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From the Chairman

Dear Neighbors,

It seems like yesterday that the Spring Newsletter went out and now we have the Fall Newsletter. Soon it will be time to put 2007 in the history books and it has been note worthy. The Township has ended its ten year quest to acquire the Airport and thus has secured this land from developers and unwanted uses. The Town Center Shopping Center has after a seven year process finally concluded with as good an outcome as the law allows. Most of Sharp Road is being rebuilt wider and re-paved.

Planning for the expansion of the beautiful New Garden Park

is underway and the New Garden Recreation Committee has been working over time to create recreational opportunities. The Open Space Review Board has been meeting and working hard to preserve open space in New Garden and it appears that they are ready to soon make recommendations for land preservation. Preliminary work on the renovations at the intersection of Newark and Baltimore Pike will begin shortly eventually relieving congestion at this vital gateway intersection.

With the growth of New Garden and the ambitious plans we have, the challenges that face us all are many. The

Board of Supervisors and the Staff of the Township stand ready deal with the issues and provide innovative solutions. It is up to you the residents of the Township to stay involved and informed and provide feed back to the Township. Our web site is an excellent source of information as is attending meetings. Ultimately, we need your help and feed back and one of the most significant things that you can do is to exercise your privilege to vote.

Sincerely,

Bob Perrotti, Chairman Board of Supervisors



New Garden Township now owns the New Garden Flying Field

See Story on Page 4.

Above left to right: Scott Wagner PennDot Director of Aviation, Senator Dominic Pileggi, Supervisor Barclay Hoopes, Sharon Daboin, PennDot Bureau of Aviation Deputy Secretary, Supervisor Jim Neal, Vice Chairman Bob Norris, Supervisor Steve Allaband, Chairman Bob Perrotti

New Garden's Medicine Man

By Dr. Peg Jones

In 1910, Nathan P. Walton, patent medicine manufacturer and traveling salesman, wrote that "Chester County folks bought more Polar Star goods this winter than in any previous year." Polar Star was Walton's trade name for a cough cure, a laxative, cough drops, liniment and a cure for diarrhea which he produced on his New Garden farm. Reminiscent of the 19th century medicine man who pitched his wares at County Fairs, Walton traveled to New England, Ohio and Virginia, promoting and selling his patent medicine to owners of general stores.



Bottles which held Nathan Walton's Polar Star Cough Cure

Writing his own advertising copy for the Daily Local News, he quoted his many satisfied customers. For instance:

J.C.Kanode, Rippon, West Virginia wrote: "Please send me at once four dozen Polar Star Cough Cure. I am just getting it introduced here and it is knocking all other cough cures out. Please rush as I have not a bottle left in the store."

N. Tesiny, Bridgeport, Connecticut wrote: "The Polar Star Cough Cure left at my store on trial by your agent has all been sold. Enclosed is check to pay for what he left. Please send me eight dozen more of it at once."

F. Simons, Farmdale, Ohio, wrote: "If you will guarantee to send goods of the same quality as the three dozen Polar Star Cough Cure

bought of your agent a short time ago we would like you to send us five dozen of it at once."

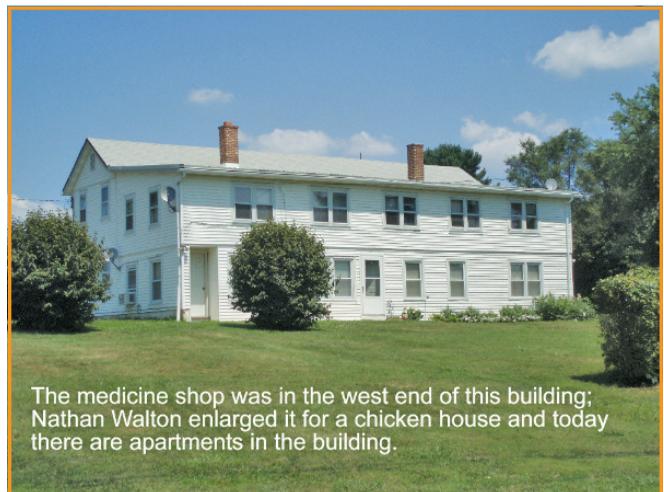
The Polar Star Cough Cure which was apparently Walton's best seller was a combination of white pine tar, menthol, camphor and 1% alcohol; a 2 ounce bottle cost 20 cents. His promotional literature for this product read:

This preparation has been the standard remedy for cough, croup and all bronchial affections all over the eastern United States for more than a quarter of a century. Directions for using old remedies which have been found in nearly every family medicine chest for almost two generations are hardly needed. If Polar Star cough cure is taken in small doses frequently when a cough first begins, the first day will usually end the trouble. Greasing the breast with warm lard, and tying crushed raw onions about the chest and throat will also be of great advantage in severe cases.

Not content to be a small purveyor of patent medicine, Walton encouraged his customers to buy shares in his Polar Star Company. Shares which cost \$14.40 a share were expected to pay 5% annually and he wrote in 1910 that he had 250 investors with capitalization of about \$12,000. In his promotional literature, his plans were grand. He wrote a letter to his shareholders, explaining the need for more investment in order to buy several Ford cars for salesmen on the road "opening up new territory."

Within six or eight years, Nathan Walton's Polar Star Company was no more. Possibly with the coming of the 1st World War, he no longer could put salesmen on the road, or perhaps, his dreams were too grandiose and the company folded. For whatever reason, by 1920, he had enlarged his medicine shop to make a chicken house, and his occupation in the census was listed as poultry farmer. In his later years, Nathan Walton continued to promote his product, but by this time, he was boasting of big beautiful strawberries.

Nathan Walton's patent medicine plant turned chicken house is now an apartment house located on the north side of west New Garden Road across from the truck depot.



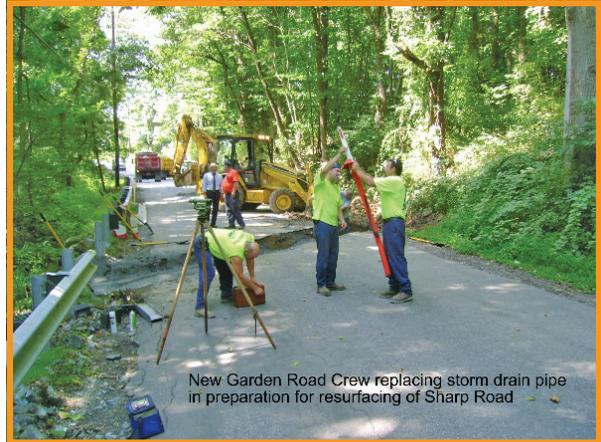
The medicine shop was in the west end of this building; Nathan Walton enlarged it for a chicken house and today there are apartments in the building.

Fall and Winter Programs for the Public Works Department

The Public Works Department is working aggressively to complete repairs and a major reconstruction of Sharp Road between Bucktoe Road and Route 41. The Department is replacing all storm water drainage pipes under the road and installing inlets to improve the drainage on the road.

Once the drainage is completed the Township has contracted with a firm that will mill the surface, widen the road and repave the surface. This will provide a vastly improved road.

Other work to be completed in the Township include street markings and lane painting throughout the Township, mowing grass and trimming trees along the road rights-of-way that interfere with vision. Trees and other vegetation that are outside of the right-of-way (generally ten feet from the end of the road) are the responsibility of the property owner and the Department asks that these trees be maintained by the property owner so they do not cause a vision obstruction. This is especially important as school will be open soon and school buses need to be safe while they pick up and drop off our students.



New Garden Road Crew replacing storm drain pipe in preparation for resurfacing of Sharp Road

The Department would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation during the paving and reconstruction program on Sharp Road and the other projects that are going on in the Township.

The Department can be contacted through the Township website for and suggestions and if any safety issues are a concern.

New Garden Township Police Department

Chief Larry E. Dampman

School - In session – Please be alert for students waiting for the bus, crossing streets/roads and exiting/boarding school buses.

Flashing lights on the bus indicate that traffic should stop – STOP! This is to protect our children – your children, as they cross the streets to board or exit the bus. The penalty for ignoring the lights:

- A fine of up to \$400.00
- 5 points on your license
- 60 day suspension of your license

LOCK IT - 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. The break ins usually occur in the early morning hours – but not always. So, by following this practice at all times, you protect your property.

FIREWORKS – Are illegal. We

have received several complaints about fireworks. Be aware that fireworks are illegal and dangerous, causing injuries and fires. 40% of fireworks injuries happen to children under age 15, 23% of which happen to children under the age of five. Fireworks were involved in an estimated 9200 injuries treated in U. S. hospital emergency departments during calendar year 2006. Sparklers, while not illegal are 1000-degree rods of burning hot metal. Fireworks will be confiscated and offenders will be charged.

STAY ALERT – If you see any suspicious activity, please 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.

Thank you!

Wanted: Foster Parents**Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families**

The Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families Resource Family Program is to provide temporary foster or kinship care for children, who need out of home placement and may eventually provide permanency for those children, including an adoptive home. In Chester County a resource parent could be a foster or kinship parent.

For information on becoming a foster parent call 610-344-5775 or visit www.chesco.org/cyf

New Garden Township Fall 2007 Photo Contest Winner

Brittany Hills Garden Plot

By Sharon Monagle

**New Garden Flying Field**

Nationally one small airport closes every week. Because of a forward thinking and economically focused Board of Supervisors, you will never see the New Garden Airport on that list. On January 5, 2007 New Garden Township breathed new life into our airport by acquiring the New Garden Flying Field from the DuPont family. The DuPont's lovingly created and cared for the airport since 1967. The Township purchased the airport with grants of approximately \$2.2 million from PennDoT's Bureau of Aviation. As part of the purchase, the Township invested approximately \$900,000. The \$3.1 million in total bought the Township the airport, 40 acres of commercial land that it can resell, and another 70+ acres of land that can be leased for long term tenants. All 3 of these assets will allow New Garden to quickly recoup its investment.

The Board is already putting into place ambitious plans to upgrade the airport and build a state of the art business technology center on the land that surrounds the airport. By selling the very first (of approximately 7) building sites, the Township will recoup its initial investment and start to add back to Township coffers, not to mention the increase in ratable commercial properties that will add to real estate, earned income, and school revenue for the Township and schools. This is critical as revenues that fund public services have been reduced by a slow down in new housing which has traditionally funded a significant portion of New Garden's budget.

The users of the airport will continue to fund the costs of running the airport so that residents who are not users of the airport will not be burdened when they derive no benefit. However for users of the airport, Supervisor Bob Norris (who leads the Township's efforts on the airport and business park) has already formed a committee to look at improvements needed at the airport to keep current pilots at New Garden and attract new users in.

Airport improvements to date include fixing the old bumpy access road, cleaning up the general appearance, and undertaking engineering and design plans for extending the taxiway to the entire length of the airport which will improve safety and ease of use. At the August meeting of the Board of Supervisors the Township accepted an additional grant of \$170,625 from the Bureau of Aviation for the planning and design of the new parallel taxiway. This grant is a prelude to an additional \$2 million grant earmarked for the Township to use for the actual construction. The Township Board of Supervisors acknowledges the support of State Senator Dominic Pileggi, Representative Chris Ross, Deputy Secretary of Transportation Sharon Daboin, Scott Wagner, Rob Betz and others from PennDoT for supporting and approving these grants. On the technology business park side, site surveying and topography work is already underway so the Township can determine the placement of individual building lots. A few potential tenants have already expressed interest in placing a business at the airport business park. The Board believes a number of the tenants of the office park will be enticed by being able to take advantage of the airport's proximity to their business.



Parks & Recreation Events



We had a great summer with lots of activities in the park. We hope to continue all the fun with our Fall and Winter events at New Garden Park.

Oct 13TH **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 20th **YARD SALE** 9am – 1pm in front of the NG Twp Public Works, call or email Barb for renting a spot.

Oct 27TH **HALLOWEEN PARADE** at the Park 1pm – 4 pm Prizes, Treats, Entertainment and Refreshments provided.

November, December & January Events

Nov 11TH (Sunday) **S'MORES at the Park** 2pm-4pm at the back pavilion. Come join us for some toasted marshmallow, chocolate, and graham cracker fun.

Nov 30TH **HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING** at the New Garden Park front Pavilion area, 6:30 – 8:30pm come help us start the season with holiday treats and a special guest appearance.

Dec 9TH **HOLIDAY FUN DAY** a day of carriage rides and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Clause at New Garden Park. 10am – 12pm Carriage rides,
11am - 3pm Mr. and Mrs. Clause (pictures available for purchase),
2pm - 4pm carriage rides.

Jan 19th **SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE** at New Garden Administration Building, 299 Starr Rd, 1PM – 4PM. Stop in and learn about camps at NG Park as well as the surrounding area.

March 2008 Events

Mar 15th 2008 **EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK** hosted by **New Beginnings Church, Toughkenamon**, 12pm – 2pm. Lots of nut free candy and prizes, free hot dogs and chips. Come out and join us for a Fun filled afternoon!!! Rain date 3/22/08.

Below: Pictures from 2007 Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by New Beginnings Church



Avondale Fire Company
Basket bingo
Date: Sunday, Nov. 11
Time: doors open at 12:30pm, Games begin at 2pm
Cost: \$20 ticket
Place: Avondale Fire Co., 23 Firehouse Way, Avondale, PA
contact: (610)268-5190 or afcfundraising@verizon.com

For more information on any events at New Garden Park or to be added to NG Park email event reminder list contact Barb Underwood at bunderwood@newgarden.org 610-972-7194 check our website www.newgarden.org for up to date event schedules.

TOWNSHIP ADOPTS FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE By Don Suckstorf

The Township Board of Supervisors recently adopted Ordinance Number 171 to address the growing number of false alarms that emergency services respond to within the Township. Every year the Police and Fire Departments respond to over 250 alarms throughout the Township. Approximately ninety eight percent of these alarms are false or accidental alarms. False alarms are not only costly but they also endanger the lives of the emergency personnel responding to such alarms and could possibly delay responses to real emergencies.

A false alarm is an alarm from an alarm system requiring response from emergency personnel when a situation requiring such response does not in fact exist. Such alarms whether from misuse or malfunction are a public nuisance.

The intent of the false alarm ordinance is to encourage property owners to prevent the transmission of false alarms through a program of training, periodic inspection and maintenance and proper installation of alarm systems, however there are penalties that may be accessed against property owners who do not maintain, install or periodically test their alarm systems.

A maximum of two (2) false alarms will be permitted from any one location or facility in any thirty (30) day period; or three (3) false alarms in any calendar year. False alarms in excess of these standards shall be considered in violation of the ordinance. Fines of \$100.00 up to \$1,000.00 may be imposed against property owners who violate the ordinance.

If you own a property, business or residence having an alarm system, please have the system periodically inspected and tested to prevent possible false alarms. Your emergency service providers will greatly appreciate it.

Lights, Camera, Let's Check the Flow

By

New Garden Township Sewer Authority

During the past few months, the department has been busy looking for leaks in the sewer mains. We have been using a TV camera that is able to travel inside the sewer main and show us if water is entering the pipe. By preventing this water from entering the mains, we are able to better treat the sewer and not be using EDU's that we cannot account for when we are completing our reports. So if you happen to see a crew working in front of your home or business, feel free to contact the sewer department by phone @ 610-925-0718 or call the Township office @ 610-268-2915 and you will be informed of what area the crews are working in and how long they are expected to be there. And always thank you for your time and cooperation while we continue to this work.

Kitchen Grease

By Scott Gantt

Grease from residential and commercial kitchens generate literally tons of grease every year. If this grease is not properly managed it can cause major problems in the sewer collection system which is a huge cost to the township. Grease in the sewer system causes clogs which can lead to sewer overflows which are a major health and environmental problem. Grease and food particles also put a strain on the sewer treatment facility which leads to increased treatment cost. It is in everyone's best interest to keep grease and food wastes out of the sewer system. It's good for the environment, it's good for our pocketbooks and its good for our community.

Please contact the Township for more information on how you can help.

Stormwater News:

When land is altered to build homes and other developments, the natural system of trees and plants over relatively spongy soil is replaced with harder surfaces like sidewalks, streets, decks, roofs, driveways, and even lawns over compacted soils. As a result, less rainwater is soaked up and more rain water/ storm water flows off the land at a faster rate.

This can lead to streambank erosion within the local streams and possible downstream flooding.

In addition, there are increased concentrations of pollutants in storm water/drain water (called nonpoint source pollution). These pollutants include sediment, phosphorus and nitrogen from fertilizers, salts, and oil/ grease from roads and parking surfaces, and bacteria from pet waste. These pollutants, which are a direct result of a variety of common outdoor human and animal activities in the neighborhood, degrade water quality and limit the habitat for wildlife in the stream. Every storm water detention basin located in the communities of New Garden Township plays an important role in improving and protecting water quality. To report an environmental emergency call Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Hotline: 484-250-5900, New Garden Police 610-268-2907, Township Office 610-268-2915

Stormwater Basin Vegetation Management

Vegetative cover filters sediment from runoff as it flows into the BMP (Best Management Practice) and prevents erosion of the banks and in the bottom of the facility. Grass is generally used in and around detention basins and around retention basins and infiltration trenches. There should be at least a 10' to 25' buffer strip around ponds and streams which is mowed no more than four times a year. Embankments (inside and out) should be mowed twice a year to prevent woody growth that may destabilize the embankment.

Mowing requirements can be tailored to the specific needs of a site and the neighboring residents or office building tenants. The grass in a BMP may be hardiest if maintained as an upland meadow, cutting no shorter than 6 to 8 inches. If a more manicured lawn setting is desired, more mowing and special attention to turf health will be needed. Some communities consider the tall wetlands-type vegetation (typically, cattails or rushes) that may spring up in dry ponds as unaesthetic. Some of this vegetation is actually beneficial as it provides water quality benefits and wildlife habitat.

Call the Township for more information 610-268-2915 or go to: www.newgarden.org/stormwater.htm

Tips for using your septic system

Even a properly designed and installed septic system cannot treat wastewater if the tank is not used and maintained properly. Here are a few tips for installing and using your septic system:

- For future maintenance and to avoid deep root planting and other damaging activities in the drain-field area, make an accurate diagram showing the location of your tank, drainfield and replacement area.
- Keep a record of pumping, inspection, and other maintenance. Include name, address and phone numbers for installers and pumpers.
- To simplify tank access for inspection and maintenance, install a watertight concrete riser over the septic tank.
- The area over the drainfield should be left undisturbed, with only a mowed grass cover. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs may clog and damage your drain lines.
- Keep automobiles and heavy equipment off the drainfield.
- Do not plan any building additions, pools, driveways, or other construction work near the septic tank, drain field or the replacement drainfield area. Please Note: Residents are required pump out their septic tank every 3 years and submit proof to the Township Receipts from pumping company are adequate..

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Recycling

For recycling to work everyone has to participate in each phase of the loop. from government and Industry, to organizations, small businesses, and people at home. Every New Garden resident can make recycling a part of their daily routine.



- In 1999, recycling and composting activities prevented about 64 million tons of material from ending up in landfills and incinerators. Today, this country recycles 32 percent of its waste, a rate that has almost doubled during the past 15 years.
- While recycling has grown in general, recycling of specific materials has grown even more drastically: 50 percent of all paper, 34 percent of all plastic soft drink bottles, 45 percent of all aluminum beer and soft drink cans, 63 percent of all steel packaging, and 67 percent of all major appliances are now recycled.
- Twenty years ago, only one curbside recycling program existed in the United States, which collected several materials at the curb. By 2005, almost 9,000 curbside programs had sprouted up across the nation. As of 2005, about 500 materials recovery facilities had been established to process the collected materials

Residents and Businesses are required to recycle the following materials:

Metal and Glass

Aluminum beverage cans
Metal food cans
Glass food containers
Metal food containers

Paper

Newspapers
Magazines
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Catalogs
All Card Board

Leaf waste

Leaves, garden residue,
shrubbery, tree trimmings
and similar materials.

Plastic

Plastic Soda Bottles
(PETE#1)
Milk jugs (HDPE #2)

Reduce



then Recycle



The burning of recyclable materials is prohibited
by Township Ordinance