



# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Edition 2

Second Quarter, 2013

## *Farming Ridge Park Construction Has Begun*



**Construction of the long awaited eco-smart Farming Ridge Park is underway!** Under the direction of Highway Superintendent Clarence Hamm, Exeter crews rimmed the property at the corner of Ritters Road and Farming Ridge Boulevard with mulch silt fencing as part of soil conservation regulations; and broke ground on the new park during the week of February 18th.

They continued by digging the foundation of the parking lot and laying a natural stone base designed to promote groundwater infiltration and eliminate water runoff into the Owatin Creek.

The Creek, located at the edge of the parking area, will feature a riparian area/wetland buffer containing

trees, wildflowers, and plants natural to the area that will provide opportunities for passive recreation and interaction. When the parking lot is finished, the concrete pad for the 100-person capacity pavilion will be poured. A trench will be dug along Ritters Road to contain the sewer and electric lines.

**The Township thanks Gregory & Marie Baugh and David & Kimberly Johnson, who “freely” allowed easements across their land on Limestone Drive for the sewer and electric line connections.**

**The Township also extends a thank you to Scott Landis of the Landis Mechanical Group, Inc., of Leesport, who is donating all the labor necessary to install all rough and finished plumbing for the pavilion’s kitchen, bathrooms and drinking fountains.**

Funds to construct the park were provided in part by a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant in the amount of \$69,159.50; and money provided by subdivision developers that has been held by the Township for this designated purpose. The Park’s enhanced enjoyment will come from knowing no residents’ dollars were needed to build it and many generous volunteers made it happen.

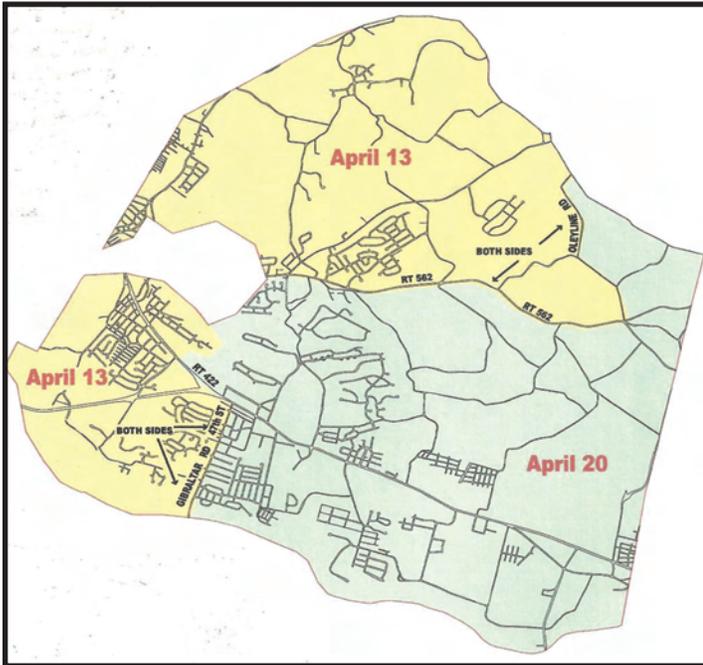


### *Holiday Schedule*

**Exeter Township’s Business Office  
will be closed for  
Memorial Day  
Monday, May 27, 2013  
&  
Independence Day  
Thursday, July 4, 2013**

# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## *Its Spring Clean Up Time*



*The annual, free, Township-wide Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 13th for residents in recycling zones 1,2,3,8,9,& 10 and on Saturday, April 20th for recycling zones 4,5,6 7. Curbside collections will begin at 7 A.M.*

*Please see the map to determine when your pick up is scheduled.*

*Examples of items that can be picked up are washers & dryers; water heaters, stoves, large household items such as sofas, chairs, tables, carpeting (cut into four-foot-wide strips rolled and tied or taped into bundles no more than 50 pounds each) bureaus, beds and other bulky items.*

*In addition, refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers and dehumidifiers, that have a freon-free sticker from a certified refrigeration service company attached, will be collected.*

*No televisions, computers, tires, automobile parts, construction and/or demolition waste, yard waste or chemicals will be accepted.*

*The community clean up is part of the Host Community Agreement between Exeter Township and the Pioneer Crossing Landfill local waste company. J.P. Mascaro & Sons will collect the items.*

*Questions regarding the free pick up can be answered by calling 610-779-8807.*

### ***Pioneer Crossing e-waste Drop Off***

Township residents can drop off their old, unused or broken electronic items at the Pioneer Crossing Landfill, located on Route 345 at S. Center Road on Saturday's from 7:00 A.M. to 11:A.M. free of charge. Among acceptable items are computers, fax machines, televisions, printers, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, mobile phones, VCRs, microwaves, radios and other similar electronic devices.

#### **REMINDER:**

As of January 24, 2013, the State of Pennsylvania has banned the disposal of e-waste items in regular municipal trash collections. The devices and components must be properly recycled in places like the Pioneer Crossing ewaste drop off, as listed above; or at the Berks County Electronic Recycling Center, 1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA. The Leesport facility is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to noon, with other days and times available by appointment. Check website [www.co.berks.pa.us/swa](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa) for more info.

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## Tax Collector's Corner

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



**Q. I want to get the 2% discount for the 2013 County/Township taxes. What are your hours at the end of April?**

**A. 87% of all real estate tax bills are paid in the discount period. It is important to know my office hours for the end of April, and they are listed below:**

**From April 15 to 26 - Monday through Friday (10 A.M. - 3 P.M.) except for April 16, 23 & 25 when they are from 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. and April 29 & 30 from 9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

**Charlie Diamond, Tax Collector  
Phone (610) 779-8055  
Fax (610) 898-0004**

## Supervisor Explains 3-Month Operating Reserve Necessity

*By Exeter Supervisor Gary Lloyd*

During the 2012 budget sessions, the **Township's Reserve Fund**, which is in excess of \$2.3 million, was brought up numerous times during discussions. The Reserve Fund plays an important role, so I am writing to elaborate on why we have the Fund and the reasons that it needs to be at a minimum level, equal to the Township's 3-month operating expenses.

The Fund's main purpose is to ensure that the Township has money to pay for its operations when it is not receiving revenues. Between January and early April, the Township receives no income from taxes; but, there are still expenses that need to be paid. This Fund is used to cover this **'income downtime,'** and then is slowly replenished back to normal levels throughout the year. The three months of not having revenue is the reason for having a minimum 3-month operating expense reserve.

In addition to being used to pay expenses, having a Reserve Fund that is at the proper level is also a sign of fiscal health. **This has led to Exeter Township having an excellent AA- credit rating, which gives us the ability to get the best interest rates when borrowing.**

Over the life of a loan, this lower interest rate leads to significant savings. Thus, having an adequate Township Reserve Fund is one of the ways that management ensures the Township's long term fiscal health.

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# PARKS AND RECREATION

## *Exeter Summer Playground Program*

Preregistration is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the Dunn Community Center from 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Parents who are signing up 5 or 6 year olds for “Tot Lot” must bring a copy of the child’s birth certificate. Children are eligible for the Playground Program if they are 5-years-old by June 30, 2013. Registration Forms can be found and downloaded from [www.exetertownship.com](http://www.exetertownship.com)

Please have your paperwork ready when registering.



Exeter’s Summer Playgrounds will run from June 10th through August 1st. Over the 8-week summer program, children will be involved in a variety of theme-oriented activities offered at Lorane Hollow Park, Community Park and Pineland Park. Each park has scheduled weekly arts & crafts. Every week there will be a special event for the children, and sometimes the entire family. Special events include a Water Festival at Crestwood Pool, a Body Zone Trip, Reading Phillies Day and a Franklin Institute Trip.

The cost for the “Residents” program is \$55 for 8 weeks; \$8 per each week; & \$35 for each additional child. The new “Non-Resident” rate for playgrounds is \$70 for 8 weeks; \$10 per each week; & \$40 for each additional child. Additional fees will be charged for all trip costs to cover transportation and admissions. Lunches will be the responsibility of the parents or guardian. Playgrounds will close at Noon on the day of a Night Trip. **Parks & Recreation will not be responsible for any child after the program time is over.**

## Park Programs

**Community Park**, One Elm Street, will host the “Tot Lot Program” for children ages 5-9 from Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Fridays are reserved for field trips.

**Pineland Park**, 375 Pineland Road, will host a “Playground Program” for children ages 7-12 from Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Fridays are reserved for field trips.

**Lorane Hollow**, 451 W. 48th Street, will host a “Playground Program” for children ages 7-12 from Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Fridays are reserved for field trips.

**Summer Fun Camp** will be held at Community Park for youths ages 10-14 from Monday through Thursday from 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. This is a sports oriented camp. The cost is \$45 for 8 weeks, \$35 for additional child, or \$6 per week for Township residents. The “Non-Resident” rate for sports camp is \$60 for 8 weeks, \$40 for each additional child, or \$8 per week. Additional fees will be charged for trip costs to pay for transportation and admissions.

**For information and registration forms for playground or any youth sports program go to [www.exetertownship.com](http://www.exetertownship.com) or call Joe Seltzer, Parks & Recreation Superintendent at 610-406-0263**



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# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Summer Youth Sports Programs Ready To Start

### Summer Basketball Players League

A 6-week Youth Basketball League Program will begin on June 3rd, and will be held on Monday & Wednesday evenings for boys and girls ages 12-14 from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at Community Park. Featured will be a 1-week evaluation, 3 weeks of league games and a 2-week double elimination tournament. The program will end with the annual "*Jordan Jermacans Tournament*". League is limited to 80 participants. The fee is \$35.



### Summer Basketball Instructional League

A 6-week Basketball League will begin on June 4th, and will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings for boys and girls ages 8-11 from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at Community Park. Featured will be 3 weeks of instruction and 3 weeks of league games. The program will end with the 12th annual "*Exeter Township of Champions*" game. League is limited to 90 participants. The fee is \$35.

### Summer Field Hockey

A 6-week Field Hockey Program will begin on June 17th, and will be held on Mondays & Wednesdays for girls and boys ages 8-14 from 8:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. at Community Park. This program teaches instructional drills and game-styled play. 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.



### Summer Street Hockey

A 6-week Street Hockey program will begin on June 11th, and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for boys & girls ages 9-13 from 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. at the Lorane Hollow Park Tennis Courts. The program will include 3 weeks of instructional and game experience, and 3 weeks of all game play. The YMCA and the Philadelphia Flyers Organization has supplied all essential equipment. The fee is \$30.

### Summer Tennis Program

A 6-week Tennis Program will begin on June 12th, and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for boys and girls ages 9-13 from 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. at the Community Park Tennis Courts. The program will feature 5 weeks of instruction followed by a week of doubles and singles tournaments. **TENNIS RACQUETS ARE REQUIRED**. Every child will receive a T-shirt at the end of the program. The fee is \$40.



### Summer Lacrosse Program

A 6-week Lacrosse Program will begin on June 11th, and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for boys and girls ages 9-13 from 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. at the Trout Run Sports Complex.



**LACROSSE STICKS ARE REQUIRED.** Helmets will not be required; but, are recommended as there is always the risk of stray balls or sticks striking the head. The fee is \$40.

### Craig Antush Baseball Camp

This camp is for boys and girls ages 7-14 and will be held from Tuesday, June 11th to Friday, June 14th at Pineland Park's baseball field.

#### There are three options:

- 9 A.M.-12 Noon - Hitting & Fielding - Fee is \$125.
- 12:30-1:30 P.M. - Pitching only - Fee is \$60.
- 9 A.M.-1:30 P.M.- All Day- Fee is \$150 (Bring lunch)

Pre-register at [www.exetertownship.com](http://www.exetertownship.com) or email [cjantush@ysu.edu](mailto:cjantush@ysu.edu)

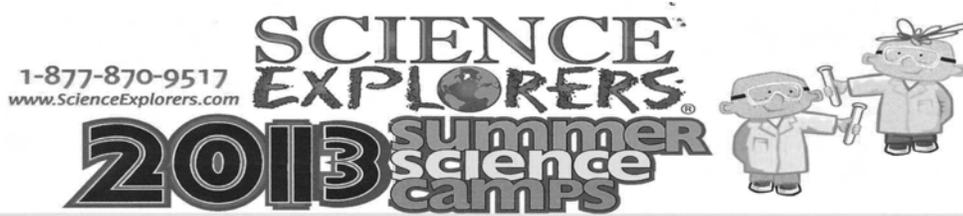


### Stonersville Flames

#### Softball & Baseball Clinics

On Tuesday & Thursday evenings from July 9th - July 25th softball & baseball clinics will be held for boys & girls ages 6-12 from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at the Trout Run Sports Complex. Basic and advanced skill sets of Girls' fast-pitch softball and Boys' baseball will be taught. The fee is \$40 and will be used to help to cover the cost of equipment and T-shirts for each participant.

# PARKS AND RECREATION



Three Science Explorers Camps are being offered by the Township's Parks & Recreation Department. Camps are half-day from 12:30 P.M.- 3:30 P.M. and will be held at the Dunn Community Center on Prestwick Drive. The cost is \$205 per camp. Early Bird discounts are available as well as discounts for signing up for more than one camp.

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

**July 15th to 19th - "Jr. Investigative Team"** camp will be held for children ages 4-6. This camp will explore a new theme each day creating an edible ocean; an experiment with a magic magnet bottle; investigating butterflies; and discovering how birds adapt to their environments.

**July 22nd to 26th - "Take a Dive"** camp will be held for children ages 7-11. Campers will discover the world of marine biology, dissect a real shark, participate in a fisherman's challenge, examine the anatomy of a fish, learn the ancient technique of fish rubbing, how to survive at sea with a homemade solar still, and how to create a kelp forest.

**July 29th to August 2nd - "Fun-omenals Physics"** camp will be held for children 7-11. Campers will discover what happens when you take the physics of motion, add some electrifying experiments and mix it up with chemistry. Highlights include creating a motorized invention, making your own kaleidoscope and experimenting with giant floating bubbles.

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# PARKS AND RECREATION

## MAY DAYS FESTIVAL PROMISES FAMILY FUN



The *MAY DAYS FESTIVAL* is scheduled for Friday, May 17th from 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 18th from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on the grounds of Exeter High School at 37th Street and Reiff Place.

Held through the cooperation of Exeter Township and the Exeter School District, this annual event provides an assortment of amusement, entertainment and excitement for residents of all ages.

There will be rides for the kiddies and adults; games; and a variety of foods including homemade items, funnel cakes, cheese steaks and ice cream. See **Special Events** below.

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### FRIDAY

*Battle of the Bands Fundraiser*  
from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Entrance Charge \$5

Proceeds benefit the school.

Don't miss  
the Fireworks  
display on  
Saturday night  
at 9:30 P.M.



### SAT.-AFTERNOON & EVENING

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

*FIREWORKS* are provided in part by *The Exeter Spine & Wellness Center*.

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

## *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 infusion class using bars and weights with combined short cardio intervals for a maximum calorie and toning burn.

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

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

Get in shape and have a blast. Zumba toning targets body sculpting using light weights and combines Zumba moves to great music for a high calorie-burning dance fitness class.

# Exeter... A Gene

Exeter residents and those that operate businesses in our community are generous and caring people. This was made known. It showed in the response to the last newsletter's highlighted requests for support of the Library, the Police known about the generous element in our community through the ongoing financial and volunteer support each and every constantly interacts with residents, we've known about the heartwarming, small acts of kindness that quietly go on in s

The Supervisors and Staff of Exeter Township extend a gracious thank you to those who step up with their financial examples of that generosity.



## Exeter Community Library

Library Director Mallory Hoffman reported approximately \$26,773 in donations have been received from Library patrons since the first call went out for financial support.

Due to the Township's budget constraints, the Library was not able to secure the increase in funds needed to operate six days a week as it had last year. She said the Library has seen support from many people whose names they didn't know from current library use, and hoped their new support would get them interested enough to stop by the Library and start making use of all the wonderful programs and services being offered.

Mrs. Hoffman said the response to requests for desperately needed volunteers to help has increased.

"For the first time in a long time, volunteers are checking items into the Library and a select few were even learning how to check items out", she said. "This is not an easy job and requires technical knowledge of the circulation and security software".

Library Board President Ken Millman said, **"Not to be forgotten are all the members of 'Friends of the Exeter Library' who volunteer and work hard to raise funds for the Library through book sales, bake sales, holiday wreath sales and other special events."** He said their consistent commitment to supporting the Library is an on-going dedication.



## Police K-9 Unit



Sometimes charity comes from places we don't expect. Today we are reporting one such very moving surprise that came from 11-year-old Exeter resident Abigail Campbell who heard about the need to provide financial support for Police K9's ***Bosco, Nitro, Mako and Kaz.***

She was anxiously awaiting her birthday party at the time. To help the dogs, she asked the friends she invited to her party to donate the money they would have spent on her birthday gifts to help care for the dogs.

**She collected \$135!** She and her mom, Leanne Campbell, brought the money to the Police Department, along with the above pictured poster she made featuring the K9's and her friends.

Contributions have been received from **over 50 other generous Exeter residents and a total of \$2,606 has been collected so far.**

**Police Chief Chris Neidert and Sgt. Matt Harley, Officer-in-Charge of the K9 Unit,** said they were deeply moved by the generosity of the people who live in and support this community.

# orous Community

is evident by the support they showed this community when the difficult economic reality the Township faced was the K-9 Unit, the Exeter Food Bank, and the Volunteer Fire Department; and, is a testament to their kindness. We've every event offered by the Parks and Recreation Department throughout the year. Also, because the Township staff support of people in need, and the wishes of those who help to remain anonymous. l contributions and offer their time in support of our community. In this section of the newsletter we are sharing some



## *The Exeter TWP. Volunteer Fire Department*

Deputy Fire Chief Christopher

Jordan said the fund drive conducted from mid October of 2012 to January of 2013 raised \$50,000 for the Volunteer Fire Department. In addition, the call for volunteers has resulted in responses from men and women ranging from 14 to 60 years old. He said many have joined to assist with firefighting; but, have also stepped up to assist with fund-raising efforts, financial record keeping and various other administrative functions. "Volunteers are offered benefits when they become members of the Fire Department that include free gym membership to Valhalla; free training, equipment and uniforms; scholarship opportunities and learning experiences that can be added to a person's resume," he said. Deputy Chief Jordan said fundraising efforts will be on-going as the Volunteer Fire Department continues to find ways to meet the needs of the community.



## *The Exeter Area Food Pantry*

As luck would have it, a member of the Exeter Township staff won the *Bottom Dollar Grocery Store Food Give & Get-a-Lotta Groceries*

*Sweepstakes.* The prize was \$5,200 in grocery gift cards and included an amount to be donated in the winner's name to the charity of his choice. The only problem was the winner had two charities of choice, which was not allowed in the contest rules.

The first was "**The Exeter Area Food Pantry**" that distributes food from the Reformation Lutheran Church partnered with Schwarzwald Lutheran, St. Catherine's RCC and Northstar UMC; & the second was "**Hopewell LOVE, Inc.**", a food bank run by St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church. When Jack Williams, Director of the Exeter Area Food Pantry, received his \$5,200 and heard of the winner's dilemma, he graciously honored the winner's wishes by giving \$2,200 in gift cards to the Hopewell LOVE food bank.

As a result, over 200 families in need in Exeter, Mt. Penn, St. Lawrence and Birdsboro will be served by the food banks & will benefit from the gift.



## *Hundreds of Parks & Recreation Department Special Events Sponsors, Contributors and Volunteers Make Successes of Exeter's Community Featured Events.*

Throughout the year, the names of those supporting the "**Easter Egg Hunt**", "**May Days**", the "**Golf Tournament**", the "**Hayride**", and the "**Festival of Lights**" are named and thanked in the Newsletter by Parks & Recreation Superintendent Joe Seltzer.

"These events could not run, nor could they give as much joy to Exeter residents without all those businesses and people who go out of their way to give their money and time to make fun for everyone,"

He said, "They are the engine that keeps our events running and are among the best examples of community spirit."



# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## “Giving Good CPR”



Larry Piersol looks on as Kevin Gerhard learns to give CPR to an infant.

One dozen Township employees took the CPR Course and became Certified Heartsavers on January 10th. Held in the Exeter Ambulance Building, the team teaching session was conducted by Exeter Police Officer Dave Bentz & Zee Medical Service employee James Shuman, who were assisted by Stephanie Griffith, Marybeth Morgan, Jane

Glen and Melody Kachael from the Ambulance team.

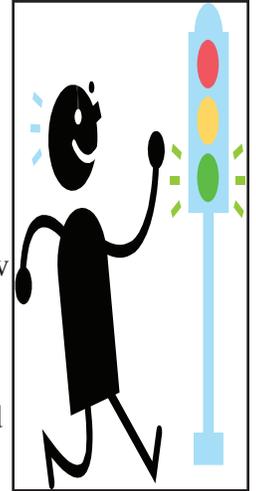
Class participants from the Highway Department, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Engineering, IT and Administration Departments learned how to recognize and respond to life threatening emergencies using life savings skills.

Also, learned how to operate an Automated External Defibulator (AED), and that speed is of the essence in using CPR because in 4.5 minutes, a lack of oxygen can injure a person’s brain.

## Township Gets Rebates for Traffic Signal Conversion

In a continuing effort to reduce overhead expenses, the Township applied for and received \$421.75 in rebates for converting the red, yellow and green lights in its traffic signals to LED’s.

The upgrades are designed to reduce the amount of electricity used in the various-sized traffic signals operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. A total of 124 yellow, red & green lights were converted to LED’s throughout the township. While we’re grateful for the First Energy Company rebates, we know the real savings will come in reduced traffic signal electric bills throughout the year.



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# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## EDAC Breakfast Scheduled



Exeter's Economic Development Advisory Council will hold its first "Business Community Breakfast" of 2013 on Wednesday, April 24th at the Reading Country Club at 7:00 A.M. Featured speakers are **Michael Rivera**, VP of Small Business Services, Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry; and **Barry L. Denk**, Director for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

**Reservations are required**  
Call (610) 779-5660 or email [dheckman@exetertownship.com](mailto:dheckman@exetertownship.com) to reserve your spot. The cost to attend is \$10 per person.

## Lula's Hookah Lounge & Dessert Bar Offers Poetry Night in April



Located in the Shelbourne Square Shopping Center, Lula's Cafe Hours are Wed. - Sun. from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.; and Lounge Hours are Wed., Thurs. & Sun. from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. & Fri. & Sat. from 5:00 P.M. to 12 A.M.

For more information on special events go to [www.lulahookah.com](http://www.lulahookah.com) or "Like" them on facebook [www.facebook.com/LulaHookahAndDessertBar](http://www.facebook.com/LulaHookahAndDessertBar)

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## Lorane Family Fun Day

A Family Fun Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20th at the Lorane Elementary School, 699 Rittenhouse Drive from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. For more information contact: [loraneapt@yahoo.com](mailto:loraneapt@yahoo.com) or call Michelle at 610-413-0946. Proceeds benefit the Association for Parents and Teachers.



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## *It's Paving Time in the Township*

Highway Superintendent Clarence Hamm announced road paving will begin May 1st. **It is important to know this date 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 installed, need to do it before the Township paves the roads listed below.**

### *Roads to be Paved are:*

Daniel Boone Road, Pennsylvania Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Romig Avenue, West Neversink Road, W. 39th Street, Claire Drive, Alice Drive, Claire Drive (2nd seg.), Highview Place, Philadelphia Avenue, Jefferson Drive, Wingspread Drive, Emerald Avenue, Opal Avenue, Prospect Street & Cathy Ann Drive.

### *Roads to be Microsurfaced are:*

Farming Ridge Blvd.- from Rt. 562 to Ritters Road; Foxglove Lane - from Farming Ridge Blvd. to Briarwood Circle; Briarwood Circle - from Foxglove Lane to the loop; Mayapple Lane - from Mays Avenue to Foxglove Lane; Sunset Court cul-de-sac; Owls Nest Drive - from Stonehenge Drive to Farming Ridge Blvd.; Cobblestone Run - from Stonehenge Drive to Hickory Lane; Heathrow Court - from Cobblestone Run to Stony Run; Strawberry Run - from Owls Nest Drive to Stony Run; and all eyebrow loops on Pennsylvania Avenue.

If budget monies allow, skid resistance treatment will be applied to Oley Turnpike Road by the culvert below Ritters Road, and several curves on Shelbourne Road. The cost of materials for this season's paving will be \$510,830. If these preservation methods were not used, the cost to completely rebuild township roads would be much greater.

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

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### *Mulch For Spring Planting*

Residents, non-residents, neighboring townships and landscapers can take advantage of the opportunity to get mulch loaded into their trucks from **Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to noon.** ***The cost is \$3 a one-yard scoop, or \$10 a 3.5 yard scoop.***

A voucher must be purchased in advance at the Township building and is to be exchanged for the mulch. The Loader Operator will operate the security access gate for non-residents. He will only accept vouchers for the mulch. He will not accept money nor will he issue the necessary waiver. Mulch will continue to be available free to residents who want to shovel it themselves.

**Township-made mulch is made from brush deposited at Trout Run. It is untreated and contains weeds that can be eliminated by adding a weed killing product when used in landscaping.**

### *Curbside Brush Pick Up*

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

**On the North Side of Route 422** - brush will be picked up during the week of May 6th. **On the South Side of Route 422** - brush will be picked up during the week of May 13th.

Residents are asked to have their brush at the curb by 7:00 A.M. Brush should be cut into lengths about 4 feet long, no larger than 4 inches in diameter, bundled together with twine in sizes that can be picked up by one person.

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

# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## *Spring Recycling Collection Dates*

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

Collected will be oil paints; turpentine; preservatives; paint thinners; solvents; oil-based paints; varnishes and stains; weed killers; pesticides; asphalt & driveway sealants; pool chemicals; herbicides & fungicides; antifreeze; gasoline; transmission oil; motor oil; automotive paints & finishes; solvents; disinfectants; oven & drain cleaners; photographic chemicals; floor & furniture polish; & lithium, NiCad & button batteries.

### **Paper Shredding & Pharmaceutical Waste**

will be collected April 27th at the  
Exeter Township Building  
4975 DeMoss Road  
8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

### **The Electronic Recycling Center**

1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA

will continue to be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to Noon, with other days and times available by appointment. The items accepted include computers, monitors, laptops, keyboards, modems, printers, radios, stereos, televisions, VCRs, fax machines, copiers, telephones, answering machines, mobile phones, microwaves, fluorescent bulbs, air conditioners & dehumidifiers, and all items that plug in or run on batteries.

No refrigerators or freezers will be accepted.

There is no charge for recycling electronic items.

**Tire Recycling** is available every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at the Recycling Center from 8:00 A.M. to Noon.

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

## *Clarification*

Now we know what they say about not being able to believe everything you read on the internet! Using what we thought was a reputable internet source, we reported that spent alkaline AA, AAA, C, D & 9 volt size batteries were recyclable. We said they could be brought to Lowes, Home Depot, Radio Shack and Staples. That was incorrect information. **According to Jane Meeks, Executive Director from the Berks County Solid Waste Authority, alkaline batteries are not recycled and they should be put out with your trash as they do not contain harmful properties.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## *Trout Run Security Access Cards*

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

- Residents must show a copy of their driver's license and pay the one-time fee of \$4 to secure a card.
- The large recycling bins previously located at the Township building are now located at Trout Run. The bins are for the collection of cans, bottles, plastics cardboard and paper.

## **Trout Run Recycling Center**

**Spring/Summer Hours  
are from  
6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**Security Gate will lock at 8 P.M.**

# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## From The FRIENDS

by Bonnie S. Goulden

The Friends of the Exeter Library is a non-profit organization that helps our local library in many different ways. Our primary goal is to raise funds. That's why we hold our special events throughout the year.

However, our next most important goal is to spread news about what our library can do for people in our community. Periodically, this column will appear in the newsletter to inform you about those interesting activities and benefits.

It's important to remember libraries operate with state, county and local taxes; and in that regard, your library is not free. Since the pool of tax monies has to be shared with others, the amount going to libraries fluctuates, making fundraising and donations critical for keeping the library operating at its demand levels.

We want you to enjoy your library and urge you to come in and get a library card at no charge. We also would like to see you at our **Spring Book & Bake Sale on May 9th & 10th from 12 noon to 8:00 P.M. and on May 11th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

## Reading Country Club Tree Wood Available

The Township has removed a number of trees on the Reading Country Club property.

Residents interested in obtaining one free cord or a pick up truck load of wood should go to the Township building to put their names on the list. ***Proof of residency is required as is signing a hold harmless agreement.***

If more than 10 residents sign up, a random drawing would be held to distribute the wood. Left over wood will be distributed in the same fashion.

The ***deadline for signing up is April 12th*** and the wood will be available for pick up on ***April 20th from 8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon at the Country Club.***

***NOTE: The wood is freshly cut maple and is not split. The Board is offering the wood free to residents and does not want the wood used for resale to others.***

The Township building is located at 4975 DeMoss Road and is open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday.

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# EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

## *Pharmaceutical Drop Box Initiative Program launched*

*Exeter Township received its Medication Drop Box*

As part of the Berks County Pharmaceutical Drop Box Program, Exeter Township received its very own Medication Drop Box for use by residents.

The Medication Drop Box is located in the lobby of the Police Department, and can be used during the normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The program was developed through the cooperation of District Attorney John T. Adams & his Detective Unit, the Council on Chemical Abuses (COCA) and the Berks County Solid Waste Authority.

The Drop Box, one of 13 in the County, will be available to collect unused or unwanted medication year round at this secure location.



**An Exeter Police Officer and Administrative Assistant Nancy Jack inspect the new Medication Drop Box located in the Police Department Lobby.**

**ACCEPTED** will be prescription medications in standard containers or in a sealed bag, over the counter medications; vitamins; drug samples; pet medications; and liquid medications in plastic, leak proof containers. Those dropping off prescription medications can use a magic marker to block out the name of the person on the prescription container label.

**NOT ACCEPTED** will be loose pills (those not in standard containers); syringes; thermometers; bloody or infectious waste; medication from businesses; Hydrogen Peroxide or other cleaning agents; and aerosol cans & inhalers.

## *Township Has Eye On Mosquitos*

It may seem early to some; but, not for **Jason Hunter, Exeter's Mosquito Licensed Technician.** Jason is on the lookout for standing water where mosquitoes may have deposited larve. He is pre-treating those areas that include catch basins and puddles along the Schuylkill River Trail.

Traps have been set to capture and count the numbers of mosquitoes in areas like the Trout Run mulch & brush piles, recreation department ball fields, and detention ponds maintained by the township. If the count is high, the area will be sprayed. As mosquito season begins, residents with questions or problems can leave a message for Jason at (610) 779-5660. He will return all residents calls.

## **ATTENTION RESIDENTS**

**Exeter's Board of Supervisors have been asked to investigate the feasibility of Municipal Trash Collection for the Township.**

**The discussion will take place during the regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held on Monday, May 13th at the Reiffton Middle School on Dunham Drive at 7:00 P.M.**

**Under discussion will be the reduction of trash truck traffic on roads, the number of different days a neighborhood would have trash truck traffic noise and the possibility of a reduction in rates for residents.**

**Those interested in joining the conversation should attend.**

# AND THE WINNERS ARE...



(from L to R) are Treatment Plant employees James Bingaman, Kevin Dunn, Pavel Babich, Edward Pribish & Dale Miller.

Exeter’s Wastewater Treatment Plant received numerous awards at the recently held Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators Association Annual Awards meeting. The awards were the “*2012 Excellence Award for Collection Systems, Operations & Maintenance*”; the “*2012 Laboratory Excellence Class 2 Award for Labs with more than two personnel*” and the “*2012 Plant Operation and Maintenance Excellence Award for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Processing Greater Than 2 Million Gallons Per Day*”.



Pavel Babich holding his Outstanding Employee Award

In addition to those awards, *Pavel Babich received the Association’s Outstanding Employee Award*. Paul Herb, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, said, “I’m proud of the employees who made these awards possible. This was a great honor for all of them and for Exeter Township as well.”



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