



EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

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FEMA Redraws Floodplain Maps

For Exeter residents who live near a stream or creek, the chances are you are in a flood plain and carry flood insurance.

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has been working on redrawing the maps that are used to identify such areas and is helping municipalities update their floodplain ordinances and regulations.

Zoning Officer, Cheryl Franckowiak and Code Enforcement Officer, Linda Cusimano, recently attended a Berks County sponsored informational session regarding these impending changes in order to be prepared to assist Exeter Township residents with this change.

In the next few months, residents that are affected will receive a letter from the Zoning Officer explaining the changes and how they might be affected. Some residents that were previously in a floodplain may now be considered out of the floodplain area; while others that were deemed not to be in a floodplain may gain that designation and therefore, would be subject to flood insurance and other ordinance requirements.

Once FEMA gives the green light to share the maps (currently they are in their preliminary stages), they will be available for public access on the Township's website, at www.exetertownship.com along with lots of other information that the affected residents will be able to utilize to help them through this change.

All municipalities have until the end of the year to update their floodplain ordinances. Exeter's Engineering Office will be working on these changes, as well, so that all of the FEMA mandated requirements are addressed in a township ordinance for enforcement purposes.

It is FEMA's intent to have the new maps ready for adoption by the end of the year. It is Exeter's intent to have its new ordinance adopted by the end of the year at which point these changes will become effective.

If you have any questions, please contact Zoning Officer Cheryl Franckowiak, at 610-779-5702 or via email at cfranckowiak@exetertownship.com

At this point, she'll only be able to share with you the preliminary map changes, which very well could change.

Mrs. Franckowiak suggests residents wait until they are contacted by her. At that time she'll be able to offer to residents all the information she has at her disposal as well as the necessary guidance.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Exeter Township's Business
Office will be closed on**

**Friday,
April 22, 2011**

**Monday,
May 30, 2011**

**Monday,
July 4, 2011**

PennDOT has declared April 23rd as "The Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania Day". Visit website www.goafpa.org for more information.



Exeter's Sludge Dryer In Full Operation

by Paul A. Herb

Exeter Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent

There were times when we thought this day would never come; but, here it is!

Exeter Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant has completed its conversion to a Biosolids Processing Plant now that its new Biosolids Dryer is in full operation. The Fenton 72-ton, batch-fed Biosolids Dryer fits snugly in its new surroundings at 400 Hanover Road, processing tons of wet sludge a day into dried Biosolids pellets.

At the beginning of this project, we surveyed neighboring municipalities to gauge their interest in bringing sludge to us for processing. Well, the time has come to put our plans into action. We're ready to accept liquid sludge from our neighboring municipalities at a price we can make competitive.

Pricing is as big a deal to us as it is to other municipalities. And, it is complicated because townships, boroughs, cities and private companies are in contractual agreements with landfills and are paying different prices to landfill their processed sludge.

Intermunicipal agreements between Exeter and other municipalities could lower the price currently being paid. I know you've heard me say it before and I'll say it again...

...the more sludge Exeter processes, the lower the cost for municipalities that bring their sludge to us.

We will continue to landfill the processed sludge for a few more months until the Biosolids pellets are consistent and uniformly produced in our Sludge Dryer. We've been careful every step of the way on this project and we don't plan to be careless now by rushing to sell the Biosolids we produce until we have achieved this next goal. Even in this step of the 'shake-out procedure', we are saving 4/5th of the approximately \$600,000 we paid to landfill processed sludge just last year before we had the Sludge Dryer. We are very close to reaching our ultimate goal which is to eliminate paying landfill disposal fees altogether.

While our Biosolids Dryer is cooking sludge, we are investigating ways to sell the dried Biosolids we make to provide the kind of revenue that would be applied to lower our production costs. There are several promising options; but, after conducting a thorough marketing study we now know we are a little premature when it comes to finding customers that are willing to pay for our product to be used as a fuel. That will happen in the future; but, not now. However, there is a market for the Class A, pathogen-free dried Biosolids to be used as a fertilizer for turf manufacturers, on golf courses, in nurseries, or to be purchased by small landfills and used as cover when cells are closed. All opportunities are being explored as well as the steps necessary to obtain the DEP required permitting related to the sale of Biosolids.



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THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR



ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Exeter Township has proclaimed April 22, 2011 as Arbor Day and urges all residents to observe this day by planting trees, which are appropriate for this area, and by participating in Arbor Day Programs aimed at protecting our trees and woodlands.

The Proclamation, drafted at the urging of Exeter's Environmental Advisory Council, provides the history of Arbor Day when J. Sterling Morton proposed the Nebraska Board of Agriculture set aside a special day for planting trees and calling this day Arbor Day in 1872.

Trees were planted then as they are planted now to encourage appreciation, protection, renewal and sound management of forests, and to encourage a healthy ecosystem. Trees also provide effective storm water & wind control as they reduce noise and air pollution, and enhance aesthetic quality of life. Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes and fuel for our fires, as they produce life-giving oxygen and beautify our community.

In keeping with the spirit of Arbor Day, the Environmental Advisory Council will provide a tree to be planted on school grounds by Lorane Elementary School's First Grade students on April 22nd.

For a list of appropriate trees to be planted in Exeter Township, please refer to the "Tree Inventory List" in Chapter #348 under Township Ordinance #697 which can be found on the Township website www.exetertownship.com Go to "Building & Zoning" (on left list) and click; under "Recently Adopted Ordinances" you'll find "Tree Ordinance". Click and the "Tree Inventory List" can be found on Page 7 of the Ordinance.

Spring Composting Class Scheduled

Exeter's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is sponsoring a Spring Composting Class on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Building at 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.

To participate, pre-register at the Township building from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. For more information call (610) 779-5660



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Spring Solid Waste Collections

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

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

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

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

The items accepted include Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Radios, Stereos, Televisions, VCRs, Fax Machines, Copiers, Telephones, Answering Machines, Mobile Phones, Microwaves and Fluorescent Bulbs.

No refrigerators or freezers will be accepted.

Fees - \$2.00 each will be charged for all electronic items.

\$20 each will be charged for televisions.

Free of Charge - Batteries, Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers will be accepted

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

Trout Run "Mulch by the Scoop" Program

Township residents can register now to get "Mulch by the Scoop" at Exeter's Trout Run Recycling Center for spring planting. The dates are Saturday, May 14th and Saturday, May 21st from 9 A.M. to 12 noon. **Each scoop is 3.5 cubic yards and will be loaded directly into the resident's truck.**



The cost is \$10 per scoop and residents can pre-purchase a voucher, using cash or check, at the Township Building that can be exchanged for the mulch. There is no limit on the number of scoops that can be purchased.

The loader operator at Trout Run will not accept the fee nor will he issue the necessary waiver. **Mulch will continue to be available free in either small or large amounts for those who want to shovel it themselves.**

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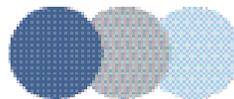
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Its Time for “Walks in the Parks”

Wild-flowers, budding trees and the fragrance of flowering plants will delight those who want to join in a series of five spring walks in area parks sponsored by Exeter’s Environmental Advisory Committee.

The park walks will be lead by Dr. Susan Munch, Albright College Professor Emeritus of Biology, who will discuss interesting plants in this area.

Scheduled for Tuesday afternoons, the park walks will be from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. as follows:

- April 12th - Trout Run
- April 26th - Antietam Lake
- May 3rd - Monocacy Hill
- May 17th - Neversink Mountain
- May 31st - Daniel Boone Homestead

For directions to the parks, Google the Berks County Nature website and look under “Tuesday Botany Walks”, or call Dr. Munch at (610) 921-7727.

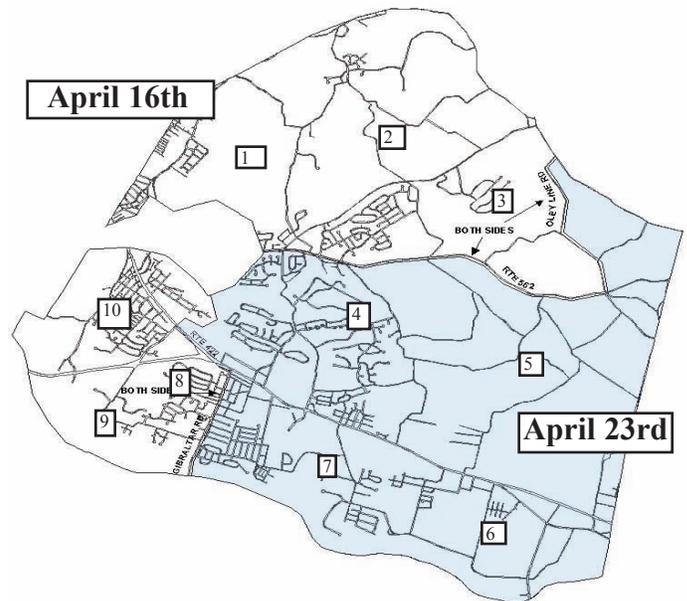
No registration is required and remember to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Spring Clean Up Around the Corner

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

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

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



Trout Run Brush Depository Hours 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. 7-Days-a-Week

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

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

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

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PARKS AND RECREATION



Playgrounds in the Parks

Exeter's Parks & Recreation Department has announced the eight week summer playground program will operate from
June 13, 2011 to August 4, 2011.



**Pre-Registration is scheduled on Saturday, June 4, 2011
at the Dunn Community Center from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

Community Park Playground, located at 1 Elm Street, will host the Tot Lot program for children ages 5-9 from Monday - Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Fridays will be field trip days. A child is eligible for this playground if they are 5-years-old by June 30, 2011. Parents who are signing up 5 and 6 year-olds for Tot Lot must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Lorane Hollow Park Playground, 451 W. 48th Street, will host a playground program for children ages 7-12, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Fridays will be field trip days.

Pineland Park Playground, 375 Pineland Road, will host a playground program for children ages 7-12, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Fridays will be field trip days.

Each park has scheduled weekly arts and crafts, and every week there will be a special event for the children, and sometimes for the entire family. Among the special events planned are a water festival; a swim at Crestwood Pool; and trips to The Body Zone; Reading Phillies Day; and Bowl-A-Rama.

Please pack a lunch for your child as lunches are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Cost for the full program for the first child in the family is \$50 for 8 weeks; the cost is \$30 for each additional child or a child can attend for \$8 per week. Additional fees will be charged for trip costs such as transportation and admissions.

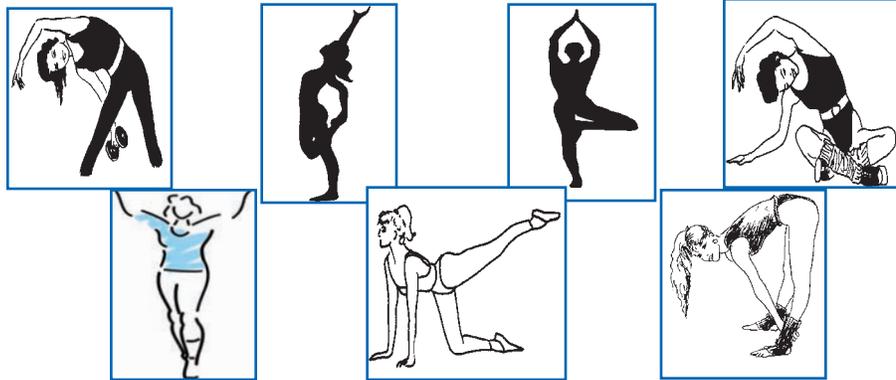
Summer Funcamp will be held again at Community Park this year for youths ages 10-14. This camp is more sports oriented and will be held Monday - Thursday mornings from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. The cost is \$40 for 8 weeks or \$6 per week. Additional fees will be charged for trip costs such as transportation and admissions. **Exeter Parks & Recreation will not be responsible for your children after the program time is over.**

All forms for playground registration can be downloaded from Exeter's website at www.exetertownship.com Please have your paperwork prepared for registration. If there are any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the program, please feel free to call Joe Seltzer, Parks & Recreation Superintendent at (610) 406-0263

Fun & Fitness

PARKS AND RECREATION

Yes, It's Spring... Time to Get in Shape with Fitness Classes at Dunn Community Center



Its not too late to join aerobics classes that began on April 4th. For speedy registration, just call (610) 406-0263. Prices will be pro-rated.

Register Now for the Next Class Sessions that begin on June 13th

"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 focusing on the core.

"Zumba" - Mondays from 6:30 P.M. - 7:20 P.M. & Thursdays, 7:00 P.M. - 7:50 P.M. This is a latin music based class that combines easy to follow dance and fitness steps. The class is a caloric/fat burning workout that sculpts and energizes your body.

The cost for a 10-week class is \$40; \$75 for 2 and \$115 for 3 classes. Flyers available on line. Go to www.exetertownship.com For more information call Joe Seltzer at (610) 406-0263

The Recreation Department is offering **"Free Yoga in Community Park"** on Sundays from May 15 - August 28 beginning at 11 A.M. No Reservations are necessary. For more information contact Doug Hayward at (610) 780-9821



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Time to Sign Up for Summer Youth Sports Programs

Summer Basketball Instructional League

A 6-week Basketball Program will be held for boys and girls ages 8-11 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. starting June 6th at Community Park. The program will feature three weeks of instruction and game experience and three weeks of league games. The league will end with the "9th Annual Exeter Township Tournament of Champions". The fee is \$35.

Summer Basketball Players League

A 6-week Youth Basketball League Program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for boys and girls ages 12-14 from 6 P.M.- 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.

Craig Antush Baseball Camp

This camp is for boys and girls ages 7-14 and will be held from Monday, June 27th - Thursday, June 30th at Pineland Park. There are three options:
9 A.M. to 12 - Hitting, Fielding, Throwing - \$125
12:30 to 2 P.M. - Pitching only - \$60
9 A.M. to 2 P.M. - All day - \$150 (Bring Lunch)
Registration is at 8:15 A.M. on June 27th.

Stonersville Flames Softball Clinic

This is a Girls Fast Pitch Softball Program designed for girls ages 6-16 that will be held for 8 days on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 5th and ending July 28th. The location is at the Trout Run Sports Complex and the time is from 6 P.M.- 8 P.M. Registration forms can be found at the Exeter Township Office. For more details email stonersvilleflames@rocketmail.com
The fee is \$30.

Information & registration forms for any youth sports programs at www.exetertownship.com

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. - 11 A.M. starting June 15th at Community Park. The program features five weeks of instruction followed by a week of doubles and singles tournaments. Every child will receive 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 14th 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. Lacrosse sticks are required. 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 June 21st 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 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 June 14th 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. The fee is \$30.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Youth Sports Programs(Continued)

Summer Field Hockey Program

A 6-week Field Hockey Program will be held for girls ages 8-14 beginning June 20th at Community Park every Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. This program will teach instructional drills and game-like situations. Field Hockey Sticks, Shin Guards and Mouth Guards are REQUIRED. Every child will receive a T-shirt at the end of the program. The fee is \$40.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THIS OR ANY OTHER YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT www.exetertownship.com More information can be obtained by calling Joe Seltzer at (610) 406-0263.

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Date: Monday, May 16 bus leaves 9:15 A.M. - departs Phila. at 4:30 P.M. Cost is \$99 p/p.

New York Yankees Ballgame

Yankees vs. Tampa Bay, seats located in Sec. 239, Rows 23 & 24 in bleachers. Game starts at 1:05 P.M. with breakfast stop on the way. **Date:** Sat., July 9, bus leaves at 7:30 A.M. - departs promptly after game. Cost \$74 p/p includes transportation & ticket.

Baltimore Harbor/Ballgame

Orioles vs. Yankees, seats located in Section 67, Rows 2 through 4. Before the game visit Harbor features like the IMAX Theater, Fort McHenry, the Aquarium and waterfront shopping. **Date:** Friday, August 26, bus leaves at 10:15 A.M.- departs MD promptly after game. Cost \$69 p/p for transportation & ticket.

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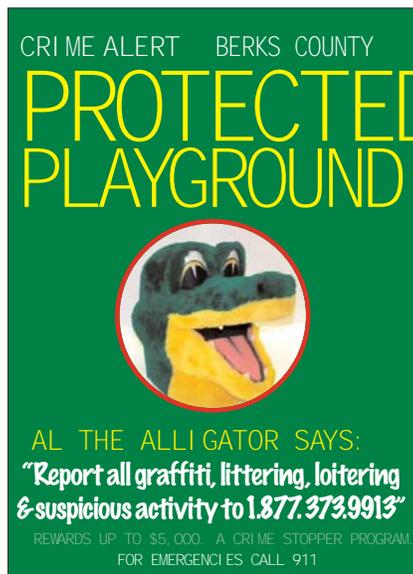
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Crime Alert Berks County Helps Protect Playgrounds

Crime Alert Berks County has provided Exeter Township with a free sign for each of its playgrounds to deter crime and encourage use of its “Tip Line”. According to Chris Nein, CABC



Vice President, “We’d like to help keep all the parks and playgrounds in Berks County safe and clean for all citizens, big and small to enjoy.”

Anyone seeing suspicious activity, can call the anonymous Crime Tip Hotline at

1-877-373-9913 and report it. Police will investigate and possibly arrest the person(s) who may be doing something illegal. **Rewards of up to \$5,000 are paid for an arrest.**

Crime Alert Berks County needs the help of citizens to catch criminals. Assisting the Police in this way can help keep the cost of law enforcement down.

Those wanting more information can contact Chris Nein at (610) 376-1755 or on his voice mail at (610) 682-5875.

Crime Alert Berks County started 12 years ago with no budget, no tips and no arrests. With an all-volunteer board and many in the community who donate their time and services, Crime Alert Berks County is now “Number One” in Pennsylvania in rewards and arrests among crime tip lines.



The Mays Days Festival is scheduled for **Friday, May 20th from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 21st from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.** on the grounds of Exeter High School at 37th Street and Reiff Place.

This annual event is held 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; and 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 and 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.

Schedule of Special Events

- Friday** - 3:00
5:00 (To Come)
7:00
- Saturday** - 3:00 - 5th & 6th Grade Band
4:00 - 7th Grade Band
4:30 - 5:00 Jazz Ensemble
6:00 - “Storm”
9:00 - High School Band

FIREWORKS at 9:30 are provided by Entech Engineering, Metro Bank and Spine Wellness Center/Exeter Business Group

“Cop’s Corner”

By Officer David L. Behm



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

As spring’s warmer weather makes its way into the Township, the Police Department typically notices increasing complaints of speeding on the Township’s roadways. This edition of “Cop’s Corner” is a reminder to the community that excessive speeding is a problem we all can help curb when as a community we embrace the problem.

Years of experience have shown when enforcing speed limits in our developments we typically find those speeding are the people that reside in the developments. Therefore, we are asking all the residents to slow down and enjoy the drive to work, school, or where ever you may be going. Remember, when you drive the speed limit the car behind you will slow and drive the speed limit.

With the goal of increasing roadway safety by creating community awareness and involvement, the ‘Keep Kids Alive-Drive 25’ Program was developed. Fortunately, local Agent Lou Mehos, from State Farm Insurance Co., has contributed a \$1,550 Good Citizenship Grant to fund the program.

Mr. Mehos said, “The ‘Keep Kids Alive - Drive 25’ program helps to keep Exeter Township a safe place for all my neighbors, particularly our young people.” I join Mr. Mehos in keeping our neighborhoods safe and if anyone of you want to help, you can by contacting us at keepkidsalive@exeterpolice.com to find out how. On the keep kids alive website www.keepkidsalivedrive25.org there is a list of 10 ways to say, “I love You” to help keep your child safe. Its worth repeating them for you here.

1. The number one action is to enforce the **no playing in the street rule**. Set limits for your child. Make sure they have safe places to play. Do not let them play in the street.
2. Know where your child is. Be outside watching younger children – 7 and under. Know who they are with as well as where they are. **Dare to Care!**
3. Always make sure kids are buckled up. Remember, show your care for others by wearing your seat belt and expecting others to do the same. Do the right thing. **SEAT BELTS – FASTENATING!®**
4. Make sure your young child is in an approved safety seat or booster seat. Be sure the seat is properly installed and that your child is safely buckled in. **For more information visit <http://www.safekids.org/>**
5. Cross the street with your child until the age of 10. (Children’s hearing is not fully developed until then, so they may not hear or notice oncoming traffic.)
6. Teach your child to cross the street correctly. Always use the nearest crosswalk when available.
And remember, **STOP! TAKE 3 TO SEE®** This means: • Stop completely at curbside • Look left, look right, look left again (and listen, too) • Make sure the road is clear before crossing. These are the same steps to use when approaching a driveway or an intersection. Teach children to be aware a car may be backing out or approaching an intersection from any direction.
7. Expect your child to wear the proper helmet and pads when riding a bike, scooter, skateboard, or using skates. Helmets should exceed safety standards. **A simple rule for parents to enforce to help your child learn good safety habits– NO HELMET** (or elbow, wrist, and kneepads for skateboards, skates, and scooters) **NO WHEELS!** Don’t forget to look for an ASTM, Snell, ANSI or CPSC certification sticker on safety equipment.
8. Make sure your child (teenagers, too!)checks in with you on a regular basis (every hour or so) when at a friend’s house.
9. Know the parents of all children in your neighborhood. **Support each other** in helping to keep all kids safe – in yards, homes, cars, and on bikes, scooters, and skates.
10. Make sure you **follow the rules of the road. Buckle up! Drive no faster than the speed limit** –slower if needed. Allow one vehicle length for each 10 mph between you and the car in front of you, (30 mph is 3 lengths, 50 mph is 5 lengths). Pay attention to stop signs and traffic signals.

I’m going to add an 11th rule. Never, and I mean never, leave a child unattended in a motor vehicle whether the engine is running or not! Not only could a child be kidnapped; but, the child could accidentally trip an automatic window switch. Sadly, in dozens of instances each year, this results in the strangulation death of a child.

Hopefully, you have found “Cop’s Corner” to be helpful. If you would like to request a safety talk for your business or community group, contact the Exeter Township Police Department at the numbers below to make arrangements. The Exeter Township Police Department is very supportive of the Community Policing Model and wishes you a safe and happy spring.

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Website: www.exeterpolice.com

EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Fire Department Warns of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

“Because you can’t see or smell carbon monoxide,(CO) high levels can kill a person in minutes,” warns Christopher Jordan, Deputy Chief of the Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Department.

CO is produced whenever gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal is burned. Appliances that are maintained and used properly are usually not hazardous; however, those that are not working properly can produce dangerous levels of CO.

Below are several **DO**’s and **DON’T**’s to remember to prevent CO Poisoning:

DO have oil and gas furnaces, gas water heaters, gas ranges and ovens, gas dryers, gas or kerosene space heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves inspected by a trained professional at the start of every heating season.

DO read & follow the instructions for any fuel-burning device. Carefully follow the “cautions” on devices that are unvented. Use proper fuel and keep doors to the rest of the house open. Leave a window slightly open to ensure enough air for ventilation and proper fuel burning.

DO choose appliances that vent their fumes to the outside, have them properly installed and maintain them according to manufacturers’ instructions.

DO make sure there is nothing blocking the fumes in your chimney or vent from leaving the house.

DO use carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

DON’T idle the car in a garage even if the door to the outside is open. Fumes can build up very quickly in the garage or living area of your home.

DON’T use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

DON’T ever use a charcoal grill indoors - even in a fireplace.

DON’T sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

DON’T use any gasoline powered engine in enclosed spaces.

Words About CO Detectors

They are important and every home should have one or two located near appliances where CO could escape. If your CO detector goes off, call 911. Make sure you and all members of your household leave the house. It’s safer to let experienced professionals handle the situation.

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Exeter Fire Department Program in Place

The Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Dept has developed an enhanced staffing-incentive program to provide guaranteed fire coverage twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-five days a year.

The program provides a minimum of four (4) certified members "in-station" to respond within seconds of an emergency dispatch. During the evening and weekend hours there is a minimum of six (6) certified members responding immediately. This enhanced level of fire service is contributing to expediting life-saving efforts, reduced property damage and more efficient fire service to residents of Exeter Township, St. Lawrence Borough and surrounding communities.

The Fire Department is currently accepting new member applications for firefighting; EMS-Medical Services, Data Entry; and Record Keeping. Please visit the website at www.exetertwpfire25.com or contact Deputy Chief Jordan at cjordan@exetertwpfire25.com for more information.

Exeter Ambulance Holding Open House



The public is invited to an Open House Event at Exeter Ambulance on Saturday, May 14 from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Berks County Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht will be conducting the "ID ME Program" for children who will be photographed & fingerprinted, and the parents will get a kit to take home.

A mock accident scene presentation will be conducted by representatives from both Reading Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Don't miss this opportunity!



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Annual Egg Hunt

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Rain Date, Saturday, April 23rd, 2011

Hunt begins promptly at 10am

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Books & Cakes



The Friends of Exeter Community Library have announced the dates of their Annual Spring Book & Bake Sale being held at the Dunn Community Center, 4565 Prestwick Drive.

The event will be open on **Thursday, April 14**, from 4-8 P.M. (The Friends only preview); **Friday, April 15**, from 12 noon - 8 P.M.; and **Saturday, April 16**, from 9 - 3 P.M.

There will be a number of events on Saturday.

The **“Bag of Books”** program will be offered from 12 noon - 3 P.M.

The **Flea Market** will open offering gently used household goods that will be sold from 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Pulled Pork Sandwiches with two sides will be sold from 11 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Proceeds from all sales go to the Library.

“Sleepytime Storytime” at the Library



The last two enchanting, monthly read-aloud programs of classic books will be held on Wednesday evenings April 20 and May 4 from 7:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the Library. A special costume character will stop by to visit. Children are encouraged to wear their most comfortable pajamas.

“Sleepytime” is free, open to children of all ages and registration is not required.

For more information on this and other programs offered by Exeter Library call (610) 406-9431

A Quest Diagnostic Health Scan, sponsored by the Exeter Lions Club will be held at the Exeter Community Library on May 7, 2011 from 7:00 - 9:30 A.M. The cost is \$50. For an appointment call 1-800-776-6342.

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2011 Road Paving Projects

Highway Superintendent Clarence Hamm has announced the following Exeter Township streets will be paved this year.

Rill Road, Sylvan Drive, Grouse Way, Gibraltar Road, Thornbury Road, Mays Avenue, Partridge Drive, Wyndam Hill Drive and West 33rd Street.

Three additional streets will be paved; however, first they will be milled to remove 2" of the old black top before they are paved. Those streets are **Perkiomen Avenue, West 34th and West 35th Streets.**

Mr. Hamm stated prior to all paving projects, the residents will be notified about parking and approximate times for their particular street to be paved. He is asking, in advance, for residents' cooperation.

Those who have questions should feel free to call Mr. Hamm at the Township building at (610) 779-5660.

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Berks Solid Waste Authority Begins New Initiative



Jane Meeks and Board Member Michelle Kircher at the recently held breakfast to launch the Food Waste Composting Program.

The Solid Waste Authority (SWA) has initiated a new composting program with the goal of keeping food waste out of area landfills.

Under the direction of Jane Meeks, Solid Waste Authority Director, and with the cooperation of Rodale Institute in Maxatawny Township and the Cogle's Recycling Company; restaurants, businesses and schools will be encouraged to separate food waste and keep it out of the trash.

Starting with an \$80,000 DEP grant, the SWA will provide 400 free bins to collect food waste and Cogle's will provide the pickup service.

"This is valuable material," said Ms. Meeks. She said there would be a fee for picking up the food waste; but, it would probably cost less than hauling the material to a landfill. Ms. Meeks also said she hoped a private company would see its value and want to operate it themselves.

For more information call (610) 375-7640.

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Don't Miss Exeter's Memorial Day Parade

Exeter's Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 30th beginning at 9:00 A.M.

The parade will proceed along the streets of Reiffton and Crestwood developments. An Open House will be held at the Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Department's West Station (Reiffton) immediately following the Memorial Day services being held at 10:30 A.M.

Free hot dogs, soda, chips and pretzels will be available to those visiting the fire station.

RCC's Golf Clinics Scheduled

Junior Golf Clinics will be held every Tuesday and every Friday in July at a cost of \$15 per clinic.

5-8 year olds at 9 A.M..

9-12 year olds at 10 A.M.

13-17 year olds at 11 A.M.

Ladies Clinic- April 26 - May 17 at 6 P.M. Cost is \$20. Ladies Day on Wednesdays starting April 27 with 8 A.M. starting times.

Two-Person Scramble, Tuesdays starting April 26 at 5 P.M. The cost is \$25.

Men's Team Matches, Saturdays starting April 23.



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