



# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

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## *Opinions Sought on Fire Company Proposal*

Exeter's Board of Supervisors has announced it will hold a *Community Workshop* on April 30th at the Reiffton School Cafetorium, on Dunham Dr., at 7:00 P.M. to hear comments on a proposed Emergency Services Building that could house both a centralized Fire Station and a portion of the Police Department.

Comments also can be made by emailing [dheckman@exetertownship.com](mailto:dheckman@exetertownship.com) or by mail at Exeter Township, 4975 DeMoss Road, Reading 19606, for those who cannot attend.

### *The Proposal*

The Township Fire Department has proposed the construction of a ***new, \$2.5 million, 10,000 square foot Emergency Services Building on township-owned land at Gibraltar and DeMoss Roads. The Reiffton and Stonersville Fire Stations would remain & a portion of the building would be used by the Police Department.***

In several presentations to Exeter's Board of Supervisors, Fire Chief Robert Jordan and Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Jordan said the two fundamental reasons for having a centralized Fire Station were to decrease response time by 3-5 minutes for the safety of the citizens and solidify the future volunteer firefighter corp by providing live-in facilities that would keep firefighters ready 24/7/365. Both indicated building a Fire Station with adequate live-in facilities at this time could avoid the potential of having a career department, which would be far more expensive.

Police Chief Neidert noted his department was cramped for space, was lacking proper interview rooms, and appropriate facilities for processing and storing evidence. He said the building was built for 17 police officers and the Department now had 30.

Under the proposal, the fire tax would remain at .505 mils for 2012 and 2013 with the Fire Department paying loan payments out of their current budget, and unless alternative funding could be secured, the tax may increase by .15 mils to .655 mils in 2014 or \$65.50 for every \$100,000 of assessed value, which would be an increase of \$15 per year per \$100,000 of assessed value or \$1.25 per month.

### *The Inquiry*

Exeter's Board of Supervisors want to thoroughly look at all dimensions of the proposal, since an increase in the fire tax may be required, to be paid by residents and businesses within the Township. Board members noted this request has come just as the Township has successfully avoided a tax increase for 2012.

There is, however, ***an acknowledgment that safety is important***; and because of that, ***Board members are seeking input, constructive suggestions and opinion from residents and businesses on the proposal, the safety issues, and on the potential increased taxes that may have to be paid to build an additional Fire Station.***

Board members also suggested the proposal be discussed in more detail at a Community Workshop. While several citizens have already voiced their opinions, their numbers are small and not representative of the broader community.

The Board would like to hear opinions from more of the 25,500 residents and over 600 business owners in the Township. The Board also would like to provide the opportunity to ask informational questions directly of the officers of both the Fire Department and the Police Department.

It is the Board's hope this Community Workshop will be the place where information is provided and opinions are heard so it can act in the best interest of the Exeter community.

Questions on the Community Workshop can be answered by calling the Township at 610-779-5660.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## It's Playground Time in the Township

Exeter's Parks and Recreation Department has announced the eight week summer playground program will be from June 11th to August 2nd.



Pre-registration is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd at the Dunn Community Center from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.



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 to cover transportation and admission to specialized events.**

### Park Programs

**Community Park Playground**, located at One 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, 2012. Parents who are signing up 5 and 6 year-olds for the Tot Lot Program 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 7-13, 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 7-13, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Fridays will be field trip days.

**Summer Funcamp** will be held 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 that include transportation and admissions. **Exeter Parks & Recreation will not be responsible for your children after the program time is over.**

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All Forms for playground registration can be downloaded from Exeter's website at [www.exetertownship.com](http://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, Exeter Parks & Recreation Superintendent at (610) 406-0263.

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# PARKS AND RECREATION



The May Days Festival is scheduled for Friday, May 18th from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 19th 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, funnel cakes, 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 should contact Joe Seltzer at (610) 406-0263.

**FIREWORKS** are provided by *Entech Engineering, Lords & Ladies, The Exeter Spine & Wellness Center, Metro Bank, Mortgage America & J.P. Mascaro & Sons, Inc.*

## Friday

4:00 - 5:30 - To Be Announced  
6:30 - 7:30 - "Lush Button"  
7:45 - 10:00 - "Mr. Hand the 80's Band"

## Saturday

3:00 - 4:00 - Reiffton Band  
4:00 - 5:00 - Jr. High Band  
5:00 - 5:30 - Jazz Ensemble  
6:00 - "Moonlight Graham"  
9:00 - High School Marching Band

## Baltimore Harbor/Ball Game Bus Trip

Mark your calendars now for this annual trek to Baltimore to visit the Harbor and Camden Yards to watch the Orioles play the Cleveland Indians.

**The date is Friday, June 29th.** The bus leaves at 10 A.M. from the Dunn Community Center, 4565 Prestwick Drive.

There will be time to stroll around Harbor Place, shop, and visit the many different sights which include battleships and the Imax Theater. The bus will depart Baltimore promptly after the game. The cost is \$56 per person. Reservations can be made and paid in advance at the Exeter Township Building. Call now at (610) 779-5660.



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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE Exeter Township's Business Office will be closed

**Monday  
May 28, 2012**

**Wednesday  
July 4, 2012**

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## 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 Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. starting June 5th 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 "10th 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 Monday and Wednesday evenings for boys and girls ages 12-14 from 6 P.M.- 8 P.M. starting June 4th at Community Park. The program will feature three weeks of instruction and game experience, and three weeks of league games ending with the 6th 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 18th - Thursday, June 21st at Pineland Park. There are three options:  
9 A.M. to 12 - Hitting, Fielding, Throwing - \$125  
12:30 to 1:30 P.M. - Pitching only - \$60  
9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. - All day - \$150 (Bring Lunch)  
Registration is at 8:15 A.M. on June 18th.

### ***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 31st. 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](mailto:stonersvilleflames@rocketmail.com) The fee is \$40.

### ***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 13th 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 12th 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 \$40.

### ***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 12th 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.

### ***Summer Field Hockey***

A 6-week Field Hockey Program will be held for girls ages 8-14 beginning June 13th at Community Park every Monday & Wednesday from 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. This program teaches instructional drills and game-like situations. Field Hockey Sticks, Shin Guards & Mouth Guards are REQUIRED. Every child will receive a T-shirt at the end of the program. The Fee is \$40.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## New USA Sport Group Camps Offered

### *Multi-Sports Programs*

This is the ultimate camp experience where children can play over 15 different sports from around the world in just one week. The program allows children to develop coordination, accuracy, body control and timing. The camp will run **from July 16th to July 20th at Community Park.**

#### **Ages, Times and Costs are as follows:**

Ages 6-14; 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. - Cost \$179.

Ages 5-14; 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.- Cost \$149.

Ages 5-14; 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. - Cost \$119.

### *Sports Squirts*

Sports Squirts is a fun and exciting introduction to 5 different sports for young children ages 3 - 5 years old. Participants have the opportunity to learn lacrosse, soccer, basketball, T-ball, floor hockey, parachute games and more in a safe, relaxed, fun and structured environment. All sports are presented in a positive environment with an emphasis on participation, interaction and communication.

The camp will be held from **July 16th to July 20th at Community Park from 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.** The cost is \$79.

Registration for these camps or any other sports camps can be found at [www.exetertownship.com](http://www.exetertownship.com)  
Questions can be answered by contacting Joe Seltzer at (610) 406-0263

## *All New Science and Explorer Summer Camps Offered*

For the first time *Science Explorer Camps* are being offered to Exeter children by the Township's Parks and Recreation Department. **Camps are half day from 12:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.** and will be held at the Dunn Community Center on Prestwick Drive. An early bird registration before April 30 qualifies for a discount of \$10 off per camp; and a \$10 discount per camp will be given for signing up for more than one camp.

#### **July 9-13 - "TAKE A DIVE" (Ages 7-11)**

Dive into the world of marine biology: Dissect a real shark, participate in a fisherman's challenge, examine the anatomy of a fish and learn the ancient technique of Gyotaku or "fish rubbing", learn to survive at sea with a homemade solar still, create a kelp forest and make your own submarine. The cost is \$205.

#### **July 16-20 "JR. EXPLORERS" (Ages 4-6)**

Do you want to be an archaeologist...a geologist...or how about a biologist? You can be all this and more in this fun-filled camp? Each day a new habitat will be explored as we dig for dinosaurs in the desert, make creatures of the rainforest, create an arctic home, erupt a volcano and go spelunking in your own cave creation. There is so much to do in this exciting week of camp. The cost is \$185.

#### **July 23-27 "POTIONS, POWDERS & POLYMERS" (Ages 7-11)**

Is it science or magic? You'll find out! Create erupting foam monsters, conduct amazing air pressure experiments, dig for hidden treasures, investigate the science of illusions and build spectrometers to view the spectrum of different types of light. The cost is \$205.

Registration can be made online at [www.ScienceExplorers.com](http://www.ScienceExplorers.com) or by calling 877-870-9517

A *"Fun Through Physical Activity"* program will be held at Community Park from May 2nd through July 25th for girls and boys ages 4-8. This is an individually run camp that is not part of the Township's Parks & Recreation Department's programs. Sign ups by contacting Frank Vecchio at [frankvecchio9@gmail.com](mailto:frankvecchio9@gmail.com)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Join 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](http://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 fusion class using bars and weights with combined short cardio intervals for a maximum calorie and toning burn.



**"Pilates to the Core"** Tuesdays from 7:00 P.M. - 7:50 P.M.  
The class combines traditional pilates, mat with the use of rings, light weights, bars & floor exercises, & core focus. **This is not a class for beginners.**



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

### ***New Classes Offered***

**"Flirty Girl Fitness"** Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:45 P.M. Flirty Girl is an easy way to follow fitness and dance steps for a fast, fun and fat burning routine to great music.

**"Flirty Girl for Tweens"** Thursdays from 6:00 - 6:45 P.M. This exercise program is a workout for 10-16 year old girls. Dance routines will be fun, energetic, and will provide easy to follow cardio fitness.

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

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# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## Highway Crews Valuable Commodity. They Work Smarter... They Save Taxpayers Money...



Here's Larry at work standing where the old engine on the 4-door 2005 Ford 250LX Super Duty Truck once was.

The labor costs for changing a blown-out engine on a 2005 township truck would have cost \$6,500; but, Highway Crew Member **Larry Piersol**, using his mechanical expertise, installed the new engine to save the township money.

“We had to buy the engine for \$3,600 and that was it,” said Highway Superintendent Clarence Hamm noting saving \$6,500 on the installation was no small thing for a township carefully watching its spending.”

Larry, who also is a pro at drywall installation, is only one example of the expertise held by township highway department workers. Some other examples of the township's talented include **Kevin Cogan** and his expertise in masonry. Kevin saved the township loads of bucks by using his skills in renovating two golf course bridges and doing a variety of stonework including the new patio piers at the Reading Country Club's outdoor patio. The patio was constructed to expand seating which will increase restaurant business and profits.

**Kevin Gerhard** systemically repairs and maintains road equipment and police vehicles, extending the life of the equipment and saving many thousands of dollars every year. **Bill Hollenbach** and **Ken Arters** are expert welders, frequently using their talents on township projects. We don't have enough space in this newsletter to name the talents of all the highway employees; but, it is

important to note all highway crew members hold CDL licenses and can operate large equipment to plow roads, collect leaves, collect brush, maintain township parks, operate the Trout Run Recycling Center and pave the roads in Exeter's many neighborhoods.

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# THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR

## Recycling Collection Dates



**Household Hazardous Waste** will be collected April 21st at Exeter Township's Municipal Building, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (rain or shine). Collected will be oil paints; turpentine; wood preservatives; paint thinners; solvents; oil-based paints; varnishes and stains; weed killers; pesticides; asphalt & driveway sealants; pool chemicals; herbicides & fungicides; antifreeze; gasoline; transmission oil; motor oil; automotive paints & finishes; solvents; disinfectants; oven & drain cleaners; photographic chemicals; floor & furniture polish; and lithium, NiCad & button batteries.



**Paper Shredding & Pharmaceuticals** will be collected on April 28th at Exeter Township's Municipal Building from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There is no need to remove staples from paper to be shredded.



The **Electronic Recycling Center**, 1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA will continue to be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to Noon, with other days and times available by appointment. The items accepted include computers, monitors, laptops, keyboards, modems, printers, radios, stereos, televisions, VCRs, fax machines, copiers, telephones, answering machines, mobile phones, microwaves, fluorescent bulbs, air conditioners & dehumidifiers, and all items that plug in or run on batteries. No refrigerators or freezers will be accepted.



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

**Fees** - \$1.00 each will be charged for all electronic items except TVs; \$5 each is the charge for TVs 20" & smaller; and \$10 each is the fee for 20" & larger. **There is no charge for** batteries, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

Check BCSWA Website for details and more information at [www.co.berks.pa.us/swa](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa)

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## “Mulch by the Scoop”

Exeter's “*Mulch by the Scoop*” program will be offered on two Saturdays in May, the 19th and the 26th, at the Trout Run Recycling Center on W. Neversink Road from 9 A.M. - Noon..



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

Residents must purchase a voucher for \$10 a scoop before hand at the Township building that will be exchanged for the mulch. The Loader Operator 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 for those who want to shovel it themselves.

# THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR

## Trout Run Spring/Summer Hours Started March 11th

**Security Gate Access Starts at 8 A.M.**  
**Security Gate Locks at 8 P.M.**

**Trout Run Security Access Cards** for Exeter Residents are available at the township building, 4975 DeMoss Road, Monday-Friday, from 8 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.

## *Spring Brush Pick Up*

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

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

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

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

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

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## New E-Waste Drop Off at Pioneer Crossing Landfill

Exeter Township Residents can now drop off their old, unused or broken electronic items at the Pioneer Crossing Landfill, 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

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## Mark Calendars for Spring Clean-up

Spring Clean up has been set for **Saturday, April 21st for Recycling Zones 1,2,3,8,9 & 10; and Saturday, April 28th for Recycling Zones 4,5,6 & 7.** Curbside collections will begin at **7:00 A.M.** Examples of items that can be picked up are washers & dryers; refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers that have a freon-free sticker from a certified refrigeration services company attached. **For more information contact J.P. Mascaro at (610) 779-8807.**

# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## YOGA in the Park Returns

Back by popular demand is "Yoga in the Park" starting on Sunday, May 13th at 11 A.M. in Community Park, One Elm Street. Interested parties should contact Doug Hayward at (610) 780-9821. Registration is not necessary... just show up!



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## Library Volunteers Prepare for Friends Book Sale



Vickie Steinberg and Chris Forlini, both library volunteers, discuss the organization of donated books in preparation for The Friends of the Exeter Community Library's upcoming "Spring Book & Bake Sale". The sale is scheduled for Thursday, April 26th from 4-8 P.M. (for Friends members); and Friday, April 27th from noon to 8 P.M. and Saturday, April 28th from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

The Friends organization is actively seeking membership and volunteers due to the projected 2012 budget cuts. For only \$10 you can hold a basic membership; \$15 to be a contributor; \$25 to be a patron; \$50 to be a sponsor; and \$100 or more to be a special friend. Businesses and Organizations are welcome members as well for a \$25 donation.

Check in at the door on the first floor of the Dunn Community Center, 4565 Prestwick Drive, either on the first day of the sale or send your donation to same address. Also, on Monday's from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. book donations are accepted.

For information email [Exlibfriends@aol.com](mailto:Exlibfriends@aol.com)

*Yummy Bake Sale goodies will be plentiful at the Library's Book and Bake Sale. Don't forget to stop by on April 26, 27 & 28 for some homemade delights.*



*Remember all proceeds go to support the Exeter Community Library!*

# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## “Cop’s Corner”

By Officer David L. Behm

**Hello Exeter Residents!** The Officers of the Exeter Township Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit hope that you have had a safe and happy Holiday season. Our “snowless” winter is now upon us and soon the warm breezes of spring will blow away the cold weather and bring out the early flowers. Our “**Cop’s Corner**” forum was opened to contributions from Sgt. Steve Shaeffer over the past year, and I hope you have enjoyed his various perspectives.

I have again been asked to take a few moments of your time to offer some suggestions to help keep you and your loved ones safer in your home. Spring cleaning means “opening up” our homes to let in fresh spring air. We must be extra careful not to “open up” our homes for criminals. Bad guys seem to come out like all the other roaches and bugs when the weather gets warm.

There are some simple things that you can do to keep your homes and your families safer. I have outlined a few suggestions below for you to consider....

- **TAKE A WALK AROUND YOUR HOUSE AND LOOK AT IT.** Not from the “is it nicer than the neighbor’s perspective,” but look at it like a bad guy would. Are your bushes overgrown and covering windows? Do the bushes create dark hiding places at night that some burglar could use to lurk? Are all your outside lights functioning or do they need to be replaced? Do you have enough outdoor lighting? Are your house numbers clearly posted on your home and mailbox for emergency responders to see? If you need help with suggestions or want an Officer’s input, contact the Exeter Police Crime Prevention Unit for a Home Security Survey.

- **LET DOORS AND WINDOWS OPEN, BUT NOT TOO FAR!!** I have said before that old broom handles or wooden dowels make good, inexpensive safety locks for sliding doors and windows. Consider leaving your sliding doors or windows open no more than three or four inches overnight. You can make sure that no one outside can open them further by cutting down that old broom handle to the proper length, then laying it in the track between the door or window and the frame. Make the handle or dowel just long enough to block the door from sliding past a three or four inch gap. Some folks called this a “Charlie – bar.” Guys, again, please make sure that this is NOT the only broom in the house BEFORE you cut the handle off to make the Charlie-bar!

- **CHECK YOUR SHEDS AND GARAGE.** Do not discount the possibility that some burglars want to steal your tools. No, it is NOT to use them to earn a living. Usually, they just try to sell your stolen stuff for cash. Pay attention to your garage and shed locks. Are the windows secure, or are they flimsy, or even unlocked? I realize that our priority must be to fortifying our homes, because people will ALWAYS be more important to safeguard than possessions. However, I do not want to see you lose your property to some criminal who is too lazy to work and buy his own things. Outbuildings are too often overlooked when we beef up our property security, and the bad guys know this. Do not let your outbuilding be a “soft target” for criminals! Pay the extra attention now and try to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

These are just a few of the tips and suggestions that I give people who ask me how they can make their homes safer. Unfortunately, most folks do not think about these things until something bad happens to them or someone they know. I hope this short list will help some of us think about different things we can do before bad guys target us. Thank you for your time. If you found Cop’s Corner to be helpful, please let your Township Office know. There are more ideas and suggestions that I would happily provide in the future. **The Exeter Township Police Department is very supportive of Crime Prevention measures and wishes you the best in the coming year!**

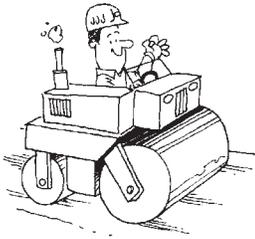
I continue to thank you for your time. Have a safe spring!



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# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## It's Paving Time in The Township



Highway Superintendent Clarence Hamm announced, "May 1st begins paving season in Exeter Township." The date is important because the Township will not give a permit for any

utility to dig up a newly paved street for two years after the street has been paved. Residents and businesses who want to install a water line, have a gas hook up or an electric line put in need to do it before the Township paves.

The list of the streets and roads that are Ralumac or paved projects this year are listed below.

### **The Ralumac Project Roads are:**

Grant St. from 40th St. to the dead end; Windcroft Ct.; E. 36th St. from Grant St. to Woodland Ave; Courtleigh Place; W. 37th St. from Circle Ave. to Rt. 422; W. 33rd. St.; Cathy Ann Dr. from Mays to Farming Ridge Blvd.; Harvest Lane from Mays to Farming Ridge Blvd.; and Stony Run Dr. from Farming Ridge Blvd. to Power Box 50.

### **The following Ralumaced roads will be treated to prevent skidding:**

Church Lane & Dautrich Rd.; Church Lane at Box 561; Lorane Rd & Charles St.; Lorane Rd. from Box 5407 to Box 5421; Lincoln Rd. & Vanguard Dr.; Lincoln Rd. from Box 898 to the

Lincoln Homestead; Gibraltar Rd. by RCC Golf Course.

### **Roads to be Paved are:**

Bingaman St. from Twp. Line to Butter Lane; Beaver Lane; Exeter Rd.; Byram St.; George St.; Park St.; Filbert Ave.; Gibraltar Rd. from Shelbourne Rd. to Dunham Dr.; Gibraltar Rd. from W. 47th St. to Painted Sky Rd.; Walnut Rd.; Faber Rd.; Ironstone Dr.; Deer Run; & Bear Blvd.

The cost for the ralumac projects is \$96,360 and the cost for the paving projects is \$436,040.

Mr. Hamm said the cost of road maintenance and preservation through the ralumac and paving methods seems high; but, if these preservation methods were not used, the cost of completely rebuilding our roads would be much greater.



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

For more information call (610) 779-5660.

### **Sewer Bill Credit for Filling a Swimming Pool**

A sewer bill credit can be given to residents who completely fill their swimming pool; not for topping it off each year. Pools that hold 5,000 gallons or more qualify for the credit. To get the credit, residents can call **H. David Miller at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (610) 582-8300 before the pool is filled.** Mr. Miller will either come to your home to measure the size of the pool to determine the number of gallons of water it holds, or take your pool measurements over the phone. He may visit your site at a later date. The credit is given because the water in your pool won't be processed at the treatment plant.

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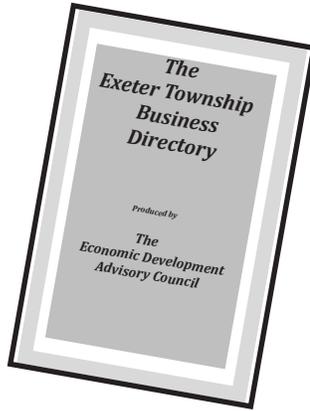
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# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

*The Exeter Township Business Directory has been mailed to Exeter's 13,000 homes and businesses. Those who have not received one can pick one up at either the Township building or the Exeter Community Library.*



*Those businesses not included in the directory because they opted out or did not respond to the EDAC's request to be included in the free listing, can either email [dheckman@exetertownship.com](mailto:dheckman@exetertownship.com) or call Doris Heckman at (610)779-5660 and request being listed in the Township's online Business Directory.*

## *Sewer Bill Credit for Watering a Newly Planted Lawn*



A sewer bill credit can be given to residents who **have planted and are watering a brand new lawn**. To get the credit, a resident must send a letter requesting the credit to **Eva Waldman, 4975 DeMoss Road, Reading, PA 19606**.

The Township Administrative Office will be put on notice to average the subsequent four sewer bills so the amount of excess water used in that year can be determined. Unfortunately, the homeowner will have to wait a year for the credit to appear on their sewer bill; but, considering the amount of water a newly planted lawn requires, the wait could be well worth it.

## *Recycling Makes Cents!*

**\*\*Look in Berks Encore for information on our**

**Upcoming Grand Open House\*\***

**\*\*Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group\*\***

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**Call to R.S.V.P.**



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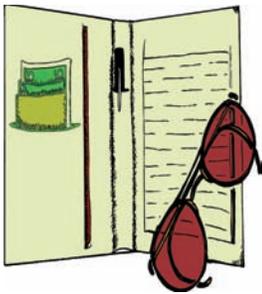
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# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS



## EDAC Schedules 2nd Small Business Workshop

Encouraged by the positive comments during the "How to Start and Operate a Small Business" workshop held in January, the EDAC has scheduled a second workshop entitled, "Financial Concepts for the Small Business". This workshop will be held at Exeter's Community Library on Saturday, April 21st, from 9:30 A.M. to 12 noon. The workshop will help the participant better understand financial concepts, relationships, and terminology. Topics to be covered include *the basic financial statements of a company, the importance of cash flow, forecasting future sales, improving tax efficiency, benchmarking company performance, and using technology effectively.*

The material will be presented by counselors from Reading SCORE who have extensive experience in the small business arena. Pre-registration for the workshop is required and there is a non-refundable fee of \$10 for each registrant.

**Registrations are taken in person at the Exeter Township building, 4975 DeMoss Road, by mail, or by calling 610-779-5600.**

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### *Exeter Library Benefit To be held*

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on Saturday, April 21, 2012  
at 11:00 A.M.

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## **Fire Department Announces 9-11 Engraved Paving Bricks Project**

The Exeter Fire Department is providing an opportunity for the public to participate in and help support an enhancement of the 9-11 Memorial at the Reiffton Station by purchasing an engraved dedication brick for the base of the 9-11 World Trade Center artifact.

In 2011, the Fire Department was awarded three pieces of steel by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey & the September 11th Families Association. One of these pieces was placed in front of the Reiffton Station and was dedicated on 9-11-11.

An additional memorial is planned for the Stonersville Station in the near future.

*There will be room for 1,000 bricks and each brick has room for 3 lines of engraved black text with a maximum of 15 characters for a cost of \$30 per brick.*

*All completed bricks by May 18th will be included in a rededication ceremony on Memorial Day, May 28th.* Brick purchases are tax deductible and can be paid for by check or by credit card. Mail your information & donation to *Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 3827 Rdg, 19606.*

Forms available at the Twp. building.

See [www.exetertwpfire25.com](http://www.exetertwpfire25.com) for more information.

## **Spring Walks In the Parks**



*The fragrance of flowering plants, wild-flowers and budding trees await those who want to greet spring by joining in a series of five springs walks in area parks, Sponsored by Exeter's Environmental Advisory Council, the park walks will be lead by Dr. Susan Munch, Albright College Professor Emeritus of Biology, who will discuss the plants in this area.*

*Scheduled for Wednesday afternoons, the park walks will be from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the dates that follow:*

*April 11th - Trout Run*

*April 25th - Antietam Lake*

*May 2nd - Monocacy Hill*

*May 16th - Neversink Mountain*

*May 30th - Daniel Boone Homestead*

*For directions or last minute changes check the website at [www.berkscountynature.org](http://www.berkscountynature.org) or call Dr. Munch at (610) 921-7727.*

*No registration is required.*

## **St. Joseph Medical Center**

### **St. Joseph Health Network**

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## Look for New Recycling Containers at the May Days Festival



In an effort to encourage more recycling at Exeter’s public events, new clear-stream recycling containers will be placed throughout the grounds at Exeter Sr. High School during the *May Days Festival on May 18th & 19th*, and at *Trout Run during the Township-sponsored Annual Hay Ride being held on October 5th, 6th, & 7th* this year.

The recycling containers can be used for the disposal of plastic water bottles, and aluminum, steel or bimetallic soda cans. *All containers were made in the USA.*

The \$1,000 worth of recycling containers were paid for with funds provided in the Township’s “*902 PA Department of Environmental Recycling Municipal Recycling Program Grant*”. These grants are available for municipalities mandated to recycle under Act 101 for the purpose of diverting recyclable materials from landfills. Exeter has been an Act 101 recycling municipality for many years. Residents are encouraged to seek, find, use and enjoy saving the earth by recycling; and to remember, Exeter receives an annual additional grant based on the amount of tonnage recycled Township-wide by residents, commercial businesses and institutions.

*Last year Exeter was awarded \$130,849 for its recyclable tonnage.*

***FACT: Custom Processing Services Inc., on W. Neversink Road, began working on a \$2.7 million project to increase its pharmaceutical processing capabilities with the construction of a 42,000 square foot building in March of this year.***



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