



EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Edition 1

First Quarter, 2012

Jeff Bukowski & Gary Lloyd Win Board Election

In the Exeter Township Board of Supervisors November 8th Winner Circle are **Jeff Bukowski**, Exeter's newest Board member, and **Gary Lloyd**, who has been re-elected. Each will serve a 6-year-term.



Jeff Bukowski

Mr. Bukowski has lived with his family in Exeter's Pathfinder Woods subdivision since 2004. He is a 1987 graduate of University of Pennsylvania attending on a NROTC scholarship and served for five years as an active-duty commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet. After leaving active duty, Jeff attended law school and is currently a partner in the Stevens & Lee law firm.

Mr. Bukowski is an advocate of volunteer service in our community and is a founding board member of the Exeter Community Education Foundation. He stated his core mission is to keep our community safe, by providing first-class police and fire protection, road, park and other municipal services in a cost-effective manner; and to give residents and businesses a voice in their community government. He has promised to work hard to keep property tax rates at current levels and help attract new businesses to grow Exeter's tax base.



Gary Lloyd

Mr. Lloyd was elected to the Exeter Board in 2009 for a 2-year term and has successfully won re-election to a 6-year term. Mr. Lloyd resides in Reiffton with his young family and works as a construction design consultant in the Greater Philadelphia Region working with architects, colleges, hospitals and major institutions on projects and building designs in a cost-effective way. He holds a degree in Civil Engineering and Construction Management from the University of Pittsburgh.

He stated his goal as a Supervisor has always been, and will continue to be, ensuring the Township operates efficiently and as cost effectively as possible. He stated as Township revenues continue to decline and costs go up, he would find ways to accomplish Township goals.

Messers Bukowski and Lloyd join Exeter's three other Supervisors who are:

Don Wilson



Don Wilson is in the 5th year of his 6-year term. He has served as Board Chairman and also as the Chairman of the Township's Planning Commission.

Dona Starr



Dona Starr is in the 5th year of her 2nd consecutive 6-year term. As Board Chair for two years she oversaw many significant economic changes.

Ken Smith



Ken Smith is in the 3rd of his 6-year term. Mr. Smith continues to be fiscally conservative on township economic matters.

Exeter Township thanks **Michelle Kircher** for her dedicated service to the Exeter community during the two, six-year terms she served as a Township Supervisor.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Exeter Township's Business Office will be closed on

Friday, April 6, 2012

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Mailbox Replacement Policy

During snow storms, sometimes mailboxes and mailbox posts become victims of the snow plows. In order to

be fair, the Township adopted a policy last year for the replacement of the damaged items.

The policy is: ***The Township will replace a damaged mailbox and post with a standard mailbox and post, or will pay the homeowner \$15.00 to replace a damaged mailbox and/or \$20 to replace a pressure treated post for a total of \$35 if both are damaged. Installation of the replacement mailbox and post will be the responsibility of the homeowner.***

Residents with mailbox damage can purchase the items and bring the bill to the township for reimbursement or can request a new mailbox and/or post by calling (610) 779-5660.

Snow Removal

When the Snow Falls, highway crews will be ready to clear the streets. Residents are advised to wait to clear the end of their driveways and walkways until after the 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.



Those that live on cul-de-sacs in residential developments usually have their roadway cleared after the main road has been cleared. Since there are only three trucks small enough to clear them, this process may take a while.

Residents are encouraged to be patient as the crews will work as fast as they can.

Trout Run Winter Hours

Winter Hours Start November 1st

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“Mulch by the Scoop”

Exeter’s “*Mulch by the Scoop*” program will be offered on two Saturday’s in May on the 19th and the 26th at the Trout Run Recycling Center on W. Neversink Road.

This program offers Exeter residents the opportunity to purchase one or more 3.5 cubic yard scoops of *Township-made mulch* loaded into a resident’s truck.

Residents can pre-purchase a voucher for \$10 a scoop at the Township building that can be exchanged for the mulch. The Loader Operator will only accept vouchers for the mulch, and will not accept money or will he issue the necessary waiver. Mulch will continue to be available free for those who want to shovel it themselves.

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A Trip To “Mulch Mountain”



The Trout Run Recycling Complex Mulch Pile reaches high into the sky as the result of all the brush processed from the October storm clean up. (above)
The picture at right is a view from the base of “Mulch Mountain”.
On the bright side, there should be plenty of mulch for the spring planting season.

Yep... we’ve got a lot of it... mulch at Trout Run that is. Since the October snow storm downed limbs from hundreds of trees, residents in our community and in St. Lawrence have been using the Trout Run Recycling Complex on E. Neversink Road as their depository for all those broken tree limbs. Tub Grinder Operator Ryan Rissmiller has been busy processing the brush into a 35-foot-high, 20-foot-wide, 50-foot-long **“Mountain of Mulch”**.

Demand for access to the depository increased in the two weeks after the storm, when approximately 200 additional residents came to the township building to purchase their \$4 Security Access Card for the brush depository facility. The count to date of security cards sold in Exeter Township and in St. Lawrence numbers 2,600. Exeter residents purchased 2,375 cards; and St. Lawrence residents purchased 225 cards. Putting those numbers in perspective means close to 10% of Exeter’s population now own their very own Security Access Card; and 12% of St. Lawrence residents own cards.

Unfortunately, since the facility is strictly for use by Exeter and St. Lawrence residents, several people from other communities were turned away when they wanted to purchase cards to dump the broken tree limbs from their properties.

Also, the township has had requests from neighboring municipalities to officially participate in the brush depository by contributing a portion of its operating costs. “Expanding the use of Trout Run to other communities is under consideration primarily to see if the facility is large enough to accommodate the additional tons of brush and to determine how much more manpower would be needed to do so,” said Clarence Hamm, Highway Superintendent and the person in charge of the facility operations.

“We’re very happy we have this convenience for use by our residents,” said Township Manager Troy Bingaman, “especially when you see how valuable it is in a storm situation like the one we had in October.”

Residents can view **“Mulch Mountain”** from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M., 7 days a week, and, hopefully, leave with free samples.

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Large Recycling Bins Relocated to Trout Run

The large recycling bins that had been located at the township building for residents to deposit recyclable items has been moved to the Trout Run Recycling Center on E. Neversink Road.

A Trout Run Security Access Card is needed to access the Center by vehicle and can be purchased at the Township office at 4975 DeMoss Road for a \$4 one-time fee.

The recycling bins can be used to collect **cans, bottles, plastics, cardboard and paper.**

Still available at the township building are recepticals for **used motor oil, oil filters and antifreeze** including the containers used to transport the items. Residents having questions can contact the township at (610) 779-5660.

Recycling Makes Cents

Spring Brush Pick Up Schedule

Mark your 2012 calendars as the highway crews are scheduled to collect brush curbside from residents during the month of May.

From Monday, May 7th through and including Friday, May 11th, brush will be collected on the northside of Route 422.

From Monday, May 14th through and including Friday, May 18th, brush will be collected on the south side of Route 422.

Brush should be at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Monday of the week of collection in your area. The crews will only have the opportunity to make one round per area and brush will be collected sometime during the week.

Brush must be bundled and tied in pieces no longer than 4 feet in diameter.



Recycling Collections Listed



Household Hazardous Waste

will be collected **April 21st at Exeter Township's Municipal 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.

Paper Shredding & Pharmaceuticals

will be collected on **April 28th at Exeter Township's Municipal Building from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

The Electronic Recycling Center, 1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA 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, fluorescent bulbs, air conditioners & dehumidifiers, and all items that plug in or run on batteries. No refrigerators or freezers will be accepted.

Tire Recycling will be available full-time in 2012 at the Recycling Center.

Fees - \$1.00 each will be charged for all electronic items except TVs.

\$5 each is the charge for TVs 20" & smaller; and

\$10 each is the fee for 20" & larger.

There is no charge for batteries, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

Check BCSWA Website for details and more information at www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

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Republic Services Inc. Exeter's New Recycler



(left to right) Allied Driver Kevin Sorenson, Allied Waste Division Manager Jeff DeAngelo and Township Manager Troy Bingaman pose in front of truck residents will see collecting recycling in 2012.

Exeter Township residents will see *Allied Waste Services* trucks collecting recyclables in 2012.

Allied's corporate owner, Republic Services Inc., was the lowest bidder and was awarded the 2012-2014 collection & transportation contract of recyclable materials for Exeter Township's residential recycling program at a per year cost of \$195,816 or \$23.88 per residential household unit. JP Mascaro will facilitate the processing & marketing. **There will be NO INCREASE in the \$20 annual fee residents currently pay for recycling.** The reason is the cost to operate the recycling program, which includes yard waste recycling, collection labor & equipment maintenance, and recycling containers, is subsidized by the Department

of Environmental Protection's Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant, the most recent of which was \$130,849; and recycling rebates from Cougles Recycling Inc., facilitated by J.P. Mascaro, are about \$11,000 annually.

Republic Services Inc., owner of Allied Waste Services of Schuylkill Valley, is a leader in solid waste and recycling collection services throughout Berks County. Operating from its Leesport facility, Republic is the exclusive waste and/or recycling collection contractor for nine Berks County municipalities.

Recycling Notes for Residents

A color-coded schedule of recycling collection days for each zone should arrive at each resident's home early in January. If your schedule has not arrived by January 15th please call the township office at (610)779-5660.

Collections will be made every other week at curbside between 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Please place your recyclables out the night before.

During weeks that contain holidays, each collection day will be made on the following day. Occasionally collections will be made on Saturdays.

Two recycling containers are provided free of charge to each household and can be obtained by contacting Exeter Township's Municipal Office at (610) 779-5660. Residents needing more than two containers will be charged \$5 for each additional container, or can obtain a "recycling sticker" free of charge to be placed on a moderate-sized container of their own.

Acceptable Recyclables include Newspapers; office paper; magazines; junk mail; clear & colored glass bottles; aluminum & tin cans; plastic bottles & containers with numbers #1 thru #7 (*numbers found on the bottom of container*); and cardboard cut into lengths no longer than four feet and tied together with string or cord.

Web Site Information - Recycling program and contact information can be found at www.exetertownship.com

PARKS AND RECREATION

AEROBICS AT DUNN COMMUNITY CENTER



*Classes are ongoing. You can register anytime.
The next class sessions begins January 9th.*

"Strength and Tone"

Mondays from 5:30 P.M. - 6:20 P.M.
Tuesdays from 6:00 P.M. - 6:50 P.M.

"Pilates to the Core"

Wednesdays from 7:00 P.M. - 7:50 P.M.
The class combines traditional pilates, mat with the use of rings, light weights, bars & floor exercises, core focus.

"Zumba"

Mondays from 6:30 P.M. - 7:20 P.M.
Thursdays from 7:00 P.M. - 7:50 P.M.
Saturdays from 8:30 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.

This is a Latin music-based class that combines easy to follow dance and fitness steps. The class is a calorie/fat burning workout that can sculpt and energize your body.

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

Go to www.exetertownship.com for more information.



Easter Egg Hunt Date Set



Exeter's Annual Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 24th at 11:00 A.M. in Community Park.** The rain date is **Sunday, March 31st.** Children ages 1-2 will start first; followed by children ages 3-4; then ages 5-6; and finishing with ages 7-9. No pre-registration is necessary.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT



FAMILY FUN NIGHT has been scheduled for Saturday, February 18th and will be held at The Body Zone on Broadcasting Road in Wyomissing.

This event is a local specialty that provides an opportunity for parents and children to play Basketball or Soccer, and to Ice Skate together 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 Exeter Township residents only.

Get registration forms on line at www.exetertownship.com

or at the Exeter Township Municipal Building, 4975 DeMoss Road. For more information on this or any other Exeter Recreation Department program call Joe Seltzer at (610) 406-0263.

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Exeter Parks & Recreation

2012 Annual Events Schedule

February 18 - *"Family Fun Night"* 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. at "The Body Zone"

March 24 - *"Easter Egg Hunt"* 11 A.M. at Community Park
(Rain Date - March 31)

May 18 & 19 - *"May Days"* from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. at Exeter High School

June 2 - *"Playground Registration"* from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
at the Dunn Community Center on Prestwick Drive

June 4 - *"Youth Basketball"* ages 12-14 year olds at Community Park

June 5 - *"Youth Basketball"* ages 8-12 year olds at Community Park

June 11 - *"Playground Programs Begin"* at Exeter Parks

June 12 - *"Street Hockey"* for 9-14 year olds begins at Lorane Hollow Park

June 12 - *"LaCrosse"* for 9-13 year olds at Trout Run Sports Complex

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

June 13 - *"Field Hockey"* for 9-14 year olds begins at Community Park

September 8 - *"6th Annual Exeter Games"* 11 A.M. at Pineland Park
(Rain Date - September 11)

September 28 - *"11th Annual Exeter Golf Tournament"* at Reading Country Club

October 5, 6, 7 - *"12th Annual Hay Ride"* from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at Trout Run

December 3 - *"Festival of Lights"* 6 P.M. at the Reading Country Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Registration forms for all events can be found on Exeter's Website at www.exetertownship.com
Forms also can be picked up at all Exeter Elementary and Middle Schools; at the Township Building, 4975 DeMoss Road; and information can be found on Exeter's page on Facebook or by calling Joe Seltzer, Parks & Recreation Superintendent at (610) 406-0263.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Volunteers Make Hayride Success

“Over 3,300 people attended the 2011 Annual Hayride,” according to Joe Seltzer, Parks and Recreation Superintendent and organizer of the event. Mr. Seltzer thanks the following people for their dedicated attention to making the hayride successful.

Scenes & Planning- Denise Kramer & Girl Scout Troop #1676; Pat Hill & Girl Scout Troop #1031; Michelle Koch & Girl Scout Troop #1091; Pat Fredrick, Cornia Light & Troop #1076; and Adah Raffensberger, Brenda Nonnemaker & Boy Scout Troop #319. **Trail Workers** - Mike Fritz, Adah Raffensberger, Larry Piersol, Matt Mayers, and Patrick Kern; **Pictures and Planning** - Reverend Wendy Orzolek “North Star United Methodist Church”; **Crafts** - Metro Bank Employees, & Denise Deisher, Nikki Shaffer - PNC Bank employees; **Haunted House** - Tony, Sue & Brad Kopicz, Rich Haddock & Family, and Sue Baumann; **Radios** - Jeff Koch from Radio Maintenance Inc.; **Costume Contest & Dance Party-** Dennis & Mollie O’Neil; and DJ Special D; **Face Painting-** Maria Hutchkco; **Food Service-** Cheryl Franckowiak, Clarence Hamm, Linda Cusimano, Eric Gardecki, Alli Franckowiak, Amy Kapaona, and Tracie Trumbo; **Wagons and Straw-** Ron Wegman; **Tickets** - Tracey Cousins, Brenda Jordan, Lisa McKenrick, Gary Lloyd and Tracey Polacheck; **Tractor Drivers** - Justin Greenleaf, Brad Richmond, Joe Hall, Mike Frazier, Barry Readinger, Joe Seltzer Jr., and Jeff Shilling; **Stair Workers-** Jenna Smith, Amy Oestreich, Jennifer Crose, Adara and Mary Nowrey; **Set up and Clean up** - Exeter Waste-water Treatment Plant, Highway Department, and Parks & Recreation Department employees; **Equipment and Highway Sign** – Officer Dave Bentz; **Donations** - Dairy Queen, Pepsi and PA American Water; **Fire Protection** - Chris Jordan, and the Exeter Fire Company; **Parking-** Exeter Fire Police; **Community Service Volunteers** from Exeter High School & thanks for haunted house artwork by “*Lasting Image Tattoos*”.

Trees to Trout Run

Residents with” Security Access Cards” for Exeter’s brush depository can take their Christmas trees to be recycled at Trout Run.



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EDAC Schedules Small Business Workshop

Exeter Township's Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) will start their 2012 business program year by hosting a workshop entitled *"How to Start and Operate a Small Business"* on Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Exeter Township Library. The workshop is designed to cover the essential elements of starting and running a small business.

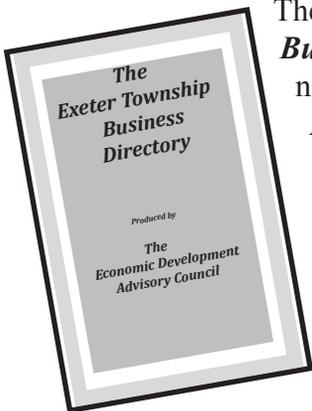
J. Russell Hope, II and James C. Hufford, two counselors from the local Reading SCORE Chapter who have extensive experience in the small business arena, will present the following topics: **The initial process of defining a niche; selecting the type of business entity; registering a business name; identifying sources of funding; operational steps of marketing and selling; using technology; and monitoring and managing the resources of the company.**

Registration is required and there is a non-refundable fee of \$10 for the course materials for each attendee. Registrations are being accepted at the Exeter Township Municipal Office, 4975 DeMoss Road. Payment in the form of cash or check is required at the time of registration.

EDAC is planning to host several Business Community Breakfasts during 2012 with the first one on March 6th from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. at the Reading Country Club. A fee of \$7 will be charged to help cover expenses. Topics for this year's events are being selected based on how best to assist the local business people. The first breakfast will feature Peter Hornberger, of the Kutztown University Small business Development Center, who will speak on the free services the Center provides to small businesses. Also featured will be a speaker providing an update on the real estate sector of the township.

Subsequent breakfasts will be announced on the EDAC web page that is a part of the Township's website at www.exetertownship.com. Click on the site's **"Open For Business"** button. The Council will once again be asking businesses to be "event sponsors" to help cover the costs of future breakfasts. For additional information on being an "event sponsor", please contact edac@exetertownship.com

Business Directory Ready to be Launched



The extraordinary response from businesses asking to be included in the EDAC's upcoming ***Business Directory*** was surprising as hundreds of Exeter business owners seized the new opportunity to let residents know who they are and what types of services they provide. A mailing inviting businesses to be listed free of charge and offering the opportunity to purchase a variety of ads in the publication was the trigger to what has been described as "a long time need". ***The Directory*** is the brain child of Exeter's Economic Development Advisory Council. It is designed to encourage Exeter residents to support local businesses, and to inform neighboring communities about the businesses operating in the Township.

The Business Directory will be mailed to all 12,434 households in the Township with additional copies being placed in the municipal offices of those communities whose borders touch Exeter. That means 25,550 people in Exeter Township could see the nearly 700 business listings and 66 display ads in the Directory, in addition to the 25,600 residents in the surrounding municipalities of St. Lawrence, Oley Township, Amity Township, Lower Alsace Township and Mount Penn Borough, who will find the Directory at their municipal offices. More exposure will occur as ***The Directory*** is made available on the EDAC web page linked to Exeter Township's website at www.exetertownship.com when it becomes available in early February of 2012. Simply click on the site's "Open for Business" button to find it. Plans are to print a new directory every two years with updates available on line annually.

EDAC... Reaching Out For Business

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Picnics In The Parks

Before we know it, Spring will be here and thoughts of outdoor family fun and picnics will come to mind. Currently, Exeter Township has six parks, four of which have rentable pavilions that are perfect for family gatherings or special occasion picnics. The seventh park at Farming Ridge will be under construction in the spring. To inquire about pavilion rentals call (610)779-5660. Rental fees vary.

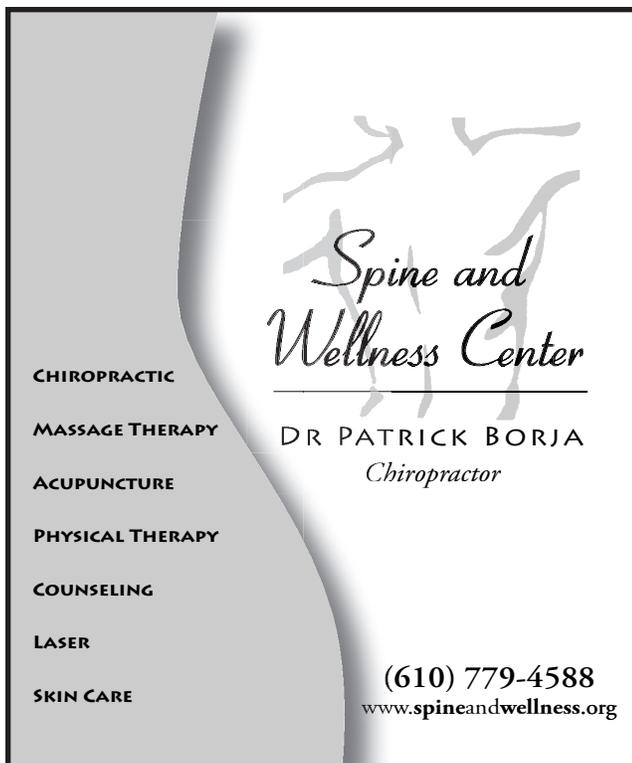
COMMUNITY PARK, located at 1 Elm Street, has 2 pavilions. The large one can accommodate parties of approximately 150 people and the smaller one accommodates parties of 40 people. Also on-site are restroom facilities, water fountains and electric outlets. There are several small, free standing grills located throughout the park and one large grill near the large pavilion. A children's playground is a highlight in this park along with tennis, volleyball and basketball courts. This facility is popular and in high demand. Residents wanting to rent it should request their favorite date early in the season.

LORANE HOLLOW PARK, 451 W. 48th Street, has a pavilion large enough to accommodate up to 75 people, two small grills, restrooms, water fountains and electric outlets. A softball field, tennis and basketball courts and a playground area can be found at this site.

PINELAND PARK, 375 Pineland Road, is a 31-acre park with 10 acres designated for recreational use. Pineland has one pavilion large enough to accommodate 50 people, is complete with two small grills, restrooms, water fountains and electric outlets. Also on site are recreation facilities for soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball, skateboarding and a playground area. This park is connected to the Daniel Boone Homestead Trail System.

TROUT RUN, E. Neversink Road, has a pavilion large enough to accommodate up to 200 people, grills, restrooms, water fountains and electric. There are numerous sports fields for recreational activity on site.

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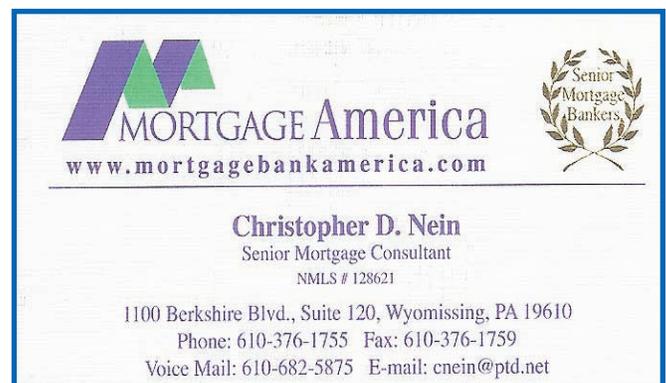
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“Cop’s Corner”

By Sergeant Steve T. Schaeffer



Sgt. Steve T. Schaeffer

Winter is here, and with winter comes snow. Snow, although beautiful, can present some challenges, so the Exeter Police Department would like to use this “*Cops Corner*” article to address two snow related issues.

THE FIRST ISSUE IS DRIVING. Every time it snows the majority of the calls for service the police have to respond to are to assist with disabled vehicles, crashes, or trees and wires down on the roadways. These increased calls place a strain on the police department, so here is some simple advice that might help reduce the amount of snow related calls to which the police are dispatched.

#1 Make Sure Your Car is Ready for Snow. New wipers and tires with good tread that are properly inflated can help.

#2 Follow Some Rules When Driving on Snowy Roads. Don’t stomp on the gas.

Accelerate slowly so your car doesn’t skid. **Don’t** try to stop when going up a hill, unless you have to because being able to continue driving uphill might not happen! **Brake** earlier for stop signs and leave extra distance between you and the cars in front of you. **Learn** how to use your brakes in snow and ice. If you drive a car with an Adjustable Brake System (ABS), apply the brakes and stay on them as you steer. For cars without ABS, gently pump the brakes to maintain your ability to steer. Use your headlights and keep cleaning them off! Even the police have to stop and clean off our emergency light bars.

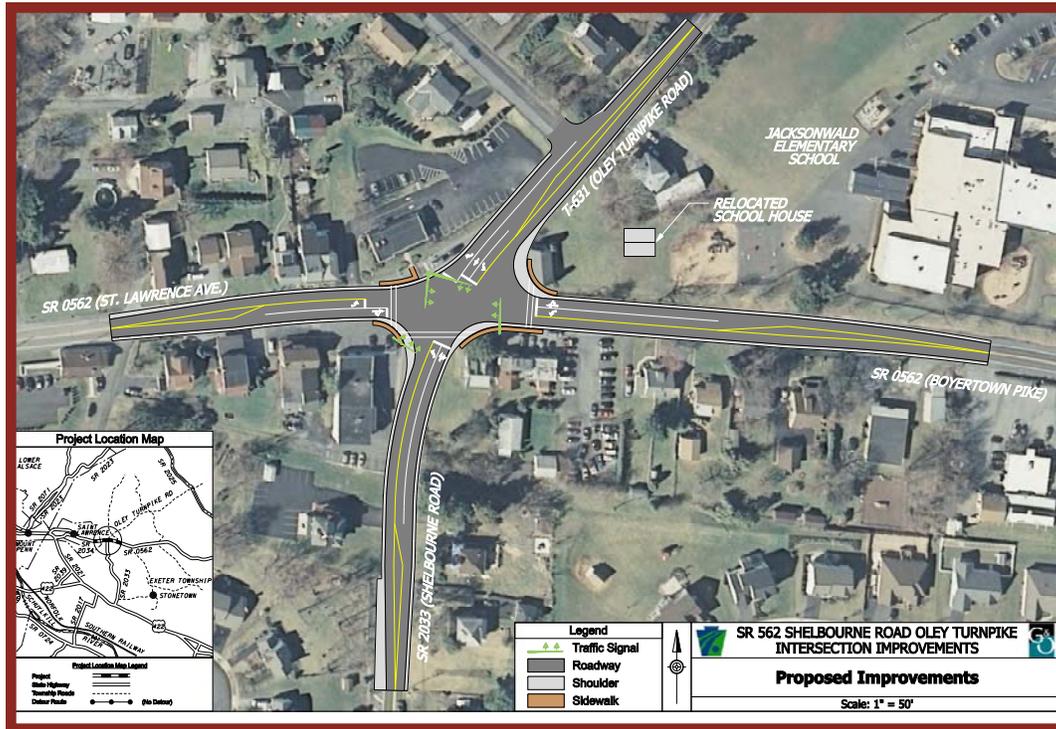
#3 Know Your Roads. **Remember** bridges, overpasses, intersections and back roads are usually worse. Watch out for black ice and places where there is frequent water run-off. Don’t think the “AllWheel Drive (AWD)” or “4 Wheel Drive (4WD)” capabilities of your car mean you are safer. You may be able to travel through the snow better; but you still have the same steering and stopping issues. We respond to many crashes or trucks stuck in snow banks where the drivers can’t believe this happened to them in a 4WD vehicle. **Teach your kids with new drivers licenses** how to stop and steer while driving in the snow before you let them try it. Take them out to a safe empty parking lot and coach them. **Lastly, the best thing you can do is stay off the roads.** The salt trucks and plows can do a better job if they don’t have to keep stopping for disabled cars and crashed vehicles to be removed from the roadway. Police can respond to other police related calls instead of waiting for a tow truck to pull vehicles off of the roadway. Ambulances can respond to genuine life threatening emergencies instead of having to respond to the increased volume of unknown injury crashes. Remember, even if you are an experienced snow driver that doesn’t mean others on the roads are. Is it really worth getting hurt to go to the store to buy something you don’t need?

THE SECOND ISSUE IS SNOW REMOVAL. **Residents** are reminded of the Township Ordinance requiring snow removal from your sidewalks within 36 hours after it has stopped snowing. Remember, cleaned sidewalks helps keep pedestrians and children walking to bus stops safer. The snow removal ordinance also prohibits residents from throwing snow into the roadway. This only makes it harder for the road crew to clear the roads and make them safer. **Watch** out for your neighbors. Each snow season the police assist ambulances responding to calls for heart problems and snow blower accidents. **Call 911 if you see someone in need of medical help!** Thanks for reading “*Cops Corner*”. Please, have a fun and safe winter season.

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EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Route 562 & Shelbourne Road Proposed Changes



Keith Lilley, P.E., from Greenhorne & O’Mara, Inc., the consulting engineering firm hired by PennDOT to study the Route 562 & Shelbourne Road Intersection Improvement Project, presented an update on the proposed changes at a recent Board of Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Lilley said there were a number of serious issues to consider when reconfiguring the intersection that included congestion, poor geometry that creates confusion as to who has the through movement and who has the right-of way, and predicted traffic volumes for the next 20 years.

Among the recommendations was shifting the existing intersection 50 feet east from where it is today, realigning Shelbourne Road, and adding a left turn lane on Shelbourne Road & Rt 562 in both directions. He stated many of the changes would bring the intersection into compliance with the ADA Act. Mr. Lilley also said there were concerns about how this intersection would be built without major inconvenience to those who used it every day and there were challenges regarding the acquisition of needed land to reconfigure the intersection.

Mr. Lilley noted this plan was in the concept stage and requested feedback before the engineering firm shifted into the preliminary engineering phase. He also said this was not going to be an easy task as it involved the concerns of property owners and businesses that would be affected by the changes, and provided a comment period that ended in mid-November for those having suggestions about the proposed changes. Residents attending the meeting made numerous suggestions to the firm.

Construction of the intersection is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2014 and be completed in the fall of 2014.

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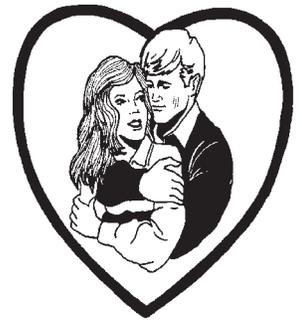


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Wedding guests will then enjoy a customized wedding cake, coffee & hot tea. The RCC staff will provide the highest level of service to make your wedding memorable.

For more information or to set up an appointment to discuss your wedding, call the Reading Country Club at (610) 779-1000 Ext. 248.

Mark Calendars for Spring Clean-up

Spring Clean up has been set for **Saturday, April 21st for Recycling Zones 1,2,3,8,9 & 10; and Saturday, April 28th for Recycling Zones 4,5,6 & 7.** Curbside collections will begin at **7:00 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 contact J.P. Mascaro at (610) 779-8807.**

New E-Waste Drop Off at Pioneer Crossing Landfill

Exeter Township Residents can now drop off their old, unused or broken electronic items at the Pioneer Crossing Landfill, 727 Red Lane Road on Saturday's from 8:00 A.M - 11:00 A.M. free of charge.

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EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Matters of Concern

The purpose of this column is to ease the concerns and answer some frequently asked questions by Exeter residents. This column will appear periodically in the newsletter to provide helpful information.

Rubber Spikes in the Roads

Prior to the township paving its roads, 10" rubber markers shaped like spikes are placed on the roads to mark the location of manholes, sewer and water lines. Several days after the road crew has finished paving, the rubber markers are cut off at road level. However, in the meantime, many...many residents become alarmed and call the township to report there are metal spikes sticking up in the road. We would like you to know these spikes are made of rubber and are not dangerous. We appreciate residents giving the road crews a few days to remove them after paving.

Hanging Tree Limbs

Residents that have complaints about tree limbs hanging over neighborhood sidewalks may call the township's Zoning Officer at (610) 779-5702 to report the situation. Since the trees are hanging in a right-of-way, a Zoning Officer will contact the property owner and ask them to trim the branches back from the sidewalk. There is no need to file a written complaint in this instance.

How do you know when a Burn Ban Has Been Declared

Residents can call the township building at (610) 779-5660 and ask the question. A burn ban can be declared in two ways. One is at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors when dry conditions exist in the township. Or, in the case of a state wide burn ban, the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources would declare a burn ban and would notify Officer Dave Bentz who will pass along the information to the administration office located at the phone number above. When an open burn ban is declared, those using chimeneas or other external burning devices like cooking grills, are asked to please use good judgment and extreme caution when operating these units.



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New Food Pantry In Exeter

The Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFP), in cooperation with several area churches, has opened its doors to serve those in need of food.

The Pantry will provide supplemental food for qualifying residents of the 19508 and 19606 zip code areas **every 3rd Friday from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. at Reformation Lutheran Church, 3670 Perkiomen Avenue. Call (610) 572-2344 to register.**

Participating churches are St. Catharine's of Siena Parish, Reformation Lutheran Church, Schwarzwald Lutheran Church and NorthStar United Methodist Church, along with other area churches and concerned citizens.

To learn about qualification details, visit the Greater Berks Food Bank at www.berksfoodbank.org or by calling (610) 926-5802.

Winter Carnival Scheduled

- Exeter High School's Winter Carnival will be held on Saturday, February 25th from 12 noon to 4 P.M. in the High School Gym and Cafeteria. Featured will be an assortment of games, prizes, crafts, activities, food and family fun.

Snow Date is March 3rd.

Like to Sing???

*Consider joining
the newly formed
Exeter Community Choir.
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Interested parties can show
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*For more information contact
Mary Phillips at
maryphillips5@msn.com*

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The Words Out!

There will be **NO** tax increase, and **NO** sewer rate increase for Exeter Township residents in 2012!



“Everything stays the same”, said Township Manager Troy Bingaman in delivering the good news to the Board and the employees. “All departments worked hard to reduce expenses,” he said, “and all jobs have been preserved with only one employee’s work time being reduced from full time to part time.”

The details are that even though general fund revenues are down 1/2% over this year for a total of \$9,129,942; expenses are down 3.4% over this year for a total of \$9,114,230. Sewer fund revenues are down 1.3% to \$5,306,090; and expenses are down 4.3% to \$5,314,699.

The 5-member Board of Supervisors expressed their appreciation to township department heads and employees for working cooperatively to reduce expenses in the face of decreasing revenues. Also expressed was appreciation to those residents who responded to the request for suggestions in the last newsletter entitled “How Would You Cut Township Expenses???”

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