



EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Edition 1

First Quarter, 2013

Tax Increase... A Reluctant Solution

During meeting after meeting... for hours and hours...Exeter's Board of Supervisors, various department heads; and Fire, Police and Library personnel met to discuss and analyze budget numbers. **Non-uniformed union employees agreed to a zero pay increase and an increase in their contribution to health care costs in 2013. Management personnel did not get a pay increase for the 2012 calendar year to keep overhead costs down; but, did receive 1% increase for 2013.** Police officers will receive a pay increase in 2013 according to their established, previously-negotiated contract. It was thought the township would be able to avoid a tax increase by using some of the township's reserve funds to balance the 2013 budget, leaving a reserve balance of \$2.35 million or three months of operating expenses.

The decision to not raise taxes was not unanimous with Supervisors Gary Lloyd and Donald Wilson dissenting. Each felt this would not get the township out of the deficit hole in 2014, which is projected to grow to \$312,000; and to \$879,000 in 2017. Mr. Bukowski felt reserves were collected tax monies that should be utilized now to give the township another year to offset future expenses with commercial development. Mr. Smith advocated for the residents who lost their jobs and would be further stretched if they were to pay more taxes; and Mrs. Starr felt it was prudent to use the reserve monies.

Then came the bolt of lightning! The township learned the 2012 earned income tax revenue was \$210,000 short of expectations. It was back to the drawing board and in a special, late December meeting, Supervisors voted 3-2 to approve a compromised tax increase of 0.175 mils bringing the township property tax rate to 2.87 mils. The vote means there will be a tax increase of \$17.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value in 2013. The tax bill on a property valued at \$100,000 would be \$287; on a property valued at \$200,000 the tax bill would be \$574. Mr. Lloyd, who for the second time advocated a tax increase, said he did not come to his decision lightly and felt Exeter's financial obligations had to be met. He noted its cost-saving measures mean the township is operating efficiently and any further cuts would result in reducing services for residents. Mr. Bukowski and Mr. Smith voted against the tax hike noting residents were still struggling financially. Mr. Smith also felt the township needed to spend less money to operate.

Library Raising Funds

Unfortunately, due to the Township's budget constraints, the Exeter Community Library was not able to secure the increase in funds they needed to continue to operate six (6) days a week.

As a result the Library is closed on Monday as well as Sunday, and the shortened hours mean less employment for its part-time employees.

To increase operating revenue, the Library Board is asking residents for donations through a mail, fund-raising campaign. "It is one of the efforts we can make at this time to keep this community gem operating at its demand level," said Ken Millman, Library Board President.

"The Library is more than books, its a place where tools are available to assist residents who

need to use a computer to look for work and write resumes; and, it is a place for children to gather and enhance their knowledge," he said.

The Library Board is asking residents to please consider sending a contribution to sustain their Library because money will continue to be scarce as the Township struggles to keep up the level of services needed by its residents.

Holiday Schedule

**Exeter Township's Business Office
will be closed
Friday, March 29, 2013**

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Let It Snow... Let It Snow... Let It Snow...

As the snow falls this year, Exeter's highway crews will be ready to clear the streets. Since plows initially push snow to the sides of the streets and can block the entrance to driveways, residents are advised to wait to clear the end of their driveways and walkways until after the plow has cleared their street.



Each year, residents living on cul-de-sacs can't have their section of the road cleared until after the main road has been cleared. The reason is there are only three trucks small enough to clear them and this process may take a while.

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



Mailbox Replacement Policy



Unfortunately, during snow storms, sometimes mailboxes and mailbox posts become victims of the snow plows.

In order to be fair, the Township developed a policy for the replacement of damaged items.

The Township will replace a damaged mailbox and post with a standard mailbox and post, or will pay the homeowner \$15 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 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.



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Tax Collector's Corner

This feature is designed to provide answers to frequently asked questions of the Tax Collector.



Q. I received my Real Estate and Per Capita tax bills.

Can I pay my taxes with a credit card?

A. Unfortunately, the answer is no. We can only receive payments with a check or with cash. Paying by check is best because it gives you an automatic record of payment in your bank statement.

Charlie Diamond, Tax Collector

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Phone Glossary

Below is a list of frequently requested phone numbers from residents. We hope this list is helpful.

Animal Rescue League	610-373-8830
Berks EIT Office	610-372-8439
Berks Co. Tax Assessor	610-478-6262
District Justice Office	610-779-5137
Exeter Ambulance	610-779-7687
Exeter Fire Company	610-779-9912
Reiffton Station (after 5)	610-779-8848
Stonersville Station	610-689-4196
Exeter Library	610-406-9431
Exeter Parks & Rec.	610-406-0263
Exeter Police	610-779-1490
Police Non-Emergency	610-655-4911
Exeter Tax Collector	610-779-8055
Exeter Treatment Plant	610-582-8300
Homestead Act Office	610-478-6262
Mt. Penn Water Company	610-779-4900
PA American Water Company	1-800-565-7292
PA Game Commission	610-926-3136
(for dead Deer removal on non-state-owned roads)	
PA One Call	1-800-242-2776
PennDOT	610-929-0766
Post Office (local)	610-779-7292
Reading Country Club	610-779-1000
Solid Waste Authority	610-478-6362
Voter Registration	610-478-6490

Government Contacts

Exeter Board of Supervisors	610-779-5660
PA Senator Judy Schwank	610-929-2151
PA Congressman Mark Gillen	610-775-5130
US Senator Pat Toomey	717-782-3951
US Congressman Jim Gerlach	610-376-7630

Exeter Schools

Exeter School District Admin.	610-779-0700
Jacksonwald Elementary	610-779-1820
Lorane Elementary	610-582-8608
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We're Expanding Our Email Pilot Program

by Doris Heckman

In the last edition of "*Exeter Community News*" we requested email addresses from those who wanted to receive the newsletter by email. We thank all those who responded and have decided to go a step further in developing Exeter's email capabilities, not only for the *Newsletter*; but, for email alerts in *Emergency Situations*, *Township Event News*, and *Township-Provided Services*.

We recognize by the low number of residents responding so far, building our email list will take time. In any case, it is important to note the printed version of the newsletter will not be eliminated. Our mail carrier routes contain hundreds of addresses and each individual in a given route would have to participate by email to eliminate newsletter delivery in that route.

As part of this expanded pilot, email addresses from local businesses and from others previously gathered will be linked to our information center by the Township Webmaster Eric Gardecki.

Residents can participate by going to the Township website at www.exetertownship.com and clicking on the **email sign up button** on the home page. A subscription form will be available and can be made visible when you click the button. Just fill it out and we'll do the rest.

We've included an image of a "QR code" that can be scanned by smart phones to automatically go to the sign up form. I am encouraging residents who have questions to either email me at dheckman@exetertownship.com or call me at the Township Office (610) 779-5660.



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Exeter Celebrates New and Growing Businesses

Lula's Hookah and Dessert Bar



Lula's is located in the Shelbourne Square Shopping Center on Perkiomen Avenue just left of Redner's grocery store.

Having opened in late September this is a one of a kind destination that features 1 to 4 Hose Hookahs, Smoothies and a variety of European-style desserts along with free Wi-Fi.

Along with regular tobacco products, the Cafe features 100% tobacco free products and seasonal drinks in a variety of flavors.

Lula's is open from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and the **Hookah Lounge** is open from 5:00 P. M. to 10:00 P.M. on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; and from 5:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. on Fridays and Saturdays.

EDAC Breakfast Notes

Exeter's Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) plans on holding two Business Community Breakfasts in 2013. The breakfasts are tentatively scheduled for March and September. Updated information can be obtained on the EDAC website that is a part of the Township's website at www.exetertownship.com. Click on the "Open for Business" button for the EDAC page for exact dates on the breakfasts and other EDAC events.

Pioneer Crossing Recycling Center

J.P. Mascaro recently received final land development plan approval to construct **The Pioneer Crossing Recycling Center** on an approximately 14 acre lot located on the southwest corner of Red Lane and Lincoln Road.

The Center will consist of a 75,000 square foot building that will accommodate recycling of clear and colored glass; mixed paper; aluminum and tin cans; plastics with the numbers #1- #7; in a single-stream manner that requires no sorting. Residents will be able to drop off recycling at that location. Please note the Trout Run Recycling drop off facility will continue to be available to residents. as well. Ryan Inch, Director of Engineering for the company, said, "The new facility will be like no other facility in the area and will open opportunities to increase recycling." The recycling center is currently under construction and is scheduled to officially open in early 2014.



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Street Light Success



With all the dark budget news this light brightens things a little.

Converting the 470 Exeter-owned street lights and the outside lights on six township properties to LED's has been completed and has begun to yield the projected savings.

The actual cost of this conversion was \$232,530.86.

For this project the township filed for and received \$33,038.20 in rebates from First Energy Electric that owns MetEd, reducing the cost to \$199,492.66.

The projected annual savings in electric to operate the LED street lights, both subdivision pole lights and larger cobrahead lights, amounts to approximately \$84,000. The projected payback is approximately 2 years.

The interior lighting in all township-owned buildings has been reviewed and as old, 12 W, four florescent bulbs fixtures require replacement, cost-effective, 8W, 2 bulb, energy-efficient fixtures will be installed. In addition, the new Farming Ridge Park will contain all energy-efficient LED lighting.

Exeter Area Food Pantry Operating



The Exeter Area Food Pantry is open for business on the third Friday of each month at the Reformation Lutheran Church, 3670 Perkiomen Avenue from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Families are required to pre-register by calling (610) 572-2344 or get more information at www.berksfoodbank.org



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Exeter Community Calendar

The Mom's Club of Exeter is a non-profit group offering companionship and fun for you and your child.

We have children's activities & play dates; a monthly **"Moms Night Out"** and opportunities to participate in service projects.

Come to our monthly meeting any third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. held in the Reformation Lutheran Church, 3670 Perkiomen Avenue.

If you're a stay at home mom come see us.

Exeter Indoor Winter Carnival Scheduled

Exeter High School's Winter Carnival will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 12 noon to 4:00 P.M. in the Exeter High School Gym and Cafeteria.

The Carnival provides fun for children of all ages and features an assortment of games, prizes, crafts, activities, food and family fun.

Games start at 50 cents per play with winners every time at many games. Favorites include the **"Teacher Pie in the Face Booth"** and **"Bounce-on Rides"**. The snow date is March 2nd.

2013 St. Lawrence/Exeter Historical Calendars are now on sale and can be obtained at both the Exeter Township and the Borough of St. Lawrence buildings. The cost for the pictorial calendar is \$10. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Marianne Lubenow at 610-779-3632.

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Aerobics At the Dunn Community Center

Classes are ongoing. You can register anytime. Flyers and registration forms can be obtained at Exeter Township's website at www.exetertownship.com or at the Township Building at 4975 DeMoss Road. More information is available by contacting Joe Seltzer at (610) 406-0263 or Susan Weik at (610) 777-7539.

"Strength and Tone"- Mondays from 5:30 P.M. - 6:20 P.M. & Tuesdays from 6:00 P.M. - 6:50 P.M. This is a total infusion class using bars and weights with combined short cardio intervals for a maximum calorie and toning burn.

"Cardio Kickboxing"- Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. A quick way to get in shape. This high intensity cardio workout combines boxing, martial arts and aerobic moves for a total body workout. Be prepared to sweat and burn calories!

"Zumba" - Mondays from 6:30 P.M. - 7:20 P.M.; Thursdays from 7:00 P.M. - 7:50 P.M.; and Saturdays from 8:30 A.M. - 9:20 A.M.

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Get Ready for the "Egg-citing" Easter Fun Hunt



The Easter Bunny will be hopping and dropping eggs filled with treats all over Community Park for the kiddie residents of Exeter Township.

This annual event has been scheduled for Saturday, March 16th beginning at 11:00 A.M.

The rain date is Saturday, March 23th.

Children ages 1-2 will begin first, followed by children ages 3-4; then 5-6 year olds; and finishing with children ages 7-9.

No pre-registration is necessary.

Exeter's Parks will be opening in the spring starting on April 6th. reservations can be made by calling 610-779-5660.

"Zumbathon" To Be Held for Exeter Child Battling Cancer

A "Zumbathon" fundraiser will be held for 3-year-old Jason Heckman on Friday, February 15th from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Dunn Community Center, 4565 Prestwick Drive.

Jason was diagnosed in September with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a cancerous tumor that forms in nerve tissue and affects the entire body. He will go through three rounds of aggressive chemotherapy which is a very costly procedure.

His family needs help to help Jason. The donation to participate in the "Zumbathon" is \$10. All proceeds will go to the Heckman family for Jason's care.

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Exeter Parks & Recreation 2013 Annual Events Schedule

***March 17 - "Easter Egg Hunt" 11 A.M. at Community Park
(Rain Date - March 24)***

May 17 & 18 - "May Days" from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. at Exeter High School

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

June 3 - "Youth Basketball" ages 12-14 year olds at Community Park

June 4 - "Youth Basketball" ages 8-12 year olds at Community Park

June 10 - "Playground Programs Begin" at Exeter Parks

June 11 - "Street Hockey" for 9-14 year olds begins at Lorane Hollow Park

June 11 - "LaCrosse" for 9-13 year olds at Trout Run Sports Complex

June 12 - "Tennis" for 9-13 year olds begins at Community Park

June 17 - "Field Hockey" for 9-14 year olds begins at Community Park

***September 14 - "7th Annual Exeter Games" 11 A.M. at Pineland Park
(Rain Date - September 15)***

September 27 - "12th Annual Exeter Golf Tournament" at RCC

***October 11,12,13 - "13th 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.

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Fire Department Volunteers Needed

The Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Department is looking for men and women

to volunteer.

Assistance is needed with firefighting, record keeping, office work, maintenance or other areas.

Also offered is a **Junior Firefighting Program** for youth 14 to 17 years old. This is a great way for Jr. and Sr. High School students to earn “*Community Service Hours*” and learn valuable lessons and skills.



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Exeter Parks to Open for Picnics



Spring is around the corner and its time to start thinking of longer, sunny days and outdoor family gatherings. Exeter has six parks, four of which are outfitted with rentable pavilions that are perfect for family gatherings or special occasion picnics. To inquire about pavilion rentals call the township at (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 four, free-standing grills with two located near the large pavillion and two near the small pavilion. A childrens 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 preferred date early.

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 75 people**, is complete with two small grills, restrooms, water fountains and electric outlets. Also on site are recreational facilities for soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball, skateboarding and a playground area. This park is connected to the Daniel Boone Homestead Trail System and is ideal for outdoor hiking.

LORANE HOLLOW PARK, 451 W. 48th Street, is a beautiful park with **an attractive 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.

TROUT RUN PARK, E. Neversink Road, has a **pavilion large enough to accommodate up to 200 people**, grills, restrooms, water fountains and electric outlets. There are numerous sports fields for recreational activity on site. This park is located near the Schuylkill River Trail and is ideal for hiking and nature-related activity. This park is available only at certain times of the year due to sporting events held at this location.

FARMING RIDGE PARK, located at the corner of Farming Ridge Boulevard and Ritter Road, is currently under construction and not yet ready for picnic use **The park should be available for use in late summer.** This park is being constructed with ecologically-smart, nature-friendly materials and will contain all the amenities of Exeter's other parks.

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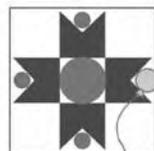
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Trout Run Security Access Cards

Exeter Residents can purchase a Trout Run Security Access Card at the Township building, 4975 DeMoss Road, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Residents must show a copy of their driver's license and pay the one-time fee of \$4 to secure a card.

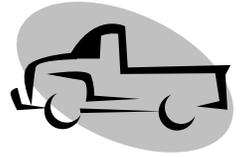
The large recycling bins previously located at the Township building are now located at Trout Run. The bins are for the collection of cans, bottles, plastics cardboard and paper.

**TROUT RUN RECYCLING CENTER
SPRING/SUMMER HOURS
START SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH**

**HOURS WILL BE FROM
6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

SECURITY GATE WILL LOCK AT 8 P.M.

Spring Curbside Brush Pick Up Changes Announced



Due to the increasing costs in fuel, and the township's need to reduce its expenses, the curbside brush pick up service provided by the township will be by request only.

Residents who want brush picked up on the dates below, can call the Township at (610) 779-5660 to make reservations a week before pick up is scheduled in their area.

On the North Side of Route 422 - brush will be picked up during the week of May 6th.

On the South Side of Route 422 - brush will be picked up during the week of May 13th.

Residents are asked to have their brush at the curb by 7:00 A.M.

Brush should be cut into lengths about 4 feet long, bundled together with twine, be no larger in diameter than 4 inches, and a size that can be picked up by one person.

Please do not put brush into plastic bags or use plastic bag strips to tie bundles.



Think Spring! Come to Trout Run For Your Mulch Needs!

*At \$3 a one-yard scoop, or \$10 a 3.5 yard scoop,
its the best bargain in town!*



Residents, non-residents, neighboring townships and landscapers can take advantage of the opportunity to get mulch loaded into their trucks from Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to noon.

A voucher must be purchased before hand at the Township building and is to be exchanged for the mulch. The Loader Operator will operate the security access gate for non-residents. He will only accept vouchers for the mulch. He will not accept money nor will he issue the necessary waiver.

Mulch will continue to be available free to residents who want to shovel it themselves.

Since Township-made mulch is made from brush deposited at Trout Run, it is untreated and contains weeds. Mr. Hamm advises sprinkling a weed killing product over mulch used in landscaping.



EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS



Spring Recycling Collection Dates

Household Hazardous Waste will be collected April 20th at the Exeter Township Municipal Building, 4975 DeMoss Road from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (rain or shine).

Collected will be oil paints; turpentine; 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; oven & drain cleaners; photographic chemicals; floor & furniture polish; & lithium, NiCad & button batteries.

Paper Shredding & Pharmaceutical Waste will be collected on April 27th at the Exeter Township Municipal Building, 4975 DeMoss Road, 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 is available every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at the Recycling Center from 8:00 A.M. to Noon.

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

New Electronic Disposal Law



Beginning Jan. 24, 2013, a disposal ban on covered electronic devices including computers, laptops, monitors & TV's will go into effect in Pennsylvania. From this point forward, no person may dispose of an electronic covered device, or any of its components, with their municipal solid waste.

These devices and their components must be properly recycled and may not be put in the trash. However, non-hazardous residuals of covered devices that are produced during the recycling of those devices are excluded from the disposal ban.

For more information on the law call "electronicsDep" at 1-800-346-4242

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, Rt. 345 at S. Center Road on Saturday's from 7:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Free of charge.

**Among acceptable items are computers, tv's, printers & GPS Navigation Systems.
No appliances accepted.**

For more Information call (610)582-2900

EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Auto Battery Recycling Drop Off Sites

The Berks County Solid Waste Authority announced the following two locations will accept car & truck batteries for disposal.

They are:

**East Penn Manufacturing
Lyon Station PA
&
Exide Corporation
Reading PA**

What Not to Recycle in Curbside Collection?



Many times residents ask what items are unacceptable when it comes to recycling.

Those items are ceramics, dishes, coffee cups, drinking glasses, glass oven ware, pyrex, VisionWare, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, plastics without #1-#7 labeling, plastic bags, styrofoam packaging, bubble wrap, tissue or paper towels, milk or juice cartons, wax paper, metallic or coated paper, waxed boxes, books and toys.

Also not recyclable are food contaminated cardboard (i.e. pizza boxes) and paper towels.

Where do you get rid of those other batteries?



If you're anything like your neighbors and friends, spent batteries (*AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt and other batteries in that category*) linger around the house and are moved from place to place until you can figure out where to take them to be recycled. And, when you're tired of trying to find a place, they are tossed into the trash and end up in our landfills complete with all their toxic properties to contaminate our lands.

To help you out we have listed the following stores in Exeter Township that accept these types of spent batteries to be recycled.

They are: **Radio Shack, 3923 Perkiomen Avenue; Lowes, 4535 Perkiomen Avenue; Staples, 4711 Perkiomen Avenue; and Home Depot, 5410 Perkiomen Avenue.**

Others outside of Exeter include those named above plus **Sears, Best Buy, Hobbytown USA, EnerSys, Electric Repair Company and Grainger.**

When residents dispose of their spent batteries within Berks County, they count toward the total tonnage collected and reported to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) by the Berks County Solid Waste Authority. That tonnage results in monies being distributed to Berks County to fund recycling programs.

Latex Paint and Stains Disposal



Recent research shows that latex paint and stains can safely be put in the garbage for disposal at a landfill, as long as the paint is dry or solidified first. Dumped illegally, liquid latex paint can be a hazard because it can plug up or damage septic fields, overload sewage treatment plants when poured down a drain and can create environmental hazards on the ground.

Residents are advised to dry out latex paint and stains by opening the lid and mixing the paint with an equal amount of cat litter. It will take about 10 minutes to harden. Sawdust, dirt or shredded paper also can be used. Whatever you choose to use, when the latex paint is hardened, close the lid and place the container in the trash. Remember, all oil based paint can be brought for disposal to the Solid Waste Hazardous Disposal Events held periodically.



“Cop’s Corner”

By Sgt. Steve Schaeffer

It’s time for another crime prevention note from the Exeter Police Department. As we go into the year 2013 we would like to again remind you how to help keep yourselves from becoming victims of thefts, especially thefts from your vehicle. Yes, there was a time when people could leave things in their cars and it was relatively safe. Those days are over! As this crime trend increases, we must be diligent in not giving thieves opportunities. Let’s make it hard on them. The harder it is on them, the more they may mess up and get caught. Here are some suggestions:

- ***Do not leave items visible in your vehicle.***

Items like cell phones, GPS devices, purses, and laptops are commonly stolen from inside cars. If they are visible and a bad guy is looking for something to steal, they don’t hesitate to break your car window. This leaves you with window repair bills and stolen merchandise to replace. All this aggravation and expense can be avoided if you simply hide these items in your car.

- ***Speaking of hiding items, don’t do it where you are parked.***

A very common place for things to be stolen from is *The Exeter Bike Trail* and the different *Health Clubs* in the Township. Why is this? Bad guys know you don’t want to carry your valuables (wallets, purses) as you are exercising. They sit in the lots and watch for someone to “hide” their things under a seat or in the glove compartment. Leave these items at home if you can, or simply hide them before you park.

- ***Lock your car at all times.***

It is normal for a bad guy to try your door first to see if it is unlocked. Sometimes they may just be looking for loose change to steal. Sometimes they get lucky and find other valuable items.

- ***Speaking of other valuable items. Do not leave guns in your vehicle.***

Unfortunately sometimes this happens and a lucky bad guy gets a gun. A gun in the wrong hands is a bad thing, especially for police.

- ***Call the Police when you observe suspicious behavior.***

The more people lock their doors and hide their valuables, the more time bad guys spend searching parking lots for the right car to steal from. Call us when you observe people walking around cars and looking into them.

Thank you for reading these tips. Hopefully, they will help you to protect your valuables and help us to catch the criminals who continue to victimize society. Remember to check us out on Facebook or on the web for updated information on recent activities, concerns, or criminal activity within the Township.



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Contributions needed to Help Support Exeter K9 Unit

“We sacrifice our lives so that you may live” is the creed of the Police K9 work dog. Anyone who had or currently owns a dog can attest to the unwavering loyalty of a properly treated K9. Four Exeter Police Officers have the distinct honor and privilege of working with these amazing animals as their partners on a daily basis. The Exeter K9 Unit consists of four dogs named **Bosco**, **Nitro**, **Mako** and **Kaz** and, along with their partners, is held in high regard due to their work on presidential security details, and seizing over \$4 million in illegal narcotics, cash and assets.

Certainly, in light of recent school tragedies, it is important to remember this unit has conducted bomb searches at Exeter High School, narcotics detection, and will continue to assist in keeping our schools and children safe. The rising costs of vet care and rigorous training for these valuable animals is a growing concern. We ask, as you enjoy the *“New Year”*, to please keep our K9 partners in your thoughts and consider lending financial support to assist us in helping keep Exeter Township a great place to live and work. We consider it an honor to be a part of this community.



*“9-year-old
K9 Bosco”*

No financial contribution is too small. Please make your gifts payable to the **Exeter Police K9 Unit** and either mail it to 4975 DeMoss Road or drop off your contribution at the Exeter Police Department.

Yours in service,

Sgt. Matt Harley
Officer In Charge, Exeter Police K9 Unit



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