



EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

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Reaching Out For Business

We've talked about it before; but now we're doing something about it...developing a practical strategy to attract and maintain businesses in Exeter Township. Through its newly-formed Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC), Exeter reached out to area businesses by holding its first **"Business Community Breakfast"** on September 20th at the Reading Country Club.

Approximately 125 representatives from community businesses attended to share their ideas and hear guest speaker United States Congressman Jim Gerlach whose topic was **"Spotlight on Issues: Creating Jobs & Restoring Confidence"**. Rep. Gerlach said the focus in Washington was growing the economy and providing more predictability upon which growth could be sustained.

Also attending were all three Berks County Commissioners, Mark Scott, Christian Leinbach and Kevin Barnhardt.



Hamid Chaudhry & Congressman Gerlach enjoying breakfast together.

In addressing the group, EDAC Chairman Hamid Chaudhry said, "No one better qualified to help seek business in Exeter than those who run their own businesses here everyday."

EDAC Vice Chair Dave Hulbrink spoke of the initiatives taken by the EDAC and said its members were volunteers, friends, neighbors and Exeter's business customers.

He asked for feedback on how to foster growth from those attending.

Mr. Hurlbrink said the EDAC is developing the **"Exeter Business Directory"** for Township residents, encouraging them to support local businesses. Residents can look for the Directory in their mail in January of 2012 and on the Township Website at www.exetertownship.com in the "Open for Business" Section.



Commissioner Barnhardt talks with business leaders.

A special thank you is extended to Melissa Fullerton, WFMZ Channel 69 News, Berks Edition Reporter who delivered welcoming remarks.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Exeter Township's Business Office will be closed on

Election Day

Tuesday, November 8th

Veteran's Day

Friday, November 11th

Thanksgiving

**Thursday & Friday,
November 24th & 25th**

Christmas Holiday

**Friday & Monday
December 23rd & 26th**

New Years Holiday

Monday, January 2nd

EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

New EDAC Members Appointed

Exeter's Board of Supervisors recently appointed five new Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) members bringing the total to nine. Meet the new members.

Tony D'Antonio, 8 Valley Drive, is a financial professional with 16+ years of experience in Portfolio Management, Credit Analysis and New Business Development.

Shawn D. Filby, 4675 Perkiomen Avenue, is the Owner/Operator of Chick-fil-A in Exeter Township. He is a retired US Airforce Lieutenant Colonel who studied Applied Physics, Solar and Space Physics and Managerial Economics.

Greg L. Miller, 42 Bent Brook Circle, who is the President and Co-owner of Knight's Rental Inc.

Mark R. Reeser, 5061 Oley Turnpike Road, who is a young professional and lifelong Exeter resident. He holds a degree in Economics and was a cofounder of *BerksNightlife.com*

Bill H. Bailey, 81 Overlook Drive, has 20 years experience in building & operating business units, budget/financial analysis, project management and contract negotiations.

These new members join EDAC Chairman **Hamid Chaudhry**; Vice Chair **Dave Hurlbrink**; **Carolyn Brunschwylar & Dr. Patrick Borja** as voting members, in their efforts to secure new business development in Exeter Township.



HALLOWEEN REMINDER



Halloween
Fun awaits
Oct. 30 & 31

Halloween Advice

Children trick and treating for Halloween are reminded to be safe, use flashlights in the dark and watch out for vehicular traffic while walking on public streets.

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Outdoor Dining at Reading Country Club



No sooner had the Board of Supervisors approved the installation of outdoor dining patios at the Reading Country Club, Exeter's crews, in cooperation with Grote Construction Company, started the job. "In a month's time the prep work was done by township crews to save money, and a professional concrete contractor laid the patio floor," said Clarence Hamm. The cost of installing the patios, including the architectural design, was approximately \$40,000. A refined design changed the original idea of having only one outdoor patio and lowered the cost by eliminating the need to install new electric lines and a host of other items. The Board had studied the request made by Jeff Rutter from Chef Alan, Inc. food service operators at the Club, because of the increased popularity of outdoor dining in Berks County and the potential of increased revenue. In the contractual arrangement with Chef Alan, once the incentive cap is reached, all additional profits go to the Township. Supervisor Michelle P. Kircher stated the desire by patrons for outdoor dining will most certainly be an attraction that will increase business at the Club and, in turn, will bring in more profits.

The outdoor dining area consists of two large patios, each flanking the wooden entrance doors. The design can accommodate two separate parties being held at one time. The patios on the left near the great rock and on the right will hold 14 tables. The project is complete and those wishing to enjoy outside dining can call the Club at (610) 779-1000 for reservations.

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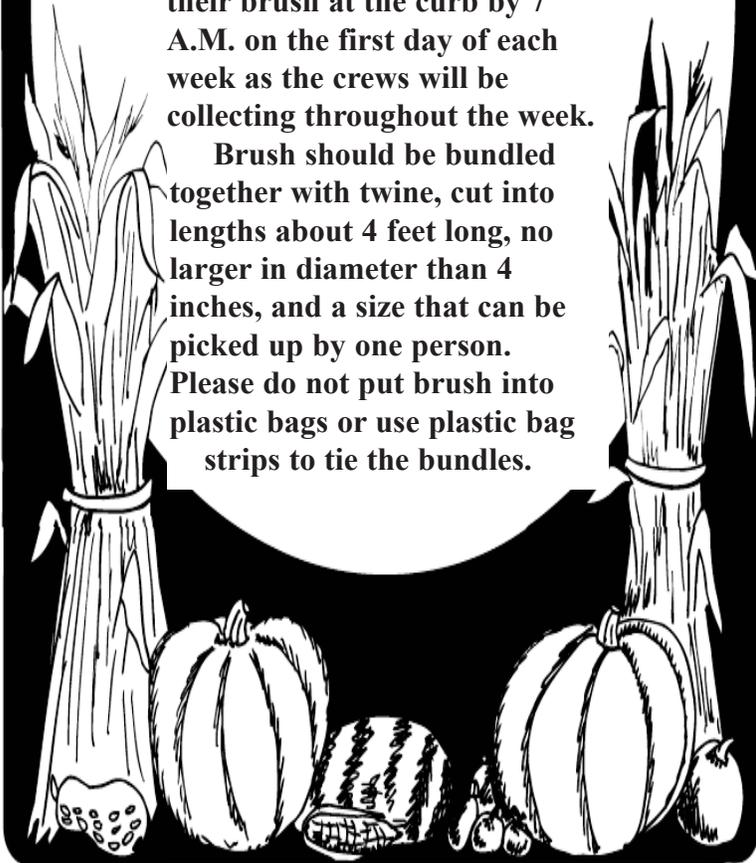
Its Brush Pick-up Time



Curbside brush pickup has been scheduled from Monday, October 10th to and including Friday, October 14th, when brush will be collected on the north side of Route 422. From Monday, October 17th to and including Friday, October 21st, brush will be collected on the south side of Route 422.

Residents are asked to have their brush at the curb by 7 A.M. on the first day of each week as the crews will be collecting throughout the week.

Brush should be bundled together with twine, cut into lengths about 4 feet long, no larger in diameter than 4 inches, and a size that can be picked up by one person. Please do not put brush into plastic bags or use plastic bag strips to tie the bundles.



Recycling Makes Sense!

Recycling Collections Listed

Tires & Paper Shredding will be held at FirstEnergy Stadium, Rt. 61 on Saturday, October 22nd. (Fees will be charged for tires)

Household Hazardous Waste will be collected November 5th at FirstEnergy Stadium, Rt. 61, Reading, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (rain or shine). Collected will be oil paints; turpentine; wood preservatives; paint thinners; solvents; oil-based paints; varnishes and stains; weed killers; pesticides; asphalt & driveway sealants; pool chemicals; herbicides & fungicides; antifreeze; gasoline; transmission oil; motor oil; automotive paints & finishes; solvents; disinfectants; rug, oven & drain cleaners; photographic chemicals; floor & furniture polish; and lithium, NiCad & button batteries.

Pharmaceuticals will be collected on October 15th at the FirstEnergy Stadium 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, Fluorescent Bulbs, Air Conditioners & dehumidifiers, and all items that plug in or run on batteries.

No refrigerators or freezers will be accepted.

Fees - \$1.00 each will be charged for all electronic items except TVs. \$5 each will be charged for TVs 20" & smaller; \$10 each for TVs 20" & larger. 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*

EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Exeter Ambulance Offers Lifesaving Training

Cardiac Emergencies happen when you least expect it. Let Exeter Ambulance help you learn how to save a life now by enrolling in the courses listed below.



Friends & Family CPR

This program teaches participants to perform CPR on an adult, child, or an infant. The course is designed to teach basic skills to babysitters, scouts, parents & grandparents.



HeartSaver

Community level training includes the skills of one person CPR rescue and techniques for clearing an airway or obstruction.

This course takes 4-6 hours.

Heartsaver also is available with AED and/or First Aid Instruction as an add-on to the basic CPR training.

Course cards will be issued upon completion.

For information or to register for these courses, contact Leonardo Mijares, Ambulance Education Coordinator, by calling (610) 779-7687.



Announcing: Exeter Township Fire Department's 30th Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Starting: Saturday, November 26th

Where: The Reiffon Fire Station
46 W. 33rd Street
Exeter Township

Time: Open daily from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Important Facts to Remember

- **Sudden cardiac arrest** is the number one cause of death in the United States.
- **300,000** is the approximate number of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occurring annually.
- **80%** of cardiac arrests occur at home.
- **70%** of Americans have never been trained in CPR or their training has significantly lapsed.

Exeter Ambulance offers American Heart Association certified instructors, available all year round, to provide various levels of skills and certification for both the community and medical professionals.

Exeter Fire Department Citizen's Fire Academy

Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Jordan announced the Citizen's Fire Department Academy will be held on Wednesday nights from October 19th to November 16th. Those interested can contact the Deputy Fire Chief at cjordan@exetertwpfire25.com

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Winter In The Parks



As a raging hot summer begins to cool, its time to think about winter preparations at all Exeter's parks.

Beginning Monday, October 17th, all winter park hours will be from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. All bathroom facilities will be closed and locked for the winter and the water fountains will be turned off as these facilities are not heated.

There will be no pavilion rentals until the parks reopen in the spring. At that time, pavilions in Community Park, Pineland Park, Lorane Hollow Park and Trout Run will be available for rental by reservation on a first-come, first serve basis.

NOTE: During the winter, security cameras will remain operative and parks will be patrolled.

Farming Ridge Park To Open In 2012

In the fall Exeter's crews started working on constructing Exeter's first eco-smart park at the corner of Farming Ridge Boulevard and Ritters Road.



Exeter decided to proceed with the park's construction after it received a grant in the amount of \$69,159.50 from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

Park construction is very detailed beginning with trenches dug to accommodate electric, sewer and water lines, and the installation of a security system. Finishing touches will include a riparian area/wetland buffer between the stoned parking area and the Owatin Creek that runs through the property.

The park will not cost Exeter residents a cent because the money used to match the grant funds has been provided by subdivision developers and has been held by the township for this designated purpose.

Opps!

We forgot to thank a few very important volunteers who helped make our May Days event such a success.

So we say we appreciate all the effort given by the following people:

Reiffton & Jr./Sr. High Volunteers:

Joette Schwenk, Alison Young, Marlene Cox, Tom Hazel, Betsy Kartotis, Karen Gorel, Beth & Jeff Kistler, Sue Perrotty & sister Pam, Marie Unger, Sheila Violand (ESL), Sue Landis, Kim Keller, Pat & Jeff Frederick, Jeff Foster, Kim Ericke and Amy Morriss.

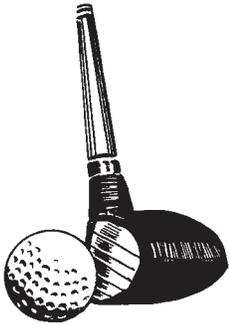
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Joe Seltzer



PARKS AND RECREATION

Golf Tourney Success



Thank You's

The Exeter Township Parks and Recreation Department gratefully thanks and recognizes all the participants, sponsors, Tom Morgan and the Reading Country Club for making the

10th Annual Golf Tournament successful.

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AEROBICS AT DUNN COMMUNITY CENTER



Register now for the next class sessions that begin on Monday, December 5th.

"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, core focus.

"Fusion Sole (Barefoot) Power"

Wednesday's from 7:00 P.M. - 7:45 P.M. Class to promote good movement & balance to strengthen imbalances in feet, ankles, knees & hips. This is an equipment-free, barefoot class that fuses cardiovascular with strength.

"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 calorie/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.

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How Would You Cut Township Expenses???

Exeter Township is no different than any other municipality in Berks County, the state of Pennsylvania or any other state in the union when it comes to balancing it's budget. The fact is Exeter's income is projected to be less than its expenses in 2012. Township Manager Troy Bingaman stated the income will be \$400,000 less. Mr. Bingaman said in a recent Board meeting the causes were as follows: less real estate transfer tax revenue was being received because of the dip in the real estate market, residents were appealing their assessments due to declining home prices, reducing the amount of township property tax paid; earned income tax was reduced to increased unemployment; and interest income, which is locked at 1.35% this year, is projected to decrease as well. All this is contributing to the projected \$400,000 shortfall for 2012.

Exeter's Board of Supervisors are sitting on the horns of a dilemma as they analyze what expenses to cut, and how cutting those expenses will affect the services Exeter residents have come to expect from their township. **To help in making critical decisions for the 2012 budget, Exeter's Board of Supervisors is asking residents and businesses to have a voice in the process because the elimination of services will directly affect them. The Board also is asking the "brain trust" of Exeter Township, its 25,550 citizens (according to the last census) to suggest ways in which it can operate more efficiently.**

"We realize this is a bold request; but, since we are a representative government, we are asking the people we represent to help us by suggesting budget and operating options," said Board Chairman Don Wilson.

Exeter's budget has to be in place by October 31st, advertised by mid-November and adopted by the end of December 2011. The two remaining Budget Workshop Meetings will be held on October 13th & October 26th at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Building.

To respond with a suggestion email dheckman@exetertownship.com; or write a note of suggestion and mail it to 4975 DeMoss Road, Reading, PA 19606; or to call (610) 779-5660 and ask for Doris.

All suggestions will be carefully reviewed by Exeter's Board of Supervisors and Administrative Staff.

Exeter Township gratefully thanks Boscov's Distribution Center personnel Joe Seifrit & Bob Goonan for donating their assistance in the receipt of Exeter's new LED street lights. The lights were stored at the warehouse until installation, then placed in a Boscov trailer on township property for easy access during installation.

"Exeter Community News" 2012 Publication Schedule

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PARKS AND RECREATION



Festival of Lights to be held at Reading Country Club

All Exeter residents are invited to the annual "Festival of Lights Ceremony" scheduled for Monday, December 5th at the Reading Country Club, Perkiomen Avenue, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Santa Claus will join the festival to hear all the holiday wishes and there will be performances by the Exeter High School Brass Ensemble and the Berks Ballet Theater.

Coloring Contest winners will be announced and refreshments will be served.

Homemade tree ornaments brought to the ceremony will be displayed on the Township tree.

Metro Bank will be on hand to do craft projects with the children, free of charge.

Refreshments will be served by Girl Scout Troops #1909 and #1676.

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Santa will be making his rounds in Exeter neighborhoods on four nights in December riding on top an Exeter Township Fire Engine to celebrate the Holiday Season.



Listed below is the schedule of his routes (weather permitting).

Monday, December 12 - Reiffton-South side of Route 422, Crestwood, Lorane Orchards to Lorane Road.

Tuesday, December 13 - Lorane Road East to the Township line, Linstead, Pathfinder Valley, Kinsey Hill, Hunter's Run & Sagebrook.

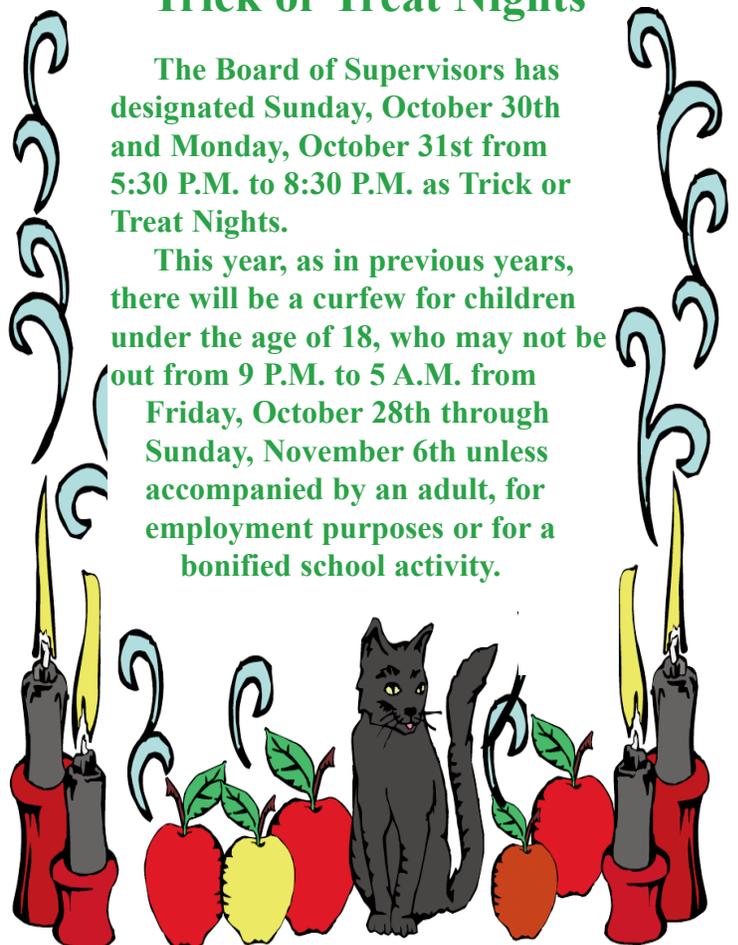
Wednesday, December 14 - Hunter's Run & Sagebrook, (if not visited on Dec. 13th), Farming Ridge, Jacksonwald & Wyndam Hill.

Thursday, December 15 - St. Lawrence, Pennside & East side of Reiffton.

Trick or Treat Nights

The Board of Supervisors has designated Sunday, October 30th and Monday, October 31st from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. as Trick or Treat Nights.

This year, as in previous years, there will be a curfew for children under the age of 18, who may not be out from 9 P.M. to 5 A.M. from Friday, October 28th through Sunday, November 6th unless accompanied by an adult, for employment purposes or for a bonified school activity.



Trees to Trout Run



Residents with "Security Access Cards" for Exeter's brush depository can take their Christmas trees to be recycled at Trout Run.

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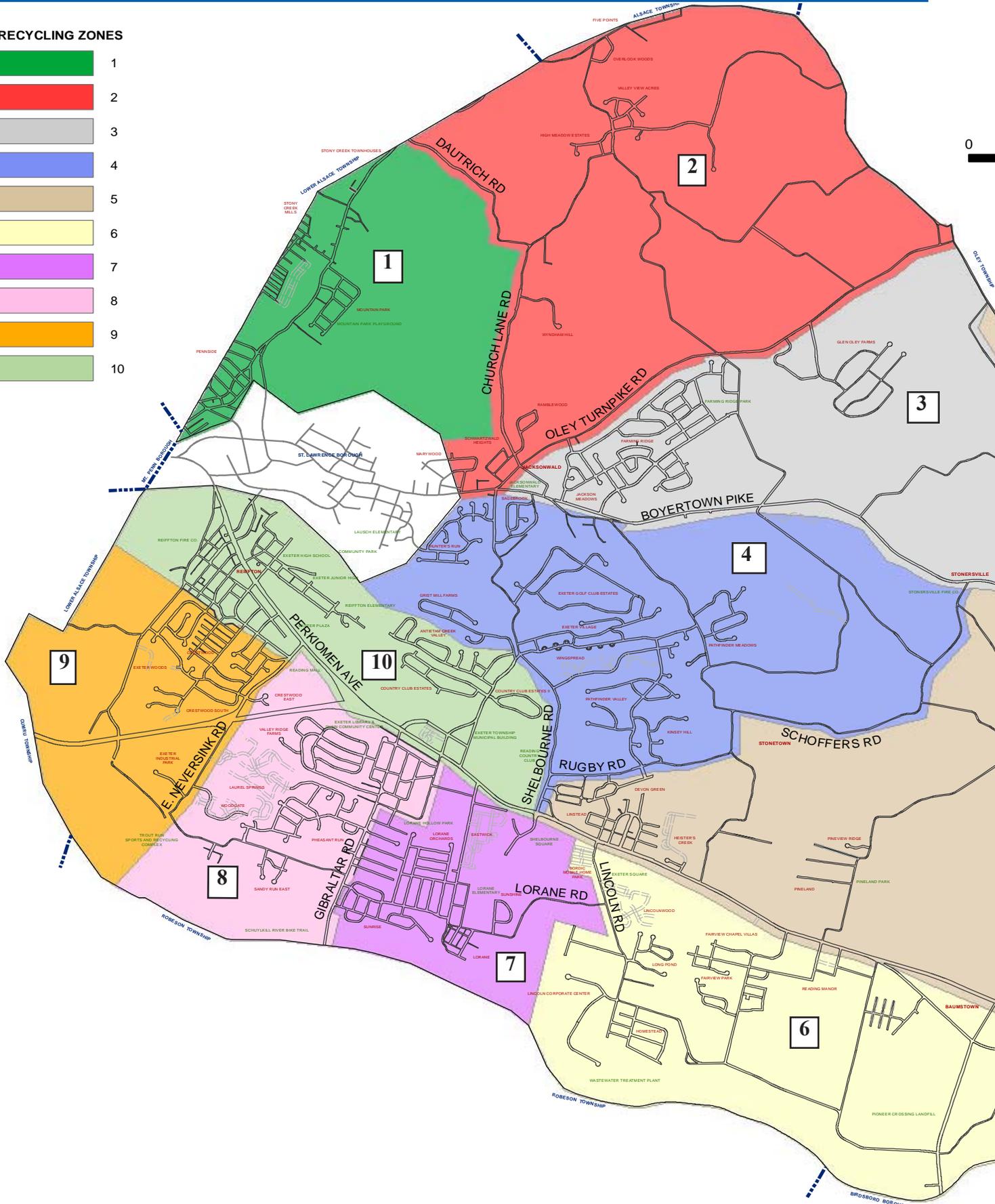
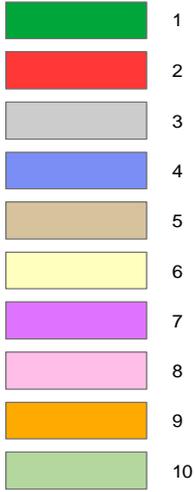
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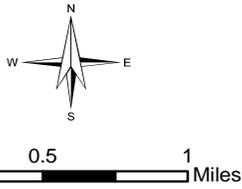
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Changes Made in Recycling

RECYCLING ZONES



Zones for 2012 Pick Ups



Exeter Township has made modifications to the collection schedule for residential recycling zones effective January 2012.

The changes were made to make all recycling zones more manageable by having each zone contain a similar number of residences.

Note the Following Changes

Zone 4 - properties that were in this zone in 2011 - Country Club Estates I & II, Antietam Creak Valley (aka Country Club Run), Perkiomen Avenue and Gibraltar Road North of Route 422 **will now be in Zone 10**.

Zone 7 - Properties that were in this zone in 2011 - located West of Gibraltar Road and on Gibraltar Road, South side of Route 422 **will now be in Zone 8**.

Zone 7 - Properties that were in this zone in 2011- Bordic Mobile Home Park, Dennis Drive, Lincoln Road, Littlefield Avenue, and Hall Avenue **will now be in Zone 6**.

The map at the left details the new zones.

Before year's end the recycling hauler will mail to each resident's home, a color-coded recycling schedule of recycling collection days for each zone.



Frequency of Collection - Every other week at curbside between 7:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Please place your recyclables out the night before.



Acceptable Recyclables - Newspapers; office paper; magazines; junk mail; clear & colored glass bottles; aluminum & tin cans; plastic bottles & containers with numbers #1 thru #7 (*numbers found on the bottom of container*); and cardboard cut into lengths no longer than four feet and tied together with string or cord.



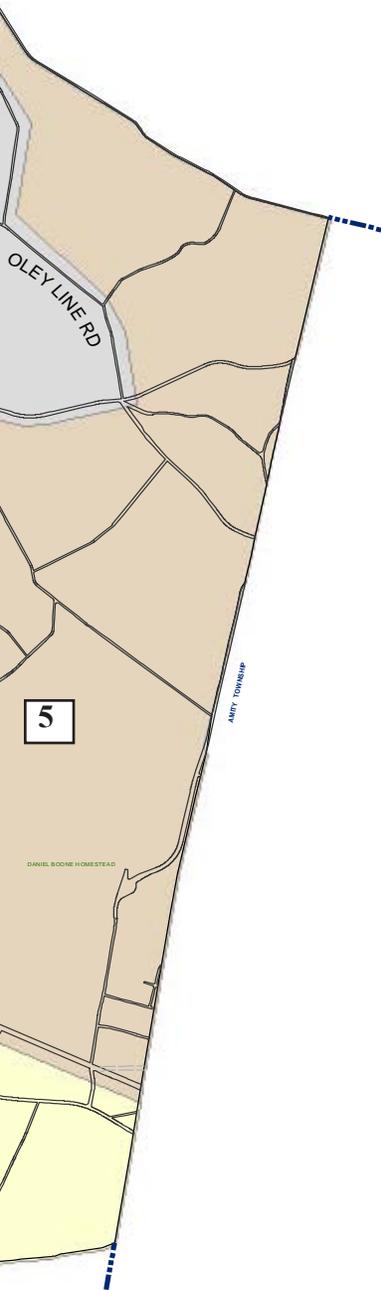
Holiday Pick-Up Schedule - During weeks that contain holidays, each collection day will be made on the following day. Occasionally collections will be made on Saturdays.



Recycling Containers - Two recycling containers are provided free of charge to each household and can be obtained by contacting Exeter Township's Municipal Office at (610) 779-5660. Residents needing more than two containers will be charged \$5 for each additional container, or can obtain a "recycling sticker" free of charge to be placed on a moderate-sized container of their own.



Web Site Information - Recycling program and contact information can be found at www.exetertownship.com



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Biosolids Dryer Facility Dedication and Open House

It was hard to argue with the positive statistics and economic improvement Exeter's new Biosolids Dryer Project will bring to the Township. All the good reasons were trumpeted during the official Dedication Ceremony and Open House of the facility held on Wednesday, September 14th at Exeter's Wastewater Treatment Plant on Hanover Road.

Special guest PA State Senator Judith L. Schwank presented the Township with a *Certificate of Environmental Stewardship* for its efforts. "We thought this was a good project when the Township brought it to our attention five years ago and the County donated \$15,000 toward the initial study. We are delighted to see the \$6.5 million project completed." Senator Schwank said she thought it was "brave" for Exeter to do something for the region and not just for themselves.

Exeter Board Chairman Don Wilson said "Exeter plans to eliminate landfilling 9,568,000 pounds of wet sludge annually, and during this trial period, only 1/5th of that amount will be landfilled if no other use is found for it." He said, "This project will be paid for in 13 years saving



Project Team Member Dale Miller explains how the sludge drying process works to Reading Eagle Reporter Erinn Conner, PA State Senator Judith Schwank and Hamid Chaudhry.

Exeter Township \$600,000 in landfill fees each year."

Also in attendance were **Steve Riley, from Entech Engineering, Inc.** the project engineering firm; **Berks County Commissioner Mark Scott**; Township Supervisors, interested representatives from area municipalities and members of Exeter's newly formed Economic Development Advisory Council.



Fred Reigle, Troy Bingaman & Roger Phillips have a chat during the open house.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Staff Made it Happen

Pulling off a flawless Dedication Ceremony and Open House takes much coordination. The skill of the plant's staff, along with **H. David Miller & Doris Heckman**, resulted in a flawless, enjoyable event. A special thank you goes to the Wastewater Treatment Plant employees who willingly and professionally facilitated every need. The WWTP staff is listed below:



Don Wilson talks with Great Valley Consultants engineers

<i>Dale Miller</i>	<i>James Bingaman</i>
<i>Edward Pribish</i>	<i>Aaron Franckowiak</i>
<i>Mark Maciejewski</i>	<i>David Welgoss</i>
<i>Kevin Dunn</i>	<i>Pavel Babich</i>
<i>Josh Koontz</i>	<i>David Seltzer</i>
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<i>Brian Mervine</i>	



Commissioner Mark Scott & WWTP Superintendent Paul Herb in discussions.

FACT: Exeter's cost to landfill processed sludge will be reduced from an average of \$49,033 per month to approximately \$7,225 per month in 2012 if no other use is found for it. Exeter is encouraging area municipalities to bring their wet sludge to its Biosolids Dryer Facility for processing at a competitive rate.



You are invited to attend

Exeter Township's
Wastewater Treatment Plant
Biosolids Dryer Dedication Ceremony
and Open House

Wednesday, September 14th
400 Hanover Street
from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Dedication Ceremony begins at 9:30 A.M.

Join us for tours of the new facility. Refreshments will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. by September 1, 2011 to Doris Heckman
dheckman@exetertownship.com

EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Trout Run Re-Do

It's the Hottest Card in Town!

Over 1,700 residents streamed into the Township building to secure their very own Trout Run Security Access Card after reading about them in Exeter's July *Community Newsletter*.

St. Lawrence Borough residents have been securing their cards in St. Lawrence as the Borough's management preferred distributing security cards to their residents.

"We knew the facility was heavily used; but were surprised to find out just how many residents depended on it being available to them," said Clarence Hamm, Highway Superintendent and the man in charge of Trout Run's operations.

"Dozens of positive comments were made by residents as they handed over the \$4 one-time charge for the cards," said Nancy Jack, Assistant Secretary and one of the several employees processing the requests. Most wanted to be sure the facility continued to operate and wanted to prevent its abuse by unauthorized users and people that dumped construction waste at the site.

The security gate system began operating in September. Only those who have obtained a "security gate system access card" will be able to use the Trout Run brush depository for either brush and grass clipping disposal, or for getting free mulch.

Exeter residents who have not yet purchased their card can do so by coming to the Exeter Township Municipal Building, 4975 DeMoss Road between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday. Residents must present their driver's license or a paid tax receipt for proof of Township land ownership and pay \$4 for the card.

St. Lawrence residents can obtain their cards by going to the St. Lawrence Borough building, 3540 St. Lawrence Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Monday-Thursday; and from 8:30 A.M. to 12 noon on Friday.

Improvements at Trout Run



Doing the redo, summer employees Sean Crossland, a Philadelphia University junior, and Jake Verry, sophomore at Dakota Wesleyan University, work on depository upgrades under the guidance of Exeter Highway Department employee Mark Verry.

From June through September Trout Run got a face lift. In addition to the installation of the new security gate system, the drive-up area and parking area were paved and marked. The signage was upgraded to give clearer direction on what was allowed and what was not, and the path to the walking trail, at the right of the entrance, was more clearly defined. In the near future, a small wooden walking bridge will be constructed over the drainage swale behind the grass clippings area to accommodate trail walkers so they don't have to walk through the brush depository to get to the trail as they now do.

Trout Run New Hours

Winter Hours Start November 1st

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EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Bulletin Board

Lions Club Eye Glass Donation Boxes can be found in 14 different Exeter Township locations. Anyone wanting to donate used eye glasses can do so at Redner's, Susquehanna Bank, National Penn Bank, Boscov's Optical Center, M&T Bank, Exeter High School, Boscov's Distribution Center, Walmart, Exeter Library, Dr. Larry Behm's office, Auman's Funeral Home, and America's Best Contact & Eyeglasses store.

Five Below is sponsoring a Fundraiser for Exeter's Library from Friday, Oct. 21st - Sunday, Oct. 30th. Coupons can be obtained at the Library.

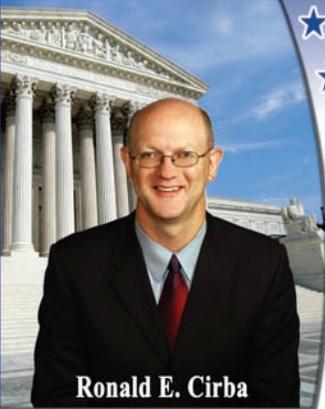
Exeter Library's Beef & Beer Fundraiser is being held on Oct. 22nd at the Stonersville Fire Co. from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.. Also featured will be a silent auction and a DJ for those who want to dance. Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased either at the library or by calling (610)779-5782.

The Exeter Township School District is holding a "5K Run & 1 Mile Walk" on Sat., November 12th at 9 A.M. to benefit the school library. There is a fee to register. For information call Gloria Clay at (610) 779-0700 or find applications at www.pretzencitysports.com

Boy Scout Troop #319 is offering a "Christmas Tree Pick-Up Service". Interested persons can call Brenda Nonnemaker at (610) 401-2586.

An Antietam Creek Watershed Association is being formed and is seeking interested people to form a core group. If interested, contact Carl Rinkevich at (610) 375-9301.

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EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

“Cop’s Corner”

By Sergeant Steve T. Schaeffer



Sgt. Steve T. Schaeffer

The Exeter Community is invited to attend the Fall 2011 *Citizen’s Police Academy* that has been scheduled for Tuesday Evenings from October 18th through November 22 at 7:00 P.M. Applications can be obtained at the Police Department, 4975 DeMoss Road or online at www.exeterpolice.com **THIS COURSE IS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE.**

Citizen’s Police Academy is an opportunity for citizens to meet weekly with various officers of the Exeter Police Department to learn first hand about the different services the Police Department offers. Exeter was the first Police Department in Berks County to offer an Academy and has received enough positive feedback to offer it again. The program builds a strong relationship between the police and the community, and eliminates many misconceptions the public commonly has about the police and the services they provide.

This month “*Cop’s Corner*” is highlighting the types of questions commonly asked about the department that can be answered by attending the *Citizen’s Police Academy*. Some of the questions are listed below.

How many police officers are in the police department? Can I shoot someone if they are breaking into my house? What can I do if I see someone strange in my neighborhood? Is Exeter a safe place to work, shop and live? Where does my tax money go in relationship to the police department? How can I keep my children safe? What can be done about the speeding on my road? What programs does the police department offer? How busy are the Exeter Police?

Each week during the *Citizen’s Police Academy*, officers from different specialities within the Department will explain their duties, demonstrate their equipment and provide insight to the methods police use to investigate crimes or respond to calls for service. This instruction will help members of the community understand what the police can do for them. Citizens will be informed on how they can help the police solve crimes and disorder within the community.



Citizen’s Police Academy Course Outline



- Week 1 - October 18th -- Introduction to Patrol Duties*
- Week 2 - October 25th -- Firearms, SWAT, Hostage Negotiations*
- Week 3 - November 1st -- Criminal Investigations, Drug Investigations*
- Week 4 - November 15th -- Forensics*
- Week 5 - November 22nd -- Graduation*

Exeter Police Department Officers look forward to working together with the community.

Office of Crime Prevention
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EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Economic Conservation

Cutting overhead expense is a priority for Exeter Township's administrative staff. At the beginning of this year another step was taken to modify overhead expenses and make a few extra dollars in the bargain. Exeter entered into a Commerce Bank program called "**ControlPay**" which has a merchant fee-shared component that can net Exeter several thousand dollars quarterly as Exeter pays its vendor bills. It works like this... Commerce Bank pays Exeter's participating vendor bills via electronic transfer through a Visa account set up by both Exeter and the vendor. Electronically, Exeter tells Commerce Bank who and how much to pay, and Commerce then pays the vendor from Exeter's account electronically.

As a result, Exeter saves the costs of purchasing and processing paper checks, and the postage to mail those checks for each participating vendor as it pays its bills, and, receives a rebate for each account paid that way. In the first half of 2011, Exeter received \$8,000 in rebates from Commerce Bank. The effort to inform vendors of this program is ongoing. Interested vendors can call (610) 779-5660 for more information.

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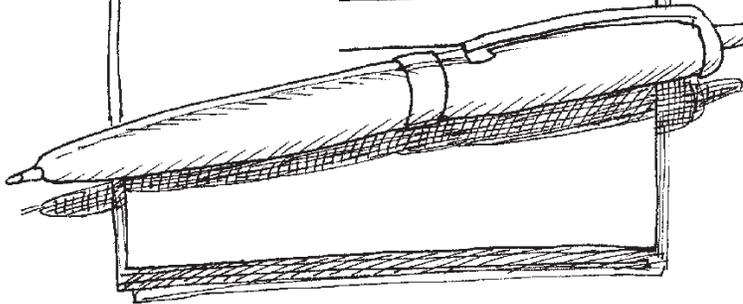
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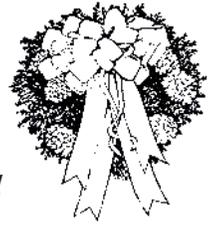
Library Fundraisers

Oct. 22nd - Beef & Beer- Stonersville Social Quarters 6:30-9:30 P.M. DJ, dancing, Silent Auction. Buy tickets at library or call (610) 779-5782.

Oct. 21st - 30th - "Five Below" sponsoring fundraiser for library. Get coupons at library & shop for Halloween at "Five Below".



Holiday Wreath Sale Dates Set



The Friends of Exeter Library have set **Saturday, December 3rd from 10 A.M.- 4 P.M. and Sunday, December 4th from 12 - 3 P.M.** as the dates for their annual Holiday Wreath Sale at Exeter Community Library.

All wreaths on sale are donated and decorated by local flower shops, businesses and members of our community. Wreath donations are being accepted, call Bonnie Goulden at (610) 582-8502 or email at bgoulden1@aol.com All wreaths not sold that week-end will be on sale in the library during regular library hours.

Also sold at the wreath sale will be **Holiday Cookies** and **Holiday Quilt Crafts**.

The Friends of the Library **Harvest Book & Bake Sale** will be held **Thursday, October 13th from 4-8 P.M. (for Friends members only); Friday, October 14th from 12 noon - 8 P.M.; and on Saturday, October 15th from 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.** Bag of books sold at \$5 per bag.

Annual Chicken Barb-B-Q will be held from 11 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Call the Library at (610) 406-9431

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Township LED Street Light Conversions Underway



The long awaited conversion of all Exeter-owned street lights has begun. At this printing, street lights in all Exeter parks, lights on most township properties as well as street lights in several of the township's 31 housing developments have been retrofitted to LED lights. Exeter is informing First Energy/Met Ed as each group of lights is converted so they can lower the price of electricity based on wattage used from dusk to dawn. Reductions in street light electric bills will take a few months as billing adjustments are made. **Exeter recently received a total of \$32,707.50 in rebates from participating in FirstEnergy's Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency Program for the LED Light Conversion.** As a result, not only will the township save 2/3rds of the money it spends on street lights by using more

energy efficient LED's, the rebates nearly equal the \$33,871 cost of installation by Republic Intellegent Transformation Services, the company that won the bid to install the lights.

Time to Change Gears

With summer at our heels and winter in our view Township crews are prepping for change and reaching for winter hoodies as they gear up for their annual duties.



Leaf Pick up will begin at the end of October and will end the first week in December at about the time of the first snowfall. Crews will work throughout the Township on a continual basis without a published day or area schedule.

Leaves should be raked to the curb and residents are asked not to block storm drains or residential drainage pipes with leaves.

Residents living in rural areas, who would like their leaves collected, may call the Township office at (610) 779-5660 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday to have their addresses put on the collection list.



When the Snow Falls, highway crews will be ready to clear the streets. Residents are advised to wait to clear the end of their driveways and walkways until after the plow has cleared their street.

The reason is that plowing pushes snow to the sides of the streets and will block the entrance to the driveway.

Those that live on cul-de-sacs in residential developments usually have their roadway cleared after the main road has been cleared. Since there are only three trucks small enough to clear them, this process may take a while. Residents are encouraged to be patient as the crews will work as fast as they can.

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Meet Exeter's K9 Team

A new class of K-9 recruits has joined Exeter's K9 Team to assist with narcotics detection, explosives detection and patrol.

In the picture on the left, (from left to right) are **K9 Bosco** with Officer Andrew J. Walbert; **K9 Nitro** with Officer Brian Eveland; **K9 Mako** with Officer Darrin Gartner; and **K9 Kaz** with Officer Terry Reichart.

The **Exeter Police K9 Unit** was established in 2000 due to the rise in threats of terrorism and increased

drug activity in suburban areas. At that time, under the direction of retired Police Chief Gerard Radke, Police Officers Brian Eveland and Darrin Gartner were appointed as the first K9 Officers. Although being the first for Exeter's Police Department having K9's as partners was not new to them as both their fathers were K9 Police Officers in other police agencies. Initially, Officer Gartner was teamed with **K9 Manto** and Officer Eveland was joined by **K9 Kero**, both German Shepherds imported from Europe and selected by certified & master trainers with Castles K9, Inc. As the popularity of the unit grew, Officer Reichart and **K9 Vinn** joined in 2002; and Officer Walbert and **K9 Jago** were added in 2003.

K9's Kero, Manto and Vinn were retired after 10 years of dedicated service to their unit; and **K9 Jago** met an early retirement after 2 1/2 years because he suffered a nasal cavity chemical burn while scanning a vehicle containing a load of cocaine valued at \$2.4 million dollars. The vehicle had been treated with a chemical spray powder designed to dissuade a dog from sniffing.

Exeter's Police K9 Unit holds the highest national standards of excellence by the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). K9 Officers are required to train 16 hours a month with a certified instructor, they do so at Castles K9, Inc. Each team is required to pass an annual certification test to prove their efficiency. All K9's reside in their officer's homes and are considered a member of the family.

According to Exeter Police Chief Christopher Neidert, "Our K9's are a deterrent to assaults on Police by violent offenders and provide overall Officer safety. The presence of a well-trained police dog, in a potentially violent situation, can absolutely be the deciding factor in whether or not a Police Officer returns home safely after his shift." **Exeter's Police Department K9 Unit lends itself to all law enforcement agencies upon request, including the U.S. Secret Service, DEA, FBI, PA State Police, Local Police, Department of Corrections and the U.S. Military.**

Highlights of K9 Accomplishments

Officer Walbert & K9 - Seized over \$3.2 million in drugs, cash & vehicle forfeitures; holds Indianapolis National Outstanding K9 Service Award; named Police Officer of the year in 2004; member of DA Narcotics Task Force.

Officer Eveland & K9 - Assisted Secret Service for Presidents Bush and Clinton; John Kerry & Admiral Michael Mullen; performed over 150 explosive searches keeping schools safe; tracked a lost 2-year old boy & apprehended a burglar.

Officer Gartner & K9 - Seized over \$1.5 million in drugs, \$50,000 cash & numerous vehicle forfeitures. K9 Manto awarded the Gallantry Star for bravery and assistance in a massive riot; member DA Narcotics Task Force.

Officer Reichart & K9 - Assisted Secret Service for Barbara Bush; performed over 150 explosive searches keeping schools and businesses safe; tracked rapist successfully prosecuted for his crime.



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*The public is invited to share Exeter's memories during
the 270th Anniversary Commemoration of the founding of Exeter Township
on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 P.M.*

Upstairs at the Dunn Community Center, Prestwick Drive.

Special guests include

David W. Dunn, Director of the State Museum of Pennsylvania

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*James L. Lewars, Director of the Landis Valley Museum and
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A multi-media presentation will be hosted by Charles J. Adams III

*The Event is Sponsored by the Exeter Township Historical Commission &
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**FACTS: In 1741, when Exeter Township was founded, 50 families resided within its borders.
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