

# Township News and Notes

## Update on Crossan Park

Seeding was completed on the new playing field in Crossan Park in the late summer of 2007. It is not certain if the field will be playable in 2008 because of weather and other unforeseen circumstances. A determination will be made later this summer for limited play in the fall of 2008.

Please refrain from playing on the new field until it is officially opened. Your patience is needed so that the grass can become well established before it receives heavy use.

## Dog Licenses

All dogs, three months of age and older, must be licensed in the State of Pennsylvania. Owners can be fined for not licensing their dogs.

The County Treasurer's office is responsible for issuing the dog license. Yearly fees are \$6 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$8 if not. Senior and disabled citizens receive a \$2 discount.

Dog licenses can be obtained at the Chester County Treasurer's Office (by mail or in person). An application can be downloaded at [www.chesco.org/treasurer](http://www.chesco.org/treasurer) (click on PA Dog License link). West Grove and Oxford Borough offices also sell licenses.

## Eagle Scout Project

Mookie Reich, a Franklin Township resident and member of Chester County Council Boy Scouts of America Troop 10, is designing and planting a garden at the Township Building for his Eagle Scout project. The project is intended to beautify the area as well as conceal the well cap that is on the site. Mookie plans to start the project in the early spring, once he receives approvals from the Boy Scouts and the Township.

Residents wishing to donate plants, mulch, or funds for the garden can contact Sharon at 610-255-5212.

## Mt. Olivet Road Gets Grant for Repairs

Under the Chester County Dirt and Gravel Road Program, Franklin Township received an approximately \$13,000 grant (almost 50 percent of the estimated cost) to rehabilitate Mt. Olivet Road.

The project involves the reestablishment of the roadway surface, the development of a roadway crown, the regrading and lining with stone of the roadway swales, and the installation of drainage pipes that will allow water to be properly dispersed.

The work will be done by the Township's maintenance contractor, Yardworks, and should be completed no later than June 30.

## Road Rehabilitation Continues in 2008

Franklin Township's Board of Supervisors continues to make road restoration an important priority for 2008. In the second year of the Road Maintenance Program, 2.72 miles of roadway were identified for rehabilitation and \$619,500 was budgeted for the program.

Roads identified for the 2008 road rehabilitation are:

- Hess Mill Road (recently paved area to Wingate Drive)- .67 miles
- Hess Mill Road (Wingate Drive to Conards Mill Road)- .20 miles
- Hess Mill Road (Conards Mill Road to New London Township Line)- .15 miles
- Highland Drive-.34 miles
- Lizzane Lane- .07 miles
- Kimblelot Lane (Peacedale Road to recently paved area)- .27 miles
- Kimbelot Lane (Lizanne Lane to Route 896)-.23 miles

- Carriage Run Drive- .44 miles
- Liberti Lane- .35 miles

Identified drainage issues, which are the major cause of failing roadways, will be fixed before the roadways are resurfaced.

The above plan may be altered depending on two factors. The condition of all Township Roads after the winter season will be evaluated and if there is any major failure, that could take priority over the roads listed above. Also, the Township does not know exact costs until the project goes out to bid. If prices come in higher than expected (which is governed by the price of oil), some roads may be moved until next year.

Please call the Township office with any questions or concerns.

## Community Spaces, Natural Places

### *A free workshop plus field training*

*Workshop dates: February 23, 9:30 a.m. to noon or February 26, 6:45 to 9:15 p.m.*

*Field Training dates: April 19 and May 3, 9 to 11 a.m.*

The White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Program will sponsor public workshops for landowners in the WCC watershed, which will provide attendees with:

- presentations regarding the "outstandingly remarkable" natural resources that qualified the watershed for a National Wild and Scenic River designation,
- the role of natural landscaping management and habitat restoration in conserving and enhancing those resources, a review of the requirements for community open space management in Franklin, London Grove, and London Britain Townships,
- tips on how to help create a favorable community opinion of, and practical support for, native landscaping in your development,
- possible sources of technical and funding assistance for restoration projects,
- the opportunity to network with other landowners and community associations regarding habitat restoration, and
- helpful resource materials to take home.

The workshops will be followed in April and May with field training opportunities to learn how to identify invasive plants and more effectively control their spread.

Pre-registration is preferred one week prior to the workshop or field training; contact: Jenna, 610-869-0420, or [riveradministrator@whiteclay.org](mailto:riveradministrator@whiteclay.org). More details at [www.whiteclay.org](http://www.whiteclay.org).

## ***Township Meetings***

*All meetings are held in the meeting room at the Township Office.*

- Work Session—2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Board Meeting—3rd Wednesday, 7pm
- Planning Commission—1st Thursday, 7pm
- Historical Architectural Review Board and Historic Commission—3rd Tuesday, odd months, 7pm
- Open Space Com.—2nd Monday, 6:30pm