

# EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP *Report*

Spring/Summer 2019



## MUNICIPAL COMPLEX EXPANSION PROJECT SET TO BEGIN

For the first time in 25 years, our township municipal building is set for a major makeover.

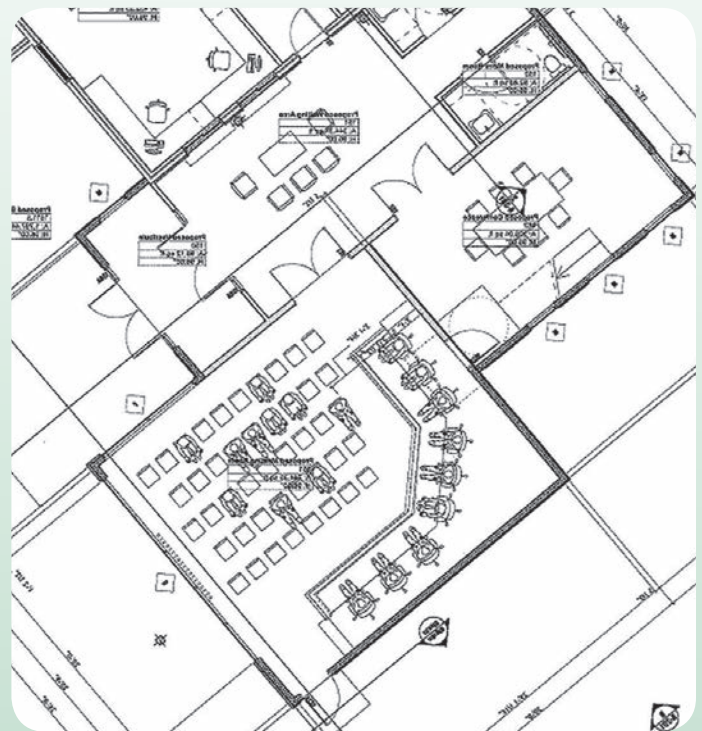
If all goes according to schedule, work will begin this spring and be completed in the fall.

The improvements are aimed at accomplishing several goals, including additional public meeting space and security for township employees working in the building.

The project, estimated to cost about \$400,000 will not require a tax increase.

Here are some of the highlights of the project:

- Expansion of the township meeting room to accommodate up to 50 people, plus township officials;
- Relocation of the meeting room from the back of the building to the front;
- Installation of technology to make digital presentations possible;
- Roof replacement;
- Construction of new public restrooms;
- Addition of security cameras;
- Public water and sewer service.



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## SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION STARTS WEEK OF MAY 20

Since 2007, East Rockhill has provided curbside collection of yard waste and leaf recycling under requirements imposed by the Department of Environmental Protection under Act 101 of 1988 and Act 140 of 2006.

Spring yard waste collection is scheduled by district with no registration required. The 2019 Spring Program is as follows:

District I: Collection south of and including Ridge Road during the week of May 20

District II: Collection north of Ridge Road during the week of May 28  
(Check the township website for an exact map of the collection areas.)



### Here are a few important reminders about the program:

- Have your yard waste out by the curb by 7 a.m. of the first day of your collection; once the truck passes it WILL NOT return.
- Leaves or grass clippings are NOT permitted; tree branches and brush only. No bags allowed.
- Place tree limbs and branches in neat piles at the edge of the road or driveway.
- Branches are limited to six (6) feet long and no greater than five (5) inches in diameter.
- Piles for pick-up are limited to four (4) feet wide, four (4) feet high, and six (6) feet long.
- Township employees and/or equipment are not permitted to enter private property to remove items.

If you miss the curbside collection or have additional yard waste, the East Rockhill Township Drop-off Center is open Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, from 6 p.m. to noon for township residents and residential personal recycling only; commercial landscapers are not permitted. The center is monitored electronically, and violators will be prosecuted. Please do not leave bags with the leaf and yard waste.

If you have any questions, check our website ([eastrockhilltownship.org](http://eastrockhilltownship.org)) or call 215-257-9156.

## Love Your Stormwater

Precipitation is Mother Nature's way of filling Earth's water tank. Without rain and snow, streams would disappear and wells would dry up.

Unfortunately, too many consider stormwater a nuisance to be rushed downstream as soon as it falls. Allowing stormwater to soak into the ground is an essential part of maintaining groundwater supplies as well as healthy creeks and streams.

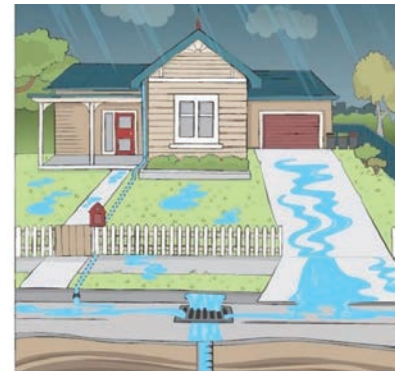
Here are nine easy things you can do to conserve water during the spring and summer months:

- **Plant trees.** Trees slow stormwater and help it soak into the ground.
- **Install rain barrels.** Capture water for use in gardens or slow release into your yard.
- **Reduce lawn mowing.** Dedicate part of your yard to garden rather than turf grass.
- **Reduce chemical use.** Fertilizers, weed killers and coal-based driveway products can all end up in the creek after it rains.
- **Reduce paving.** There are many convenient alternatives to traditional pavement that reduce run-off.

- **Go native.** Native trees, shrubs and perennials are better suited for local weather and soil conditions.

- **Wash your car at a car wash.** Commercial car washes filter and reuse their water, preventing it from entering our local streams.

- **Raise your mower height.** Raising your mower height at least three inches will allow your yard to absorb more rain water. Leave grass clippings on your yard or bag them instead of blowing them off your property. Grass clippings can carry fertilizers into the creek.
- **Increase your garden area.** Using native species on your property provides vital habitat for wildlife and reduces stormwater runoff.



Perkasie's award winning Farmers Market opens for the season on June 1st. You'll find the market on 7th St. from 9am-12pm every Saturday until October 26th.

Many local farms and food producers are returning with Perkasio's favorite local foods, but the market grows and changes every year as it attracts new and diverse vendors.

And it's a great way to spend a Saturday morning! Make sure to follow the market's Facebook page for up to date information.

## Supervisors Notebook

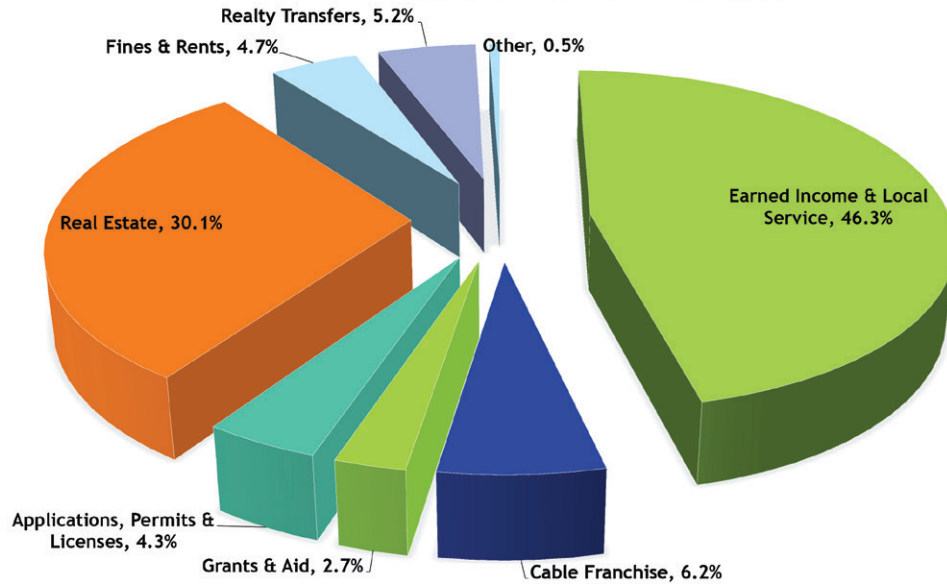
### A roundup of news and notes from around the township

#### 2019 BUDGET APPROVED

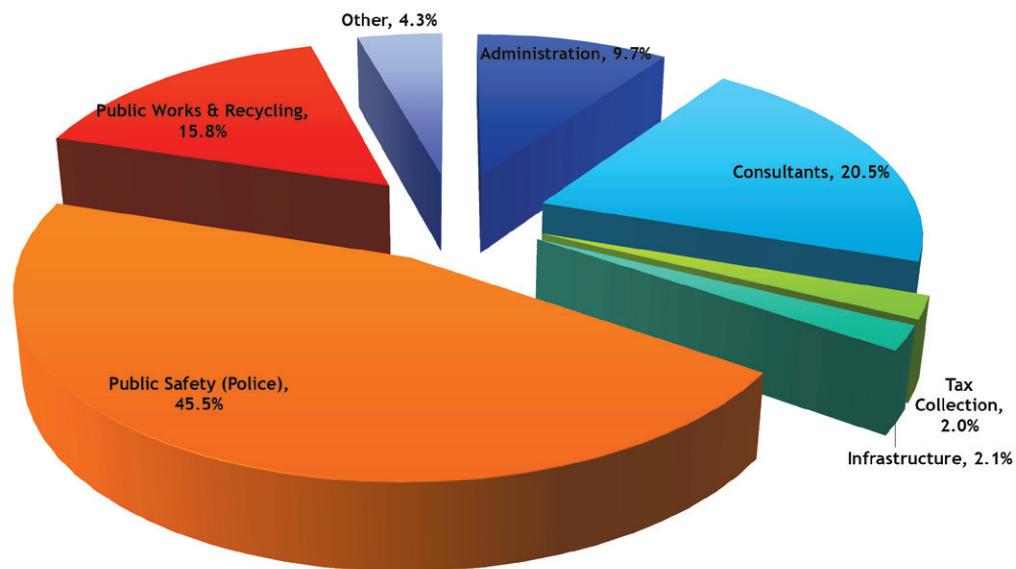
The Board of Supervisors adopted the 2019 Budget with income and expenses totaling \$3,896,221 with a two-mill general fund real estate tax increase.

The tax increase was approved to address unbudgeted 2018 consultant expenses and 2019 budgeted expenses related to the Rockhill Quarry litigation.

#### WHERE DOLLARS COME FROM....



#### WHERE DOLLARS GO....



#### POOL MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

East Rockhill residents are fortunate to have two excellent municipal pool complexes nearby to provide family entertainment during the summer. Here is some important information:

- The Menlo Aquatics Center is located at 425 Arthur Avenue (next to the Samuel Pierce Library) in Perkasio. MAC is more than most expect. Boasting three pools, the complex features a whirlpool, lazy river, activity pool for the kids, baby pool with a frog slide and whale spout, a huge drop slide, and twisting slide. Laps lanes allow serious swimmers to practice their skills. All pools are handicap accessible. All registration for the 2019 pool & recreation season is available at [www.PerkasioRec.com](http://www.PerkasioRec.com).
- Holiday House Pool is located at 801 Washington Avenue in Sellersville. It features good old-fashioned family-friendly fun throughout the season. In addition to a beautiful pool, Holiday House provides space for bocce, ping pong and corn hole. This year also brings a new snack stand. For more information, send an email to [holidayhousepool@gmail.com](mailto:holidayhousepool@gmail.com).

## Supervisors Notebook

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

As the Township continues to update the Comprehensive Plan, public participation is essential to crafting vision that meets the needs of residents. Please monitor our website for dates when the Planning Commission will be meeting to discuss the plan.

All residents are invited to attend and voice an opinion about how they would like to see their community evolve over the next decade or so. Once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the Comprehensive Plan will provide the basis for guidance in the areas of community development, community preservation and quality of life.

### CENSUS 2020 IS COMING

There are two main reasons to be aware that the United States government will be conducting a comprehensive census in 2020:

- **Jobs:** The U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting thousands of workers just for jobs available in our area. Staffing of team crews is needed all over the country - several hundred thousand! We are hoping that word of mouth will develop in the communities as more and more applicants share information about their experiences and activities. All applications are made online. Applicants should go to [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs) to get started. The application process is easy to use and it allows applicants to apply for a range of positions. You will be asked to enter your name and email to set up your application account. The website will cover the details.
- **Funding:** The United States census is much more than just a head count. It is a snapshot of America that determines how congressional seats are apportioned, how state and federal dollars are distributed, where businesses choose to ship products and where they build new stores. Accurate numbers are essential to East Rockhill Township receiving its fair share of these grants.

United States  
**Census**  
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### PFAS ACTION TEAM

In September 2018, Governor Tom Wolf formed the PFAS Action Team to address growing national concerns surrounding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are man-made chemicals that are resistant to heat, water and oil, and persist in the environment and the human body. PFAS are not found naturally in the environment. They have been used to make cookware, carpets, clothing, fabrics for furniture, paper packaging for food, and other materials that are resistant to water, grease, or stains. They are also used in firefighting foams and in a number of industrial processes.

The Action Team will be led by the secretaries of Environmental Protection, Health, Military and Veteran Affairs, Community and Economic Development, Agriculture, and the State Fire Commissioner. For more information go to [www.dep.pa.gov/pfcs](http://www.dep.pa.gov/pfcs)

### DRIVING RANGE IS OPEN

Tokens are available from a dispenser at Markey Park, 1418 Ridge Road, for \$5 each.

Tokens can also be purchased Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Township Office, 1622 N. Ridge Road. You can buy them there for \$5 each or seven (7) for \$33. Senior citizens can purchase tokens for \$4.50 apiece.

### STAYING IN TOUCH

It has never been easier for you to stay up-to-date on all the important things going on around the township:

- **Real-time Notifications:** Visit our website and sign up to receive real-time email announcements.
- **Social Media:** The township Twitter account is regularly updated with pertinent information.
- **E-newsletter:** Visit our website and sign up to receive E-newsletter, our monthly update, delivered to your inbox.
- **Print Newsletter:** This publication is sent via USPS twice a year.



**SAFELY DISPOSE OF OLD MEDICATIONS:** The Pennridge Regional Police Department takes part in a “drug take back” program coordinated by the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office, the County Detectives, and the DEA.

The Department purchased a Med Return drop box, which is located in the waiting room of the PRPD building at 200 Ridge Road. Citizens can drop unwanted medication into the box anonymously with no questions asked. The box is routinely emptied and medications promptly turned over to the District Attorney’s office for proper disposal.

**NO OPEN BURNING ALLOWED IN THE TOWNSHIP:** The Township Code Enforcement Department and Pennridge Regional Police would like to remind residents that the burning of trash and recyclable materials -- including leaf and tree waste -- is prohibited by Township Ordinance in compliance with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Township is seeking volunteers for their Joint Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals, which holds public hearings to review matters pertaining to building construction.

Training and experience may consist of licensure as an architect or engineer, experience in the construction industry or training or experience as an inspector or plan reviewer.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the board, please contact the Township office or fill out a volunteer application found online.

### KEEP YARD WASTE AND PERSONAL ITEMS OUT OF OPEN SPACE.

The township often receives complaints about yard waste, including grass clippings, being dumped in open space, detention basins and waterways.

In addition to being illegal and subject to prosecution, such activity is harmful to the environment. Yard waste will be carried downstream during rainfall events to clog culverts and other facilities in the stormwater system. The resulting reduction in capacity of the stormwater system could cause flooding for you and your neighbors.

In addition, yard waste, as it decomposes, will harm the quality of the storm water within your watershed. We provide twice-a-year curbside collection and have a collection bin available year-round for disposal of yard waste.

However, neither option can be used for grass clippings. We suggest composting grass clippings and using the compost to enrich and condition your soil.

If composting is not possible, sweep up grass clippings before they enter a storm drain and put them out for regular trash collection.

## FROM THE PENNRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

### National Police Week



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Many of your Pennridge Regional Police Officers have been to the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington DC and have participated in our local memorials honoring Law Enforcement during the week..

Here are some interesting Law Enforcement facts provided by the National Museum:

- There are more than **900,000** sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, which is the highest figure ever. About 12 percent of those are female.
- According to the preliminary FBI's *Uniform Crime Report* from January to June 2016-2017, an estimated **442,824** Violent Crimes occurred nationwide, a decrease of 0.8%.
- Crime fighting has taken its toll. Since the first recorded police death in 1791, there have been more than **21,000** law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are **21,541** names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
- A total of **1,511** law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an average of one death every **58** hours or **151** per year. There were **129** law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2017.
- There were **58,627** assaults against law enforcement officers in 2016, resulting in **16,677** injuries.
- The 1920s were the deadliest decade in law enforcement history when a total of **2,480** officers died, or an average of almost **248** each year. The deadliest year in law enforcement history was 1930, when **310** officers were killed. That figure dropped dramatically in the 1990s, to an average of **162** per year.
- The deadliest day in law enforcement history was September 11, 2001, when **72** officers were killed while responding to the terrorist attacks on America.
- New York City has lost more officers in the line of duty than any other department, with **833** deaths. Texas has lost **1,731** officers, more than any other state. The state with the fewest deaths is Vermont, with **23**.
- There are 1,135 federal officers listed on the Memorial, as well as **707** correctional officers and 41 military law enforcement officers.
- There are **328** female officers listed on the Memorial; **nine** female officers were killed in 2017.



### Is Your Address Visible in an Emergency?

Imagine a member of your family starts having a heart attack and you call 911, You rightfully expect first-responders to get to you as soon as humanly possible.

But if your address number doesn't stand out well on your mailbox or door, a first-responder might drive right by. You wouldn't want them to pass by your home in the middle of an emergency when seconds are precious to a positive outcome.

Police, fire and emergency medical personnel, encourage all property owners to take a few minutes to ensure their addresses are clearly visible from the road, especially at night and in bad weather.

The key, according to experts, is to make sure house numbers are large enough, are on a contrasting background and do not blend in too well with their surroundings. First-responders must be able to quickly and easily make out the number from a distance, they say.

Generally, address numbers should be at least four inches in height and the numbers and letters should be on a contrasting color background.

## 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for Bucks County Residents

### May 11 - Lower Bucks

Bucks County Community College,  
275 Swamp Road, Newtown

### June 1 - Upper Bucks

Upper Bucks Area Vocational  
Technical School,  
3115 Ridge Road, Perkasio  
(Bedminster Township)

### June 29 - Central Bucks

Central Bucks South High School,  
1100 Folly Road, Warrington

### August 24 - Lower Bucks

Bucks County Technical High School,  
610 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills

### September 21 - Upper Bucks

Strayer Middle School, 1200 Ronald  
Reagan Drive, Quakertown



### What will be collected at Household Hazardous Waste Collections:

- Household Batteries – All button types, lithium and rechargeables.
- Lead-Acid Batteries from car, marine, motorcycle, and truck.
- Caustics like ammonia-based cleaners, household lye, oven cleaner, drain cleaner, and metal cleaner.
- Flammables such as oil-based paint, spot removers, gasoline, kerosene, gas/oil mixture, and heating oil (in nothing larger than a 5-gallon container and not more than 220 lbs.)
- Pesticides such as chlordane, DDT, Malathion, Sevin, and rodent poison.
- Common household toxics like photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, weed killer, antifreeze, rust/paint remover, mercury, and CFLs (fluorescent lamps).

Residents may bring a maximum of 25 gallons or 225 pounds of material to the appropriate collection event accepting that specific item.

### Do not bring:

- large appliances
- biological waste
- explosives
- radioactive waste
- tires
- electronics

## FROM THE DESK OF KATHLEEN PERCETTI, TAX COLLECTOR

The 2019 Bucks County and East Rockhill Township real estate tax bills were mailed to all property owners. The discount period expired on April 30. The face amount is due by June 30. After June 30, they are due in the penalty amount.

Pennridge School District property tax bills will be mailed on July 1 and are due in discount amount by August 31 or the face amount until October 31. After October 31, school taxes will be due in penalty until the end of the year.

If you would like to pay your school taxes in installments, the first installment must be postmarked by August 31. The remaining two installment coupons will be included with your original bill. The second installment is due on October 31 and the final installment is due on December 15. Please note that if you elect to opt in to pay by installments, you cannot opt out after the first payment is made.

If you have not received your county/township tax bill, please contact me for a copy as soon as possible. Under state law, failure to receive the tax bill does not relieve taxpayers of their responsibility to pay the taxes due.

For your convenience, a drop box is available on the front of the garage at 2037 Hill Road for payments.

If you would like to verify that your tax payments were received or have any other concerns, please contact me at 215-453-8866 or by email at eastrockhilltax@comcast.net. I will be happy to assist you with any questions.



Kathleen Percetti  
Tax Collector

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The township's Public Works Department installs up to four driveway pipes each year. The driveway must be located on a Township-owned road; cost is materials, plus a \$300 installation fee.

If you are interested in using this service, send us an email requesting the installation. An agreement will be mailed to you with notification of the material cost, and an invoice sent after the work is completed.

If you choose to hire a contractor to install a driveway pipe, a Road Occupancy permit is required.



## FROM THE PERKASIE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

### Attention Businesses - You May Want to Consider a Knox Box

A Knox Box is a small, wall-mounted safe that holds building keys for fire departments, emergency medical services, and sometimes police to retrieve in emergency situations. Local fire departments can hold master keys to all boxes in their response area, so that they can quickly enter a building without having to force entry or wait for the owner of the property to arrive on scene.

A Knox Box can also cut fire losses for building owners since firefighters can enter buildings without breaking doors or windows. It can also reduce the potential of a firefighter being injured forcing entry.

### Volunteers Needed

Did you know that in 1976 there were 230,000 volunteer firefighters in Pennsylvania and that today there are just over 53,000?

East Rockhill Township is serviced by five fire companies who are always accepting applications for trained and non-trained members. Consider becoming a valuable member of the community by joining Perkasio, Quakertown, Sellersville, Haycock or Dublin Fire Departments who can provide you with the training and equipment you need.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: PENNRIDGE FISH

Located at 800 W. Chestnut Street in Perkasio, Pennridge FISH is a volunteer service provider to those in need in the Pennridge School District. It is a non-profit corporation registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State as a 501[c]3 charitable organization with permission to solicit tax-exempt contributions.

FISH maintains a food pantry and clothing outlet. Food and clothing are donated by local churches, businesses, social organizations and individuals. FISH receives food from the USDA Emergency Food Assistance Program [TEFAP], Pennsylvania State Food Purchase Program [SFPP] and the Philabundance program - Grocers Against Hunger. In addition, FISH supplements these donations with purchased food from Philabundance and local food suppliers and markets.

Clients may visit the pantry and clothing outlet on the following times (no appointment is necessary):

- Monday and Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm
- Thursday from 6pm to 8pm
- Friday and Saturday from 9am to 11am

Donations of food and clothing may be made at the same times.

FISH offers Emergency Financial Assistance as a bridge to help clients in the Pennridge community when crises arise. This is not to be considered welfare but rather one-time help until clients can establish a permanent solution to their financial needs.

Clients must fill out an application and supply documentation indicating their residence in Pennridge and proving their need. These payments are never made to the client, but are paid to the vendor.

FISH also offers school bags/school supplies in August, and Christmas help with food, toys and gifts to those in need.

There is never a charge to clients. FISH is an equal opportunity provider. Clients receive food assistance regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.





## FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

### When are Building Permits Required?

Have you ever wondered what type of home improvement or alteration requires application for a building permit?

When planning a project, it is a good idea to contact the building code official and inquire as to whether or not you need a building permit, and how the process works.

Any property owner who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system must first apply to the township for the necessary permits.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS are required for:**

- New home construction
- Demolition of a structure
- Roofing
- Deck or Porch
- Interior or exterior structural alterations to an existing building (ie: additions and attached garages)
- Interior renovations (ie: renovated kitchens and baths which require plumbing or electrical alterations)
- Fireplace, wood stove, or gas fireplace installations

#### **BUILDING PERMITS are not required for:**

Exterior replacement windows, doors and siding which are materials in kind.

#### **ZONING PERMITS are required for:**

- All building permits
- Signs
- Paver patios
- Fences
- Sheds
- Home Occupations
- Accessory Family Apartments
- Change in Use or an added use

All permit applications are available to download from our website [www.eastrockhilltownship.org](http://www.eastrockhilltownship.org) and at the Township office.

Any construction, cumulative since 2002 over 1,000 square feet is subject to stormwater regulations.

All Zoning applications must be accompanied by a plot plan drawn to scale showing all buildings, sidewalks, driveways and setback measurements from the current project.

All Building applications must be accompanied by plans showing work being done and including specified materials.

When submitting a building permit application it must be accompanied by a zoning permit application. The non-refundable



zoning fee is due at the time of submission. For construction of new homes, other fees may be due upon submission. See our fee schedule for current fees also found on our website [www.eastrockhilltownship.org](http://www.eastrockhilltownship.org).

After zoning approval, your building plans are reviewed by a certified building inspector knowledgeable in required codes. When your permit is issued, you will be provided with a checklist of

all required inspections, which may be scheduled by calling the Township office.

It is essential to obtain all required permits. Any work performed without the necessary permits may be subject to double permit fees. Your structure will not be considered complete and habitable until a final inspection is performed and a Use and Occupancy Certificate is issued.

Every permit issued becomes void if work is not in progress within 180 days after issuance or if work is not completed within one year. Permit extensions are available upon written request. Any questions regarding building permits may be directed to the Building Code Official by calling the Township office.

### Did you Know?

Spring typically generates a number of inquiries from residents. Here are three of the most frequently asked questions:

**Yard sales:** Residents are permitted to have up to four yard sales on your property per year, with a 30-day interval between and no more than three days in succession. Three 12-square foot signs are permitted to be erected two days before the sale (with the permission of the property owner where they are placed) and taken down the last day of the sale.

**Domestic Pets:** Private ownership of a maximum of six domestic pets is allowed. Commercial businesses involving animals are under other specific regulations (contact the Zoning Officer).

**Animal Noise:** Private animals cannot make noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of 10 minutes or make intermittent noise for ½ hour or more.

**Curfew Hours:** Excessive noise cannot occur between the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Contractor shall not generate excessive noise Monday to Saturday before 7 a.m. and not after 7 p.m. with no Sundays.

If you are uncertain of these or any other township regulations, call the Township Office before proceeding.

## ROCKHILL QUARRY

The Rockhill Quarry is located at 2055 North Rockhill Road and in early 2018 it resumed quarry operations after at least 30 years of inactivity. Quarry operations are overseen and governed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and certain land use issues involving the quarry are governed by the Township's Zoning Ordinance. An extractive operations use (quarry) is permitted in the Extraction District in East Rockhill Township by Special Exception. The Rockhill Quarry is primarily located within the Extraction District.

The Township received a decision from a Federal Court Judge in March 2019 stating that the quarry operations for the Rockhill Quarry can continue as permitted by DEP. The Federal Court decision also stated that Special Exception approval from the Township's Zoning Hearing Board is not required for the Rockhill Quarry given the facts in the case. The remaining issue of the proposed asphalt plant use has been remanded to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. There is a conference scheduled for May 17th in that case. The proposed asphalt plant use is also currently before the Township's Zoning Hearing Board. However, the Zoning Hearing Board case was temporarily continued given the above-referenced remand to the Court of Common Pleas.



There are several ways to reduce populations of the spotted lanternfly (SLF). Professional pest managers use an integrated approach called integrated pest management (IPM) to eliminate as many SLF as possible while minimizing potential risks to the environment. One IPM method for destroying SLF is using “trap” trees. Thousands of SLF can be killed by one trap tree. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) is establishing many trap trees in the infested area to kill as many SLF as possible while minimizing pesticide use. Property owners can also establish trap trees on their land or hire a professional service to help them.

## How do trap trees work?

Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) is a preferred host for SLF. In the fall, many SLF adults relocate to feed on tree-of-heaven. To set up trap trees, most tree-of-heaven trees are killed. The remaining tree-of-heaven trees are treated with an insecticide that is moved throughout the entire tree. When the SLF adults feed on the treated trap trees, they ingest the systemic insecticide and die. As additional SLF relocate to feed on the trap trees, they also die.

## Steps to establish a trap tree to kill SLF:

1. Identify all tree-of-heaven trees on the site. Spotted lanternflies seem to prefer certain tree-of-heaven trees over others. Locate specific trees that are most attractive to the spotted lanternfly based on the number of insects feeding on them. For information on how to identify tree-of-heaven, see these fact sheets at [extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven](http://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven) or [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-identifying-tree-of-heaven-and-some-native-look-a-like](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-identifying-tree-of-heaven-and-some-native-look-a-like).
2. Treat approximately 85 percent of the tree-of-heaven trees with a properly labeled herbicide. Kill all female tree-of-heaven trees if possible; they produce seed and contribute to the spread of this invasive tree. Leave only a few male tree-of-heaven trees that appear to be more attractive to the insect to serve as trap trees.

Herbicides recommended to kill tree-of-heaven trees contain the active ingredient triclopyr, which comes in two formulations: water based (amine) and oil based (ester).

Both formulations are effective for controlling tree-of-heaven. Other herbicides are effective; but to prevent her-

bicide injury to trap trees through common root systems, limit herbicide selection to triclopyr. Herbicide application methods effective for controlling tree-of-heaven include foliar sprays, basal bark, and spaced-cut hack-and-squirt applications. Treating cut stumps is ineffective at controlling the tree-of-heaven; it will *not* control the roots. For more information about herbicide application methods, go to [extension.psu.edu/publications/uh174](http://extension.psu.edu/publications/uh174).

Herbicide applications made to control tree-of-heaven are most effective when applied from July 1 to September 30, when the plant is exporting sugars to the roots. Applications made outside this window are not effective at controlling the roots and may only injure aboveground growth.

Cutting tree-of-heaven is often necessary to remove potentially hazardous trees, but it is not useful as a stand-alone control measure. They will resprout vigorously from stumps and roots. In situations where tree-of-heaven stems need to be removed, it is best to treat them with herbicide first and then cut. Allow 30 days for the herbicide to take effect before cutting. For information on how to control tree-of-heaven, see [plantscience.psu.edu/research/labs/weed-ecology/research/wildland-weed-management/publications/invasive-species-quick sheets/ailanthus](http://plantscience.psu.edu/research/labs/weed-ecology/research/wildland-weed-management/publications/invasive-species-quick sheets/ailanthus).

3. Treat the remaining tree-of-heaven trap trees with an insecticide that will move throughout the tree. For best results, apply the insecticide according to the label in June through August. When spotted lanternflies feed on treated trees, they will die. Systemic insecticides known to be effective and labeled to treat ornamental trees, including tree-of-heaven, contain the active ingredients dinotefuran or imidacloprid. PDA is using dinotefuran to establish trap trees. Treating only trap trees reduces the total amount of insecticide used in comparison to large-scale contact insecticide applications.

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