MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Dear Lyceum Newsletter Readers,

As your new Township Manager, I want to tell everyone how excited I am about the opportunity to work in such a wonderful area. I know that I have big shoes to fill, but I am confident that with help from the Supervisors and staff, we can continue the work that Tony had produced for New Garden. I am looking forward to working with such a highly regarded and supportive group of people.

Although I grew up in South Florida, I have been a Chester County resident since 2005. I was lucky to find my passion in government in Edgmont Township upon my arrival in Pennsylvania. Realizing the ability to work with communities on an intimate level spoke to me and I was immediately hooked. Since then, I have been fortunate to work in West Bradford Township, for the City of Reading and most recently in South Coatesville Borough.

When I am not working you can find me, my two sons and my boyfriend Keith out on hiking adventures with our dog Deebo or at home cooking. My next order of business is to explore the New Garden trails.

Please stop by and visit (once things are back to normal). My job is to serve New Garden Township and I am excited for the opportunity!

Read more about Ramsey in this Chester County Press article [HERE](#) - Ramsey Reiner

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The Emergency Assistance Program offers the following services for those currently living in our service area (Avon Grove, Unionville and Kennett Consolidated School Districts):

- financial assistance for rent, utility bills, and other basic living expenses, please call 610-925-3556 ext. 114.
- housing assistance to those who are experiencing homelessness or about to be homeless, please call 610-925-3556 ext. 111.
- microloan program, please call 610-925-3556 ext. 119.
- connecting those in need with a partner agency that will best assist them, please call 610-925-3556 ext. 120.
- All other inquiries about emergency assistance please call 610-925-3556 ext. 120.

For help with Emergency Assistance you must first contact us by phone or email. We are NOT accepting walk-ins at the Resource Center.

Our Food Cupboard is located at 136 West Cedar Street in Kennett Square. We serve folks living in the Avon Grove, Unionville and Kennett Consolidated School Districts. A 5-7 day supply of food is provided once a month. Our current hours are 11am to 6pm on Fridays only.
Right now individual actions like social distancing play an important role in decreasing the spread of COVID-19. Breaking from your normal daily routine may feel uncomfortable at first. Several free resources are here to make your unexpected time at home feel a little more comfortable.

### Learning & Working from Home:

- Establish a block schedule to keep the family occupied and on track with school and work. Print a custom template from our website!
- **Scholastic** released free day-by-day lessons to keep children reading, thinking, and growing.
- **Social and emotional learning activities** can keep your household calm during this uncertain time.
- E-books and audiobooks are available for download through [Chester County Library System](https://www.chestercou.lib.pa.us) or the free Kindle app.
- Visit a museum through virtual tour.
- Centralize your home’s WiFi router for optimal service.

### Entertainment & Fitness:

- Schedule frequent activity breaks like walking the dog, tag, a family bike ride, or creating an obstacle course.
- Streaming services like **Beachbody, Obe, Openfit** are offering easy to stream 14-day free trials.
- Have a gym membership? Check to see if your membership includes online fitness during COVID-19.
- YouTube has free movies listed under "Movies and Shows".
- Use **GoNoodle** to host a family dance party!
- STEM activities like this **30-Day Lego Challenge** keep repetitive games interesting while children are home.

### SHIFTING THE CONVERSATION AROUND LONELINESS:

- Keep a schedule! Print a template from our website.
- Connect with others by scheduling regular calls/FaceTime with friends and family.
- Have children write letters and draw pictures for family and friends.
- Take breaks from the news. De-stress by listening to a podcast, music or audiobook.
- Try something new. Learn a language, sign up for an online class, create a family tree, journal, meditate.

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### INFORMATION & UPDATES:

- [Chesco.org/Health](https://www.chesco.org/health)

### SOCIAL MEDIA:

- [@ChesterCountyHealthDepartment](https://twitter.com/ChesterCountyHealthDepartment)
- [@ChescoHealth](https://twitter.com/ChescoHealth)
It was July 23, 1777, and the British ships in New York harbor were under sail, their destination, Philadelphia. It would be a blow to the Rebel cause if the Continental Congress, then meeting in Philadelphia, were to be captured. The plan was to take an armada of ships carrying about 18,000 men up the Delaware River to make a quick strike and occupy Philadelphia. However, it would be a month before the Crown Forces would ever set foot on land. Washington had fortified both sides of the Delaware, making that approach to Philadelphia much too dangerous.

The alternate plan was to sail into the Chesapeake; unfortunately the weather was not auspicious for sailing ships. Because they were at the mercy of the wind and waves, the ships were often either battered by wind during severe thunderstorms or becalmed when the wind ceased to blow. With the heat and crowded conditions (one ship carried 1000 men) conditions on shipboard were miserable. Soldiers were seasick, horses died in the heat without sufficient water, food spoiled and accidents happened.

Finally a month later, on August 25, the ships moored as unobtrusively as possible, eight miles from the Head of the Elk (River). Under the cover of darkness, men and horses were loaded on flatboats, landing near the Cecil Court House. Nearly 300 horses had either died or were too sick for use, twenty-seven men had died, and the incessant rain had spoiled much of their food and ammunition. Two weeks would elapse before General William Howe and the British Crown Forces would march into Pennsylvania. Horses and supplies needed to be replenished, and the soldiers needed to recover from their shipboard confinement.

General Howe really had two armies, about 18,000 men altogether. One army was under the command of General Charles Cornwallis and Hessian General Wilhelm von Knyphausen led the other. The march from the Head of the Elk to Philadelphia was hampered by the very hot weather and frequent thunderstorms. In the mud, progress was slow. Through purchase or requisition, food supplies and horses were replenished. There is a story of one local farmer driving his animals into the path of the army, saying, “Take my cattle, but leave my buildings.” This must have happened many times over if armies of this size were to be provisioned. Looting and foraging were part of “living off the land.”
Howe, who had believed he would be “liberating” the countryside through which they marched, was
disappointed to find an indifferent populace. There were, however, some small pockets of resistance. The first
engagement, the first combat, with Continental troops came on September 3 at Cooch’s Bridge south of Newark,
Delaware. General William Maxwell and a brigade of 800 light infantrymen attacked the British, but running low
on ammunition, fled the battlefield in disorder. The British marched on, following the route of modern day
Delaware Route 7.¹ Eventually they made camp spreading from the Limestone Road to Hockessin.² Two weeks
had elapsed since Howe had landed at The Head of the Elk.

On the morning of September 9, it dawned hot and muggy with the promise of afternoon thunderstorms. The order came for the armies
to strike their tents, pack their wagons and prepare to move out. This was the day they
would march across New Garden Township, leaving devastation in their path. The two armies
departed separately, taking different routes. Knyphausen marched to Kennett via modern day Avondale. Leaving at about 1:00 p.m., his army
of about 5500 Hessian soldiers with the bulk of the British baggage (wagons of ammunition,
food and tents, as well as 12 cannons) headed for the Nottingham Road.³ General Howe
wanted Knyphausen’s Hessian army to act as a screen for Cornwallis’ left flank as that army
marched by way of Hockessin, toward Kennett.

Knyphausen’s column traveled up the Limestone Road to the Gap-Newport Pike, which in those
days followed Sheehan Road and New Garden Roads, past the Friends Meeting House and west
to modern day Avondale.⁴ Here they turned east toward Kennett Square.⁵ The last of
Knyphausen’s soldiers did not leave the encampment along the Limestone Road until
6:00 p.m. meaning that the column of soldiers
was five hours long. From early afternoon until midnight, those living along Knyphausen’s route
would have seen a steady stream of soldiers passing by.

¹ Delaware Route 7 has been called the Limestone Road.
² Mowday, Bruce. September 11, 1777: Washington’s Defeat at Brandywine Dooms Philadelphia, White Mane Books,
2002
³ The Great Nottingham Road is known today as the Baltimore Pike or Rt.1.
⁴ Picture a column of ten men across, marching across the fields of the Jones and Marsden farms.
⁵ Andrew Outten, director of the Brandywine Battlefield Park, in correspondence about the American Battlefield Protection Program.
his march, to wait at the New Garden Meeting House. Howe did not want half of his forces encamped somewhere without the protection of the entire army.

However, Knyphausen had already passed the Meeting House; he couldn’t turn his army around, it wasn’t possible to turn back. About midnight, Knyphausen reached his destination east of Toughkenamon; here he halted his column and made camp. Meanwhile the British Dragoons who had been sent to locate Knyphausen encountered Colonial Militia near the Meeting House and a skirmish ensued, all in total darkness. As the Dragoons, rode back to report to Howe, they stumbled on two British Brigades (3000 men) who in the dark and under a steady downpour had gotten lost. Instead of following on to Avondale, the Brigades took a short cut, turning north on Newark Road and finally toward morning, arrived at the Hessian encampment. It was noon before Howe and Cornwallis with 9000 men arrived at the heights east of Kennettt.

The next morning, September 11, following a rendezvous near Old Kennett Meeting House, General Cornwallis marched his men toward Marshallton, a distance of about 17 miles; here they crossed the Brandywine to outflank Washington’s position. Simultaneously, a diversionary march of 6000 British and Hessian soldiers as well as Loyalists led by General Knyphausen moved up the Great Nottingham Road toward Chadds Ford. The Battle of the Brandywine was about to be enjoined.

In the battle at Chadds Ford, the British defeated Washington’s forces, marched on to Philadelphia and spent the winter. However, they were unable to capture the Continental Congress which had fled first to Lancaster and then to York. Meanwhile, Washington’s soldiers retreated to Valley Forge where, although it was a winter of privation, they were forged into a proper army.

Although the time British forces spent marching across New Garden Township was fewer than 18 hours, the devastation they left in their path took many years to recover. It was harvest time, crops were being gathered, and fruit hung on the trees; suddenly an army descended on the Township. The soldiers plundered the countryside. They foraged for food, taking animals, crops, clothing, bedding, pots and tools. Although most Quakers, due to their religious belief of nonparticipation in war, did not claim war damages, their losses were recorded by the “Meeting for Sufferings.” Others submitted claims that were recorded in the Chester County Courthouse. From these records we can identify some of those who suffered.

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6 Quakers might have stood outside the Meeting House, discussing the events of September 9, but within the Meeting House, no one would have spoken of the war. A search of Minutes for that September revealed no mention of the skirmish, only a statement saying that members, who were in Philadelphia attending Yearly Meeting, were unable to return and be present for First Day Meeting.
Isaac Allen owned the tavern along Sheehan Road, right in the path of the soldiers. He reported a loss of 170 pounds, which probably accounted for the contents of his tavern. Isaac Miller’s loss was 363 pounds. His stone house, on the east side of Newark Road, was along the nighttime march of the two British Brigades. James Miller lived along the Gap-Newport Pike (New Garden Road West) where he, too, was vulnerable to looting. He reported a loss of 85 pounds. The Hessian army camped on Andrew McIntire’s farm and his reported loss was 41 pounds. Thomas Lamborn, whose farm is the present New Garden Park, suffered severely from depredations. Only because his brother, William, came to his rescue, did he avoid losing his farm to bankruptcy.

Unfortunately, collecting estimates of damages from the British soldiers was an effort in futility. No reparations were ever paid. New Garden residents took many years to recover and unfortunately, many never recovered the assets of former days. As in many communities through which armies marched during the Revolutionary War, the civilians, the noncombatants, were the ones who suffered.

Be part of the plan for the future of St. Anthony's in the Hills Property!

St. Anthony's in the Hills Park Master Plan Survey

Take the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JRF76TF

In 2018, New Garden Township acquired a 137-acre property on Limestone Road, the site of the former St. Anthony’s in the Hills parish day camp. New Garden Township obtained this unique property with the intent of preserving open space and developing a new municipal park. The miniature golf course, swimming pool, large amphitheater, numerous picnic pavilions, and other amenities that are located throughout the property are in disrepair and require significant investment to rehabilitate for public use. The New Garden Township website, https://www.newgarden.org/about-new-garden/pages/st-anthonys-hills has a drone flyover video of the St. Anthony’s site and additional site-related resources. The website will be updated throughout the park planning process.

The Township has hired a team of consultants to evaluate the St. Anthony’s in the Hills property, provide recommendations regarding the feasibility of rehabilitation of key features, and develop a master plan for the property as a public park. Your input is critical to this planning process and the Opinion Survey below will provide information about resident preferences for rehabilitation and activities you and your family would like to enjoy at St. Anthony’s in the Hills in the future. The survey will take approximately 12 minutes to complete. Please answer each question. We value your feedback and appreciate your participation in this important survey!

- New Garden Township Board of Supervisors
Having once served in my career as a commander of an Honor Guard Unit, I had deeply considered the formation of our own unit. But, for one reason or another the effort never gained the necessary energy. However, that changed in early 2019, following the death of a former police officer. The effort to pay our respects to this employee felt lacking and inadequate for someone whom worked in public service. Our culture has always been to problem-solve; to find solutions to any challenge. And, while this wasn’t necessarily a problem, I knew we could do better! After soliciting interest from members of the department, we soon identified six officers whom possessed a strong desire and willingness to be our symbol.

The origins of Honor Guard Units can be found in every branch of our Nation’s military. Since law enforcement agencies are para-military in nature, it is only natural that we soon adopted this practice as our own. The members are generally accepted as being elite (the best of the best) from their respective organization, men and women recognized for their dedication, willingness to sacrifice and exemplary character. Their solitary duty is to guard the honor of their organization during ceremonial events, such as funerals, visitations, and other proceedings deemed appropriate by their Chief of Police or Military Commander.

The first real challenge to forming this unit was not actually a problem for the members of the unit --- it was a problem for the department. Where to find funding to clothe and equip this elite unit? The Southern Chester County Regional Police Department is fortunate to have many friends and supporters and it didn’t take long for us to have a benefactor. A generous donation, in memory of Mr. Joseph D’Amico, was gifted by the D’Amico family to honor their father’s legacy and love for New Garden Township. Personally, I could not think of a better origin story of our honor guard than to be funded for the purpose of honoring a father’s legacy of loving.

Now that funding was in place, the process for bringing the unit to life tackled the real challenges---organizing and training. Organizing started with role identification and assigning each member with a responsibility. For instance, Police Officer Ray Sullivan was named as the “Commander of the Guard”. P.O. Sullivan’s service to our country in the United States Marine Corps made him a natural fit. Police Officer Ray Sullivan began the process of creating a uniform that was unique and equal to their honorable position within the department. Now organized and their uniform appearance selected, the
unit focused its attention on the only remaining task—training. There is more to being an honor guard than wearing a different uniform. The unit needed to train together, so that each of their movements reflected the solemn honor of the ceremonial occasion.

As I mentioned earlier, the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department has many friends and this solution came from outside the State of Pennsylvania --- in the form of training and material support from the Delaware State Police. Captain Jason Sapp, the Commander of the Delaware State Police HGU was extremely gracious and instrumental, helping us create a unit we can be proud of. The following is a summary written by Captain Sapp.

The Delaware State Police Honor Guard Unit is comprised of 48 active members statewide. These members serve as part-time Unit members as all have primary duty assignments throughout the State.

In order to be selected to join the Unit, members must demonstrate exceptional maintenance of their uniforms and equipment, strong military bearing and, most importantly, exemplary character. Membership in the Honor Guard also requires a commitment to training and a willingness to serve at a moment’s notice to represent the Division in honorable fashion. All Unit members are cross-trained to perform as members of color guards, to serve as pallbearers and as casket watch, to conduct flag folds and to conduct rifle volleys.

Each year the Unit conducts six in-service training sessions and continues its training partnership with allied agencies by opening our training sessions to Honor Guard members from a host of Delaware and Pennsylvania police departments. In addition, the Unit hosts the Biennial Sgt. Rodney H. Bond #448 Memorial Honor Guard Conference which affords ceremonial operators from across the country the opportunity to attend an intense, weeklong training course related to ceremonial functions.

Unit members typically participate in 50-75 events each year to include memorial services, conferences, promotional ceremonies, recruit class graduations and professional sporting event Colors presentations. Unit members also maintain the somber responsibility of conducting full funeral honors for all fallen Delaware Troopers past and present as well as attend law enforcement and first responder funerals across the Nation.
The Southern Chester County Regional Police Department’s Honor Guard Unit, first official event began at sunrise on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 0647 hours when they raised the first of six United States flags above the new police facility to commemorate the opening of the new police facility to signify a new era in law enforcement for the regional police department.

The members of the Honor Guard Unit are as follows:

P.O. Raymond Sullivan – Commander
P.O. Stephen Syska
P.O. Gregory Blue
P.O. Braden Walsh
P.O. David Madonna
P.O. Rich Townsend
Many of you may be aware that in Kennett Township late last year, there was some shocking news about fraud and embezzlement by Lisa Moore, township manager at the time. For those of you that had not caught up with this, I will give a brief summary. More details can be found in the Chester County Press articles online at http://www.chestercounty.com.

In April of 2019, the fraud was discovered by the Capital One Fraud Department over concerns with township money transfers. They notified the Kennett Township Supervisors that the township account money was going into a Capital One personal checking account and that was the red flag that began the eight month investigation centering around Lisa Moore. She was arrested on December 10th for allegedly embezzling a total of over $3.2 million dollars dating back to 2013, and charged with multiple crimes including forgery, felony theft, computer crimes and other related offenses. Lisa Moore used the stolen money to pay for extravagant personal expenses including exotic vacations, clothing, as well as adding to her township salary, overtime and benefits.

So the questions I wanted to ask Tony Scheivert, township manager and Lewis Gay, secretary/treasurer and finance director was could this happen in New Garden Township? I was able to discuss this with Tony and Lew in separate meetings at the end of February prior to Tony’s last day on February 28th. They did not know in advance my questions or the topic of discussion. My questions were as follows:

1. Knowing what you know of what happened in Kennett Township, have any changes been made to New Garden financial procedures or practices recently?

Tony – No significant changes have been made to our procedures or controls; Multiple bank accounts are used for dedicated purposes, i.e. sewer, open space, general fund, etc.; all accounts are with BB&T bank.

Lew – No changes have been made recently due to anything that happened in Kennett. Caselle software has been used for the overall township accounting since 2005. This software is designed specifically for government clients.

2. What are the procedures in place that would prevent this from happening in New Garden Township?
Tony – robust purchase order process is in place; details are attached to explain purchases. All purchase orders are available at monthly township meetings if any questions. No credit/debit cards are held by anyone at the township; they are borrowed for use only when needed. These are requested at time of use and must have a PO associated with any purchase. Purchase orders are signed by department heads and Lew, and reviewed by the township manager.

Lew – The township debit card is kept in the safe and signed out only as needed and must have documentation on the purpose of the purchase. There are regular data backups of the on-site server where Caselle software runs and they are kept in the fireproof safe. Offsite backups are also being considered. Require 2 signers for each check – each Supervisor is approved for signature as well as the township manager. **Signature stamps are not currently used for check signing.** Payroll checks are signed by the township manager and treasurer. Supervisors are provided with list of paid bills before they are approved for visibility and transparency. They are also discussed at the monthly BOS meetings.

3. How can residents access the township financial documents for transparency?

Tony - Copies of the bills/payables list is available at the township; the budget is online on the website. The 2020 overall township budget is approximately $13.2 million, with the largest component being the general fund of $6.4 million. See link here for budget info: [https://www.newgarden.org/administration-supervisors/pages/budget-summary](https://www.newgarden.org/administration-supervisors/pages/budget-summary). Copies of the annual financial audit are also available at the township bldg.

Lew – Somebody can fill out a right to know form to access any township financial information; ie vendors that we are working with, etc.

4. Who are the township’s auditors and when was the last time an audit was completed? Were there any issues or recommendations from that audit?

Tony - Township auditors are BBD LLP, a CPA firm based in Philadelphia. This is **not** the firm that was auditing Kennett Township. BBD has a dedicated team of government audit specialists and provide services for approximately 50 government entities in PA and mid-Atlantic region. They have been working with the township for over 10 years. Once a year audits are done; this takes weeks to complete and are very thorough. A management letter is produced with details on any issues that need to be addressed. Some of the recommendations recently have been around efficiencies – like obtaining a check scanner. Tony also shared the most recent letter from BBD in December 2019 outlining the controls in place at New Garden that mitigate the possibility that the fraud that occurred in Kennett township would not occur at New Garden. One of the key statements from that management letter that was shared with me was from Carl Hogan, CPA and principal at BBD, and addressed to Tony. “**The controls that the Township has implemented adequately mitigate the ability that one employee can override controls similar to what happened at Kennett Township**”. This is a key point and
should give residents assurance that it is highly unlikely anything similar to Kennett could happen here.

5. Any other thoughts on the township’s financial status and internal procedures in place?

Tony – Finances are healthy; $3.9MM fund balance prior to construction of the police building; $3.5MM interest only loan was taken out for construction of the police building; once the sewer sale is completed this loan will be paid back in full. General fund balance is currently $1.7MM. Will be coming up with a fund balance policy for reserves; usually this is 10-20% of the general fund budget. Regarding supervisors involvement, budget process starts in late summer culminating in typically 3 budget meetings that are open to the public. Supervisors approve any large purchases (ie over $5K), but are not typically involved in small purchases. They are kept up to date with other expenses and revenues throughout the year. All department heads do a good job with financial responsibility and purchase order process. After the sewer sale, there will be some activity around prioritized road infrastructure improvements. There will also be some maintenance performed on the 16 year old Township building over the next few years.

Lew – We try to ensure checks and balances with the small township staff. Joanne helps with payroll and sewer payment processing. All invoices typically go to the department heads and not just one person in the township.

I would say overall the Township has done a good job with financial stewardship and managing our local tax dollars, and residents should always stay involved as to how their tax money is being spent. Signing up for Township news on the web site can be done here (https://www.newgarden.org/subscribe). Another great way of staying informed is going to the monthly Board of Supervisors meetings (https://www.newgarden.org/node/40/events/month/2020-03).
2019 was an engaged year for conserving open space in New Garden Township. The OSRB discussed with several property owners to conserve an aggregate over 200 acres of land. In addition, negotiations from the previous year culminated in adding 4.5 acres to the already 221 acres conserved land. Trail easements were discussed with several land owners expanding the New Garden trail system and connecting existing trails. The map in this report shows protected land in New Garden Township as of 2019.

Members of the OSRB volunteered over 780 hours to preserve open space; Field trips to several properties, informing interested land owners about conservation easements; evaluating features and merits of various properties, attending trail prioritization workshops and preparing reports for the Township Supervisors. In addition, several OSRB members volunteered with the Friends of the New Garden Trails in maintaining the three plus miles of woodland trails.

### Reports/Activities
- 2018 Annual Report sent to Tony Scheivert, Township Manager.
- OSRB initiated and assisted Natural Lands’ with the Township Trail Prioritization Plan.
  - OSRB developed methodology listing priority properties for conservation protection and trail easements.
  - OSRB provided input for the Township’s Official Map Committee, approved and adopted this year.
  - OSRB members attended Trail Prioritization Stakeholders meeting.
- OSRB members along with Friends of the Trails participated at various public meetings answering question about land conservation and trail easements.
During 2019 the Township (OSRB) added 4 acres to preserved open space bringing the total to 331 acres. A total of 1,847 acres, or 18% of New Garden Township, are to a degree protected from development:

* 225 acres under a conservation easement. Some with trails.
* 222 acres are in preserves, some with trails.
* 244 acres contain the Township Park, Township Airfield and trails.
* Land Trust easements preserve 93 acres.
* Municipal undeveloped open space contains 15 acres.
* Three farm properties are under an agricultural easement totaling 288 acres.
* 263 acres provide land for sewer treatment.
* Though they may looked gerrymandered, 497 acres are preserved by Home Owner Associations (HOA).

Source: Chester Cnty Landscapes2 & NGTN OSRB, February 2019
For information about the Open Space Review Board, or to sign up as a volunteer visit the [Newgarden.org](http://Newgarden.org) and [Friendsofthenewgardentrails.org](http://Friendsofthenewgardentrails.org) respectively.

Note: The OSRB meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the Township building on Starr Road. The public session of the meeting are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. An executive session follows the public session where all Open Space Review Board discussions about proposed or ongoing property and easement acquisitions are kept confidential and privileged. The Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing for the proposed expenditure of open space funds for each proposed acquisition. The OSRB invites residents to attend its public session to learn about the Township’s protected lands, trails, wildlife, agriculture, history and the process to preserve land.
Update on New Garden Township Sewer System Sale to Aqua

On June 29, 2017, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) approved the application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (Aqua) to acquire the wastewater system assets of New Garden Township and New Garden Township Sewer Authority (New Garden). New Garden serves approximately 2,300 customers in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The PUC approved an addition of up to $29.5 million to Aqua’s rate base pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329, which represents the cost to acquire the New Garden assets. The PUC approval was approved to Commonwealth Court, which remanded the decision back to the PUC. Administrative Law Judge Steven K. Haas is presiding over the remand proceeding.

A settlement of the remand proceeding has been reached between Aqua and the Office of Consumer Advocate. On February 21, 2020, Aqua filed the proposed Settlement with the PUC and served a copy of the proposed Settlement on Judge Haas.

The brief summary of some of the points of the Settlement is provided for your convenience. However, we encourage you to please review the Settlement in its entirety. The Settlement, if approved, would do the following:

- Allow Aqua to acquire the New Garden sewer assets and begin to provide sewer service in areas supplied by New Garden.
- Allow Aqua to add $29.5 million to its rate base pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329. A utility’s rate base is the value of property used by the utility to provide service to its customers and in one of several components used to establish a utility’s customer rates.
- Remove the provisions regarding the compound annual growth rate and rate freeze from the Asset Purchase Agreement.
- Implement the New Garden’s existing sewer rate ordinance for the New Garden wastewater customers, which includes the increase in 2019 and provides for the New Garden approved rate increase in 2020, after which time, rates would not change until the conclusion of Aqua’s next base rate case following closing.
- Propose a rate zone for New Garden wastewater customers, in Aqua’s first base rate case following closing, that would increase rates to an amount equal to Aqua’s Zone 1 wastewater rates, unless the increase would be more than twice the system average increase for all Aqua’s wastewater divisions. In that case, the increase would be capped at twice the system average increase, unless otherwise ordered by the PUC.

You may find the settlement on Aqua’s website at the following web address:

Every Saturday
8934 Gap Newport Pike,
Landenberg, PA
9AM-NOON
Who is Helping the Watershed?

Even if you live miles away from a river or stream, you can prevent water pollution by making sure that the runoff from your home and garden stays clean. Help Old Man River lighten his load!

Pollution solutions you can do at home.

**Control Soil Erosion**

Add trees, shrubs, and ground covers to your lawn. Plants prevent soil erosion by keeping the dirt where it belongs... on your yard!

If your lawn is close to a stream, allow vegetation to grow along the waterway to slow runoff and trap sediments and pollutants.

**Lawns and Gardens**

- When using fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, read the label carefully and follow the directions.
- Avoid applying pesticides and fertilizers before storms.
- Never apply pesticides or fertilizers near wells, streams, and ponds, unless instructions allow for such use.

**Environmentally Friendly Alternatives**

- Leave your grass clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings dramatically reduce the need for chemical fertilizers.

**Around Your Home – Household Chemicals**

- If the label of a household product contains the words "toxic, flammable, caustic, corrosive, caution, danger, warning, or poison," it must be used and stored carefully.
- Many chemicals contained in household products are not completely removed by the biological treatment in septic systems or wastewater treatment plants. Buy and use only what you need.
- Never bury or dump on the ground any hazardous household wastes.

**Environmentally Friendly Alternatives**

- Baking soda on a damp cloth to scrub sinks.
- A mixture of white vinegar and water for cleaning ceramic tile floors, windows, and other glass surfaces.
- Borax flakes for washing clothes.

**Motor Vehicles**

- Repair oil, antifreeze, and transmission fluid leaks promptly.
- Avoid spills. Keep kitty litter available to help clean spills.
- Recycle motor oil.

**Pet Waste**

- Clean up after pets by picking up wastes and either: disposing in the trash, or flushing down the toilet.
Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Primary Election is postponed to Tuesday, June 2nd. Because this election is a Primary the voter can only vote for the candidate in which the Party the voter is registered. Democratic and Republican Candidates are on the ballot. Other Parties are not included in the Pennsylvania Primary ballot. Positions on the ballot are: US Presidential, Pennsylvania’s 6th Congressional District election, State Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer, State Senate District 19 and State House of Representatives District 158. For up to date information go to https://ballotpedia.org/ or https://chesco.org/2428/Sample-Ballots.

There are three Election Boards in New Garden Township serving three respective precincts each containing a polling station (where to vote). Referring to the map, Precinct 385 serves the north part of the Township where its registered voters vote in the Bancroft Elementary School. Precinct 390 serves the middle part where the Township building houses its polling station. Precinct 391 serves the southern portion of the Township. The Kennett Middle School provides the polling station for its residents.

All the Election Boards are managed by three elected officials and volunteers (“clerks”). Three elected positions are for Judge of Elections, Majority Inspector and Minority Inspector. If an Inspector isn’t present or available then the Judge selects one for that Election Day. Inspectors and clerks operate the voting machines, record the voter’s name and account for the ballots cast. The day is long for the board members, some attending the polling station for the entire day. Setup is 6AM. Voting begins at 7AM and close 8PM sharp. Then, depending on the number of voters that day, the process can take another two-three hours counting ballots, tabulating the vote and two members delivering the ballots to West Chester Voter Services. Members of the Election Board are compensated for their duties.

Average voter turnout for the recent 2019 November General Election was 40% for the 228 Precincts in Chester County. The average for New Garden was 32.8% (see table). Of the 6,864 registered voters in New Garden 2,253 participated in the 2019 November Election.

Starting with the April Primary Election new rules from “Act 77 of 2019” take effect. Among other changes, voting is more convenient and secure, and voters can now vote by mail-in ballot. Covid-19 Note: All polling places will provide maximum protection against the Covid-19 virus. For more information please read “Chester County Precincts on Primary Election Day” (https://chesco.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1091).

Consider volunteering for your Election Board. To apply contact your Election Board or talk with your precinct’s Judge of Election the next time you vote. Or, go to Chesco.org for details.
Public Works Update
By: Ken Reed, Public Works Director

For the most part this winter wasn’t much of a winter at all, not that we are complaining. Usually with the threat of a winter storm always around the corner we have to keep our trucks and equipment ready for the next snow flake. We were able to take advantage of the exceptionally warm weather and complete a number of projects.

Winter Projects

The mild weather allowed us to concentrate on projects for an extended period without having to constantly be ready for snow. The majority of our trucks are utilized for winter maintenance as well as our everyday work load. When there is a threat of inclement weather we have to be ready to combat that first, which means in a normal winter we have to delay a lot of projects that take several days to complete in order to be ready for deicing.

With the ability to stay on a task for multiple days in a row we got a lot more done this winter than in winters past. The biggest project that is still ongoing is the much needed tree trimming on many roads within the Township. We had time this winter to visit most of the developments that had been in need of trimming for quite some time now. We spent the majority of this winter working on trimming these trees. This was a much slower process than normal as we tried our best to prune the trees as opposed to just trimming them straight up from the ground due to the majority of the work taking place on development roads.

The weather plays a huge factor in the budget for winter maintenance as well. In an average year we use about 1,000 tons of salt. In the 2017 season we used half again over that and ended up using about 1,500 tons. In the 2018 season we used 1,000 tons. In the 2019-2020 season, we only ordered 250 tons, which not only covered what we used but also replenished the stockpile as well.

Spring/Summer Operations

Even though we never really lost the warm weather this winter, the spring season means we can return to inspection mode and go out and check on all the roads to see how they fared through the winter. We
generally have a list of roads that we plan on treating for the next few years but every spring that slightly changes due to the abuse the roads take over the winter. Some roads hold up better than others, for unknown reasons, and due to that we have to alter our planned roads to keep the roads as safe as possible. In the next few weeks we will go out and walk the majority of the roads to get an up close and personal look at each of them and determine what is needed before we pave or seal them. If you pave over an area that has a bad base you are simply putting a Band-Aid on an issue. The issue will come back very quickly and the money spent to repave the road was basically wasted. While walking the roads we take measurements of the overall length and width of the road to accurately calculate the amount of material the road will need to be repaired. We also will mark and measure any areas that need to be repaired before the paving process starts whether it be a pipe replacement or simple base repair. Another item we look for is underground utilities, we compile a list of all underground utilities within the roadway we are treating. Each manhole and valve is opened, which can be a project in itself, due to many lids not being visited for many years, and measured. We will order new risers for manholes and contact the other utility companies for risers for their lids in order to bring the lid or cap up to the new road elevation.

We have identified a number of roads that will be treated this year for our annual paving and sealing processes. For 2020, we have $474,600 budgeted for road work, we will be utilizing that money to the best of our ability to make the repairs go as far as possible. This number is down slightly compared to last year but with the mild winter, we may be able to repurpose some of the money earmarked for winter maintenance to complete more road work. We are planning on paving or sealing about 3 miles of roadways this year and the work should be completed in late August. That number will hopefully be slightly higher when the time comes for the projects to start. We are using estimated costs at this point but we will have our bid openings in mid-April and early May. At that point we will know exactly what it will cost us to pave or treat a particular section of roadway. With those numbers we can lock in a final number on actual cost and maximize the money spent. For 2020, we are planning on treating Sharp Road, Skyline Drive, Dangina Drive, Shortledge Court, Healy Place, and Sunrise Drive. As mentioned before, depending where the numbers came in we may be able to add more to that list but only time will tell.

As always we will be doing the normal routine for spring and summer work. That includes base repair, continued tree trimming, sign maintenance, road bank mowing, inlet inspections, pipe/inlet repair/replacement, and so much more.

Another big project planned for this spring/summer is some more storm water pipe rehabilitation. We have identified at least three CMP (corrugated metal pipes) that have failed recently and due to various factors, aren’t easy to dig up and replace in the traditional method. The Snap-Tite pipe is a smooth rigid plastic liner that is inserted into the existing failed pipe in 24’ lengths and each section is snapped together until you have relined the entire length of pipe. A headwall is built at each end of the pipe with small vent pipes in the top and after it cures grout is pumped into the void space to keep the pipe in place. While newly lined pipe has a smaller diameter than the original CMP, the new pipe generally has higher capacity due to it being smooth on the inside. We are planning to rehabilitate a 60” pipe on Sharp Road near Hillendale, a 48” pipe on Cabot Court, and a 15” pipe on Shinnecock Hill. The pipe delivery is expected any day now and once we receive it we will schedule the rehab work, we are hoping to have all the pipes completed by years end.

The warmer weather means we are out working on and along the road far more frequently than in the winter. Please remember to respect all signs both in and out of active work zones. If you see signs for road work or a road closure please obey them, they are for both your safety and ours.
Your best friend’s best chance to make it home safely is to be properly licensed.

All dogs 3 months of age or older are required by Pennsylvania law to have a current dog license.

Failure to have your dog licensed may result in a fine of up to $300 (per dog).

How much does a license cost?

Annual license fees are as follows:

**General:**
- Dogs that are spayed or neutered: $6.50
- Dogs not spayed or neutered: $8.50

**Senior citizens (65 years of age and older) or persons with proof of disability:**
- Dogs that are spayed or neutered: $4.50
- Dogs not spayed or neutered: $6.50

How do I get a Dog License?

In Chester County, you can obtain a dog license by contacting:

Patricia Maisano
Chester County Treasurer
313 West Market Street, Suite 3202
West Chester, PA 19382
610-344-6370

For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717.787.3062

You may also contact, Chester County State Dog Warden, Maureen Siddons at 610-909-5666
N57- Not just an airport, also a destination.

Learn To Fly

Visit New Garden Flight Connection for information on what it takes to become a pilot. Gift certificates available. www.newgardenflightconnection.com

Views of Kennett Square from above!

Prepping for an aviation summer @ N57!

Run the Runway 5K - May 30th (CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19)

On your mark... Get Set... GO!!!! Many youngsters across the Brandywine Valley are preparing for the end of the year 5K in their schools as part of a YMCA program called “The Girls on the Run” and “Stride.” Girls on the Run uses the power of running to help prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. Through interactive activities such as running, playing games, and discussing important issues, participants learn how to celebrate being girls. STRIDE is a fun fitness and

N57 doing it’s part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

We have our Aviation Center professionally cleaned and disinfected on a routine basis with alcohol based products to help prevent the spread of any disease. We have installed hand sanitizer units in different locations within the office for your use.

Airport News
N57 GPS Approach

We all are anxiously awaiting our new GPS approach(s) into the airport. Over the last several years we have spent a great deal of time and finances on preparing the airport by remediating all obstructions to allow for a new updated approach into the airport. As scheduled and announced we where expecting the first of these approaches to be a RNAV followed by a LPV approach into both Runway 24 and 06. The new RNAVs were scheduled to be published 12/2019. We have contacted the FAA several times to discuss why this has not been published and they have informed us the reason is due to a “major computer glitch.” This issue has been resolved and we are now planned to have the RNAVs published by August 2020. The airport will continue to follow up with this major concern until the approaches have been published.

Airport Contact

Jon Martin, Aviation Director
610-268-2619
jmartin@newgarden.org

SummerFEST 2020 Festival of Flight

(RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 28-30)

This event will be like no other festival and one you don’t want to miss. Live bands all day, beer & wine garden, kid zone, car & tractor show, FULL SCALE AIR SHOW (Day and Night), R/C JET AND GIANT SCALE WARBIRD RALLY, Craft vendors & food trucks. Family fun for all including FIREWORKS on Saturday August 29th. Open to the public (spectators) August 29-30, 2020. Saturday gates are open 2pm-10pm, Sunday 12pm-7pm. Motorhome camping opens August 27th for R/C PILOTS ONLY. R/C flying all day Friday (28th)-Sunday (30th).

Registration for R/C pilots and spectator information can be found online at www.newgardenflyingfield.com.
You don’t want to miss the full scale aerobatic displays during the day and NIGHT with FIREWORKS!!!! Matt Younkin will be one of our star performers during the weekend in his Beech 18, as well as Paul Dougherty in his Christian Eagle, and Kevin Russo in his SNJ.

ONLINE TICKETS NOW ONLY $10 per person. www.newgardenflyingfield.com

Like us on FaceBook (SummerFest 2020) and be entered into a drawing for a WAWA gift card every Friday leading up to the event. Grand prize will be a reserved table for 8 Saturday evening (August 29th) with dinner on us during the NIGHT SHOW & FIREWORKS. All you have to do is share or comment on a SummerFEST post.

New Box Hangars (60x60)

Interested in owning a hangar at N57? We only have one site left. This unique opportunity at N57 is for a 60x60 hangar site under a land lease agreement. Five sites are taken but one remains. We have started construction on this unique opportunity and look forward to this modern new state of the art hangar facility this year.

Call 610-268-2619 today for details and to secure the last available site.
New Garden Flying Field Maintenance Department

NEWS FROM THE MX SHOP!!!!

Plan ahead and schedule your aircraft’s annual or condition inspection today!
610-268-2619

New Garden Flying Field MX Shop is now a certified ROTAX maintenance facility. Congratulations to Edward Lewis for completing his independent ROTAX maintenance technician training. Edward is looking forward to working with you on your light sport aircraft maintenance needs.

Paint booth installed!! This new booth has already been put to work expanding our aircraft restoration services. We now offer fabric covering services all the way through final color.

If you are looking for the perfect place to paint your aircraft project, consider renting our new booth. Call the airport office for more information.

ADSB?

January 1, 2020 the FAA mandated the necessity for aircraft (with engine driven electrical systems) to be equipped with ADSB out if you fly within A, B, C, E (above 10,000 feet) or within the mode C veil of class B airspace. uAvionix has available several options to get you back in the air. We are qualified installers for uAvionix and can help you decide which option is best for you and your aircraft.

Airport News
EAA Chapter 240

Interested in aviation? Have a passion for flight? Consider joining our local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, THE CHAPTER 240. Did you know they received a GOLD rating in 2019 for being one of the most engaging and active EAA Chapters across the nation. WELL DONE CHAPTER 240!!! With 50+ years of aviating history EAA Chapter 240 is one of EAA’s largest and most active local aviation groups. They have over 190 members, who are engaged across the full range of aviation interests, from taking monthly flights, to aircraft construction (four underway in their dedicated EAA240 hangar & workshop). This is a unique and welcoming group of enthusiasts. Come visit them within their hangar, workshop and meeting room at N57. ALL WELCOME! Check out their website, https://eaa240.org.

Future Aviators Summer Camp

July 6-10 & August 10-14

WE ARE PLANNING FOR AN AVIATION SUMMER TO REMEMBER!!!!

“Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward. For there you have been, and there you will always long to return.” Leonardo da Vinci

Check out New Garden Flying Field on FaceBook. Follow us today!
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July 6-10 & August 10-14
AGES 7-15
M-F 9:00-3:00
$375 per camper for 1 week
$750 per camper for 2 weeks

“We are excited to offer the New Garden Flying Field Future Aviator’s Day Camp this summer. We hope to instill a love for flight with each child, regardless of age. It is designed to be a week of nonstop excitement where fun and discovery are combined for an unforgettable experience.”

Joan Martin, Airport Manager

Registration NOW OPEN
www.newgardenflyingfield.com

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Be part of the plan for the future of St. Anthony’s in the Hills Property!

St. Anthony’s in the Hills Park Master Plan Survey

Take the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JRF76TF

In 2018, New Garden Township acquired a 137-acre property on Limestone Road, the site of the former St. Anthony’s in the Hills parish day camp. New Garden Township obtained this unique property with the intent of preserving open space and developing a new municipal park. The miniature golf course, swimming pool, large amphitheater, numerous picnic pavilions, and other amenities that are located throughout the property are in disrepair and require significant investment to rehabilitate for public use. The New Garden Township website, https://www.newgarden.org/about-new-garden/pages/st-anthonys-hills has a drone flyover video of the St. Anthony’s site and additional site-related resources. The website will be updated throughout the park planning process.

The Township has hired a team of consultants to evaluate the St. Anthony’s in the Hills property, provide recommendations regarding the feasibility of rehabilitation of key features, and develop a master plan for the property as a public park. Your input is critical to this planning process and the Opinion Survey below will provide information about resident preferences for rehabilitation and activities you and your family would like to enjoy at St. Anthony’s in the Hills in the future. The survey will take approximately 12 minutes to complete. Please answer each question. We value your feedback and appreciate your participation in this important survey!

— New Garden Township Board of Supervisors

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