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# New Garden Township



Autumn 2006

## A Note from Steve Allaband, Township Chairman

### Emergency Management Response

The Tornado of August 29, 2006 displayed the abilities of New Garden Township to respond to an emergency. Within minutes Township Emergency responders were on the scene to provide assistance and assess the damage. At the same time a Command Center was activated to coordinate the activities of at least a dozen agencies. Fortunately there were no injuries and with a few exceptions only light damage to residential properties.

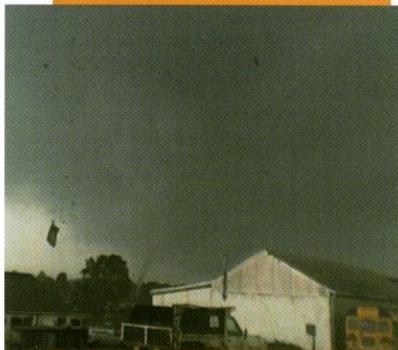
We were lucky; the Tornado seemed to do everything it could to avoid homes. The tornado chose to cross open fields and wood lands and almost as if directed, it steered around populated area.

It is gratifying to know that the trained emergency response professionals of New Garden Township are there for emergencies. The New Garden Police Department, Avondale Fire Company and surrounding Fire Companies and EMS, Medic Unit 94 and PECO. Township Administration and Elected Officials are all required to be

trained for emergency situations they all responded to the Tornado quickly, intelligently and bravely. We also recognize that anything can be improved. We have learned from this experience and identified ways to improve. Efforts are being made to implement these improvements.

The Board of Supervisors recognizes them for a job well done. It was also gratifying to see the community respond to their neighbors that had suffered damage and pitch in and help each other.

(Photo at left by Steve Allaband)



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## The Railroads of Landenberg

by Chris Black

It was 12:05 on October 19, 1872 when the first train on the Wilmington and Western Railroad reached its final destination in the village of Landenberg. A large crowd of the townspeople gathered, dressed in their best outfits, to cheer on the dignitaries, public officials, and the press as they stepped down from the train. The procession marched up the Landenberg Hill to the beat of Wilmington's Independent Cornet Band. When they reached the home of Charles Weiler, the general superintendent of the Landenberger Mills, there were speeches and a lavish reception. Joshua T. Heald, the President of the Wilmington and Western Railroad, spoke not only of how proud he was of the work up to Landenberg, but of an optimistic future for this small railroad as it continued west. The Wilmington and Western Railroad was chartered in 1867 by a Corporate Board with the hope it would travel to Landenberg, Lancas-

ter, York, Pittsburgh, and eventually far to the west in the United States. However at its zenith, the railroad stretched for only 19 miles. These 19 miles were from Wilmington to Landenberg, with seven stops along the way. The route to Landenberg was difficult and costly to construct. A steam locomotive can only travel safely on a grade of +(-)3%. Due to the landscape of the White Clay Creek Valley, with high hills, low valleys, and frequent small streams or marshes the tracks' path had to be artificially created. Bridges and multiple cutouts scattered the valley, but nothing was more impressive than the Broad Run Trestle.

### The Broad Run Trestle

The Broad Run Trestle, nearly a quarter of a mile in length, was located near Broad Run Road, east of Newark Road. The trestle, which was needed to lower the grade into the valley at Landenberg, towered over the cornfields and meadows at a height of 40 feet! Railroad workers who constructed the trestle were impressed with themselves. They were so amazed by the result

that upon completion they drove their supply train back and forth over the trestle numerous times with smiles on their faces and cheers from the locals.

The smiles didn't last as the Wilmington & Western Railroad Company quickly realized its dream of a railroad through the White Clay Creek Valley and beyond was destined for failure. Heald, the President, resigned after only a few months due to "personal reasons," but many suspected he knew the upcoming fate of his creation. That fate came to pass after only three years when the company declared bankruptcy and was foreclosed to pay off its outstanding debts.

In 1877, the company was sold at auction and its name changed to the Delaware and Western Railroad. Soon thereafter the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad bought the track and used it as an important link between Baltimore and Philadelphia. However, the stations along the line began to close as

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# New Garden Township Police Department

By Chief Larry E. Dampman

**School** is back in session as of 9/5/06. Reminder to be alert for students waiting for the bus, crossing streets and roads, exiting and boarding school buses.

If the flashing lights are on the bus indicating that traffic should stop – PLEASE STOP!

This is to protect our children as they cross the streets to board or exit the bus. The penalty for ignoring the lights is a fine of up to \$400.00, an automatic 5 points on your license and a 60 day automatic suspension of your operator's license.

**No Left Turns** from Hillendale onto Newark Road! Signs are posted - and drivers are required to obey them, citations will be issued for violations.

**Lock it up!** Reminder to remove all visible valuables and money from your vehicle when parking in public lots, your driveway, and other places. We have experienced a number of vehicles being broken into and valuables taken.

**Barriers** – Road closed barriers are placed for your protection and often the protection of others and officers. When a barrier is in place, residents are reminded that they are responsible for obeying and respecting them. **Do not** remove, reposition, or ignore the barriers. This has been an ongoing problem during recent emergency situations and residents are reminded of their part in keeping our area safe.

**TORNADO** – The Police Department wishes to thank the Township residents and emergency volunteers who assisted

in the aftermath of the tornado that came through the Township on August 29th. All emergency responders demonstrated their competence and expertise in this situation. We are proud of them!

**PARTNERS** – If you see any suspicious activity, please do not hesitate to contact the police department as soon as possible. Obtain as much information as safely possible so that you may provide details when you call. Working together with the Police Department will make our community safer for all.

**New Garden Police Station**  
8934 Gap Newport Pike  
Landenberg, PA 19350  
Telephone: 610-268-2907  
Emergency: 911



Tornado Photo by Benjamin Marsden

## Public Works: Fall and Winter By Joe Yakscoe, Road Master

The Public Works department is pleased to announce that several township roads are scheduled to be resurfaced with the state's new "super pave" hot mix asphalt. The paving material is a new design and will provide a better ride and longer life. The road crew is removing and replacing several drainage pipes in the township's street infrastructure. The department is working on improving the conditions below the surface and preventing settlement from washing away the road beds. The replacement of the pipes will make a tremendous improvement and the water quality of the drainage and the streams will be better as well.

The roads department has had surveys conducted on the township traffic signals. Traffic has increased and it is the department's objective to keep the flow of traffic moving as safely and swiftly as possible. The township road crew has also trimmed trees, mowed road banks, and weeded intersections for clearer and wider sight lines and further motorist safety.

The department would like to thank the residents for their continued patience and cooperation during traffic control and road repairs. All residents are asked to contact the township with any safety issues in order to address any concern in a timely fashion.

Have a wonderful and safe autumn and winter season.

**“Traffic has increased and it is the department’s objective to keep the flow of traffic moving as safely and swiftly as possible.”**

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged *untreated* into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

### Remember: Only Rain Down the Drain

To keep the stormwater leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- ◆ Repair auto leaks.
- ◆ Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations.
- ◆ Clean up after your pet.
- ◆ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- ◆ Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- ◆ Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.
- ◆ Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.



**Tips  
for  
Home Owners  
with  
On-Site  
Septic Systems**

**Dos and Don'ts for  
those of you who aren't  
tied into  
public sewer**

**Information for New  
Garden Township  
Businesses &  
Institutions**

By Scott Gantt

**The Requirements**

The Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101) requires commercial, institutional and municipal establishments located in Pennsylvania's mandated municipalities to recycle high-grade office paper, corrugated paper, aluminum and leaf waste. In addition, establishments must recycle any other materials included in the municipality's recycling ordinance or regulations, which may include glass, newsprint, plastics, and/or steel and bimetallic cans. As a mandated municipality, businesses and institutions with facilities located within New Garden Township must implement recycling programs.

New Garden Township's recycling requirements are as follows:

All commercial, institutional and municipal establishments must source separate the following materials:

High grade office paper

Corrugated cardboard

Glass containers

Aluminum cans

Any other recyclables that may be designated by the Township

These establishments must arrange for the collection and recycling of all designated materials.

All commercial, institutional and municipal entities must provide written documentation as to the type and weight of materials recycled annually. Reports are due to the Township by January 31 of each year on a form provided by the Township.

Thanks much!

**Tips:**

- Only discharge biodegradable wastes into system.
- Divert surface runoff water from roofs, patios, driveways, and other areas away from your drainfield.
- Keep your septic tank cover accessible.
- Have your septic tank pumped regularly. It should also be inspected for leaks, cracks, and to make sure the exit baffle is in place.
- Compost your garbage or put it in the trash.

**Don't:**

- Use a garbage disposal. These can double the amount of solids added to the tank!
- Flush sanitary napkins, tampons, disposable diapers, condoms and other non biodegradable products into your system
- Dump solvents, oils, paints, thinners, disinfectants, pesticides or poisons down the drain which can disrupt the treatment process and contaminate the groundwater
- Dig in your drainfield or build anything over it
- Drive over your drainfield or compact the soil in any way
- Do not plant trees or shrubbery in the absorption field area. The roots can get into the lines and plug them. Grass is the only thing that should be planted on or near a drainfield.
- Do not cover the absorption field with hard surfaces, such as concrete or asphalt.

**TIPS FOR SELECTING THE  
RIGHT CONTRACTOR FOR  
YOUR HOME IMPROVE-  
MENT PROJECT**

By Donald Suckstorf  
Zoning Officer

We occasionally receive calls from residents asking us to refer them to a reputable home improvement contractor. As a matter of policy we do not provide referrals, but we can inform you if we have received complaints regarding a contractor. Here are several tips on selecting a contractor for your needs.

**Do your homework**

Ask your neighbors, friends and co-workers who they used for their projects.

Check the Yellow pages for local contractors.

Obtain several estimates.

Ask for references from the contractors; call and talk to owners about the contractors.

**Ask:**

Were they respectful of the owners and their property?

Were they prompt?

Did they listen to what the owners wanted?

Did they stay in budget?

Were they neat and did they clean up at the end of each work day?

What was the quality of the workmanship?

Did they work well with the Township?

**Talk to the contractors and let them know exactly what you want.**

Get everything in writing.

Never pay 100% up front. You may want to suggest making an initial payment with additional payments during various stages of construction after it **passes inspection** with the remainder at the final inspection and you receive a **certificate of occupancy**.

Ask the contractor if they are registered to work in the township. This will insure you that they have proper insurance coverage.

During the course of construction if you have any questions or concerns regarding your project you may contact the Codes Department at 610-268-2915 extension 103.



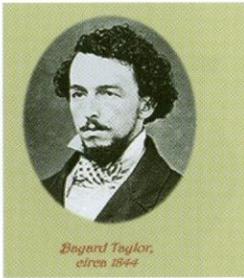
**“All commercial, institutional, and municipal establishments must separate recyclable waste materials.”**

**A Note on  
Exterior Lighting**

Residents are asked to exercise consideration and care when installing or redirecting lighting on their property. The Township Nuisance Ordinance prohibits activities that directly or indirectly cause a nuisance or hazard to other residents. So if your outdoor lights shine on another property, you may be guilty of creating a nuisance. Please check your lighting to avoid complaints.

**Don't be a  
Nuisance  
to your  
neighbors!**

## Bayard Taylor Memorial Library



*Bayard Taylor,  
circa 1844*

### A YEAR IN REVIEW:

By Donna Murray, Director

Thanks to our wonderful and enthusiastic patrons, the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library has had a busy and successful year so far in 2006. Here are just some of the activities the library has offered:

The Kennett Symphony of Chester County partnered with the library for a preview of its "Broadway Bravado" program offered at Longwood Gardens in August. Mary Woodmansee Green played piano and baritone Thad Shirey sang show-stoppers of Broadway's heroes, scoundrels, lovers and con men. Some 45 patrons enjoyed the show, as well as refreshments afterwards. The library offered this program as part of its participation in Downtown Kennett Square's First Friday celebrations.

Local author Elizabeth Letts visited the library earlier in the summer for a discussion of her book "Family Planning." Free books were provided to patrons ahead of time so they could read and discuss the book, which takes place in Southern Chester County. A lively discussion and refreshments were enjoyed by all who attended.

Lane Kintigh from Recorded Books offered a workshop for patrons on how to download audio books, which are available free for anyone with a library card from a Chester County library, including Bayard Taylor, of course! Lane showed the crowd in attendance how to download the best-sellers available on their own MP-3 players, and one lucky attendee – Karen D'Agosto – won a free MP-3 player for attending the program. More information on downloadable audio books, including the list of compatible MP-3 players, is available at the library.

UPCOMING:

The League of Women Voters of Chester County has chosen the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library for a brown-bag discussion series the fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30. "Hot Topics" is the series title, with "the many sides of global warming" the first subject planned for Sept. 26 at the library. Attendees are invited to "chew on ideas as well as sandwiches."

The library will partner with Citadel Federal Credit Union this fall for a financial seminar series on important topics such as "Identity Theft," "Investment Planning," "Retirement Planning," "Saving for College," and "Reducing Your Taxes." The seminars will be offered by experts from Citadel, and registration is required. The workshops will be offered monthly, beginning in September and continuing through May 2007.

Local artist Julie Dixon will hold an art show at the library as part of our participation in Downtown Kennett Square's First Friday Nights. Julie will exhibit some of her beautiful works, which are black and white photographs that she has partially colored in. Julie will be at the library Friday night, October 6.

The Kennett Symphony of Chester County returns in December for a holiday program that will involve music and stories by local celebrity Suzanne Roberts. Titled "Suzanne and the Symphony," that program will be Friday night, December 1. More details will be available at the library closer to the event.

The Youth Services department has been full of fun, children and teens this summer. Our Summer Reading Program was a great success with sign-ups exceeding 800.

We kicked off our Summer with Jungle John at Anson B. Nixon Park and fol-

lowed up with exciting programs every week until our finale Make Your Own Ice Cream Party on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Performers and programs included the Cat's Pajamas, a Lemony Snicket Party, Family Bingo, Kids and Cultures, Pets of the Past, a Magic Treehouse Party, and Grandfather Joe. We also had 4 book discussion groups, weekly Storytimes, visited the Kennett Migrant Education and Evenstart programs as well as hosted weekly trips from Camp Kendal. The week of July 31<sup>st</sup> also saw this year's session of Science in the Summer. We had 64 children, grades 2 through 6 participate in the Chemistry program.

This year's reading program featured a Young Adult raffle. For every book review submitted, the Teen was entered into a biweekly raffle. We had four winners who received gift cards and items from Old Navy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Bath and Beauty Works, and Regal Movie Theatre.

Looking towards the Fall, we will be continuing Storytimes on Fridays at 10:30 (toddlers) and 1:00 (preschoolers). This winter we will also begin a daily read aloud session...more on that to come...

The Bayard Taylor Memorial Library is located at 216 East State Street in Kennett Square.

Telephone: 610-444-2702.

Hours:  
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Audio books are available free for anyone with a library card from a Chester County library, including Bayard Taylor.**



## PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

The winner of this year's photo contest is  
**Mike Sabocsik.**

He captured this lovely winter scene of the pavilion at our own New Garden Park.

**Congratulations Mike!**



**Be the next winner and your photo will be featured in our Spring Newsletter!**

Send digital entries to [adiaz@newgarden.org](mailto:adiaz@newgarden.org)

**Deadline: March 31  
2007**

## Parks and Recreation Events

By Barbara Underwood  
Parks and Recreation, Director

Welcome To New Garden Township Parks and Recreation. We had a great summer and can not wait for our Fall and Winter season. We have many events planned and will be adding more to the current calendar, so check our web page often: click the "Events" tab for the areas latest events. The Tuesday Family Nights, Friday Night Concert Series, and our Family Fun and Fireworks were a lot of fun! New Garden Township will continue our activities all year long. Our Fall and Winter calendar is growing, but the planned events so far are sure to be engaging and entertaining for your family, friends and neighbors!

### SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2006

New Garden Township will be hosting its 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW Three O'clock Until Dusk Registration starts at 2:00p.m. (Rain date October 1) There will be vehicles of all types coming together for an afternoon of fun. The first 100 cars registered will receive a dash plaque and many other door prizes and people's choice trophies will be awarded. Moore Music will be playing the oldies, and Hood's BBQ will be selling delicious food. As a participant or a spectator, join us at the park on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MONDAY NIGHT YOGA** — Monday's at 5:00 Yoga at the park, Call for details.

### OCTOBER EVENTS

**OCT 3<sup>RD</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament held at Hartefeld National, 1 Hartefeld Dr proves to be a great day on the golf course with many prizes; proceeds benefit the NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP RECREATION FUND. For Registration info stop by the township office, 299 Starr Rd.

**OCT 14<sup>TH</sup>** HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES 1pm -4pm at the back pavilion of the park come paint pumpkins, do a craft, bring some old clothes and build a scarecrow.

**OCT 21<sup>ST</sup>** YARD SALE 9am - 1pm in front of the township Public Works garage.

**OCT 28<sup>TH</sup>** HALLOWEEN PARADE at the Park 1pm - 4 pm Prizes,

## Playground at the Park



**Left: Panning for precious, semi-precious stones and fossils with Party Prospectors**

**Right: Painting Faces at the New Garden Fireworks**

Treats, Entertainment and Refreshments will be provided.

### NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS

**NOV 12<sup>TH</sup>** S'MORES at the Park 2pm-4pm at the back pavilion. Come join us for some toasted marshmallow, chocolate, and graham cracker fun.  
**NOV 30<sup>TH</sup>** HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING at the New Garden Administration Building, 299 Starr Rd. 6:30 - 8:30pm Come help us start the season with holiday treats and a special guest appearance.

**DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>** HOLIDAY FUN DAY a day of carriage rides and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at New Garden Park 10 am - 12 pm Carriage rides 11 am - 3 pm Mr. and Mrs. Claus (pictures available for purchase) 2pm - 4pm

more carriage rides!

**JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH** Winter Blues Days: days to get us out of the house and have some fun, crafts, story times, snow play time if the weather gives us a day or two!  
**Camp Info Days** a couple of days to come and get information and sign up for summer camps at New Garden

**Art Show & Sale:** March Art Show and Sale of local artists area works ... exact dates and details coming soon ...

**Shredding Day** The township is planning a day to have residents bring documents to be shredded to combat the ever growing identity theft.

**Welcome Spring Days** We are planning many spring activities including an Easter Egg Hunt, Clean up our neighborhoods, spring craft days, and many more. Please register to get

more info on these days

INFORMATION ON ABOVE EVENTS CAN BE OBTAINED BY REGISTERING BY EMAIL WITH BARB UNDERWOOD AT

BUNDER-  
WOOD@NEWGARDEN.ORG

PHONE -610-972-7194

or check the "EVENTS" page at WWW.NEWGARDEN.ORG

We are always looking for input from you, the residents, on what activities you want to see in your township, and what additions you'd like to see made to our park, so drop us a note and let us know what you want!!!!



**Puppets Pizzaz**

## Landenberg Railroad, continued

**“With the introduction of the automobile and the improved quality of roads, trains lost their appeal as well as their customer base.”**

The demand for the trains, both passenger and freight decreased. By 1931 there was no more passenger service. The wooden trestle, although with some modifications, performed reliably for years. Barrels were placed at either end to collect rainwater; water was needed to extinguish fires caused by hot cinders shooting from the steam trains' fire boxes. Despite those provisions, in the 1940's, a fire weakened the trestle and it could no longer be used. The Broad Run Trestle was then dismantled along with the track extending from the trestle to Landenberg. The track became scrap iron for armaments needed during World War II. For many years the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad used the tracks of the Wilmington and Western, although in later years with diminished service. Today the Historic Red Clay Valley, Inc has preserved the tracks and operates a tourist train from Greenback, Delaware, traveling through the Red Clay Valley.

**The Pomeroy and Delaware City**  
The second railroad that stopped at the Landenberg Union Passenger Terminal and other rail sidings in Landenberg was the Pomeroy & Delaware City Railroad completed in 1873. As the name implies, this railroad ran North to South from Pomeroy in Chester County to Delaware City, Delaware. It was of major importance to the area because it was a transporter of coal from central Pennsylvania. From the first days of the railroad until the line was abandoned, Landenberg families depended on coal to heat their homes. The coal was dumped off at the multiple sidings, offshoots of the main track line used for parking train cars. These sidings were located at the various mills and manufacturing buildings in the area.

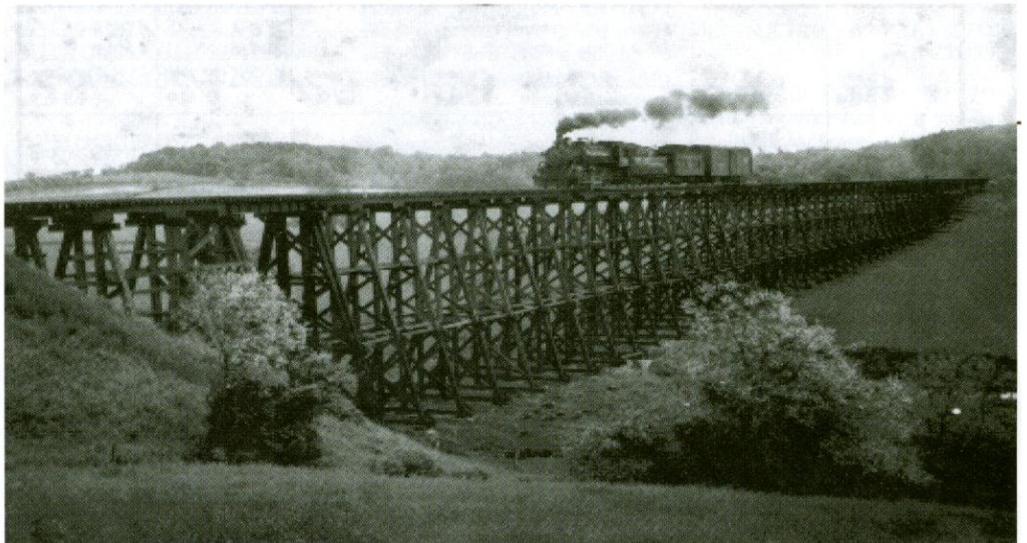
Trains also helped farmers and manufacturers ship their products to the large market city of Wilmington. Farmers would contract for space on a train to ship their goods to the city; this was much less expensive and time consuming than shipping by wagon on unimproved dirt roads. Along the rail lines numerous mills on the White Clay Creek produced products ranging from wooden spokes for wheels to woolen cloth to flour. These mills were the reason the railroads came to Landenberg.

**The Other Railroad Also Goes Under**  
Although the Pomeroy and Delaware City Railroad lasted sixty-four years, its financial success was limited, at best. The railway started off under the name of Doe Run and White Clay Creek Railroad, but was sold before it was built and renamed the Pomeroy and Newark. Company mergers created a longer railroad that now reached its planned destination of Delaware City and with that another name change, to the Pennsylvania & Delaware RR. This railroad continued to change names and owners for the next 75 years. Most, however, consider it to have been under the control of the Pennsylvania Railroad either directly or indirectly.

With the introduction of the automobile and the improved quality of roads, trains lost their appeal as well as their customer base. In 1936 the Pennsylvania & Delaware railroad was abandoned from the Delaware/Pennsylvania State Line to Landenberg, severing the connection to the port city of Delaware City. Only a few years later in 1943 the railroad tracts were taken up from Landenberg, through Avondale, to Chatham, again to use the scrap for war material during World War II.

**The Railroads Have Come and Gone**  
The railroads of Landenberg may no longer be with us, but they have left their mark on the landscape and the people of the community. If one looks closely while strolling around the village, signs of a more industrial, populated past can be seen. Next time you travel down the Landenberg Hill towards the bridge look on the left and notice the high concrete abutments on the hillside. In that very spot 134 years ago a railroad bridge was being constructed which would pass over the road. Other remnants of the railroads that can be seen today are the concrete supports that jut out from the sides of some of the Creek banks. These concrete supports once held the rails carrying passenger cars of Landenberg folk, traveling from the village to the big city of Wilmington. Rail service between Landenberg and the outside world effectively ended in the early 1930's. The passing of the railroads marked the end of an era; no longer would steam trains travel the valley of the White Clay.

**New Garden resident and Penn State Junior, Chris Black, researched the history of Landenberg's railroads as a volunteer project under the auspices of the New Garden Historical Commission. In addition to this article, his reporting included the mounting of a display of pictures and artifacts in the showcase of the Township Building.**



Photograph submitted by  
Dr. Peg Jones

# Proposed Community Center



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Barbara Underwood

**Administrative Assistant**  
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**Stormwater Director**  
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**Sewer Plant Manager**  
Bill O'Connell

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## New Garden Township is Considering the Construction of a Community Center in the Park

The Community Center would be located in the Park between the Palmer House and the Baseball Field, above the main pavilion. The building would house public recreation activities offered by the township. It would be made available for children, adults, and with the hopes of starting a Senior Citizen Program.

Funding for the Community Center would come from developers fees in lieu and County grants.

In order to establish demand and interest for the construction of this facility, the Township needs your help. Please complete the form below and drop it off at the Township Building or place a stamp on the form and put it in the mail. *Your opinion matters!*

Yes! I believe there is a need for a Community Center in the Township \_\_\_  
No, I believe there are other facilities already available \_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_