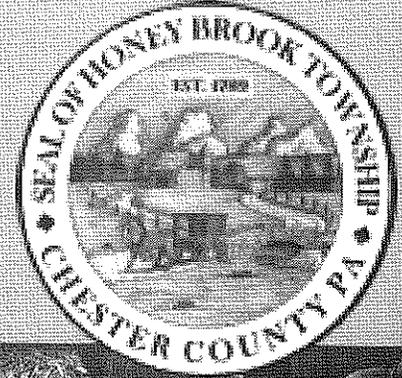


# Honey Brook TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## RECYCLING IN THE TOWNSHIP: IT'S THE LAW (SO WHAT DO I DO NOW?)

Contact your current hauler, visit [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org) or call the Chester County Recycling Coordinator at 610-273-3771, ext. 226 to obtain a list of service providers.

**Residents:** visit the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) website:

[www.chestercountyswa.org/index.aspx?nid=163](http://www.chestercountyswa.org/index.aspx?nid=163)

**Commercial, industrial, institutional, and privately owned establishments** (including Manufactured Home Communities) **must recycle the following:**

- Aluminum/bimetal cans
- Corrugated cardboard (packing foam removed)
- Glass (clear, brown, & green)
- Newspaper & miscellaneous paper (cereal boxes, magazines, junk mail)
- High-grade office paper
- Plastics with logo numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 7 (found on the container)
- Leaf waste

### What else can I do?

- Adopt a roadway: volunteers interested in adopting a township roadway should contact the Township Administrator at 610-273-3970 or [hbadmin@ptd.net](mailto:hbadmin@ptd.net). Adopt-a-Roadway volunteers are provided bags, gloves, signs, and vests and the collected garbage picked can be disposed of at the Township dumpster. Currently, the Moffett family has adopted Suplee Road.

- Compost. Tips available at: [www.chestercountyswa.org/index.aspx?nid=114](http://www.chestercountyswa.org/index.aspx?nid=114)
- Become a Stream Steward: [www.schuylkillwaterstewards.org/](http://www.schuylkillwaterstewards.org/)
- Visit the Honey Brook Township website: <http://honeybrooktwp.com/helpful-links/recycling/>
- Naturalize your yard. See: <http://www.chesco.org/documentcenter/view/15826>
- Chester County Conservation District: [www.chesco.org/conservation](http://www.chesco.org/conservation)
- Restaurant owners, see the article on pages 2-3 for tips specific to the food service industry.



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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE

Ordinances 174-2014 and 175-2014 were passed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 13, 2014.

Ordinance 174-2014 amends the Zoning Ordinance of 2003, as amended, to allow accessory apartments as a use by-right in the A-Agricultural and RC-Resource Conservation districts.

Ordinance 175-2014 implements Recycling in Honey Brook Township as required under Act 101. More detailed information on what this means for Honey Brook Township residents is on page 1 of this newsletter.

A reminder that the January Board of Supervisors meeting is Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7 pm. Commonwealth Law mandates that reorganization meetings occur within the first seven days of the year. The reorganization meeting is brief enough to allow it to take place just before the regular meeting on the mandated day in January, which is different than the usual meeting date.

The regular meeting schedule (second Wednesday) for Board of Supervisors meetings resumes in February.

**The benefits of recycling and waste reduction include reduced pollution risks; conservation of natural resources, energy, and landfill space; and reduced disposal costs.**

**- PA Department of Environmental Protection**

### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY HAS PERMANENT SITE IN HONEY BROOK

The Mobile Food Pantry was started in January 2014 by the Chester County Food Bank as a six-month pilot program. Good Foods served as host to the Mobile Pantry. Each month, more and more people came to the site on distribution days, demonstrating how much need there was for a food pantry in the Honey Brook area. The pilot program was extended by three months.

Now, a 2-year agreement has been reached with Good Foods to house a Food Pantry distribution site. Starting in October, distributions will be bi-weekly (only one pickup per month per person).

10/15, 10 am-1:30 pm  
10/29, 4-6:30 pm

Check the Honey Brook Township website for updates.

## RECYCLING TIPS FOR RESTAURANTS

When taking recycling into consideration, it is actually the "last" of the three R's reduce, reuse, recycle. By reducing waste and reusing where possible, there is less to recycle.

Here are some tips from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority:

#### Reduce:

- Use nylon instead of steel wool scouring pads.
- Use smaller containers to hold foods.
- Install filters to extend the life of deep-frying cooking oil.
- Purchase soda in syrup form.
- Purchase foods that dispense in large plastic pouches (such as ketch-

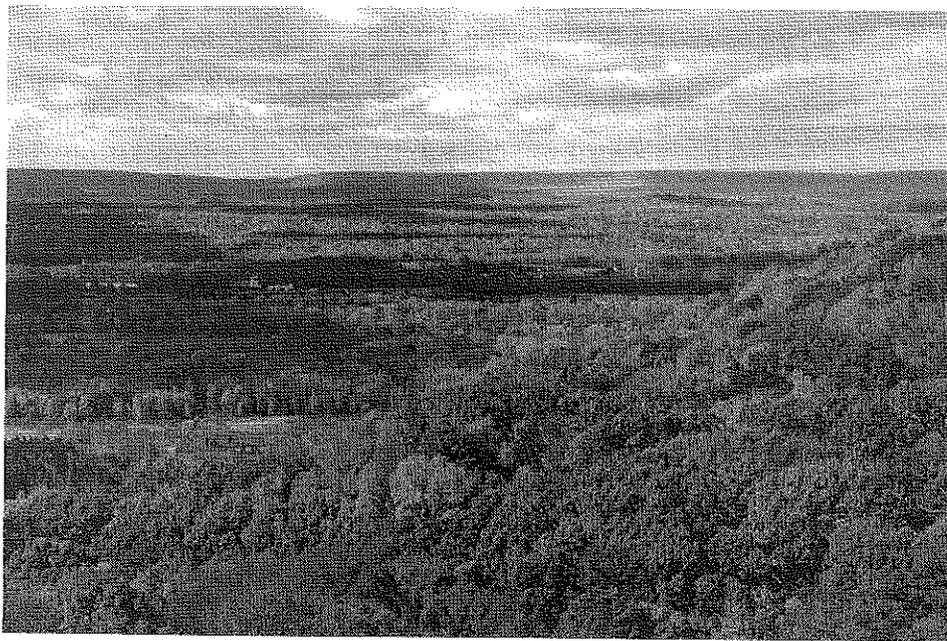
up) and bulk dispensers (such as milk) instead of smaller cartons

- Use air dryers instead of paper towels.
- Write menu/specials on chalkboard rather than on many sheets of paper
- Encourage customers to reuse bags for take-out
- Use pour-type or pump-type dispensers for condiments instead of individual prepackaged items
- Install a food grinder or food pulper system to reduce the volume of food waste
- Consider composting food waste

#### Reuse:

- The phrase "recycled pa-

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per" should be printed on any recycled paper products that are used as advertising (menus, carry-out bags)

- Table tents or placards can be used as a public relations tool to announce the restaurant's waste reduction and recycling programs

NOTE: restaurants should not reuse food unless they have received permission from the county health department. The PA Donated Food Limited Liability Act is intended to stimulate the donations of foods to charitable organizations. Immunity is provided for good faith donations of foods fit for human consumption yet not readily marketable due to appearance, freshness, grade, or surplus. Contact the Chester County Office of Human Services for further guidance and information at 610-344-6640.

**Recycle:**

- Contact your current hauler. Calculate the number

of recycling containers needed, their style, size, location, and label. Be sure to set up an educational program to provide instructions to all staff describing how to prepare materials, where to place them, and when collection occurs.

- Purchase a baler to condense cardboard volume.
- Rinse and separate glass bottles & jars nightly
- Where paper products are still used, purchase recycled materials

Not all waste reduction and recycling activities may be feasible for every restaurant. However, any type of waste reduction and/or recycling program helps reduce the volume of waste sent to our local landfill.

For more information, contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771, ext. 228. For information concerning specific food requirements contact the Food, Institution and Vector Section at 610-344-6689.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**OCTOBER:**

- 7 Zoning Officer on site at Township noon-4 pm
- 8 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting 7 pm
- 15 Planning Commission Work Session 7 pm
- 16 Park & Recreation Committee meeting 7 pm
- 21 Zoning Officer on site at Township noon-4 pm
- 23 Regular Planning Commission meeting 7 pm

**NOVEMBER:**

- 4 ELECTION DAY— Office closed to walk-up traffic. Zoning Officer on site at Township noon-4 pm (by appointment only)
- 11 OFFICE CLOSED—Veteran's Day
- 12 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting 7 pm
- 18 Zoning officer on site at Township noon-4 pm  
Land Preservation 7 pm
- 19 Planning Commission Work session 7 pm
- 20 Regular Planning Commission meeting 7 pm
- 27 OFFICE CLOSED-Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER:**

- 2 Zoning Officer on site at Township noon-4 pm
- 11 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting 7 pm
- 16 Zoning Officer on site at Township noon-4 pm
- 17 Planning Commission Work Session 7 pm
- 18 Regular Planning Commission meeting 7 pm
- 25 OFFICE CLOSED-Christmas

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JANUARY

- 1 OFFICE CLOSED-New Year's
- 5 Re-organization followed by Regular Board of Supervisors meeting 7 pm
- 6 Zoning officer on site at township noon-4 pm.
- 15 Park & Recreation Committee meeting 7 pm
- 19 OFFICE CLOSED-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20 Farmer's Breakfast and Land Preservation meeting 8 am  
Zoning officer on site at township noon-4 pm.
- 22 Regular Planning Commission meeting 7 pm

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Zoning officer on site at Township noon-4 pm
- 11 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting 7 pm
- 16 OFFICE CLOSED-President's Day
- 17 Zoning Officer on site at Township noon-4 pm
- 19 Park and Recreation Committee meeting 7 pm
- 26 Regular Planning Commission meeting 7 pm



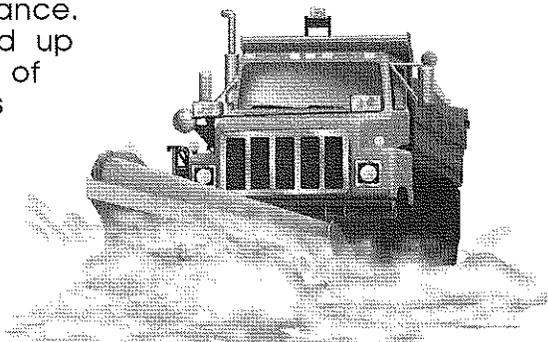
## ROADS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Last year was a particularly brutal winter, and early predictions are that this year will be a snowy one as well.

Please remember not to park on the streets when there is one inch or more of accumulated precipitation. 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of this snow emergency ordinance. Enforcement has stepped up in recent years because of the increased obstacles to the Roads equipment operators as they work to clear the roads of snow. If a car is parked on a Township road during a snow emergency, it will be towed at the

owner's expense.

The Icedale Road bridge re-opened on May 22, 2014 with a 6-ton rating. This bridge is located in West Brandywine Township but is a crucial access point for Icedale Road residents in Honey Brook Township.



## LAND PRESERVATION UPDATE

A 45-acre farm was approved in July 2014 for an agricultural easement. This brings to four the number of farms approved for preservation in 2014, numbering approximately 270 acres. One of these four farms went to settlement on September 15, 2014. These agricultural easements are a collaborative ef-

fort between the Township, the Brandywine Conservancy, and Chester County.

The last regular Land Preservation Committee meeting of 2014 will be held on November 18th at 7 pm. The January 20, 2015 meeting will be the Farmer's Breakfast at 8 am, followed by the regular meeting.

## VETERAN'S HONOR ROLL RE-DEDICATION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 9 AT NOON

A re-dedication of the Honey Brook Township Veteran's Honor Roll will take place Sunday, November 9, 2014 at noon at the Township Administration Building, 500 Suplee Road. The rededication ceremony is open to the public. Various community leaders will be on hand.

Honey Brook Township Su-

pervisor John McHugh initiated the Honor Roll in 2012 to recognize the residents of the Township who have served their country in the United States Armed Forces. The Honor Roll, on display in the Township meeting room and on the Township's website, continues to grow and is rededicated each November.

# QUASQUIBICENTENNIAL (225TH ANNIVERSARY) YEAR WRAPS UP

On August 9, 2014, Honey Brook Township kicked off its 225th Anniversary Celebration with a gathering at the Township Administration Building. Citations were issued to the Township by Senator Rafferty, Congressman Meehan, and the Chester County Commissioners.

The Township Park & Recreation Committee manned the Honey Brook

Township table at the Honey Brook Community Partnership's Harmony Day on September 20.

Please join us at the Board

of Supervisors meeting on December 10, when we will wrap up this quasquibicentennial year with coffee and cake.



## PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE

**Born Learning Trail In-stalled at James A. Umble Memorial Park.** The Born learning trail is a series of 10 signs which are aimed at engaging preschoolers in learning activities with their parents as they walk along a trail. These signs are being installed on the walking trail at the James A. Umble Park using United Way grant funds. Examples of some of the activities are hopscotch and letter and shape identification.

The signs are made of white exterior polyethylene, commonly used in industrial applications and are outfitted with an anti-graffiti laminate. They are mounted on sturdy wooden posts set in concrete in the ground.

Another feature of the trail will be the installation of a Little Lending Library box, a weather-proof box holding books for anyone to use. If you see something you would like to read, take it. Return the book to this or any other Little Library or pass it on to a friend. Donate books you no longer need to share with others. Visit [www.LittleLendingLibrary.org](http://www.LittleLendingLibrary.org) for more information.

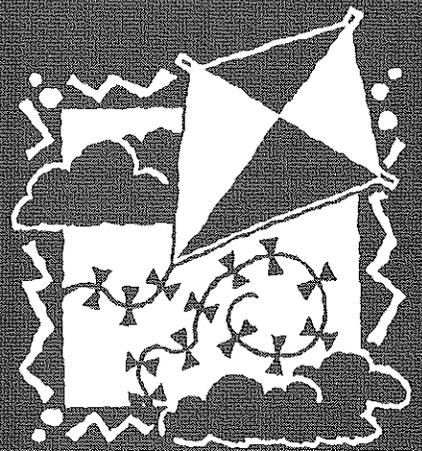
Construction begins October 23. This project marks the achievement of one of the Park & Recreation Committee's goals for the year.

**Looking ahead.** The Committee will begin planning summer 2015 activities in January and input is being sought as to what activities residents would like to see happen. Survey forms are available at the Township Administration Office or on the Park & Recreation page of the Township website:

<http://honeybrooktp.com/administration-2/parks-and-recreation/>.

**Volunteers needed.** The Park and Recreation Committee is looking for TWO volunteers. Committee meetings are held on the third Thursday at 7 pm from January through October. (The Committee does not meet in November or December.)

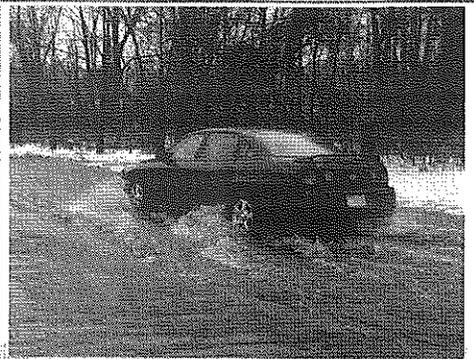
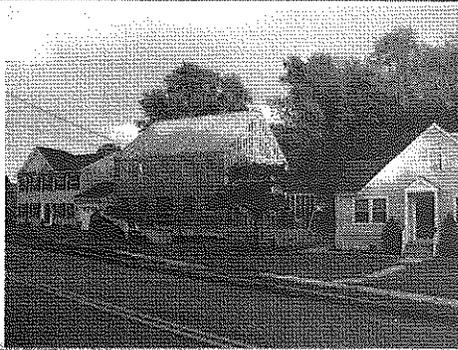
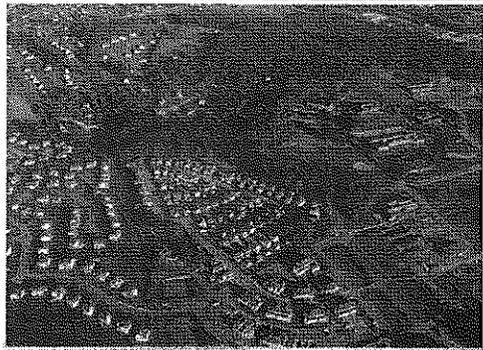
Those interested in serving on the Park & Recreation Committee should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Township Administrator, Toni Antonini.



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MARCH

- 3 Zoning officer on site at Township noon-4 pm
- 11 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting 7 pm
- 16 Zoning Officer on site at Township noon-4 pm Land Preservation meeting 7 pm
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## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR SMALL PROJECTS: What a Homeowner Needs to Know

### What is stormwater and why is it a problem?

**Stormwater** is rainfall that runs off of roofs, driveways, lawns, roads, parking lots, sidewalks, farm fields, and other surfaces created or disturbed by manmade activities. This runoff picks up pollutants (such as dirt, oil, litter, pesticides, fertilizer, etc.) as it flows across these surfaces, and eventually enters local streams. While rainfall is natural, stormwater is manmade.

Large volumes of stormwater overwhelm, erode and pollute local streams, and flood low lying areas. To lessen these destructive stormwater impacts and help ensure any existing problems do not worsen, municipalities across Chester County have adopted new stormwater management ordinance standards. These new standards are a key tool in reducing these stormwater impacts, safeguarding properties from flooding and erosion, and protecting streams and local water quality.

**84%** of Chester County's watersheds are sources of public drinking water.

**55%** of Chester County's streams are listed as "impaired" (polluted) by stormwater.



### Why is stormwater management important?

The purpose of **stormwater management** is to protect property, infrastructure and streams from destructive stormwater impacts by ensuring rain can be absorbed close to where it falls, thereby reducing the volume of runoff. By controlling stormwater runoff from new impervious and disturbed surfaces on individual properties, we can:

- protect downstream properties, roads and infrastructure – from increased erosion and flooding.
- protect water quality – in our streams and reservoirs to provide clean water for drinking, businesses, farming, and swimming, and for fish and other aquatic living resources.

Without effective stormwater management, problems caused by too much runoff, erosion and pollutants (such as sediment, nutrients and bacteria) become very difficult and costly for property owners and communities to fix.

### How will the updated stormwater standards help reduce these problems?

In decades past, local stormwater management was designed without regard to the cumulative impact of runoff on downstream properties and streams. To address this and the future increase in population and development across Chester County's watersheds, updated stormwater management ordinance standards were necessary to meet state and federal requirements. The updated standards require new development and redevelopment projects (large and small) to be constructed in a way that maintains or reduces the amount of stormwater that leaves the site; this will help reduce the cumulative impacts of flooding and erosion on downgradient properties and streams. It will also help keep our waters clean that serve as a critical source of public drinking water.

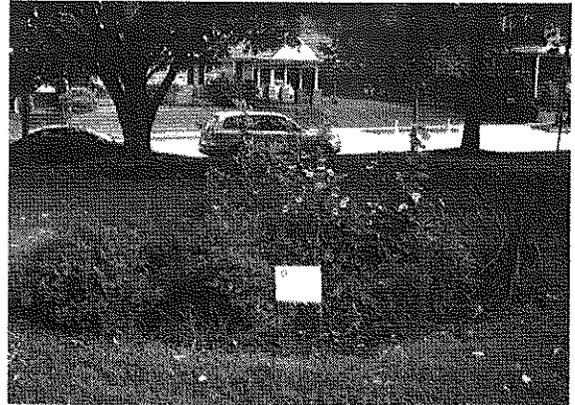
***The best approach to minimize flooding and improve water quality is to allow rain to be absorbed close to where it falls – reducing stormwater runoff.***

### How can stormwater runoff be minimized for a small project?

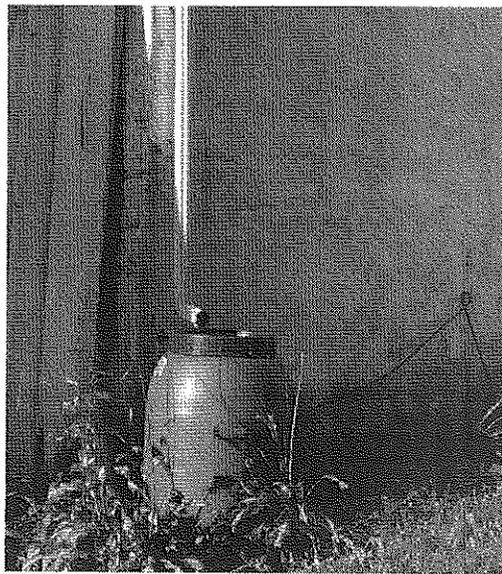
The first step is to discuss your planned project with your municipal engineer or zoning officer to determine what requirements apply to your project. Then, design your small project with the least amount of impervious surface and the minimum amount of area to be disturbed (or compacted during construction). The third step is to mimic nature by allowing the rain to be absorbed close to where it falls. This is accomplished by installing one or more stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that will capture and absorb the stormwater generated by the proposed project, and minimize any increase in the amount of stormwater runoff flowing off of the property.

### What stormwater BMPs can be used for small projects?

Examples of BMPs that are generally suitable for small projects can include features such as infiltration trenches, an attractive rain garden, permeable pavers for patio installations, rain barrels or a cistern, or a rainwater infiltration border along a driveway planted with attractive wildflowers. More than one of these BMPs may be used in combination to address other more significant drainage or stormwater problems on the property.



This rain garden helps absorb more stormwater than the mowed lawn that surrounds it. (photo credit – Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association)



Rain barrels capture roof runoff. With a soaker hose attached, this BMP can also help your garden survive drier periods.

### How should a stormwater BMP be chosen?

Before choosing a BMP, consult with your municipality, as they may prefer one type of BMP or not allow a particular BMP. Homeowners will need to understand the function of the chosen BMP and homeowners will be responsible for completing ongoing inspections and maintenance. Just as a house requires routine inspection and upkeep, so too will your chosen BMP(s). Without proper maintenance these BMPs will not function effectively, or they may stop functioning. A BMP can be costly to repair and its failure will contribute to downstream flooding, erosion and pollution.

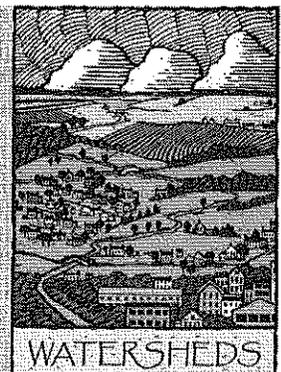
### Where can I learn more about stormwater BMPs for homeowner projects?

The first step is to speak with your municipality to better understand all requirements and limitations regarding small projects. The internet has many excellent resources. A collection of some of these helpful resources and links can be found on the following webpage:  
[www.chesco.org/water/stormwater\\_management](http://www.chesco.org/water/stormwater_management).

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*Honey Brook Township was incorporated on February 24, 1789, from the western part of West Nantmeal Township. It is classified as a town-ship of the second class, with a Board of three Supervisors elected at-large for six-year terms.*

*The following mission and vision statements were adopted in 2004:*

The mission of the Board of Supervisors of Honey Brook Township shall be to provide municipal services related to land use, police protection and public works in order to maintain a community that supports a tranquil and rural way of life.

The vision of the Board of Supervisors for the future of Honey Brook Township is that the Township shall remain a predominantly agricultural community that surrounds a population hub offering various commercial and social activities. The vision includes the establishment of a land preservation program, concentration of non-agricultural uses along specific portions of major arteri-als, betterment of current low-income housing areas, upgrading of all governmental and quasi-governmental facilities, reduction of non-local traffic in congested areas, and exploration of Township and Borough integration.

## PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

The Planning Commission (PC) meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, except for November and December, when it meets on the third Thursday. Several work sessions have been held in 2014 to begin looking at the Comprehensive Plan Update for 2016. Those now take place on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm on an as-needed basis.

A new feature in the newsletter is a comprehensive listing of projects being discussed by the PC. Not all projects are discussed every month because they are in various stages of their subdivision or land development process.; therefore, not all of these items will appear on the PC agenda each month. As always, if you have questions about any particular project, please call the Township Administration Office at 610-273-3970.

The updates are listed in reverse order of completion (those closest to completion are listed first).

### Development Updates (as of 9/30/2014\*):

#### Subdivisions completed construction, pending dedication (roads):

- Brandywine Preserve (Whitehorse Dr), located off Route 322 (north of the Borough).

#### Subdivisions under construction:

- Mountainview, 93 single-family dwellings located off Plumwood Road (accessed via Mountainview Road in Caernarvon Township in Lancaster County).
- Village Greene - Phase I, 19 Townhomes located off Route 322 (near the eastern township line).
- Tel Hai Phase 3-Stonecroft, independent living apartments, on Rolling Hills Circle in Tel Hai.

#### Subdivisions or land development plans preparing for establishment of public improvements escrow:

- Faulkner - 4 lots off Dampman Road.
- Gideon E. Stoltzfus, Jr. - one lot on Welsh Road.

#### Subdivision and land development plans under review:

- Poplar Realty, 128 single-family dwellings proposed at Chestnut Tree and Grieson Roads.
- RicMar Real Estate/ Hoover Building, land development, Rte. 322 (north of the Borough).
- Cambridge Mennonite Church, building and parking expansion, Cambridge Road.
- Tim & Traci Sheldon 2-lot minor subdivision plan, off Baron's Hill Road (accessed through West Brandywine Township).
- King's Tables building expansion, 176 Westbrook Drive (off Rte. 322 north of the Borough—McConnell Business Park).
- Azer Scientific, building expansion, Poplar Road.
- Levi King land development, Horseshoe Pike (south of the Borough).
- Pleasantview Welding, land development, Poplar Road.
- Maureen Miller lot line change, Grow Road.
- Honey Brook Community Church, land development at 3940 Horseshoe Pike.

*\*This list is subject to change.*

The Planning Commission meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to the meeting to learn about what is planned and what is under review for development in our Township.