



# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Edition 2

Second Quarter, 2010

## Mr. Herb Goes to Harrisburg



Entech Engineer Steve Riley and Paul Herb as they arrive in Harrisburg.

**Paul Herb**, Exeter's Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent & members of the Biosolids Dryer Project Team were invited by **PA State Rep. David Kessler**, to testify before the State House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. The purpose of the public hearing was to explore innovative and alternative uses for processed sludge including using it as an energy source in industry.

Joining Mr. Herb were Board Vice Chair **Michelle Kircher**; **Bob Weir** and **Steve Riley**, Project Engineers; and Project Team Members **H. David Miller** and **Doris Heckman**.

During his testimony, Mr. Herb explained the reason Exeter pursued the Biosolids Dryer Project was to find an alternative to the rising landfill sludge disposal costs that hit \$650,000 in 2008.

He said drying sludge in this manner removed all pathogens and created Class A fuel pellets while reducing the tonnage amount by 4/5ths. That would leave only 1/5 of the amount to be landfilled if no other application could be found.

Testifying before this Committee gave Exeter the opportunity to introduce its Biosolids Project and to lay the ground work for the Committee to consider providing incentives to neighboring municipalities to bring their sludge

to Exeter's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant for processing.

One idea that has been discussed was the possibility of using the "Alternative Fuel Funds" to reduce the "per wet ton charge" for municipalities that bring their sludge to Exeter. While writing legislation is a long and sometimes difficult process, the team feels the effort to accomplish this is worthwhile.

"It's a question of economics and competition," said Mr. Herb. "If our price to process is less per wet ton than the price to landfill sludge, it would make economic sense to come to Exeter for sludge processing. The beauty of it is the more sludge Exeter processes lowers the costs for municipalities that bring their sludge to Exeter's Treatment Plant," he said.

Construction crews are currently prepping the plant for installation of the dryer that is being built for Exeter with \$1 million in financial support from the DEP.



Project Team Members Doris Heckman, Paul Herb, Michelle Kircher and Dave Miller pose outside the State Capital Building after the hearing.



Mr. Herb listening to other testimony along with Committee Chair "Bud" George, Rep. David Kessler & other Committee members.

Committee to consider providing incentives to neighboring municipalities to bring their sludge



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Exeter Township's Business Office will be closed on the following days:

**Memorial Day**  
**Monday, May 31, 2010**

**Independence Day**  
**Monday, July 5, 2010**

# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## Oh...The Snow!!!



The blanket of snow-glazed icicles that formed outside township building windows looked a little like winter awnings during February's snow storm.

Exeter Township residents were not exempt from the hardships brought on by the great February snow storms of 2010.

Residents were "snow trapped"...unable to use their vehicles to escape snow-blocked streets until Township crews could plow them out. **What a job it was to clear 75 miles of development roads, 85 cul-de-sacs; 16 miles of state roads and 28 miles of rural roads!**

Even with all municipal plows and crews hard at work moving tons of deep and drifted snow, it took a very long time for some residents to be freed. Understandably some grew impatient while waiting for their street to be plowed. Many were worried about getting to work, to hospitals and doctor's offices for appointments, and to care for family members.

**To say the snow removal task was monumental is an understatement when it came to manpower and cost.** One dozen plow routes were established and the first order of business was to open each road. Main highways were first, roads within developments were next, followed by cul-de-sacs and rural roads. Crews opened the last cul-de-sac at 1:00 A.M. Friday

morning before returning to the municipal building for a brief rest, only to start widening intersections. Road equipment was pushed hard and some plows were diverted to handle emergencies, like clearing St. Lawrence Avenue that had been closed by Central Berks Police between Aldi's and McDonalds because cars had gotten stuck in the snow and were blocking the roadway.

Highway Superintendent Clarence Hamm, in noting the expenses associated with snow storms of this magnitude, said **over 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel were used to power the plows during and after the storms; 1,350 tons of salt were used; and in addition to regular hours, 576.25 hours of overtime were logged for 13 CDL licensed employees in the Highway Department's road crew and 4 employees from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to clear snow.**

In addition, the lines of communication remained open between residents, businesses, police and the township's administrative staff, who remained on duty to facilitate residents' needs, answer questions or report emergencies.

Township Manager Troy Bingaman said, he would wait until the end of the snow season to make a total calculation on winter plowing costs.



**Township Employee Karen Arters stands next to a really big pile of snow removed from the parking spaces in front of the Township Building. For those of you who might worry about those things...she did not shovel it all by herself. She had help from a John Deere frontloader.**

# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## Street Lights Shine on Exeter



In the last edition of “*Exeter Community News*” residents were informed of a grant submission to the DEP in the amount of \$749,000 to upgrade Exeter-owned street-lights to LED energy saving ones. This was done to combat the rising cost of electricity that had to be passed on to residents in the form of an increased street light tax.

Since that time much has happened. After seeing the cost of conversion from transformers to metered lights in the grant, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), on Exeter’s behalf, requested from the Public Utility Commission (PUC) an effort to encourage MetEd to enter into a “Special Contract” with the Township to pay “a real energy use rate” for the new LED street light fixtures instead of the current, much higher rate, until a more realistic tariff could be set for street lights.

**This will lower the cost of changing out the 395, Exeter-owned street lights from \$749,000 to \$276,500.** The new number has been submitted to the DEP for a renewed grant consideration.

We are very grateful to the DEP and the PUC for their work on Exeter’s behalf; and to MedEd for agreeing to assist us with the special contract. A meeting between First Energy/MetEd executives and Township staff was held on March 2nd and an agreement is currently being drafted with the expectation of lowering the cost of street light energy by nearly 2/3rds. Should the grant be awarded and the lights replaced, the payback on the cost of replacement would be a year; and without the grant, a year and a half. In either case, electric costs for street lights would be lowered.

## Exercising Your Energy Generation Choice!

MetEd residential users now have a power of their own...the power to switch the company that generates their electricity and save money on energy in 2011. The reason is electric rate caps expire in 2011 and rates could go up as much as 30%. Also recently passed PA State Act #129 dictates that electric companies do

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## Energy Generation Choice (continued)

their part to reduce energy consumption 1% by May 31, 2011; 3% by May 31, 2013; and 4.5% in peak demand by May 31, 2013; or be fined. The Act also calls for rebates to be given to residential, commercial and industrial customers to change or upgrade equipment to be more energy efficient.

In order to understand what making a choice means, we've written a brief primer on how electricity flows from production to consumer. In Exeter, MetEd is the "**Distributor**" or delivery service for your energy. Before MetEd gets the product to deliver to you, it first must be generated or produced by a source. The production source is the "**Generator**". The "**Transmitter**" moves the electricity from the "Generator" to the "Distributor". The change that has occurred is in the "Generator" phase of this process. Instead of having only one generator or producer of energy, there are now many energy producers, who will be competing for your energy dollars with competitive kWh pricing. Hence, you have a choice of which generator you want based on the kWh price. When choosing,

consumers will be asked to sign an agreement to lock in the rate for a period of time. Since rates change rapidly, it is best to do your comparison shopping and purchase at the same time.

To give you the basis upon which to compare, a section on your energy bill called "**Price to compare**" is the number to be used.

Okay, now that you have a basis of comparison, go to website [www.puc.state.pa.us](http://www.puc.state.pa.us) to find all the "Generators" of electricity from which to choose. Under "Highlights and Hot Topics" click on "How to Choose" and go to MetEd, see the price per kWh, and look at the distributors listed below.

If you need to know what to ask when contacting other distributors go to the "Questions to Ask Suppliers" for help. MetEd can be contacted by calling 1-888-478-2300 for those who don't want to go the internet route. Also, look for mail solicitations from electric generator companies explaining their price packages. Read them carefully, ask questions and finally, exercise your power to choose and minimize the 2011 increase in electric costs.

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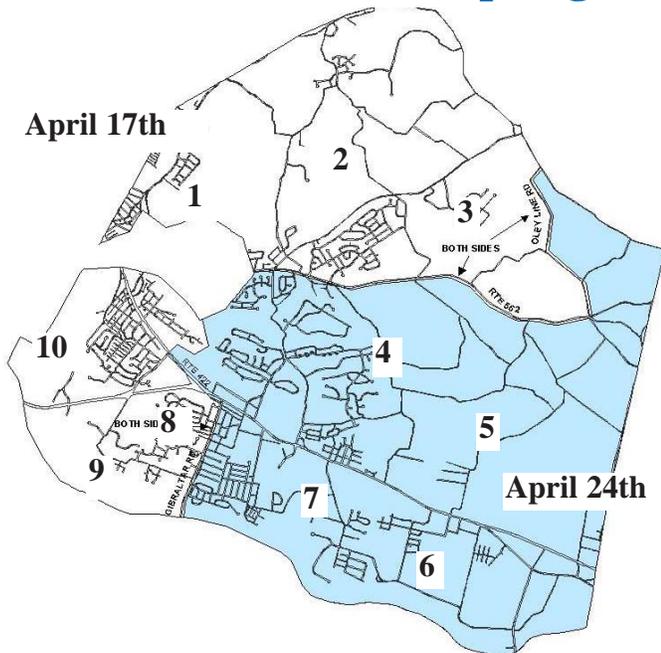
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## Spring Clean Up Time



**Spring Clean Up** has been scheduled for Saturday, April 17th for residents living in the recycling zones of 1,2,3,8,9,10 and Saturday, April 24th 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 & dehumidifiers that have a "freon-free" sticker from a certified refrigeration service attached.

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

## Storm Drains and Heavy Snows

After a brutal winter of heavy snows residents, who are concerned about snow covered storm drains blocking water from entering, need not worry. According to Highway Superintendent Clarence Hamm, melting snow will flow under piled snow and down the drain. He said water runoff creates an ice bridge over the drain keeping it open to receive water for the duration of the thaw.

He did request residents be mindful of any drains blocked with debris, and if it is too much for them to remove themselves with a broom, to please call the Township and report the address of the blocked drain. The removal of any visible debris from non-snow-covered storm drains will facilitate drainage of the melting snow and prevent flooding.

## Recycling Convenience

Large recycling bins are located at the Township Building for residents to deposit recyclable items that include cans, bottles, plastics, cardboard and paper. Used Motor Oil, Oil Filters and Antifreeze disposal bins also are available for residents. Containers used to carry these items can be disposed of at the same location.

## Spring Composting Class Scheduled

Exeter's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is sponsoring a Spring Composting Class on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Building, 4975 DeMoss Road.

The class is designed to teach neat and easy backyard composting that turns yard and kitchen waste into a rich organic supplement for use on lawns, gardens and in landscaping.

The cost for the class is \$5 and participants will receive a free composting bin. Interested residents can pre-register at the Township Building during normal business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. For more information call (610) 779-5660.

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## “Mulch By the Scoop”

Residents can purchase mulch by the scoop on two Saturday's, May 1st and May 8th from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon at a cost of \$10 per 3.5 cubic yard scoop of Township-made mulch.

This program, sponsored by the Environmental Advisory Council, requires residents to prepay the \$10 per scoop fee at the Township building and sign a liability waiver to receive a voucher. The voucher can be exchanged at the Trout Run Recycling Complex for mulch. There is no limit on the number of scoops a resident wants to purchase. **NOTE: The Loader Operator 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.

## Spring Brush Pick Up Schedule

Township highway crews are scheduled to collect brush curbside from residents during the month of May. From Monday, May 3, 2010 to and including Friday, May 7, 2010 brush will be collected on the northside of Route 422.

From Monday, May 10, 2010 through and including Friday, May 14, 2010 brush will be collected on the south side of Route 422.

Brush should be put at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Monday of the week of collection in your areas. 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 inches in diameter and 4 feet long.

## 2010 Hazardous Waste Collection Dates Reminder

**Household Hazardous Waste** will be collected on **October 16, 2010 at First Energy Stadium, Route 61 in Reading 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.

**Electronic Waste** will be collected on **September 24th & 25th at the First Energy Stadium, Route 61 in Reading from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on each day. (rain or shine)** Fees will be charged for electronic items. For example there will be a \$1.00 charge for all items except TV's which will cost \$18, and a .75 per lb. charge for batteries. Items accepted are computers (all components), monitors, laptops, keyboards, modems, printers, radios, stereos, televisions, VCR's CD players, DVD players, cell phones, and microwaves. **White Goods like air conditioners, with or without the freon removed, will be accepted in this collection.**

**Pharmaceutical Waste** will be collected on **October 2nd at the First Energy Stadium, Route 61 in Reading from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on each day. (rain or shine)**

**Tire Collection & Paper Shredding** is scheduled for **May 1st at the Exeter Township Municipal Building, DeMoss Road; and on October 9th at the First Energy Stadium, Route 61 in Reading.**

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

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Summer Playground Information



**Pre-Registration for all summer playground programs** will be held on June 5th in the Dunn Community Center from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. If you miss this pre-registration, you can attempt to register your child on the first day of playground: but, there are no guarantees your child will be admitted due to limited class sizes.

*(All programs will begin on June 14th although this is a make up day for some.)*

**Tot Lot Program** - will begin on June 14th for children Ages 5-9 at Community Park. Children who turn 5 years old by June 30th are eligible for the program. The children will spend 8 weeks making new friends, playing with old friends, learning new skills and having lots of fun. Every year new goals and ideas are created to make the summer a lasting memory. This program includes numerous activities, crafts and games. All parents of children 5 or 6 years old must bring their birth certificates for proof of age.

**Playground Programs** - will begin on June 14th for children ages 7-12 at Pineland Park and Lorane Hollow Park. This program offers supervised fun in a safe environment. A variety of activities are planned that include arts & crafts, sports, games, trips and special events.

The hours for all playground programs will be from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday starting June 14th through August 5th. The cost is \$50 for the first child and \$25 per additional child or \$8 per week per child. Additional fees will be charged for trip costs such as transportation and admissions. There will be no night time playground. **Lunch for both programs is the responsibility of the child's parent or guardian.**

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# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Exercise Classes At Dunn Community Center

**“Get the Party Started”** - 10-week classes - **Tuesday, June 15th, 5:30 P.M. to 6:15 P.M.** Whether you are having trouble getting into a workout routine or not, this class has fun calorie-burning, easy to follow dance steps, good music and sculpting.

**“Step Class”** - 10-week classes - **Thursday, June 17th, 5:20 P.M. to 6:10 P.M.** This is an easy to follow step class guaranteed to boost your heart rate. You need not bring a step.

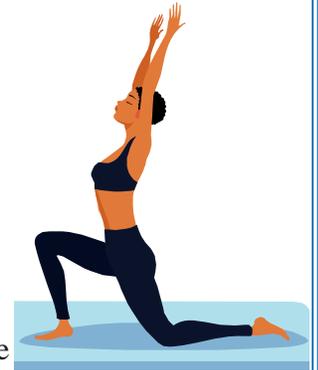
**“Tone and Tighten PM”** - 10-week classes - **Monday, June 14th, 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Thursday, June 17th, 6:10 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** This is a fast-paced, body sculpting class; using weights, tubing, bars, gliding discs and balls.

**“Cardio 20/20/20”** - 10-week classes - **Saturday, June 19th, 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.** This class combines mixed cardio levels for 20 minutes; strength and toning for 20 minutes; and ab and core work for 20 minutes.

**“Kick and Burn”** - 10-week classes - **Wednesday, June 16th, 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.** Traditional aerobic kickboxing moves, light weights, plus fat burning intervals.

**“On The Ball”** - 10-week classes - **Tuesdays, June 15th 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** Intense sculpting and core work utilizing weights, bars, and the stability ball. Combine this with cardio for a total body workout. Must bring your own stability ball.

**“Pilates”** - 10-week classes - **Monday, June 14th, 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. & Wednesdays, June 16th, 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** Mat Pilates exercises combine stretching, stabilization, balance and flexibility focusing on the core. Pilates rings and bars are used.



Cost for the Saturday morning class is: \$35. The cost for evening classes is \$35 for one; \$65 for two; \$90 for three; \$120 for four; or \$150 for five. Cost for Pilates classes listed is: \$50 for one class; \$90 for two classes; \$135 for all three classes. Registration forms are located at the Exeter Township Building or on the Township Website at [www.exetertownship.com](http://www.exetertownship.com)

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## Summer Youth Sports Programs

**Tennis Program** - A 6-week Tennis Program for boys and girls, ages 9-13 will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. starting Wednesday June 16th at Community Park. The program features five weeks of instruction followed by a week of doubles and singles tournaments. Every child will receive a prize or a T-shirt at the end of the program. Tennis rackets are required. The fee is \$40.

**Lacrosse Program** - A 6-week Lacrosse Program for boys and girls ages 9-13 will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. beginning June 22nd at Trout Run. The program will consist of a mixture of instruction and drills. Every child will receive a T-Shirt at the end of the program. The fee is \$50.

### **SkateBoard Instructional Program**

A 4-week instructional skateboard program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 A.M. - 12 noon starting Thursday, June 17th at Pineland Park for girls and boys ages 8-14. Basic fundamentals, safety gear and competitive strategy will be the focus. The fee is \$45.

### **Summer Instructional Basketball League**

A 6-week Basketball Program will be held for boys and girls ages 8-11 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. starting June 8th at Community Park. The program will feature three weeks of instruction and game experience, and three weeks of league games ending with a tournament.

### **Summer Basketball Players League**

A 6-week Youth Basketball League Program will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings for boys and girls ages 12-14 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. starting June 7th at Community Park. The program will feature three weeks of instruction and game experience and three weeks of league games ending with the 5th annual "Jordan Jermacans" Tournament. League limited to 80 participants. The fee is \$35.

### **Summer Street Hockey**

A 6-week Street Hockey Program for boys and girls ages 9-13 will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. starting Thursday June 17th at the Lorane Hollow Park Tennis Courts. The program will feature three weeks of instruction and game experience and three weeks of all game play. No equipment is necessary thanks to the YMCA and the Philadelphia Flyers Organization that have supplied all the hockey essentials including goalie equipment and "Play It Again Sports". The fee is \$30.

### **Exeter Baseball Camp**

A week-long Baseball Camp will be held June 21st to June 25th for boys and girls ages 8-12 at the Exeter Little League Fields at Stonersville. Camp highlights include individual skill work, team games and competitions. In addition, a member of the Reading Phillies will be a guest speaker. The fee is \$90 if registered by June 4th; \$100 by June 21st. Contact **Justin Freese at (610) 779-1318 to register.**

### **Craig Antush Baseball Camp**

This camp is for boys and girls ages 7-14 and will be held from Monday, June 28th to Thursday, July 1st at Pineland Park. There are three options:

**9 A.M. to 12 - Hitting, Fielding, Throwing - \$125**

**12:30 to 2:00 P.M - Pitching only - \$60**

**9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. - All Day - \$150**

Registration forms for this or any other recreation program can be found at [www.exetertownship.com](http://www.exetertownship.com) or by calling Joe Seltzer at (610) 406-0263.

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**The May Days Festival** will be held on Friday, May 14th from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., and on Saturday, May 15th from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on the grounds of Exeter High School at 37th Street and Reiff Place.

The Festival is held each year through the cooperation of Exeter Township and the Exeter School District to provide an assortment of entertainment, amusement and excitement for residents of all ages. There will be rides for the kiddies and adults; games; a variety of delicious foods including homemade items, cheese steaks and ice cream.

**A colorful fireworks display is planned to top off the Festival on Saturday night at 9:30 P.M.**

*Proceeds benefit the Association of Parents & Teachers, Exeter Township and local community groups.*

Any non-profit organization interested in operating a carnival game can contact Joe Seltzer at (610) 406-0263

## Second Annual Duck Race

Second Annual Duck Race will be held on the Antietam Creek in Community Park on May 15th as part of May Days. The race is sponsored by the Exeter Community Education Foundation and benefits students and school programs. Tickets can be purchased at \$5 for a single duck; \$20 for a "Quack Pack" (4 tickets + a souvenir duck); or \$50 for a "Flock" (10 tickets + 3 ducks).

## Special Events

### Friday, May 14th

3 to 4:30 P.M. - "Megatonix" (HS Band)

5 to 6:30 P.M. - "B & the Birds" (Fac. Band)

7 to 10 P.M. - Dance Party with D.J. Special "D"

## Special Events

### Saturday, May 15th

3 to 3:30 P.M. - Elementary School Band

4 to 4:30 P.M. - 7th Grade Band

5 to 5:30 P.M. - 8th Grade Band

5:30 to 6 P.M. - Jazz Ensemble

7 to 8:30 P.M. - "Storm" Band

9 to 9:25 - High School Band

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## Baltimore Harbor & Orioles Baseball Trip Date Scheduled

Back by popular demand is the annual bus trip to Baltimore for a visit to the Harbor and Camden Yards to watch an Orioles baseball game on Friday, July 23, 2010. There are 40 tickets in Section #94 and 46 tickets in Section #67. The bus will leave Exeter Library at 10:00 A.M. and then K-Mart on the 5th Street Highway (garden center side) at 10:15 A.M. The bus will depart Baltimore promptly after the game. The cost is \$54 per person. Reserve your space by calling Exeter Township at (610) 779-5660. Call early as this is a very popular event.



## “Discover Tuscany” Trip

From November 2nd -11th. - visits to Rome, Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis, Montecatini Terme, Siena, San Gimignano, Florence, Pitti Palace and a Tuscan Feast are the trip’s features. Travelers will depart from Philadelphia. Included are airfare, lodging, sightseeing tours & 13 meals. Itinerary at [www.springtwpberks.org](http://www.springtwpberks.org) The cost is \$2,820 ppTRP; \$2,850 pp DBL; \$3,150 single. \$250 deposit required. To sign up for trip call (610) 678-5399.

## “Guided Tour of Washington, DC”



A bus trip and guided tour of Washington, DC has been scheduled for May 6th leaving from the Dunn Community Center in Exeter Township at 6:45 A.M. and from K-Mart on the 5th Street Highway at 7:00 A.M. The bus will return from Washington at 4:30 P.M. The cost is \$104/per person which includes transportation, guide and lunch.

During the tour, stops will be made at several historic sites and a tour guide will discuss each site. Lunch will be provided at “Tony & Joe’s Seafood Place” with rest stops taken on the way to and from Washington.

For reservations call (610) 779-5660.

## Youth Sports Training Clinic

Two sessions of the **Youth Sports Training Clinic** have been scheduled for June 21st -June 24th; and July 12th -July 15th from 6 P.M.-7:30 P.M. at Trout Run for boys and girls ages 10-14.

This clinic is designed for youth athletes in all sports with each activity having a specific fitness or performance goal. All activities will be age appropriate and will encourage a fun, learning environment.

Sponsored by “Play It Again Sports”, participants will perform exercises using parachutes, agility ladders, resistance harnesses and reaction balls. The fee is \$125 per session or \$235 for both sessions. Registration deadline is June 7th. For more information call (484) 332-5201.



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## “Cop’s Corner”

By Officer David L. Behm



Crime Prevention Officer  
David L. Behm #166

**Hello Exeter Residents!** The Officers of Exeter Township’s Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit hope you’re having a safe spring. As summertime approaches and plans are being made for picnics, cookouts and carefree outdoor evening activities, let’s not let ourselves become easy targets for criminals. Bad guys don’t take a summer vacation; however, they sure seem to pay attention when **YOU** do. No one likes to think about bad things happening to them. So, the time to prepare for (and hopefully prevent) such occurrences is before someone breaks into your home. Below I have outlined a few additional, simple things you can do to keep your homes and your families safer.

- **\$5.00 BUYS A LOT OF HARDWARE!** Take a trip down to your local hardware store and buy some three-inch screws. Depending on your exterior door hinges, nine longer screws would be enough to **SIGNIFICANTLY** strengthen your doors and increase your security! Most door hinges come with pretty, one-inch long brass screws. These are fine for interior mounts, but a screw that only penetrates the doorframe simply does

not yield the strength of a longer replacement that would anchor the hinge into the framing lumber studs around your doorframe. Just be careful that you would not be screwing into any wires (that’s how Officer Dave gets really unpopular really fast). Also, **DO NOT** take out all the screws in your door hinges at the same time (your door will fall off). One or two at a time, simply take out the old short hinge screws, drill a pilot hole a little thinner than the new screw, and replace the originals with your new three-inch screws.

- **FINALLY GET THAT STRONGER LOCK!!** While you are down at that hardware store, buy an extra dead-bolt lock for each one of your exterior doors. Make sure you get one with a knob on the inside and a keyhole on the outside. That way, in the event of a fire, you won’t have to worry about whether or not you left the key in the lock on the inside, you can just turn the knob and get out fast. Yes, a decent lock might cost between \$15 and \$25, but that is still not too expensive. If you can afford it, check out the more costly locks. The bottom line is: any lock is better than no lock. That having been said, like with most things in life, the more you invest in something, the more likely it is to deliver better results.
- **IF YOU ARE HANDY...** Consider “pinning” your windows. This is when you open your window about three inches and drill a hole through the inner window frame and into (but not through) the outer window frame. This hole should be just big enough to allow a large nail to slide easily through the inner frame and into the outer frame. This will hold the window in position at three inches open without letting a bad guy outside open it further. In a fire, you can just pull the nails out and open the window normally from the inside. Drill the hole on about a 20-degree down-angle so the nail can’t be easily knocked out by a bad guy shaking the window. Again, make sure the “pins” (usually large nails) are easy to grasp and remove from the inside. That way if there is ever a fire, you and your family can find and remove them quickly. **Parents... please explain to your children** how to get the pins out and open the window so they can get out if they need to.

If you like “Cop’s Corner”, or have any safety issues you would like to have addressed, please let your Township know by calling (610) 779-5660. Exeter’s Police Department is very supportive of Crime Prevention measures.

Look for “Personal Safety Tips” in the next edition and thank you again for your time.



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# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## Roadway Safety



Noticed the “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” signs along the new section of DeMoss Road?

Have those signs caused you to slow down just a bit? If so, that’s one of the benefits of the “Keep Kids live Drive 25 Program”. Sometimes

drivers fail to realize they are driving over the posted speed limit. “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” signs are a helpful reminder to pay a little extra attention while driving through Exeter streets.

The goal of the “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” Program is to increase roadway safety through creating community awareness and involvement. Anyone wanting to be a part of assisting with your neighborhood’s participation in the program can contact the Exeter Police Department at

[keepkidsalive@exeterpolice.com](mailto:keepkidsalive@exeterpolice.com) or follow the link at [www.exeterpolice.com](http://www.exeterpolice.com)

**We can’t do it without you!**

## Our Own Personal Hero

We take him for granted because he is Highway Superintendent Clarence Hamm’s son and one of Exeter Township’s extended family members. However, **Scott Hamm** is not just Clarence’s kid. He is a United States Marine Sergeant Major, a true hero who is a recipient of the “**Bronze Star Medal for Valor**” for his heroic action in the Taliban stronghold in Garsmir, Afghanistan. On three separate occasions in May of 2008, Hamm’s patrol unit came under enemy fire and he is credited for heroic actions during the attacks, including saving the lives of two critically wounded Marines.

Recently he was recognized by Berks County Commissioners with a citation for his heroic achievements in combat. And, even more recently, a small group of family and friends gathered at Alebrije Mexican Grill in Exeter to wish him well as he and his wife, Dana, prepared to leave for Okinawa, Japan for three years.

We, here at the township, are all very proud of Scott. In fact, our feelings go beyond proud. To know his capabilities, his quiet reserve and his commitment to serving our Country provides a reassurance that we are in very good hands.



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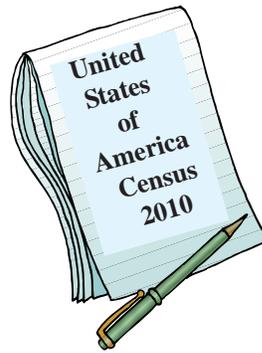
## Reading Country Club Financial Update

There is continual good news in RCC's financials. Since Chef Alan's contracted with the Township to manage the food and beverage side of the Club in March of 2009, financial reports show that a profit of \$408,000 had been realized by December 31, 2009.

Also, the Golf Management side reported a profit of \$61,000 for a total of \$469,000 in profits for the last three quarters of 2009.

"This is great news," said Township Manager Troy Bingaman, "as in 2008, the profit made by RCC will offset the debt service incurred to purchase the Club."

Brian Arens, Grounds Manager, attributed the increased revenue on the golf side to the increased quality of the grounds and greens which is what golfer's are attracted to.



## 2010 Census Time

Once every ten years the government wants to count on you to be counted. And, it does not hurt a bit! It is a requirement of the U.S. Constitution that citizens participate by completing and mailing back the Census

Questionnaire in the prepaid envelope that is provided for citizens' convenience.

The campaign to be counted kicked off on April 1st with "National Census Day" to emphasize the importance of being counted. It has to do with a federal government allocation of over \$400 billion to both states and communities like Exeter Township. You are actually worth \$1,000 per year as that is the sum determined to be allocated for each person in our community. Should our numbers not be accurate, federal funds to provide the services our communities need could be lost.

Please do your part. Fill out and return your census form. **Your community is counting on you to be counted!**



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## Library Special Events

### Book and Bake Sale



The Friends of the Library will hold a **Book & Bake Sale** that highlights a special collection of WWII books, the ever-popular trade paper back books, an outstanding selection of gorgeous cook-

books for all tastes, mystery, romance and beautiful coffee table books.

**Thursday, April 15th - 4 - 8 P.M.**  
(Friends Only)

**Friday, April 16th - 12 noon to 8 P.M.**

**Saturday, April 17th -9 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

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For more information call (610) 779-7750

### Victorian Fashions

Barbara Meyer Darlin will present a costumed lecture/demonstration exploring the impact of turn-of-the-century women's fashions on their lives.

She will recreate a day in the life of a Victorian woman by modeling custom-made Victorian dress complete with all the underpinnings. The program has been described as a fashion show, a social history lesson, a conceptual performance and a Victorian striptease.



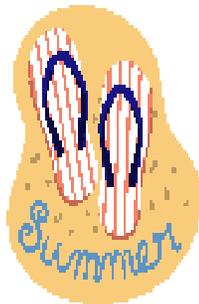
**Performance Date:** Saturday, April 24th at 12:15 P.M. in the Library's program rooms.

**Tickets** are \$15 for "Friends"; \$20 for non-members. A light luncheon is included and will be served at 11:30 A.M. Call (610) 406-9431 for more information.

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# THE TOWNSHIP OF **EXETER**

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## Girl Scouts Receive Volunteerism Award from Exeter Township for 20 years of Service



They participate in every one of Exeter Township’s events, lending their hands to all the work necessary to make their community the best for its people. We’re talking about **Girl Scout Troop #1676 headed by Adah Raffensberger and Denise Kramer; and Troop #1909 headed by Sue Roth**. While Scout members have grown up and changed over the years; the idea of the importance of giving back to the community has not. “It is an important part of teaching the girls to be well rounded, to give back and not always be wondering ‘what’s in it for me’, said Mrs. Raffensberger. “Just seeing



the expressions on the faces of the children who are the recipients of their good works has taught the Scouts that the warm fuzzy feeling they get from this is a great reward,” she said. Among their activities, the Girl Scout Troops have participated in the annual “Easter Egg Hunt”, the “Festival of Lights” and the “Hayride”.

*The Township thanks them for their good works.*

**FACT: Over 15,000 plastic eggs were stuffed with goodies by Girl Scout volunteers for Exeter Township’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children held in early March. (see pictures above)**



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