

EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP

Report

FALL 2021



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NEW POLLING LOCATION

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The Bucks County Board of Elections has announced that all East Rockhill Township voters will cast their ballots at Bucks County Community College's Upper County Campus located at One Hillendale Road. The previous location was Christ Community Bible Church, 1830 Ridge Road. If you have questions, please contact the Board of Elections at 215-348-6154.



This year, the General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

East Rockhill Township is divided into two voting districts, but there is only one polling place.

Visit our website for a map of the voting districts. Voters must show identification the first time they vote in a new district.

Voters who are ill or will be away from their designated voting districts on Election Day can download an Absentee ballot from the Bucks County website or pick up a form at the Post Office, Township Building, Wine & Spirit Shoppe, or Library.

All Pennsylvanians are now eligible for mail-in ballots. You may request this ballot without reason. If you applied for a mail-in ballot with "permanent status" before the Primary Election, you will receive one for the General Election. If you did not, you will need to re-apply for a mail-in ballot. The last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot is October 26 (subject to change).

Bucks County Voters Guide: Visit www.Vote411.org to access the League of Women Voters of Bucks County Voters Guide.

Concerns on Election Day: If you have concerns on Election Day, call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683). Official answers from the PA Department of State on Election Day are available on Election Day at 1-877-868-3772 from the Pennsylvania Department of State; interpreters are available.

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Budget Process Begins

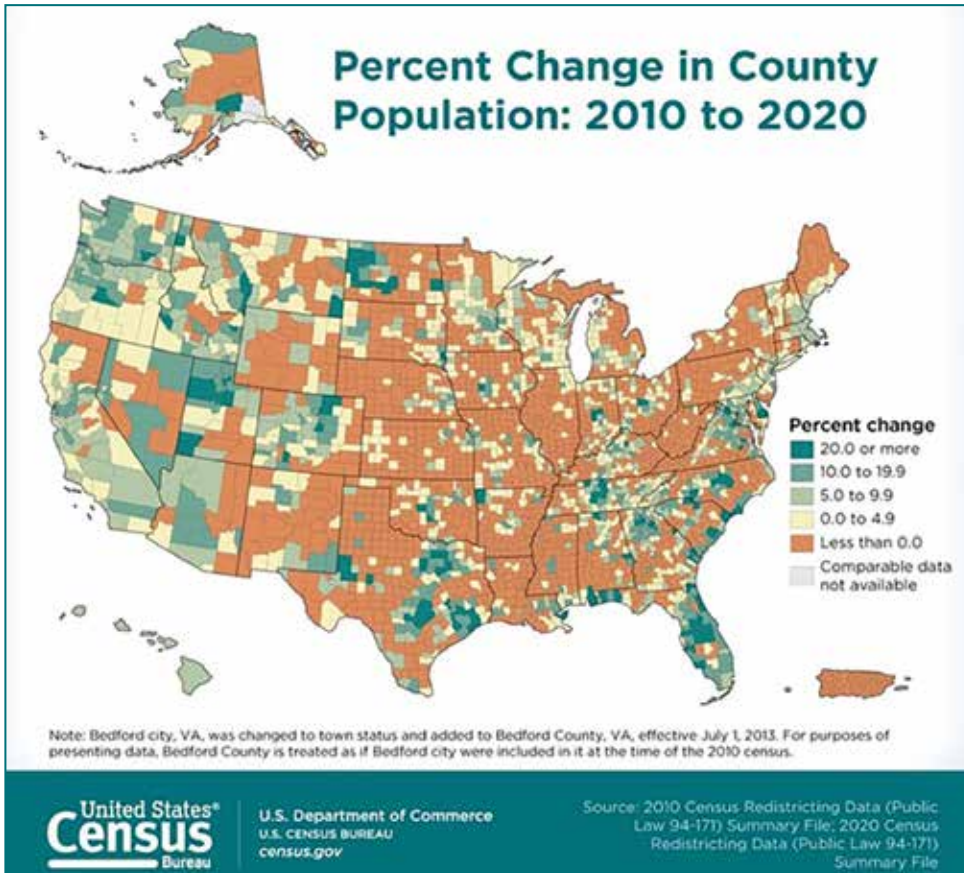
The Township Administration has started the process of drafting a 2022 budget for review by the Board of Supervisors. As always, our priority will be to provide high-quality services to residents within a reasonable budget.

Budget meetings are advertised on our website. Your comments are welcomed and encouraged so your voice is heard.

2020 Census Completed -- Township Population Grows!

The 2020 Census counted every person living in the United States and the five U.S. territories. It marked the 24th census in U.S. history and the first time that households were invited to respond to the census online.

Census results will direct the flow for federal and state funding for the next decade. States will also use the data to redraw congressional and state legislative district boundaries. The statistics, which provide a snapshot of where people were living as of April 1, 2020, are reflective of pre-pandemic conditions and show the cities having grown from 2010, which will drive significant funding there for the next decade.



Overall, the 2020 Census recorded 331 million people in the U.S., a 7.4% increase over the 2010 data. Pennsylvania's population grew 2.4% since 2010 (to slightly over 13 million) and is now ranked as the 5th largest state in the country. However, Pennsylvania will lose one congressional seat, going from 18 to 17.

East Rockhill Township's population grew 2% with an increase of 113 new residents.



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Driving Range Open Until Thanksgiving

The Driving Range at Markey Park will remain open through Tuesday, November 23 from dawn until dusk.

Tokens are available at the range from a dispenser for \$5 each. Tokens can also be purchased Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Township Office. You can buy them there for \$5 each or seven (7) for \$33. Senior citizens can purchase tokens for \$4.50 apiece. One token gives a bucket of 55 balls.



Eagle Scout Project

Many thanks to Eagle Scout Zach Calderone and his team for improving the walking trail bridges at Markey Park with an abrasive paint application. They also made improvements to the softball field benches as part of his project.





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Right of Way and Open Space Trees

The Township staff often hears from residents with safety concerns about trees throughout the township. Here are a few guidelines to remember:

A dead tree in an open space that will not damage any structures will be left to fall naturally as part of the natural life cycle. There is no need to report it.

If you spot a dead street tree, contact township staff; the tree will be removed as time permits.

If you spot a healthy street tree that has lifted the sidewalk more than two inches, please submit a request in writing with photos for removal, which will be reviewed by staff for approval by the Board of Supervisors. An escrow is required to ensure the sidewalk is replaced. Within six months of approved sidewalk tree removal, the sidewalk must be repaired or replaced at the property owner's expense.



Fall Yard Care

It is important to control stormwater pollution and stay vigilant in protecting our local waterways. Here's how you can help this fall:



- **Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile, never in the street or stream!** You can shred yard waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden. Or check with your municipality for yard waste collection opportunities.
- **Apply herbicides and fertilizers sparingly and never before it rains.** Try spot treating for weeds or, better yet, pull them by hand! If you must use herbicides or fertilizers on your lawn, make sure to always follow the instructions and sweep up anything that falls on hard surfaces.
- **Add native plants to your yard.** Now through thanksgiving can be the best time to put native plants in the ground. Many plants go dormant in the fall and winter and will not require much maintenance to survive until spring. Native plants aid in the infiltration of storm water and provide important food and habitat for wildlife.

DO NOT CONNECT YOUR SUMP PUMP TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

In addition to the fact that connecting sump pumps to the sanitary sewer system is illegal, it also causes big environmental problems. Sump pumps are designed to pump groundwater and rainwater. Sanitary sewer pipes are designed to carry sewage.

Typically, sanitary sewer pipes that are buried under the street are 8 inches in diameter. Often, the pipe slope is not very steep. As you can imagine, there is only so much sewage that can flow under these circumstances – about 300 gallons per minute. If more sewage than that tries to get through the pipe, it will start filling the lateral pipes that are connected to houses. It could even push back into your basement! A sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer could add about 60 gallons per minute to the system. That means if only five sump pumps are connected to the sewer, it will reach capacity very quickly. It can easily overwhelm the system and sewage will back up. For these reasons, it is critical that your sump pump discharges into the yard or storm sewer, not to the sanitary sewer.

Remember, it is illegal and can cause serious problems. For more information, visit www.pwea.org.

Winter Water Conservation

Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas. This will allow the snow to infiltrate instead of becoming stormwater runoff. Never dump into streets or waterways.

- **Use de-icing chemicals and salts sparingly.** Focus on making your walkways and driveways safe but try to avoid overusing or spreading in vegetated areas or near waterways. Sweep up any extra salt left over before it runs into storm drains.



- **Shovel as soon as possible after a snowstorm.** As a result, less ice will form, and you won't need to use as much salt or deicer.
- **Plant native, salt tolerant species near paved areas.** Not only will these species be able to survive despite the salt, but they will also reduce stormwater runoff.

It's Easy Being Green

Source: aFewSteps.org

TIP: Keep a pitcher of water in your refrigerator for better water quality and energy savings.



Such a simple action as filling a container of water from the tap and placing it in your refrigerator provides several benefits in terms of energy and water savings, as well as your health.

For one thing, a pitcher full of water will help the refrigerator keep your food cool more efficiently, much like how a cold ice pack works in a cooler. Also, whenever you want a glass of water, you won't have to let the tap run for a few moments to obtain a cool temperature, cutting down on waste. You won't need as much ice, which requires energy to make.

Having cold water at the ready will discourage you from reaching for disposable plastic water bottles, which have a sizable environmental footprint to produce, ship and store.

You'll also be likely to drink more water, keeping hydrated while avoiding sugar-loaded sodas and other alternatives. Plus, when tap water sits for a while (particularly when uncovered), much of the chlorine that is present from the filtration plant evaporates out. This means you're enjoying a tastier drink and cutting down on the toxins, extremely dilute though they may be, that enter your body. Doesn't that sound refreshing?

TIP: Watch Your Thermostat Settings

It's a myth that keeping a furnace running at an even temperature saves energy; set back your thermostat five degrees or more at night and when you're not home.

The energy saved by letting the house cool down and remain at a lower temperature is much greater than the energy used to warm up the house. It is a popular misconception that it is better to keep your home at a constant temperature because the boiler or furnace will "work harder" to bring the inside temperature back up from a ten-degree setback.

Not so. Your heating system always runs at the same rate when it is on. The main variable is how long it remains on. Studies have proven that turning the thermostat back 10 degrees for an eight-hour period will save you 10% on your heating bill, on average. If you can't turn your thermostat down 10 degrees, try 5 degrees -- there will still be energy savings. The longer your home remains at a lower temperature, the more energy you'll save.

Programmable thermostats typically pay for themselves in energy savings in the first winter. Programmable thermostats are not recommended for homes with heat pumps or electric baseboard systems. Steam boilers and radiant systems may take longer to heat the house back up, but a programmable thermostat will 'learn' in a few days when to start heating the house up to reach your desired temperature setting.



East Rockhill History

Chief Joe One Star and his horse Spotted Thunder were a local attraction in the area in the mid 1900's traveling to local parks and festivals. At Camp Kahagan he would hike and camp with local children, and teach them crafts such as pottery, the use of bow and arrows and other skills. Chief One Star made appearances at local festivals like Frontiertown in Chalfont PA. Here is a performance artifact from one of his appearances in 1954. Local celebrities made money by selling these picture postcards to their fans. Chief One Star was born in 1900 and attended the Carlile School where he learned painting. During WWII he served as a Police Chief in Blue Anchor NJ. Later he moved to Haycock for 10 years to live with his friend Ben Surket. Chief One Star was an accomplished artist and poet of his time, he drew cartoons for leading magazines such as Life and prolifically painted murals of spectacular wooded and animal scenes on walls of buildings. Several of his murals were on the walls of local establishments in East Rockhill, Mountain Top and East Rockhill Hotel. You can see one of his last remaining murals on the wall of the Rockhill Filling Station formally known as the East Rockhill Hotel on Ridge Road. Chief One Star died on August 19, 1957 and is buried next to his friend Ben Surket at Keller's Church Cemetery.

Written By: Brenda Phelan

Contributing photo: West Rockhill Historical Society





Plays like a **kid**.
Jumps like a **kid**.
Falls like a **kid**.
Must be a **kid**.

Good thing we built an emergency room just for kids.

After 10 years, the community's only Children's ER has a new, bigger space. Thanks to the generosity of the Breidegam Family, the new Children's ER is now doubled in size.

NEW Breidegam Family Children's ER includes:

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A plea from your volunteer firefighters

Did you know that in 1976, there were 300,000 volunteer firefighters in Pennsylvania? And that today there are just over 53,000?

That is a scary statistic.

The Perkasie Fire Department provides fire protection and primary emergency response to all of Perkasie Borough, three-quarters of East Rockhill Township, and a small portion of Hilltown Township. We are also the first line of defense for homeland security, hazardous material incidents, special rescue events, disaster management, emergency medical services, fire police services, and other public services as needed.

Perkasie is among five volunteer fire departments serving East Rockhill Township that is in need of men and women to volunteer their time performing various duties. Did you know that your

local fire department are 100-percent volunteer? That includes the firefighters you see on the street, the staff that manages the business aspects of the organization, and the dedicated members who raise funds to keep the fire department running.

We are currently accepting applications for trained and non-trained members. You will be trained in various aspects of firefighting and rescue skills through the Bucks County Public Safety Training Center, which is affiliated with Bucks County Community College.

We also need members who are willing to dedicate their time for fund-raising events that help with our day-to-day expenses. Members who join for fundraising would become part of our valuable group of members who commit to making sure our fundraisers are successful so we can meet our monetary needs.

Membership in your local fire department is good for men and women of all ages:

Ages 16 – 18: earn college credits through Bucks County Community College while you train to be a firefighter. All training is free.

Use the experience and community service for your senior graduation project.

Add to your resume for job opportunities after high school and entrance to college,

Ages 18 and Up: Volunteering looks great on a job application for young adults who have recently graduated high school or

who are seeking employment after college.

Young adults have a place to spend their time with other members their own age, and access to our family-furnished lounge that includes free internet and TV.

Members with families have a place to bring their children and be involved in family-oriented activities.

We will train you

When you join the Fire Department, we will train you in all the qualities you need to be a successful firefighter. This includes, but not limited to free training thru the Bucks County Community College.

You will also receive any gear and equipment needed to perform your duties as a firefighter. The Perkasie Fire Department strives to equip its members with quality equipment and apparatus. Membership is free.

Fun Times

While firefighting is a serious job, the officers and members of Perkasie Fire Department recognize the need to have some fun. Throughout the year, our members participate in various social activities, as well as other family-oriented activities.

Are you willing to help your community? For additional information or a membership application stop at the Station listed below or stop by on a Thursday night at 7 PM for personal inquiries.

PERKASIE FIRE DEPARTMENT

5th & Arch Streets, Perkasie, Call: 215 896 7069

QUAKERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

1319 Park Avenue, Quakertown, 215-536-1443

SELLERSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2 North Main Street, Sellersville, 215-257-4028

HAYCOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

850 Old Bethlehem Road, Quakertown, 215-536-2224

DUBLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

194 North Main Street, Dublin, 215-249-3740

Your help is needed. Challenge yourself. Become one of us!

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 for the numbers and letters to be on a contrasting color background.



How to Be an Informed Township Resident

The Board of Supervisors feels it is important for residents to have easy access to information about all Township activities. To that end, we have developed several channels to help you stay informed, including:

- **Real-Time Email Notifications:** on our website (eastrockhilltownship.org) you can create a login and password to receive real-time e-mail news notifications, meeting agendas, minutes, and updates to bookmarked pages. Once an account is created and the email verified you will begin to receive homepage news postings. Additional email notifications are available for you to select in your account settings.
- **Monthly Enewsletter:** you can have Enews delivered directly to your inbox a few days before each monthly Board of Supervisors meeting. Search for “enews” on our website for an easy subscription form.
- **Social Media:** we maintain a Twitter account (@EastRockhillTwp) that provides timely updates on important activities.
- **Printed Bi-annual Newsletter:** this newsletter is mailed twice a year to all township residents. It is provided at no cost to taxpayers, thanks to advertising support from local businesses.
- **Contact Staff:** township administration and staff are ready and willing to answer questions or hear suggestions from residents about how we can better serve the community. They are best equipped to deal with day-to-day issues. The Board of Supervisors sets policy and ensures the administration and staff work effectively and efficiently to carry out their vision. For a timely response to your questions or concerns, please call the Township Office at 215-257-9156 or send an email to Staff@EastRockhillTownship.org.



Attention Rental Property Owners

Property owners are responsible to report any tenants on their property. Complete and submit a tenant identification form with any new tenants on an annual basis. Forms are available on the website.

Philly Workers May Be Due a Tax Refund

Has your home turned into an office during the last year or so? With the pandemic forcing many people to work from home, thousands in our area are no longer commuting to work. For those who in the past commuted to Philadelphia, there is yet another benefit to working from home beyond saving time, gas, and tolls: a tax refund.

Anyone who works in Philadelphia and lives elsewhere is subject to pay the non-resident Philadelphia Wage Tax, which stands at a hefty 3.5019% of gross wages. Nearly all municipalities in the Philadelphia area levy an Earned Income Tax (EIT). Residents living in the suburbs are subject to a lower rate EIT where they live- unless they work in Philadelphia. However, with many required to work from their homes during the last year, they may no longer be subject to the Philadelphia Wage Tax while telecommuting.

Is it worth the effort to pursue a refund? The simple answer is yes! Someone working from home in the suburbs during the pandemic making \$60,000 per year would be subject to their home municipality's EIT, which is typically 1%. In the span of one year, this would equal a savings of about \$1,500! Plus, the 1% you contribute to your local EIT will be invested into public safety and infrastructure improvements into the community you and your family lives.

How do you take advantage of this? For any amount of time a Philadelphia job was completed at a home outside of the city limits, they may request a Wage Tax refund from the City of Philadelphia. When submitting a tax return to Keystone Collections, the tax officer for all EIT in Bucks County, use the Out-Of-State Tax Credit Worksheet on Line 12 of the tax return form if you need to receive a tax credit for the time you did not work in Philadelphia.

Anyone who continues working from their home outside of the City of Philadelphia should submit a Residency Certification Form to their employer and request that their local EIT be deducted from their wages instead of the City Wage tax. A political subdivision (PSD) code will be needed for the form.

2021 Fall Leaf Collection

SECTION I: October 25

Axe Handle Road
Clymer Road
Covered Bridge Road
Fox Hill Road
Richlandtown Road
Sterner Mill Road

SECTION II: November 1

Butler Lane
Crest Drive
Dell Drive
East Rock Road
Harriet Drive
Meadow Lane
Old Bethlehem Road
Ridge Road
School House Road
Schwenkmill Road, West (*above Ridge Road*)
Three Mile Run Road
Tower Court
Tunnel Road
Valley View Lane
West Rock Road
Willow Drive

SECTION III: November 15

Azalea Court
Blue Rock Drive
Boulder Drive
East Rockhill Road
Hill Road
Holly Drive
Muskrat Road
North Rockhill Road
Old Bethlehem Pike
Park Avenue
Pebble Court
Richhill Road
Ridge Run Road
Rocky Mount Drive
Route 313
Shale Circle
Stone Edge Road
Woodbridge Court
Woodhollow Court

SECTION IV: November 23

Arrowwood Drive
Blooming Glen Road
Branch Road
Bridgeview Drive
Bryant Drive
Buck Drive
Campus Drive
Cedar View Drive
Creekview Road
Deer Run Road
Dublin Way
Evergreen Lane
Fifth Street
Firethorn Drive
Greenleaf Circle
Hillendale Road
Lark Lane
Owl Lane
Pine Court
Schwenkmill Road, East
Schwenkmill Road, West (*below Ridge Road*)
Seven Corner Road
Sunnyside Lane
White Road
Winterberry Drive



Please follow these guidelines for a successful one time collection:

- Have your leaves in neat piles along road frontage by 7 a.m. on the first day of collection for your section. Once leaves have been picked up on your street, do not place leaves out for a second collection impeding stormwater flow; **we will not return to a street once the leaves have been collected.**
- Do not include rocks, sticks, trash, grass, or other material with your leaves. This does damage to the collection machine, causing downtime and expenses for repairs.
- Township employees and/or equipment are not permitted to enter private property to remove leaves; only leaves on road frontage can be removed.
- The collection of leaves is weather-dependent; updates to the schedule will be posted on the Township homepage.

If you have additional leaves after your section pick-up has been completed, do not place along street frontage impeding stormwater flow. Contact your private trash hauler for collection or dispose of it in the yard waste containers behind the Township office Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. No bags are allowed and the site is electronically monitored.

**No Open
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the
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The Township's Code Enforcement Department and Pennridge Regional Police would like to remind residents that the burning of trash and recyclable materials -- including leaves and tree waste -- is prohibited by Township Ordinance in compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

Meet the New Pennridge Regional Police Chief



Paul T. Dickinson, a Perkasie native, Pennridge grad, and son of the former Perkasie police chief by the same name, became the sixth person to lead the department since it was formed in 1992. He replaced Rodney Blake, who retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the community.

Dickinson has been a police officer for 18 years in South Whitehall Township, where he was promoted to sergeant in 2003 and lieutenant in 2018.

At his swearing-in ceremony in April, the new chief thanked his family for their support, along with thanking Blake and South Whitehall Chief Glen Dorney.

“To the board, again, thank you very much for the opportunity. I hope to make everybody proud,” he said.



Dickinson also addressed the Pennridge Regional officers.

“I look forward to working with you, look forward to meeting you, and most importantly, I look forward to learning from you about the community and where we can be stronger in serving them,” he said.

FROM THE DESK OF Kathleen Percetti, Tax Collector

All 2021 real estate taxes have been mailed out to all property owners. Please contact me if you have not received your bills and I would be happy to email your or send you a copy in the mail. The county and township real estate taxes were mailed on March 1 and are now due in penalty until the end of this year. The school real estate taxes were mailed on July 1 and are due in face until October 31. After October 31, the school taxes will be due in penalty until the end of the year. Final notices will be mailed out by November 15.

If you elected to pay the school real estate taxes by installment, the remaining two installment coupons were mailed in mid September. The second installment is due on October 31 and the final installment is due 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 the property you own is your primary residence, you may be eligible to receive a reduction in your school tax bill as part of the Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act. Under a homestead or farmstead property tax exclusion, the assessed value of each homestead or farmstead is reduced by the same amount before the property tax is computed. If you do not see this reduction on your school bill and you believe you are eligible, please contact me.

The Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate is based on the property taxes or rents you paid during the previous calendar year. Property owner's eligible income including the income that your spouse earned while residing with you is \$35,000 or less. For renters that threshold is \$15,000 or less. Applicants can exclude 1/2 of their Social Security income. The rebates range from \$250-\$600 based on your income levels. More information can be found at www.revenue.pa.gov or you can contact me and I can send you the information.

The Pennridge School District Board of Directors approved a property tax rebate program in September of 2019 that will see a discount of up to \$162.50 for certain homeowners. You can find the application and the instructions on the Pennridge School District website or you can call the Pennridge business office at 215-453-2713.

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 astrockhilltax@comcast.net. I would be happy to assist you with any questions that you have.

Be Prepared for Severe Weather

As everyone surely remembers, our area was hit in late August with torrential rain from the remnants of Hurricane Ida, causing severe flooding. Despite the best efforts of everyone involved, the local infrastructure is simply not capable of keeping up with multiple inches of rainfall over a short period of time.

The best thing you, as a property owner, can do is be prepared for the possibility of flooding. By taking the following steps, you can help keep your household and property out of danger.

Before the Event

Inspect your home. Remove leaves and debris from gutters, clear your storm drains and drainage areas of any debris or trash, make sure windows and doors are properly secured, and make sure your sump pump is working if you have one.

During the winter, remove ice and snow from areas near drains and downspouts. If there is snow around your home's foundation, clear it before it melts. Moving snow just three to five feet away from the house may reduce the risk of water damage.

During the Event

If there is water in your home and a sump pump is ineffective, ensure that water stays away from outlets and other electrical sources. Carefully turn off your main electrical switch while

standing on a dry, non-conductive surface such as heavy rubber, plastic, or dry wood.

Also, be on alert for gas leaks. If the water rises high enough to extinguish the pilot light on your water heater or furnace, it may be letting gas into the property. Turn off the gas supply to these units, if possible. Do not use candles, lanterns, or open flames in the area, and do not smoke until you are absolutely certain that leaking is not an issue.

If water starts to rise in your house before you have escaped, retreat to a higher floor. Do not try to swim to safety. Instead, wait for rescuers to come to you.

After the Event

Wait for the water to drain out of the property, then check for structural damage before re-entering the property. Do not use matches, lighters, or any other open flame, since explosive gas may still be trapped inside. Keep the power off until an electrician has inspected your system.

If the damage is severe, consider a professional cleaning service. If you choose to clean the property yourself, make sure to wear appropriate protection such as rubber boots and gloves. Disinfect any affected areas with a solution of water and bleach (four tablespoons of bleach per gallon of water).

Snow Emergency Route

With winter coming, now is a good time to remind you that the Township's Snow Emergency Route is Buck Drive, Bryant Drive, Campus Drive, Deer Run Road, Fifth Street (Perkasie Borough line to Schwenkmill Road), Greenleaf Circle, Pine Court and Sunnyside Lane.

During a snow emergency, cars cannot be parked on the street along the Snow Emergency Route to allow for efficient snow removal.

Snow emergency situations are announced on Twitter and via real-time email notification when posted to our homepage.



Driveway Maintenance is Your Responsibility

Property owners are responsible for keeping their driveway pipes clear of debris so stormwater can flow in the right-of-way. Maintaining the driveway so that stone does not go onto the public road, causing traffic safety issues, is also required.

By the way, our 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 an installation fee according to the current fee schedule.

If you are interested in using this service, please 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.



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MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors	4th Tuesday, except in December meeting is advertised for 12/21, 7:00 PM
Planning Commission	1st and 2nd Thursday as needed 7:00 PM
Park & Recreation	2nd Tuesday of Feb, May, Aug, Nov as needed 7:00 PM
Police Commission	4th Wednesday except Nov and Dec meeting is advertised for 11/18 and 12/16, 7:00 PM
Zoning Hearing Board	Scheduled as Needed
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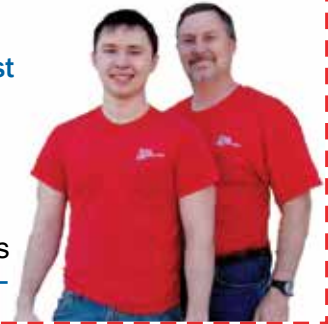
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