

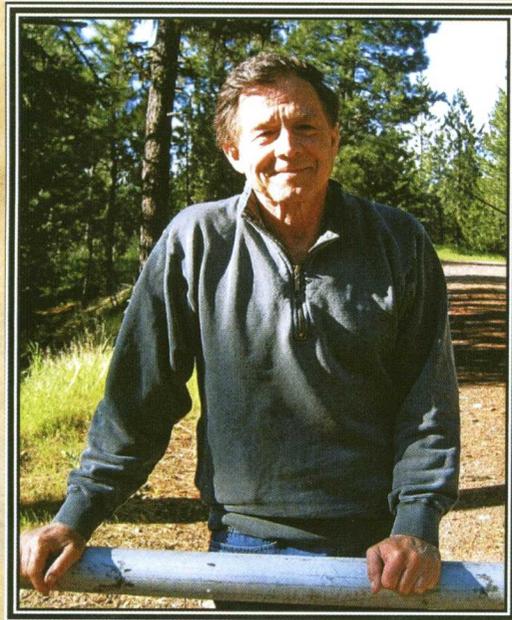


A Newsletter for the Residents of New Garden Township

When you do something for yourself it dies with you, If you do something for your community it lives on...

In Memoriam

Long time Solicitor George A. Brutscher died suddenly on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at the age of 62. George, beyond being a source of valuable advice and direction was virtually an institution in New Garden. George succeeded his father as solicitor and combined they were our solicitors for about fifty years.



George A. Brutscher
December 4, 1945—October 11, 2008

The term Solicitor and George Brutscher in New Garden were synonymous. The Board of Supervisors and staff will miss George and his sage and direct advice. Mostly we will miss his humor, personality, advice and most of all his style.

SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE A SIGN *by Don Suckstorf*

Take a look around and all you see are signs. Signs on utility poles, signs on traffic signs, signs on trees and signs along our roadways advertising yard sales, free kittens, Cheap tree service, cash for junk cars, development signs, singles.com signs, advertisement signs, contractor signs, realtor directional signs and the list goes on.

Did you know that the sign you are placing on the utility pole, traffic sign, and tree or along the roadway is ILLEGAL and that you could be fined? Sign placement is regulated by the Township's zoning ordinance. The purpose of the regulations are to encourage signs which are compatible with their surroundings, appropriate to the type of activity to which they pertain and to express and identify individual proprietors within the township and to prohibit advertising distractions or obstructions which may contribute to traffic accidents or hazards. Worst of all the perpetrators rarely if ever return to remove their signs which become dilapidated and become an eyesore. Before a sign is placed or erected in the township a permit must be obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer with the exception of "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs that are on the property for sale or to be rented, official traffic signs, political campaign signs, legal notices, street signs and signs prohibiting or controlling fishing, hunting, trespassing, etc. or signs indicating private roads, driveways, property or premises and contractors signs when placed on the property where the work is being performed. Basically a sign placed within the Township must be related to a permitted use on the premises on which the sign is located.

The Codes Department spends countless hours, contacting those persons responsible for placing and erecting the illegal signs and or removing the signs. So, before placing that sign on a utility pole ask yourself, is this legal, who will take the sign down or will the sign cause a distraction? How would you feel if someone placed a sign on your property? Help keep your community safe and attractive.

What in the World is Act 537?

The Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537) requires all municipalities to develop and maintain an up-to-date official sewage facilities plan to protect public health from diseases, provide for long-term sewage treatment within its borders, and protect the quality of the state's lakes, streams, and groundwater.

As part of an official plan update, the municipalities are required to develop a sewage management program. Such a program would enable a municipality to oversee the operation and maintenance of on-lot sewage systems and reduce the occurrence of sewage disposal system malfunctions caused by homeowner neglect. Malfunctioning on-lot sewage disposal systems can endanger public health by contaminating drinking water supplies, degrading the environment when discharging to the ground surface, and reducing property and community value.

New Garden Township ordinance requires residents to have their septic tanks pumped out every 3 years

(This article is from the Chester County Health Department Septage Management brochure)

For more information concerning septage management call Scott Gantt at the Township 610-268-2915

Or go here: www.newgarden.org/Septic.htm for free homeowners guide to septic tank maintenance

New Garden Art Association
Art Show and Sale

Opening Reception with
Refreshments
November 17, 2008 6:30 pm
to 8:30 pm

Exhibit Hours are Monday
through Friday 10:00 am to
3:00 pm

Proceeds to benefit New
Garden Parks and Recreation
For more info email
jdascher@newgarden.org

See the Art Ladies at Work
Wednesdays 11:00 am to 3:00





Parks & Recreation Events

By Barbara Underwood, Parks & Recreation Director



www.newgarden.org



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

New Garden Parks & Recreation has an event email list (only used for Parks & Rec.) To get on our list please email bunderwood@newgarden.org we try to plan events early, but sometimes we throw an extra one in there and the only people that get notified are the people on our email list!!!! So sign up quick, before you miss out on all the fun at New Garden Park.

Winter Events

Dec 5TH **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.

TBA Winter Wonderland Day at the Park a day of winter fun in the park, Sledding, Snowman building and Hot Chocolate to warm everyone up. **MUST BE ON EMAIL list to know when...** due to my lack of snow predicting abilities, I can not plan ahead!!!

Spring Events

April 4th **Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt** 12pm – 2pm sponsored by New Beginnings Church, Toughkenamon, PA. Fun for all ages!! Rain date: 4/11/09

April 18th **Spring Yard Sale** 9am- 1pm, in front of Maintenance Building in front of park.

May 1st – 2nd **Relay for Life** 3pm Friday till 3pm Saturday. American Cancer Society fundraiser hosted by New Garden Park.

MAY 17TH 2ND ANNUAL NEW GARDEN DAY!!!!!!!!!! 12PM – 4PM

Fun, Food, Music and More!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Come to the park and celebrate with us!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Exercise at New Garden Park

ETC F.I.T. (Female interval training) runs all year, 9am at the park, visit www.etcamps.com or call 610-380-1800 for more info.



For more information on any of the events at New Garden Park or to be added to NG Park email event reminder list. Contact Barb Underwood at bunderwood@newgarden.org or 610-972-7194

Check our website www.newgarden.org for up to date event schedules.



2009 Spring Cleanup

will be Wednesday, April 22 through Sunday, April 26

Hours will be 7:00 am to 7:00 pm except for Sunday April 26 which will be 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

You can bring anything except Household Hazardous Waste

There is a nominal fee for freon recovery and for tires.

Why is the intersection called Kaolin?

by Dr. Peg Jones

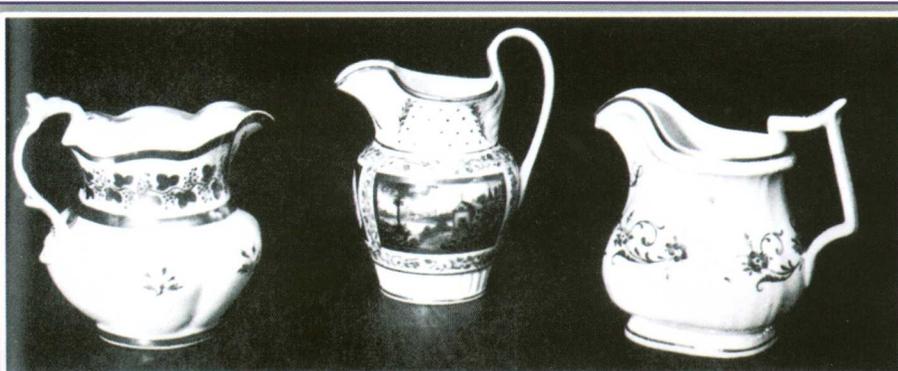
In 1899, a traveler wrote of driving down the old Lancaster Turnpike (Sheehan Road) past the New Garden Inn at the intersection of Sharp Road, and seeing at intervals along the road, hillocks of a whitish yellow substance. A near view showed that these were piles of clay excavated from the kaolin pits which abounded in the region. Kaolin, a clay formed by the decomposition of feldspar, was used primarily for making porcelain. As early as 1802, kaolin was known to lie under the soil in New Garden Township, a few hundred yards from the Delaware line. One of the richest deposits was a vein three or four hundred yards in length and about 14 feet underground on the McIntire farm, the present day Somerset Lake community.

Hamilton Graham opened the first kaolin pits in the United States, here in New Garden Township about 1850. The industry did not "take off," however, until 1863 when the coming of the railroad allowed the product to be shipped by rail to Philadelphia and Baltimore. In addition to shipping tons of raw clay, primarily used for making fine china, the mining companies diversified to produce fire bricks. In 1874, a train car a day loaded with white fire bricks was being shipped to Chester iron foundries from the Southwood Station. Producing fire bricks was a very lucrative business; the bricks sold for from \$45 to \$75 per 1000 and constructing an iron furnace might require as many as 50,000 bricks.

Kaolin mining was labor intensive; in 1879, New Garden's several kaolin companies employed as many as 175 workmen working around the clock with a payroll of about \$5000 a week. Kaolin was dug in open pit mines, some going as deep as 60 feet where there was always a risk of springs, of water, penetrating the pits. Consequently, one of the big investments was in steam driven pumps to keep the pits dry. When the clay was brought out of the pits, it was passed into a steam driven "mill" which forced the clay through a water channel washing out the sand. The wet clay/mud was either piled or placed in vats to dry, a process which required at least 3-4 months. At this point the clay was broken into large chunks ready to ship, either by wagon in the early days, or later in open rail cars.



New Garden's kaolin industry hit its zenith in the mid-1880's. Fortunes had been made, mansions had been built and the kaolin pits had provided employment for a generation. By 1900, however, richer veins of kaolin had been discovered in Georgia and the local mines could not meet the competition. The price of kaolin in 1864 had been \$64.00 a ton; by 1900, it was only \$6.00 a ton. Companies went out of business, workers drifted away, company housing deteriorated, the post office closed, water filled the pits.



Tucker China pitchers of common form and typical decoration.

By 1940, when Route 41 was relocated, most vestiges of the village of Kaolin had disappeared. What does remain are the pits, now called lakes on St. Anthony's property, and the intersection which bears the name Kaolin.

Pieces of the famous and highly collectible Tucker china manufactured between 1825-1838 using clay from the New Garden pits of Israel Hoopes can be seen at the Chester County Historical Society's museum.

Storm Drain Marking in New Garden

What is Storm Drain Marking?

Volunteers place a permanent marker next to storm drains throughout the community that alerts the public that only rainwater should enter into the storm drains. The markers usually say something like "NO DUMPING- DRAINS TO STREAM".



Why Mark Storm Drains?

Clean water is our nations most precious resource Throughout the White Clay and Red Clay Watershed, rainwater washes motor oil, antifreeze, paint, cigarette butts, yard waste, herbicides, pesticides, and plastic litter from our neighborhood streets into the storm drains. These pollutants drain directly into our streams **NOT** the wastewater treatment plant. The marking of the storm drains alerts the public to keep the storm drains free of pollution. Drain marking also may help prevent illicit dumping of paint, antifreeze and used motor oil into storm drains which is a common (but illegal) practice in many urban areas.

Who Benefits from Storm Drain Marking?

All people in New Garden Township as well as all wildlife benefit from the clean pollutant free rainwater that replenishes our groundwater, streams and creeks

New Garden Public Works experiences a reduction in maintenance costs used to remove litter and debris from storm drains and it helps communities meet environmental mandates of the Clean Water Act. Local economies benefit by attracting and retaining businesses whose employees value a clean environment in which to live and do business.

Who Can Mark Storm Drains?

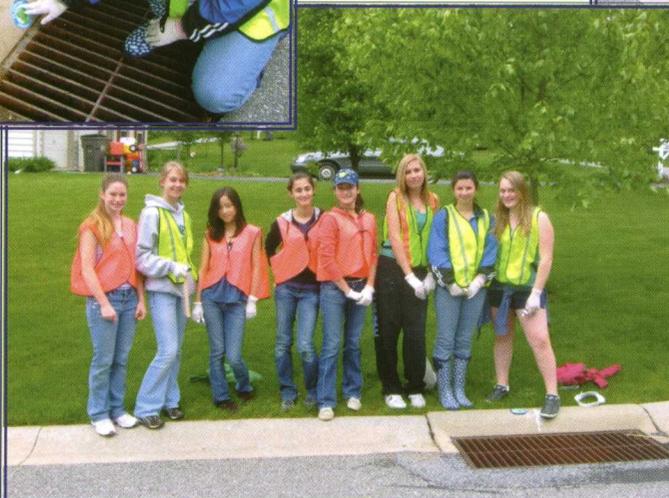
School groups, 4-H clubs, girl and boy scout troops, faith groups, civic clubs such as the Women's League, Rotary and Kiwanis, Crime Watch groups, and environmental clubs can all participate in the ongoing improvement and protection of one of our most precious elements of life...water.

A storm drain marking project can be a rewarding experience for everyone! So become involved today.

Call Scott Gantt at the township for more information 610-268-2915



Pictured here are the members of Girl Scout Troops 705 & 710 marking storm drains this past spring. Special thanks to Claire Ferrighetto and the Girl Scouts for all of their hard work!



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TEMP-RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Thanks to all residents and businesses in New Garden who are recycling!

Recycling for Businesses and Commercial Facilities

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
- All plastic, metal and glass food and beverage containers
- Leaf Waste



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. Report forms will be provided by the township.

Why Should You Have a Recycle Program?

The most obvious reason for implementing a recycling program in your workplace is that it is the law. It is required as a provision of Act 101 and by New Garden Township. Because commercial, institutional and municipal establishments contribute about 50% of the municipal waste stream, they must be a part of our waste management program. There are, however, very sound reasons for recycling at work. Waste reduction and recycling are environmentally responsible and usually cost effective methods for reducing the waste generated in your workplace. They are environmentally responsible because they divert materials from disposal. Recycled materials are remanufactured into new products, thus saving natural resources. Most processes for manufacturing new products from recyclables require less energy, which means reduced emissions to the air and water. Waste reduction and recycling may also result in what is referred to as "avoided cost," which means a savings in costs for waste disposal. And depending on market performance, some revenue may be generated for the materials you recycle.