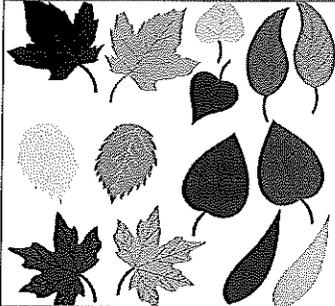


Year in Review



The Gander The Newsletter of Thornbury Township, Chester County

The Board of Supervisors has been busy with a number of projects and issues related to services in the Township. Included is a quick summary of the actions taken thus far in 2015:

2015 Paving Project: The Township completed a road program costing just over \$200,000 which included repairs on S. Concord Rd., Old Woods Rd., Greentree Rd., Red Lion Rd., Fox Meadow Lane, and Deer Pointe Rd.

Road Maintenance Contract 1-yr Extension: Under the current road maintenance contract with Neff Construction, the Township has an option for a 1-yr extension. This extension expires in the spring of 2015.

Improvements to Stormwater: The Township made repairs and conducted preventative maintenance on the inlet boxes on Fox Meadow Lane, Sage Hill Rd., Westbourne Rd. and Deer Pointe Rd. The Township also had major maintenance work performed on a culvert on S. Concord Rd.

Snow & Ice Control Contracts: Under the current contract with Unlimited Trucking LLC, the Township has an option for a 1-yr. extension. The Township also awarded the Town Center contract to SM Landscaping.

Squire Cheyney Park: Construction is complete for the trail system. The park is a wonderful place with its trail and park benches. If you haven't visited, please do. Thank you to Chester Ridley Creek Watershed Association for planting native trees

and shrubs to stabilize and protect the riparian buffer. This planting was accomplished by a grant and was completed in September.

Goose Creek Park: Tree maintenance along the trail was completed. The bridge was repainted and comfort station improvements were made.

Straight-line Wind Storm of June 23, 2015: The storm caused power outages that lasted over 3 days and road closures that lasted for almost a week. The clean up costs to the Township amounted to just over \$10,000. Thornbury Township has applied for a grant from PEMA for partial reimbursement.

Thank you to all residents for your cooperation with the road closures. (There were many this summer.)

The Board of Supervisors are working on the preparation of the 2016 budget. Adoption is slated for the December 15th Supervisor's meeting.

Welcome: A warm welcome to Mike Aiello as he returns as the Township as its Roadmaster, Tony Priestley to the Planning Commission, Merle Horowitz to the Zoning Hearing Board and Judy Lizza officially as Township Manager.

September is National Preparedness Month. Take action now to keep your family connected during a disaster. Disasters don't usually strike at convenient times. That means that as you and your family members go their separate ways each day, you have to have a plan to communicate and eventually reunite.

In this newsletter we have included a Family Emergency Plan and contact card. Have family members keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse, briefcase, backpacks or book bags.

Sign up for text and/or email alerts from municipalities where you live, work, and send children to school. You can sign up at readychesco.org for Chester County alerts and at www.thornburytwp.com for Thornbury Township alerts. The Township also utilizes the contact list to update you about upcoming meetings and police alerts.

Dave Smiley, Fire Marshal would like you to remember that Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10. Take the time to check your batteries and install the necessary smoke alarms.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the volunteers and the Supervisors who continue to build on the great community in which we live.

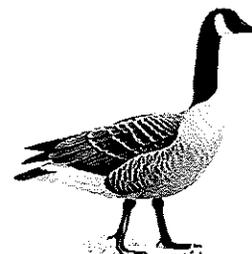
Best regards,

Bob Anthony
Chairman



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Rokeby Stock Farm (a/k/a Brian's House) 1300 S. Concord Road (Part 3) :

(This is the final installation of the series.) In 1885 Governor Pattison picked Gordon to fill a sudden vacancy on the city's Court of Common Pleas. The next year Gordon was elected to a full ten-year term, thanks in large part to his god-father, Republican Party operative Jimmy Gay. Gay used his influence to have the Republican machine nominate a man who was opposed by the city's lawyers and had lost a judgeship race just the year before. Republican leaders then pressured city workers to vote for Gordon, a Democrat. Gordon's performance on the bench was sufficiently even-handed for him to win re-election unopposed in 1896.

Political writers watched closely Gordon's "ever-feverish political desires," and thought that John Wyeth's 1902 acquisition of the *Philadelphia Record* was but a step toward bigger things for his friend Gordon. Instead, about the same time, Gordon apparently concluded that private practice was more lucrative than elective politics – even in Pennsylvania. A year later he was heading for Rokeby.

After Gordon's death in 1937, his son, President Judge of Philadelphia's Court of Common Pleas, sold the property to William Warren Rhodes and wife Patricia. Both were in their middle years and very successful in their respective professions. Rhodes was a DuPont chemist and his wife, known professionally as Patricia Hart Drant, M.D., was a nationally regarded dermatologist.

Born in Aston Township, Delaware County, Rhodes enjoyed a venerable lineage and comfortable upbringing. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (His great-grandfather had been an officer in the Connecticut line.) and held a bachelors degree in chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. He ranked among DuPont's leading scientists. He co-developed Freon and in retirement co-endowed a chair in chemistry at Penn. A tall, athletic man, he was a patron of Rose Tree Hunt during the 1930s and early 40s and was involved in the arts, having a play, "Mammon" published in 1933. A place like Rokeby was meant for him.

Yet, as part of a divorce settlement in 1948, Rhodes sold Rokeby to his former wife, Patricia. Patricia Hart was born in 1895 in Grenola, Kansas a small railroad town (2010 population, 216 and falling) southeast of Wichita. After graduating from the University of Kansas, she got her medical degree at Penn and did additional study in Paris, Vienna, and Budapest. During her internship at Woman's Hospital, in 1920, she married P.H. Drant, M.D., also a dermatologist. She used his name professionally. Dr. Drant loved the Philadelphia region, settled here, and served as chief of staff in dermatology at Abington, Methodist, and Woman's hospitals. Her marriage to Rhodes was her second, to James J. Collins, in 1952, her third. She died in 1955. Like other Rokeby residents, her ties to Philadelphia were stronger than those to Thornbury, as evidenced by her funeral services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in the city. Her husband stayed at Rokeby, remarried, and in 1958 sold the place to Paul and Celia Hoell, the last family to own Rokeby Stock Farm. Over thirty-five years ago it passed into the hands of Brian's House, a home for people with disabilities.

Article submitted by: Historical Preservation Commission

Fall Shredding Event



SATURDAY, October 24, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY!

Shred personal documents that are no longer needed.

**J&K Shredding will be at the Thornbury Township Building
8 Township Drive, Cheyney, PA 19319**

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY. LIMIT 4 BOXES PER HOUSEHOLD.

WEGO Press Release:

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is seeking public assistance with a string of residential burglaries in the area.

Police believe that the person committing these crimes is selecting homes that appear to be vacant and that the offender approaches the home and knocks on the door before forcing entry into the home. Police are asking residents to remain vigilant and to immediately call 911 with any incident where an unexpected person makes contact with them at their home. Residents are urged to try and document the physical description of the individual and vehicle. Police are asking residents with video systems to also check their system for activity during the afternoon hours on September 22, 2015.

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is working with members of the Pennsylvania State Police-Media Barracks who are investigating similar crimes just south of Westtown Township and Thornbury Township.



Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape?

The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards.

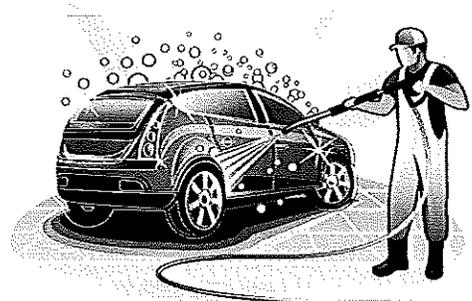
60% of house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives.

Car washing and Storm water

Many people don't associate their vehicle washing activities with local water quality and may be unaware that the discharges that enter storm drains are not treated before being discharged into local waters.

Outdoor car washing has the potential to result in soap, scum, and oily grit in water flowing down the street and into the storm drain.

To reduce the impact, where possible, wash your car on gravel, grass, or other permeable surfaces.



Trixie says: It's time for comfy sweaters and pretty colors.



Cats and dogs should be kept indoors during cold weather. Animals are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. Cats and dogs have fur but that doesn't mean they are resistant to the cold. Fleece is a great option for winter pet clothing because it's a strong and soft fabric that holds warmth and dries quickly.

Catnaps and cars: In the cold winter, outdoor cats may find the engine block under the hood of the car to be a great spot to nap. Before starting your car in the morning, bang on your hood a little to wake sleeping cats.

Trixie says, "Let's go for a walk, enjoying the crisp days and changing colors!" While visiting Goose Creek or Squire Cheyney Parks, dogs must be leashed and remember to clean up after your pet. Be a considerate pet owner and everyone will be happy.

Make it date night in Thornbury Township:

AMC MOVIE TICKETS

\$8.00 EACH!

Thornbury Township is offering discounted movie tickets available for purchase at the Township Building.

Thornbury Township does not accept credit cards. Check or Cash only.

Cozy drink for chilly days:

Gingerbread Cocoa

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 2 teaspoons apple pie spice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 gal. milk

Instructions:

1. Whisk together first 4 ingredients in a 6-qt. Dutch oven until blended; gradually whisk in milk.
2. Cook mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly, 20 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Transfer to a 6-qt. slow cooker, and keep warm on LOW. Garnish with miniature marshmallows, if desired.





Family Emergency Plan



Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Out-of-Town Contact Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Regional Meeting Place: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name: _____

Important Medical Information: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.

Work Location One

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

School Location One

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Work Location Two

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

School Location Two

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Work Location Three

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

School Location Three

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Other place you frequent

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Other place you frequent

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Important Information	Name	Telephone Number	Policy Number
Doctor(s):			
Other:			
Pharmacist:			
Medical Insurance:			
Homeowners/Rental Insurance:			
Veterinarian/Kennel (for pets):			

Dial 911 for Emergencies



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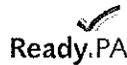
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Driving Safely this Upcoming Winter and all Year Long ...

I'll never outgrow the excitement of looking out my window and seeing falling snow. It's just that now my excitement is for different reasons. With the winter season just around the corner there are a few things to remember:

1. **Clear ALL snow and ice off of your windows, lights, roof, trunk and hood area ...** not only will this increase your vision but it will also prevent snow or ice from dislodging from your vehicle and potentially causing an accident.

2. Prepare your vehicle for winter driving by ensuring that you have tires with adequate tread depth to provide traction in snowy and icy conditions. **Put a winter ready kit in your car** that contains the following items:

- * Flashlight with extra batteries
- * Flares or reflective triangles
- * Jumper cables
- * Rags or paper towels
- * General first aid kit
- * Blanket, extra winter clothes
- * Snack foods or energy bars

* Winter formula window washer solvent

* Cell Phone adaptor to plug into car

* Road salt, sand or cat litter for traction

* Ice-scraper, snow brush and shovel

3. **If the weather conditions are questionable....DON'T drive unless it is absolutely necessary.** By reducing the amount of traffic on the road you allow emergency vehicles to get around easier and have fewer non-emergency calls to respond to as well as allowing the plow truck operators greater ease in getting the streets cleaned up quickly and safely.

4. And don't forget, this one applies all year long....PA has what is known as the "**Steer Clear Law**". When approaching a scene with emergency vehicles present (police, fire, ambulance, tow trucks, etc.) you are required to move over or if that is not possible you must SLOW down.

Reminders for snow removal:

- Avoid high piles that may obstruct your vision entering the roadway.
- Do not push snow into roads at any time!!
- Clear an area in front of your mailbox or the carrier may not stop.
- Remove vehicles parked on the roads or cul de sacs to your driveway.
- When shoveling driveways, leave the last six feet unshoveled until the road plowing is finished.

School Bus Safety

Motorists are reminded to be vigilant of school children and school buses. Here are some important tips when sharing the road with school buses:

It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children.

Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.

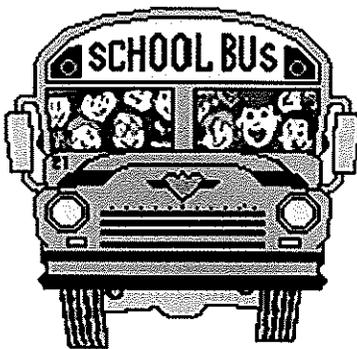
Pennsylvania law requires that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus. Traffic behind the school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.

Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow all children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Be alert. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards, or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.

Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

The area ten feet around a school bus is where children are in most danger of being hit. Maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and any stopped school buses!



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