumbo & Doris Heckman.

Wagons & Straw - Ron Wegman; **Tickets** - Pat Grim, Tracey Cousins, Sally Traczuk, Brenda Jordan, Lisa McKenrick, Gary Lloyd, John Heckman & Troy Bingaman; **Tractor Drivers** - Justin Greenleaf, Brad Richmond, John Shape, Mike Treivel, Joe Seltzer Jr., & Jeff Shilling; **Stair Workers** - Jenna Smith, Amy Oestreich, Jamie Lewendowski & Jen Crose; **Carnival Games** - Laura Lewendowski & Albert Albrecht; **Set up & Clean up** - Exeter Sewer Department, Highway Department & Parks Department employees; and **Equipment and Highway Sign** - Officer Dave Bentz.

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Exeter Youth Sports Registration Information

Exeter Youth Sports is a program separately run from Exeter Township's Recreation Department Programs. Since the Township receives so many inquiries from residents on how to reach those who run those programs, we are providing a list of names and contacts below. Hopefully this will be helpful. Questions regarding any of these programs can be answered by calling the phone numbers listed.

Baseball/Softball

Little League - President Russ Hart **Website:** www.exeterlittleleague.org **Phone:** (610) 689-9847
Ages 5-15 Sign up in January each year. **See notice below.**

Legion Baseball

Coach - Anthony Fegely **Website:** www.exeterlegionbaseball.org **Phone:** (610) 468-7980
Junior Legion Ages 13-15
Sr. Babe Ruth Ages 16-18
Legion Ages 16-18

Adult Softball

Contact - Mike Wawrzonek **Website:** mwawrzonek44@hotmail.com **Phone:** (610) 763-7990

Soccer

President - Peter Cress **Website:** www.eyasoccer.com **Phone:** (610) 463-8593
Player Development - Cindy Wilson
Ages 5-16

Football

Football Operations - Troy Blank **Website:** www.exeteryouthfootball.org **Phone:** (610) 779-0895
Ages 5-12

Lacrosse

President - Diana **Website:** www.exetertownshiplacrosse.vnsports.com

Cheerleading - Erica Hammock **Phone:** (610) 779-0460

Ages 7-12

EYBA

Exeter Youth Basketball Association - Ron Boland **Phone:** (610) 689-9044



Registration for Exeter Little League Baseball & Softball signups (ages 4-19) will be held on two Saturdays in January on the 15th and 29th, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Dunn Community Center.

Registration forms for returning players were mailed in December. Forms for new players will be available on the sign up days or can be downloaded from the Website www.exeterlittleleague.org

Children registering for the first time or those that did not play last year are to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

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Registration Notice

Sign-ups for **Stonersville F.C. Flames Inc.** Girls Fast Pitch Softball (Ages 6-16) will be held on January 5, 12 & 19 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Lausch Elementary School.

The group offers winter workouts, spring and fall league play and tournaments for all age groups.

For more information contact John Schollenberger by email stonersvilleflames@rocketmail.com or call (610) 741-3083 or visit their website at www.stonersvillefirecompanyflames.baberuthonline.com



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Aerobics Are Back

Aerobic classes resume at the Dunn Community Center beginning January 25th.



“Strength and Tone” - Tuesdays from 6:00 P.M. - 6:50 P.M.

“Fundamental Basic Fitness” - **Thursday Mornings** from 9:30 A.M. - 10:20 A.M. Beginner exercises, abs & stretching. Seniors are welcome.



“Pilates to the Core” - Wednesday, 7 P.M.- 7:50 P.M. The class combines traditional pilates mat exercises with the use of rings, light weights, bars & floor focusing on the core.

“Mat Pilates/Stretch” - **Tuesday Mornings** from 9:30 A.M. - 10:20 A.M. Learn to strengthen and tone your body with a sequence of exercises.

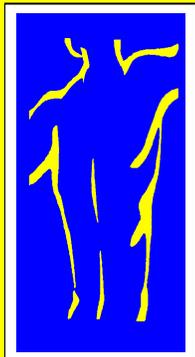


“Zumba” - Thursdays, 7 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

This is a latin music based class that combines easy to follow dance and fitness steps. The class is a colorie/fat burning workout that sculpts and energizes your body.

The cost for a 10-week class is \$40; \$75 for 2 and \$115 for 3 classes. Flyers available on line.

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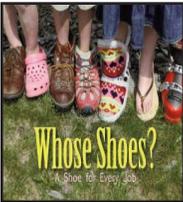
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Special Programs Set for Children at Exeter Library



“Sleepytime Storytime” - an enchanting, monthly, read-aloud program of classics will be held on Wednesday evenings January 12, February 9, March 16, April 20 and May 4 from 7:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the Library. A special costume character will stop by to visit. Children are encouraged to wear their most comfortable pajamas. **“Sleepytime”** is free, open to children of all ages and registration is not required.



“OneBook, Every Young Child” will be held on Tuesday April 6, at 6:00 P.M. This is a collaborative early literacy program designed to encourage parents to read, share and talk about books with their children. The featured book is **“Whose Shoes?”** by Stephen Swinburne. This event is free and open to children four-years-old and older. Registration is required and begins by calling the Library on March 7 at (610) 406-9431.



Daniel Kirk

Daniel Kirk, author and illustrator of over 30 children’s books, will host an event on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 P.M. featuring some of his most popular books. Among the selections will be the picture books **“Skateboard Monster”**, **“Library Mouse”**, **“Block City”**, **“Elf Realm”** and **“Rex Tabby”**. He will be available for autographs of his newest book **“Elf Realm - The Road’s End”** at the end of his presentation. This event is free. Children age four and up as well as teachers, writers and adults are encouraged to attend. Registration is required and begins March 13 by calling the Library at (610) 406-9431.

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EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

What's In Your Emergency Survival Kit?

“Because emergencies that paralyze entire communities are rare, people don’t always think to be prepared for one,” said Exeter’s Emergency Manager H. David Miller. He asked all Exeter residents to think about what it would be like to be on your own for 72 hours without clean drinking water, heat, electricity, either landline or cellphones, and television.

“It wouldn’t take a catastrophic act to be put in this position,” said Miller, “A simple storm could do it.”

He advises being prepared by assembling an **Emergency Survival Kit** containing the following: **Three-day supply of water and canned goods; can opener; battery-powered, hand-cranked radio & a NOAA Weather Radio with Tone Alert; Batteries; flashlights; a first aid kit; a whistle to call for help; dust masks; moist towelettes; and a wrench or pliers to turn off utilities. Other items might include access to prescription medications; infant formula & diapers; pet food; warm blankets or sleeping bags for the family and copies of important documents kept together in a zip-lock bag.**

For more information or to get more detail for your “kit” go to the website www.ready.gov

NOTE

“Friends and Family Community CPR Day” will be held by Exeter Ambulance on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Ambulance Center located behind the Township Building at 4975 DeMoss Road. For more information visit Exeter Ambulance on line at www.exeterambulance.org or call (610) 779-7687

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Preliminary Operation Underway

In mid December, Exeter's Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Dryer began its preliminary operation procedure. Currently, tests are being conducted on the Biosolids as they are processed to regulate the granular size and consistency of the end product.



Dryer Installation in November 2010

Since the 72-ton Biosolids Dryer arrived, construction crews and Wastewater Treatment Plant personnel have worked at a record pace to complete the installation of the new Dryer and its many component parts.

At the same time training was conducted on the operation of the two new centrifuge units that replaced the old, less efficient belt-filter presses.

Christmas Tree Disposal Options

Do it Yourself: The Trout Run Recycling Complex, on E. Neversink Road is the place to take your natural Christmas Trees after the holiday season is over.



Throughout the winter months they will be ground into mulch by Township crews along with other deposited brush. In the spring, residents can enjoy their trees all over again by using the free mulch available at the recycling complex.

or

Have the Boy Scouts Do it For You: For a minimal donation fee of \$5.00, Boy Scout Troop #319 will pick up your tree for disposal on **Saturday morning, January 8th only.**

To get more information on this service log on to the Scouts website at www.troop319.us

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EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Exeter's Guide to Permits

Many questions have been asked regarding permit requirements especially since Exeter adopted the State's Uniform Construction Code regulation (UCC). Below for your convenience is the list of permits required and the list of permits not required in Exeter Township. These are general categories and if more detailed information is needed, the Engineering Department can be of help by calling (610) 779-5702 or going to the Township website at www.exetertownship.com

Permits Required

Sheds	Non-Residential repairs, additions, improvements or alterations
Pools greater than 24" water depth	Roofs over decks or patios
Fences	Roof replacement when greater than 25%
Additions	New windows/doors in load bearing walls
Garages (attached or detached)	Mechanical additions - piping, wiring, lighting, heating & cooling
Decks	Impact or no impact home-based business
Driveways (new, extensions or repaving)	Demolition of a structure
New homes	Retaining walls & sidewalks
Accessory structures	Signs
Patios	
Any change of tenant, use or occupancy (any existing non-residential bldg.)	
Temporary Tents	

No Permits Required

Siding Installation
 Non-Bearing walls in residential construction
 Residential swings and playgrounds
 Pools - water depth is less than 24"
 Gutters and downspouts
 Appliance replacement
 Propane or liquid petroleum appliances and associated piping
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 Drywall application
 Replacement of cabinets & countertops
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Economic Development Advisory Council Seeks Community Input

Your Opinion Counts...

Exeter's newly formed Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC), as its first order of business, is conducting "a needs assessment" in the form of two surveys. **One is for residents** to express their rate of satisfaction with living, working and playing in Exeter. **The second is for existing businesses** to understand their satisfaction with being located in Exeter, and to identify any immediate needs they may have.

Both surveys are brief, to the point and are now available. To make it easy, the survey can be completed on the Township website at www.exetertownship.com by clicking on the link that will take you to a digital input screen. Or, for those who prefer, a paper copy can be obtained at and returned to the Township building, 4975 DeMoss Road. The Township building administrative offices are open Monday-Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The purpose of the EDAC is to help Exeter improve the community's well-being through job creation, business growth and income growth, as well as through improvements to the community that enhance the quality of life and strengthen the economy.

The 5-member Council was officially formed in November of 2010 by Exeter's Board of Supervisors. The Council members are **Hamid B. Chaudhry**, Chairman; **Dave Hurlbrink**, Vice Chairman; **Carolyn Brunschwyler**, Secretary; and **Dr. Patrick Borja** and **Dr. Manny Wittels** as members. The public is invited to attend Council meetings that are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Township building.



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