



EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Edition 1

First Quarter, 2010

Exeter Welcomes Two New Board Members

Meet Kenneth A. Smith



Won a 6-year Term (2010-2016)

Ken Smith holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management and an MBA from York College. He is currently employed as a Financial Advisor/Stockbroker, and is a part-time teacher of business courses at Penn State, Berks Campus. Mr. Smith is a fiscal conservative who likes to use common sense regarding financial matters. He has served for 6 years as a member of the Exeter School Board; is the Co-Founder of the Berks Coalition for Organ & Tissue Donation, which is affiliated with the American Red Cross, and serves as a member of the Exeter Community Education Foundation. Mr. Smith resides in Farming Ridge with his wife Daria and his son Alex.

Meet Gary E. Lloyd



Won a 2-year Term (2010-2012)

Gary Lloyd holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering with a concentration in Construction Management from the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Lloyd is employed at International Consultants, Inc, a construction design consulting firm that works with architects, colleges, hospitals and major institutions giving them detailed budgets for their projects and designing their buildings in a cost effective way. As a Republican Committee person in Exeter's 4th Precinct, Mr Lloyd has stated among his goals he intends to voice the traditional ideals of property rights, sound monetary policy and fiscal responsibility. He and his family reside in the Reiffton area.



Dona Starr is in the 3rd year of her 2nd consecutive 6-year term. She has served as Chairwoman for two of those years overseeing major decisions for the Township regarding its economic and environmental health.



Michelle Kircher is in the 4th year of her second 6-year term. A strong emphasis on sound financial management and protecting the environment have been her hallmarks.



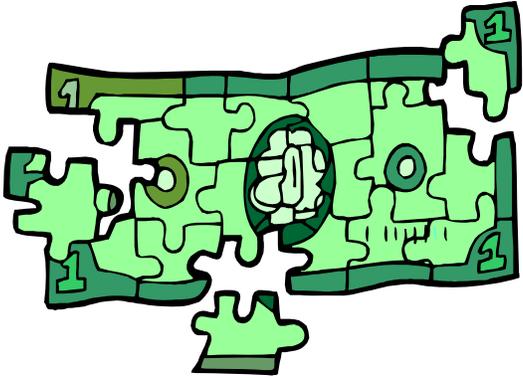
Don Wilson is in the 3rd year of his 6-year term. He's a longtime defender of proper planning and as Chairman of the Township's Planning Commission has been instrumental in helping manage the Township's growth.

The Township wishes to thank Lisa Ciotti and Kevin Kennedy, the two Board members whose terms have expired, for their dedicated service.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Exeter Township Business Office will be closed Friday, April 2, 2010

Township Economic News



As 2009 started, the economic news for Exeter was grim as the impact of a slumping national economy was felt through a decrease in township revenues. However, 2010 has started on a slightly more positive note for the township even though many challenges still must be faced.

Over the past year, Exeter Township, along with the School District and Berks County through the Tax Increment Financing Plan (TIF), ushered in measures to expand the Township's commercial tax base with the opening of 15 stores in "Exeter Commons". Coupled with the nifty new "Walmart" expansion

and the increase in its business tax income, the upcoming construction of a new "RiteAid" at the corner of Route 422 and 47th Street, the promise of a new "Dunkin' Donuts" and other commercial companies looking to relocate to our Township, Exeter has changed from primarily residential, to residential with a strong commercial tax base. The results of receiving increased business privilege tax from Exeter Commons will begin to show in the first quarter of 2010 as taxes for those companies occupying the shopping center are paid. Township management is anxiously looking for the net result which is the projected increase of nearly \$140,000 to be paid in business privilege and other taxes. In addition to receiving more tax income, residents are enjoying the Route 422 road improvements that have made the commercial corridor a smoother drive for all who live and travel through Exeter. And, now that the new Lincoln Road/Route 422 intersection is completed, residents are relieved to have smooth and improved driving conditions through that intersection.

However, the question on everyone's mind is "Will there be a Tax Increase for 2010?" The answer is the general millage increase of .2 that would have occurred in 2010 will be offset by the .2 mil decrease in the debt service due to the fact that the Reading Country Club is showing a profit. However, there will be a .1 mil increase in the Fire Tax. That means residents will see an additional cost of \$10 per \$100,000 of assessed property value in 2010. Also, those having street lights within 250 feet of their property will see an increase in the Street Light Tax from 25 cents a foot to 40 cents a foot of property frontage. This increase is necessary to pay for the increased costs of operation and maintenance of all lights, and to prepare for the electricity increases coming in 2011.

(See insert below on possible decrease in street light costs in the future.)

Township Applies for Street Light Grant

Exeter applied for a "Clean Energy Program Grant" through the Department of Community and Economic Development in November to convert the 395 Township-owned street lights located in 32 subdivisions to LED energy saving lights. The decision to seek the grant was made after an analysis showed 553,920 kWh would be used in 2009 costing about \$105,267 and this cost would increase by 30% or \$31,580 with the new electric rates in 2011. Replacing the lights would reduce the kWh by 470,832 annually to using only 83,088 kWh, and reduce the electricity cost by about 85% to \$15,790 annually. Also reduced would be associated maintenance costs. This transition would not come without an investment on the part of the Township as the total cost of the conversion would be \$725,375. Should the grant be awarded, 50% of the cost or \$362,687 would be covered, and the pay-back period for the balance of the expense would be 4 years or less as the cost of electricity continues to increase. The Board will make the final decision when the grant awards are announced in 2010.

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Walmart, Lowe's, Affinity, Wachovia and Exeter Commons Grand Openings



Affinity Bank Chairman, President & CEO Steven Ehrich & Board Member Walter Greth share a light moment during the bank's Exeter Commons Grand Opening Breakfast Celebration on October 8th.



Police Officer Karen Lincoln holds a \$3,000 check from Walmart presented to Exeter's Police Department during its Grand Opening Celebration on October 15th.



Wachovia's Berks County District Manager Ilene Huey, carries balloons into the new branch during the bank's Grand Opening Celebration at Exeter Commons on November 5th.



A gathering of dignitaries and some furry friends helped the Goldberg Group and Ironwood Properties, Inc., developers of Exeter Commons, celebrate the completion of the shopping center at its Grand Opening Celebration in October.



Colleen DeFrees, Det. Walter Godshall, and Nancy DeNunzio hold the \$1,000 check presented to the Township Police Department as part of Lowes Grand Opening Celebration at Exeter Commons on October 9th.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR

CLIP & SAVE

2010 Hazardous Waste Collection Dates Set

Household Hazardous Waste will be collected on April 10, 2010 at the Exeter Township Municipal Building, DeMoss Road; and at First Energy Stadium, Route 61 in Reading on October 16, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.(rain or shine). Collected will be oil paints; turpentine; wood preservatives; paint thinners; solvents; oil-based paints; varnishes and stains; weed killers; pesticides; asphalt & driveway sealants; pool chemicals; herbicides & fungicides; antifreeze; gasoline; transmission oil; motor oil; automotive paints & finishes; solvents; disinfectants; rug, oven & drain cleaners; photographic chemicals; floor & furniture polish; and lithium, NiCad & button batteries.

Electronic Waste will be collected on April 16th & 17th at the Exeter Township Municipal Building, DeMoss Road; and September 24th & 25th at the First Energy Stadium, Route 61 in Reading from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on each day. (rain or shine) Fees will be charged for electronic items. For example there will be a \$1.00 charge for all items except TV's which will cost \$18, and a .75 per lb. charge for batteries. Items accepted are computers (all components), monitors, laptops, keyboards, modems, printers, radios, stereos, televisions, VCR's CD players, DVD players, cell phones, and microwaves. White Goods like air conditioners, with or without the freon removed, will be accepted in this collection.

Pharmaceutical Waste will be collected on April 24th at the Exeter Township Municipal Building, DeMoss Road; and on October 2nd at the First Energy Stadium, Route 61 in Reading from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on each day. (rain or shine)

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

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

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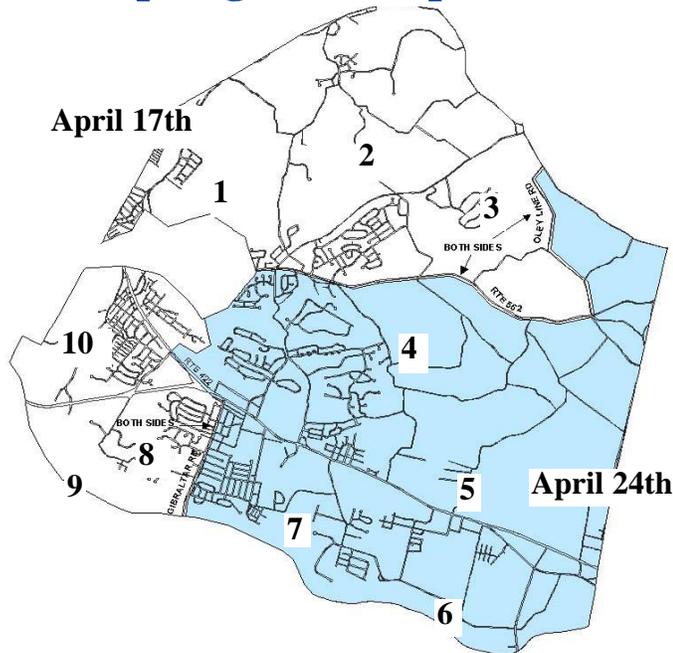
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Spring Clean Up Time



Spring Clean Up has been scheduled for Saturday, April 17th for residents living in the recycling zones of 1,2,3,8,9,10 and Saturday, April 24th for residents living in recycling zones 4,5,6,7. Curbside collections will begin at 8:00 A.M. Examples of items that can be picked up are washers & dryers; refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners & dehumidifiers that have a “freon-free” sticker from a certified refrigeration service attached. For more information call J.P. Mascaro at (610) 779-8807.

Spring Brush Pick Up Schedule

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

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

Brush should be put at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Monday of the week of collection in your areas. The crews will only have the opportunity to make one round per area and brush will be collected sometime during the week. Brush must be bundled and tied in pieces no longer than 4 feet in diameter.

“Mulch By the Scoop”

Exeter has changed its “Mulch by the Scoop” Program. The opportunity to obtain mulch by the scoop will occur only in the Spring of 2010 due to heavy demand at the beginning of the warm weather season and minimal demand in the fall. Residents can purchase mulch by the scoop on two Saturday’s, May 1st and May 8th from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon at a cost of \$10 per 3.5 cubic yard scoop of Township-made mulch.

This program, sponsored by the Environmental Advisory Council, requires residents to prepay the \$10 per scoop fee at the Township building and sign a liability waiver to receive a voucher. The voucher can be exchanged at the Trout Run Recycling Complex for mulch. There is no limit on the number of scoops a resident wants to purchase. *NOTE: The Loader Operator will not accept the fee nor will he issue the necessary waiver.*

Mulch will continue to be available free in either small or large amounts for those who want to shovel it themselves.

Trout Run’s winter hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and spring/summer hours beginning on March 15, 2010 are from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Drive-Thru Flu Shots



Exeter resident Debby Powers receives her flu shot from Registered Nurse and Exeter resident Nadine Venzske during the PA State Department of Health SE District drive through seasonal influenza clinic held in the Exeter Ambulance Association garage.

Exeter Ambulance News

Quick Response Vehicle in Service

In response to increased call volume and to better serve the citizens of Exeter Township and surrounding communities, Exeter Ambulance is proud to announce the addition of its new **Paramedic-staffed Quick Response Unit (QRS)**.

The 2003 Ford Explorer XLT is a fully-equipped Advanced Life Support vehicle capable of responding to any emergency in the area. The new unit will be used when Exeter's other units are busy covering other call requests. In such situations, the QRS response with a Paramedic on board will provide quick access to advanced life support until a mutual aid ambulance from a surrounding emergency management service agency responds. The new vehicle also will act as a command response unit allowing emergency response supervisors to support larger incidents requiring additional personnel and equipment.

Friends and Family CPR

The Thomas T. Wheatley Community Training Center at Exeter Ambulance will once again hold its annual **FREE** Community CPR day on Saturday, February 13, 2010. The event allows residents of our community to learn about and become certified in American Heart Association CPR and teaches how to use an Automated External Defibrillator. Watch your local newspaper for additional details. For more information on this and any Exeter Ambulance programs call (610) 779-7687.

Annual Fund Drive Begins

Sometimes its hard to ask for additional funds when emergency service taxes are being paid; however, it is important to remember the taxes do not completely cover the cost of operating Exeter's emergency services. Therefore, Exeter Ambulance is requesting residents and businesses respond to the mailing inviting contributions and membership.. Memberships can be mailed, dropped off at our station at 30 Fairlane Road or made through the website at exeterambulance.com

Thank you for being there for us!

Recycle Your Christmas Trees

Exeter's Trout Run Recycling Complex and brush depository, located on W. Neversink Road, is the place to deposit Christmas trees. Trout Run is open to non-commercial residents of Exeter & St. Lawrence.

Please remember security cameras are in place and the facility is patrolled by Exeter's Fire Police who will ask for identification to verify residency.

Allowable deposits include brush; and grass that can be placed in the concrete bins.

Free mulch is available to residents and is located near the brush pile.

See open hours on previous page.

Snow Removal Reminder

Residents are advised to wait to clear the end of their driveways and walkways **until after the snow plow has cleared their street**. The reason is that plowing pushes snow to the sides of the streets and will block the entrance to a driveway.

Cul-de-sacs in residential developments will be cleared as quickly as possible and are usually done after the main road has been cleared. This process takes a while as there are only three trucks small enough to clear them.

The Highway Department asks resident to be patient after a snowfall because it takes time to plow the over 120 miles of roads in the Township.

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Library Adapting To Budget Change

by Mallory McConnell, Exeter Library Director

The Exeter Community Library has been a hub of community activities and social networking for all ages since 1999. With the close of our 10 year anniversary at the end of 2009 comes a budget cut for 2010. The State of Pennsylvania cut libraries by 20.1% and has decreased the AccessPA budget from \$11 million in 2009 to \$3 million for 2010. The Township also has been forced to decrease our budget by \$100,000 as well as decreasing funds for many other Township-operated facilities.

Our library will continue to do the best we can to offer the programs that you as community members enjoy so much. For example, we will continue to have Baby Lapsits, Toddler and Preschool Storytimes, Sleepytime Stories with Miss Iris, and Family Movie Nights. For adults, we will continue your favorite programming, such as the Evening Readers Book Club, Fresh Flower Arranging, Knitting, Quilting, and Computer & Internet Basics. All teachers of classes and storytimes we offer do it out of the goodness of their own hearts. As our library moves into 2010, please remember to thank these teachers when you attend our programs. They will appreciate it more than you know. As with many of the other libraries in Berks County, because of the budget cuts we received, we will be forced to cut back on some of the hours we are open. You will notice this change beginning January 2nd, 2010 when our library will close earlier than normal for the year on Fridays and Saturdays. In doing so, we can save a little bit of money in order to keep the things that you as community members look to us for, such as books, movies, music, and Wii games for your entertainment. These items will continue to be purchased on a regular basis throughout 2010, because that is the main reason we are here!

Thank you to all the community members who supported us this year and in the past with monetary donations. They are always welcome, always needed, and truly help us keep the library up and running. The Exeter Community Library might be cutting back on staff and operating hours, but we promise to continue giving you the best service we possibly can. Help us continue to help you by staying positive in this current economic crisis...it's the best thing we could ask for, simply to be able to keep our doors open to the public. And, if you've never stopped by our facility, take a few minutes to drop by 4569 Prestwick Drive and say hi. You never know, you might just find something worth taking home free!

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Mommy and Me Classes Set

The winter session is scheduled to begin on January 27th and will run for 12 weeks.

Toddlers - ages 12-24 months - Wednesdays from 9:45 A.M. to 10:30A.M.

Preschoolers - ages 24-48 months, Wednesdays from 10:45 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

To register call 484-336-0268



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PARKS AND RECREATION

2010 Exeter Recreation Program Calendar

January 9th & 23rd - **“Little League Sign-ups”**, Dunn Community Center, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.

February 27th - **“Family Fun Night”**, The Body Zone, 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

March 20th - **“Easter Egg Hunt”**, Community Park 11:00 A.M. (Rain Date - March 27th)

May 14th & 15th - **“May Days”**, Exeter High School grounds, from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

June 5th - **“Playground Sign-up”**, Dunn Community Center, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

June 7th & 8th - **“Basketball League”** starts. Sign-ups begin in May. See school flyers.

June 14th - **“Playgrounds Open”**, first day at Community, Pineland and Lorane Hollow Parks.

June 14th - **“Tennis”** starts. Sign-ups begin in May.

June 15th & 17th - **“Skateboard Lessons”** The Pineland Park Skate Park.

“EX-GAMES” - September 11th.

June 15th & 17th - **“Hockey”** at Lorane Hollow Park.

September 24th - **“9th Annual Golf Tourney”** Reading Country Club. Shotgun at 12:30 P.M.

October 8th, 9th, & 10th - **“Annual Hayride”** Trout Run, from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

December 2nd - **“Festival of Lights”** Ceremony, Dunn Community Center, 6:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS CALL JOE SELTZER (610) 406-0263



Easter Egg Hunt

With spring comes Exeter’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The date set for this year’s popular event is Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Community Park

beginning at 11:00 A.M.

Children ages 1-2 will start first, followed by children ages 3-4; then ages 5-6; and finishing with ages 7-9.

Rain Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Family Fun Night

“Family Fun Night” has been scheduled for Saturday, February 27th at the Body Zone, on Broadcasting Road in Wyomissing. This event is a local speciality that provides an opportunity for parents and children to ice skate, play basketball and soccer from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The cost is \$8 in advance plus \$1 for skate rentals, or \$12 at the door. This event is open to Township residents only.

Register at the Township building or on line at

www.exetertownship.com

PARKS AND RECREATION

Halloween Hayride Has Record Attendance

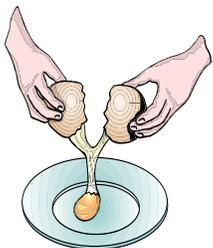


One of 2009's fond memories is Exeter's Annual Halloween Hayride.

Joe Seltzer, Superintendent of Exeter's Parks and Recreation Department said 3,100 people attended and he extends his grateful thanks to all who made this annual event the success it was. Thanks goes to the following:

Scenes & Planning - Denise Kramer & Girl Scout Troop #1676; Sue Roth & Girl Scout Troop #1009; Jim Bucciaglia, Alan Blackburn & Boy Scout Troop #319; Mike Fritz, Chris Jordan, Steve Schaeffer and the Exeter Fire Company; Exeter High School Community Service Volunteers; Robert Hoover & Family; Dave Reimer and the Exeter Lacrosse Club.

Rock Band - Brad Kopicz. **Crafts** - Dawn Greenleaf and Metro Bank employees; Denise Deisher and PNC Bank employees; **Refreshments** - Lucia Deangelo and Sovereign Bank employees. **Haunted House** - Tony Kopicz. **Radios** - Jeff Koch from Radio Maintenance Inc. **Contest & Dance Party** - Dennis and Mollie O'Neil, and DJ special D. **Face Painting** - Maria Hutcho. **Parking** - Exeter Fire Police. **Food Service** - Cheryl Franckowiak, Clarence Hamm, Linda Cusimano, Eric Gardecki, Troy & Lisa Bingaman and all the others that helped out. **Wagons & Straw** - Ron Wegman and Louise Swartley. **Tickets** - Tracey Polacheck, Pat Grim, Tracey Cousins, Brenda Jordan and Troy Bingaman. **Tractor Drivers** - Justin Greenleaf, Brad Richmond, Tony Kopicz, Joe Seltzer Jr., Justin Shaffer and Steve Kruszewski. **Stair Workers** - Jenna Smith, Alicia Seltzer and Amy Oestreich. **Set-up and Clean-up** - Exeter's Sewer, Highway & Parks Department employees. **Equipment & Highway Sign** - Officer Dave Bentz.



Bistro Cooking From Around the World

Learn about the joy of cooking from Heather DeTurck. This session will concentrate on budget-friendly recipes that only take three or four ingredients to make. Each week a mouth watering meal will be made. Please bring a cutting board, apron, chef & paring knife to each class each week.

Eight weeks of classes will be held on Tuesdays from February 9th to March 30th from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Church of the Nazarene, 3301 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Road. The cost is \$150. To register call Exeter Township at (610) 779-5660

Oop's We Goofed!

"Affinity Bank" contributed \$250 to Exeter's 8th Annual Golf Tournament and was inadvertently omitted from the list of "Silver Sponsors" in the last edition of *Exeter Community News*. We value all those who make it possible for Exeter to hold its recreational events through their sponsorship support.

Three Trips Offered in 2010

"VA International Tattoo and Azalea Festival"

From April 30th - May 2nd - 850 international performers including many from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps & Coast Guard will be performing at the VA International Tattoo, a centuries old Scottish tradition featuring a performance of bagpipes, drums and trumpets. The trip includes the show, food, transportation, lodging, a harbor cruise and a visit to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. The Cost \$430 pp or \$560 dbl.

"Discover Tuscany"

From November 2nd - 11th. - visits to Rome, Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis, Montecatini Terme, Siena, San Gimignano, Florence, Pitti Palace and a Tuscan Feast are the trip's features. Travelers will depart from Philadelphia. Included are airfare, lodging, sightseeing tours & 13 meals. Itinerary at www.springtwpberks.org The cost is \$2,820 ppTRP; \$2,850 pp DBL; \$3,150 single. \$250 deposit required. An information night is planned for Feb. 11th at 6:30 P.M. at Spring Township Building. To register for information night or to sign up for trip call (610) 678-5399.

Look for information on the Baltimore Harbor Ballgame Trip in the next edition of the Newsletter.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Exercise Classes At Dunn Community Center

“Cardio & More” - 10-week classes - **Saturday, January 30th, 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.** This class is a high intensity workout designed to burn lots of calories. Combined with strength & abs. Bring your energy!

“Step Class” - 10-week classes - **Thursday, January 28th, 5:20 P.M. to 6:10 P.M.** This is an easy to follow step class. You need not bring a step.

“Tone and Tighten PM” - 10-week classes - **Monday, January 25th, 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Thursday, January 28th, 6:10 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** This is a fast-paced, body sculpting class; using weights, tubing, bars, gliding discs and balls.

“Cardio Sculpt” - 10-week classes - **Tuesday, January 26th, 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** This is a safe, low-impact cardio workout utilizing the step with 20 minutes abs and 20 minutes strength toning.

“Kick and Burn” - 10-week classes - **Wednesday, January 27th, 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.** This class combines traditional kickboxing moves with fat burning intervals.

“On The Ball” - 10-week classes - **Thursday, January 28, 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** Intense sculpting and core work utilizing weights, bars, and the ball. Combine this with cardio and fun for a total body workout. Class size is limited. Must bring your own stability ball.

“Pilates” - 10-week classes - **Monday, January 25th, 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** Pilates is an alternative to conventional exercise that presents a series of low-impact exercises, utilizing rings and bars to improve strength and flexibility without building bulk.

“Pilates to the Max”- 10-week classes - **Wednesday, January 27th, 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** This class combines traditional mat pilates with balance, floor work, bands and light hand weights.

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



Exeter Parks Open in April

Exeter has six parks four of which are outfitted with rentable pavilions for picnics or special occasions.

Pineland Park, 375 Pineland Road - a 31 acre park with 10 acres of recreational use. Pineland has a pavilion that will accommodate 50 people, two small grills, restrooms, a water fountain & electric and many sports facilities including a skate park.

Lorane Hollow Park, 451 W. 48th Street - pavilion will accommodate up to 75 people, has two small grills, restrooms, water fountains, lights, electric and sports fields.

Community Park, 1 Elm Street - two pavilions, one for 40 people and the larger one for 150 people. There are restrooms, grills, electric, a water fountain, restrooms, a childrens playgrounds and sports courts.

Trout Run, E. Neversink Road - a very large pavilion for 200 people, restrooms, grills, electric and sports fields. There are no playground facilities at Trout Run.

Pavilions are available from April through October. Charges vary. For price information and reservations call the municipal building at (610) 779-5660.

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Exeter's Regional Biosolids Project Bids Awarded



Exeter Township's Board of Supervisors has awarded the Wastewater Treatment Plant's Regional Biosolids Drying Facility Project to **Michael F. Ronca & Sons, Inc.**, of Bethlehem, PA, as the General Contractor in the amount of \$5,483,000 and to **MBR Construction**

Services, of Blandon, PA, as the Electrical Contractor in the amount of \$288,800.

According to Paul Herb, Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Superintendent, the project will cost approximately \$200,000 less than anticipated due to the lower amounts bid.

He said, "A total of eighteen companies bid on the two contracts for the job." He felt current problems with the economy increased competition

for large projects like Exeter's because there were less jobs available to bid on.

"This project has so many positives," said Mr. Herb. "By converting sludge into usable fuel, we will be saving money for our sewer rate payers because we won't have to pay fees to the landfill for sludge disposal; we will be contributing to the health of our environment and Exeter's tax base because the biosolids produced at the plant are a clean-burning fuel that can be sold to industry; and, as a bonus, this project is providing work for the employees of several companies when work is so scarce," Mr. Herb said.

Mr. Herb also said, "Thanks to the \$1 million Grant provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Sludge Dryer has been ordered from the Fenton Company and the manufacturing process is underway."

Exeter's Treatment Plant is a regional treatment facility that services 72 municipalities. Mr. Herb noted as more municipalities bring their sludge to Exeter for processing, the less the cost per ton will become, and the savings will be passed on to them.

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

“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 had a safe and happy Holiday Season. With the New Year now upon us, no matter what the groundhog says, warm weather is just around the corner and spring is fast approaching! With the warmer weather will come the beauty of early summer foliage, family time spent outside, spring cleaning, and “opening up” our homes to let out all that winter air. This is the time to be extra careful not to let our homes or ourselves become easy targets for criminals.

Bad guys seem to come out when the weather gets warm. I have been asked by some of your neighbors to take a few moments of your time to offer some suggestions that could help keep you safer in your home. Too often I see people who do not think of asking for tips like these until after someone breaks into their home. 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....

TRIM THOSE SHRUBS! Remember that your Police Officers on patrol do not have X-ray vision. If an overgrown bush is blocking their view of your home, then bad guys can easily hide between a shrub and the walls or windows of your house, until a squad car or passing neighbor has gone by. After that, the burglar can take his time to figure out a way to get inside your home.

OLD BROOM HANDLES MAKE GREAT SAFETY LOCKS! In warmer weather, we are so often tempted to leave sliding patio doors or windows open and just close a screen. In the old days, we could do this and not worry. Now a bad guy could quietly get past a locked screen door with nothing more than a pocketknife! Consider only leaving your sliding doors or windows open about four inches overnight. You can make sure that no one outside can open it further by cutting down an old broom handle to the proper length and laying it in the track between the sliding door and the frame to block the door from opening any further. Some folks called this a “Charlie – bar.” Guys, please make sure that this is NOT the only broom in the house BEFORE you cut the handle off to make a Charlie-bar.

BAD GUYS HATE LIGHT!!! It’s just that simple. **CRIMINALS DO NOT LIKE TO BE SEEN.** A low-wattage replacement light bulb in that porch light would not cost much to buy, and would only take a few cents to keep it on all night. Don’t forget the dark areas around the rest of your house. If you can, consider using landscaping lights to brighten up the perimeter of your house or hire a qualified electrician to mount spotlights with motion sensors on each corner of your home. Many residents have “gone green” and have placed solar lights on their properties. 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. Have a safe Spring!

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Cop’s Corner is a new feature that will appear in each edition of the Newsletter in 2010. If you found Cop’s Corner to be helpful, please let your Township Office know by calling (610) 779-5660 and ask for the newsletter editor. Your comments will be passed along to Officer Behm. The Exeter Township Police Department is very supportive of Crime Prevention measures and wishes you the best in the coming year!

EXETER COMMUNITY NEWS

Notes of Importance

Pick Up After Your Pooch

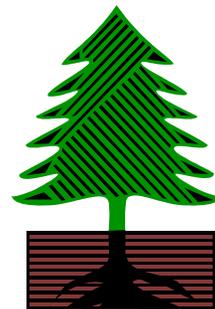
As spring blossoms so do the desires of dog owners to walk their dogs. Residents are reminded to be careful to pick up their dog's waste and not leave it for others to find.



Township Ordinance requires all pets must be on a leash and not allowed to roam freely. Beware of Fines!

Be Careful Where You Plant Your Trees

The Township does not require permits for planting trees. However, residents should be careful to not plant trees in or along any utility easement, particularly in an electric easement. Electric companies are spending in excess of \$30 million dollars a year to trim or remove growth in and around their lines.



Their expense ends up being our expense as it is money added to their overhead and eventually to our electric bills. Township staff is working with Met-Ed for information showing their easements to be placed on the Township's website for easy access. Until that time, either deeds can be checked or the the GIS Manager can be contacted at (610) 779-5660 for assistance.

Play Equipment Prohibited on Township Streets



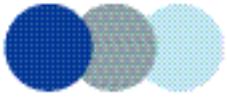
Exeter has an ordinance that prohibits basketball nets and other sports equipment from being placed on streets within the

Township. **The reason is safety!** The idea is to keep children from playing in traffic areas. Periodically, highway crews will remove these obstacles, especially when snow plowing or road maintenance is required. Owners will lose the equipment and will be fined.

Home Occupations Require Registration

Individuals who want to operate a business from their homes are required to register with the Township to acquire a Zoning Permit.

All requirements to operate a business can be found in the Zoning Ordinance which is available on line at www.exetertownship.com or by calling the Engineering Department at (610) 779-5702 to obtain specific information or to set up an appointment to discuss their situation.



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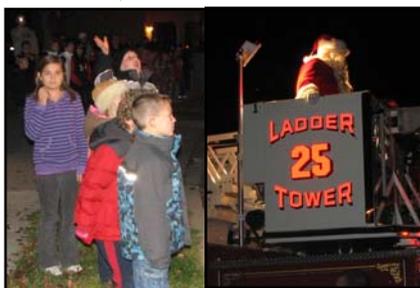
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Festival of Lights Glitters



Anxious children await Santa's descent from Reiffton's Ladder Truck



Berks Ballet performer Hailey Galosi tells Santa what she wants after a performance of the "NutCracker Suite"



10th Grader Neal Donovan tunes his Melaphone for the performance by Exeter High School's band conducted by Jim Seidel.



Girl Scout Niki Roth, Troup, 1909, joined members from Troop 1676 from Exeter High to provide refreshments.

Parks & Rec. Superintendent Joe Seltzer extends his thanks to all who made this spectacular event a success for the over 300 parents and children that attended. He especially thanks Mike Fritz for doing his part; Exeter's Fire Police for directing traffic; the Exeter Fire Company's Reiffton Station for delivering Santa; Supervisors Dona Starr and Michelle Kircher; Kelly Barber & Amy Scatchard-Berks Ballet Theater; Buddies

Nursery; Metro Bank; Sheerland Forest; Scout Troop leaders Denise Kramer & Sue Roth; Cub Scout Troop 319; and Jim Seidel & Exeter's High School Band.

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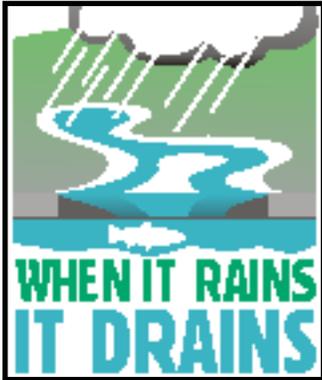
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Stormwater Pollution - A Problem With A Solution



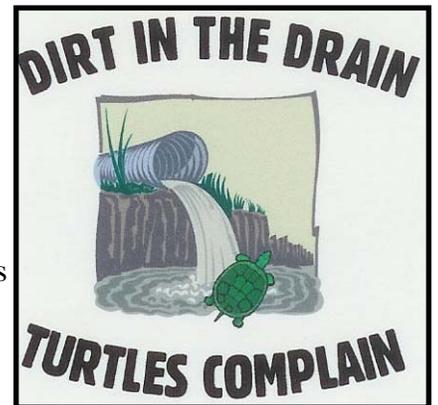
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is fighting a battle to prevent polluted storm water from entering untreated into the waterbodies people use for drinking, swimming, fishing and other recreation. The Agency has made a brochure available to guide homeowners toward healthy habits to prevent pollution of our stormwater. As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and takes them directly into a lake, stream, river, wetlands.

The brochure, which can be found on the table in the lobby of the Township Building, 4975 DeMoss Road, details healthy household practices for clean water that are easy to remember.

Some of its highlights include:

- A suggestion** to wash a car on the lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain, and if you can, use a commercial car wash;
- Avoid Application of pesticides** and fertilizers if the forecast calls for rain to prevent chemicals from being washed into a stream;
- Sweep up yard debris** rather than hosing down areas;
- Before beginning** an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials;
- Purchase and use** nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled & recyclable items
- Drain your pool** or spa into the sanitary sewer system.

For more information visit www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater



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Teaching with Role Models

Kutztown University student teacher Andrea Cusimano, had a good idea. She decided to create an interactive teaching tool for her Amanda E. Stoudt Elementary School 2nd grade math class by using easily recognizable role models to ask math questions related to their jobs, show the question in word form to give the children a few minutes to solve the problem. Police Officer Dave Behm was one of her subjects, as recommended by her aunt, Township Assistant Zoning Officer Linda Cusimano. Officer Behm staged the scene, complete with a police car he cued to pass on the road behind him with the siren blaring, climbed into his vehicle and then posed a number of questions for the kids to ponder. Officer Behm felt this was an ideal opportunity for young school children to see Police Officers as involved and helpful friends because it built trust. Officer Behm's portion of the DVD can be viewed on the Police Department Website at www.exeterpolice.com



Student Teacher Andrea Cusimano and Officer Dave Behm in a scene from the recently produced math teaching DVD.

FACT: Responding to a Census Form Request is important because the information on the number of people living in Exeter Township affects its funding source. The amount of liquid fuels funds used to repair and maintain Exeter roads is tied directly to the census population count, as well as state aid for pension plans, which eliminates the use of real estate taxes for the plans. Please mail in your forms.



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