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Message from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Steve Allaband

With the wet year we are experiencing, everyone is having problems with excess water. As many of you may know, our wastewater treatment plants are overloaded with water which is not supposed to be in the sewer system. Water from roof run-off, basement drainage, sump pumps or any type of unmetered connection into the sanitary sewer is causing inflow and infiltration problems. This additional water puts a strain on our system and causes the Township to continuously look for additional capacity or expansion of our wastewater treatment plants. The expansion process involves obtaining permits from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and is very costly; a cost which will result in increased sewer rates.

State Law and New Garden Township Ordinance prohibit the discharging of storm water, surface water, spring water, ground water, roof run-off, subsurface drainage, cellar drainage and especially sump pump connections into the sewer system. It is in everyone's best interest to prevent this from happening; added water increases the cost of treatment and consequently increases each homeowner's sewer bill.

Please contact the Sewer Department with any questions at (610) 268-2915 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

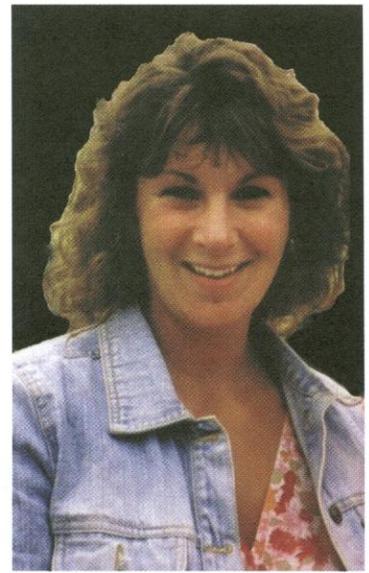
Public Review of Updated Comprehensive Plan — Oct 20th

How can our township maintain its current community character and way of life in the face of continued fast-paced growth? Answering this question has been the goal of the the Comprehensive Plan Task Force made up of members of New Garden's Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, residents and professional planners from the Chester County Planning Commission. The Task Force devoted some 450 man-hours in 25 meetings over the past two years to produce a new Comprehensive Plan for New Garden Township (the last plan was done in 1993).

Early in the process a township-wide Opinion Survey was conducted to obtain guidance from the residents. Their responses aided the task force in understanding the most important issues that need to be addressed to successfully preserve, protect and enhance the unique character of New Garden Township. The results of the survey along with a thorough analysis of existing and projected conditions in the Township were used to form a list of specific goals and objectives. In-depth discussions were then held to develop recommendations and implementation strategies for achieving them. The resulting document (the Plan) is basically a blueprint for the Supervisors to use in guiding their future decisions in areas such as: Historical Preservation, Community Services & Facilities,

Parks and Recreation Director Teresa Zunino

Meet the new Parks and Recreation Director. Teresa Zunino, lifelong New Garden resident, mother of three young children, former Elementary School Teacher and community activist has joined the Township staff as Director of Parks and Recreation. Teresa, who combines enormous talent and energy for organizing recreational activities, sees helping to develop a sense of community among New Garden's residents as her major challenge.



Teresa Zunino



Aug 21: Residents braved showers to enjoy an antique and classic car show.



Aug 8th: Performers including a storyteller and a reptile handler entertained at the Kids Festival.

After a busy summer of activities in the Park which ranged from a kids' camp-out and sleepover to a New Orleans style jazz concert, Teresa and the committee she has assembled have prepared a Fall program.



June 26: Eight families enjoyed a campfire at their overnight in the Park.

New Garden residents who are serving on this newly constituted Parks and Recreation Committee are: Marlene Palmer, Amy Theorin, Maureen Wagner, Mary Kay Gaver, Sara Maietta and Amy Schantz.

Fall Program

- Oct 23: Art Show and Sale. Here is an opportunity to enjoy the work of local artisans and authors. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and live music. Call (610) 636-2158 for more information.
- Oct 31: Halloween Hunt and Parade. Hunt begins promptly at 4:00 by age group, 18 months to 10 years. Take home a bag of treats from our DARE officer, Mario Raimato.
- Nov 8-11: Thanksgiving Food Drive. Drop off non-perishable foods, holiday specific or not, to the Township building's lobby between 10 and 4 this week. Patrons of Mission Santa Maria in Avondale will be grateful.
- Dec 4: Tree Lighting at the Township Building. Come to the new Township Building at 5:30 for the holiday lighting of our newest evergreen tree. Get to know your neighbors and tour the new building.
- Dec 6-10: Holiday Gift Drive. Drop off new unwrapped kid's gifts (toys/clothes) and small but always appreciated adult gifts to the lobby of the Township building this week between 10 and 4. Gifts will be given to Mission Santa Maria for distribution.

British Architectural Historians Visit New Garden Township



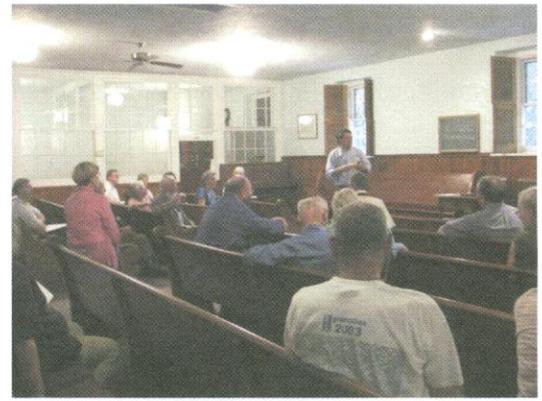
Bernie Herman (gray shirt) answering questions

As part of an American tour from Concord to Williamsburg, a study group of British researchers stopped in New Garden Township on September 17th to view several of our historic buildings. The Vernacular Architecture Group, a scholarly organization devoted to the documentation and interpretation of the traditional buildings of the United Kingdom, sponsors a tour each year for its members. This year's

tour, coordinated through the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, was the group's first to America and focused on the British America regions of New England, the Mid-Atlantic and the Chesapeake. In New Garden Township, their itinerary included close examination of the Hayden, Reynolds and McCann houses as well as the New Garden Friends Meeting House. The three houses were documented through the continuing in-depth survey of thirty of the Township's historic buildings currently underway by the University of Delaware and the Historical Commission (note: you can learn more about this project at History Night on Oct 15th—see p. 4 and last page of newsletter).

On this tour they have mostly visited churches and museum houses that were either essentially as built or had been restored to a certain period. What interested the British researchers in New Garden

Township was an opportunity to see 18th century buildings, which while enlarged and altered, had been continuously occupied. The researchers were interested in the ways the houses had been changed over time to either meet the owners' needs or to adapt to current fashions. University of Delaware researchers Bernie Herman and Jeroen van den Hurk showed the visitors evidence of how floors had been lowered, fireplaces removed or covered, stairways removed or turned, and how roof lines had been replaced over the centuries.

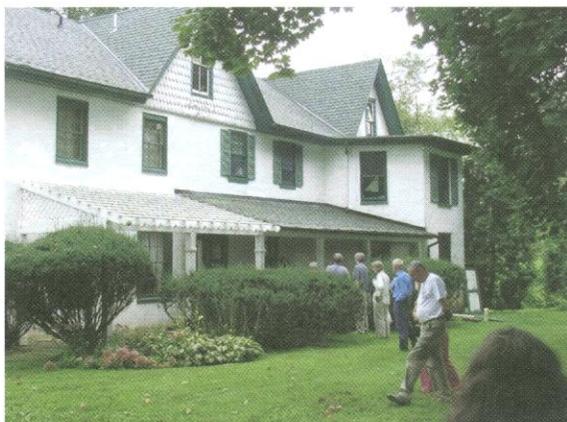


The McCann House

Probably the house they found most intriguing was the McCann House, a log house off of Buttonwood Road. Although they had heard of log houses, most had never seen one. Questions ranged from did early settlers sometimes place the logs in a vertical position, to did the builders remove the bark and square off the logs. The McCann house with its exposed log walls in the attic stairway gave the visitors a good chance for close examination.

The intensive documentation of New Garden Township's historic houses undertaken with the University of Delaware provided an unparalleled opportunity for the British contingent to gain an intro-

duction to the remarkable architectural heritage of the Delaware Valley. The information packages for each of the sites provided the visitors with a brief narrative that summarized key architectural features, a plan that showed how the house grew and changed over time, and a documentary history that explained who owned, built, and lived in these dwellings.



Queueing to see the Reynolds House



Visitors at the Hayden House