

June 25, 2010
Summer Edition

West Nottingham Township Newsletter

Freedom Fest 2010

Freedom Fest 2010 will be held on Saturday, July 3 at Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Road, with fireworks to begin around 9:00 PM.

Schaefer Pyrotechnics of Strasburg, PA will provide the 30-minute fireworks display.

Entertainment begins at 6:00 PM with the *Give & Take Jugglers*. At 7:30 PM, the country

band *Wildfire* will appear on the main stage. This year, visitors can soar on the *Orbotron* and balance on *Jacob's Ladder*. Free hay rides will run from 6:00—8:00 PM.

The event is free, however there is a \$10 parking fee to park at Nottingham County Park or at the Herr's Corporate Center.

At 3:00 PM, traffic on Old Baltimore Pike and Park Road

will be one-way between Herr Drive and Cemetery Road. Park Road will be closed to vehicular traffic at 5:00 PM. Residents who live along Park Road and Old Baltimore Pike should encourage visitors to arrive before 5:00 PM. Vehicles may access the park via Cemetery Road until all spaces are occupied. **ALL ROADS TO THE EVENT CLOSE AT 9:15 PM!**

Arrive early and bring your own seating. No canopies will be permitted. There will be food vendors on site, or you may bring your own. For security purposes, all coolers, bags and other similar items are subject to search.

Passing showers or storms may delay the show. If the weather prohibits the set-up or safe shooting of the fireworks, the event will be postponed to Sunday, July 4.

Pets are not permitted in the viewing field and **alcohol is strictly prohibited.**

We appreciate the many residents who accept the minor inconveniences necessary to accommodate the over 10,000 visitors who attend Freedom Fest and the volunteers and staff who go the extra mile to keep everyone safe.

For more information, please visit www.chesco.org/ccparks or pick up a flier at the township building.

What you need to know about

Township Taxes

Real Estate & Per Capita Taxes

Real estate and per capita tax bills were mailed on May 1. If you have not received your tax bill(s), please contact the Tax Collector, John Vail, immediately at 610-932-4445.

The last day to pay your real estate and per capita tax bills at the discount rate is June 30. Each bill should be paid with a separate check or money order. Please do not staple payments and tax bills.

Earned Income Tax

The Earned Income Tax (EIT) is a 1% income tax collected by Berkheimer Tax Administrators. One-half of this tax goes to the school district and the other to the Township. **ALL** residents are required to file yearly EIT tax returns with Berkheimer.

If you are new to the township, or if you did not get an EIT tax return form, contact Berkheimer. Failure to pay the EIT may result in delinquent charges. Visit www.hab-inc.com for EIT forms and contact information.

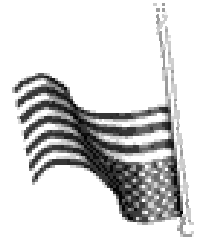
Local Service Tax

The Local Services Tax (LST) was enacted January 1, 2008. It requires that anyone who works in the township and earns more than \$12,000 per year pay a yearly flat tax of \$52. This includes individuals who are self-employed or those who conduct a business out of their homes. If you have questions, please contact Berkheimer or the Township Secretary.

Change of Address Notification

Residents are responsible for notifying the Township when mailing addresses have changed or if a post office box is in use. It is important to have your current mailing address on file with the Township so that tax bills and other correspondence reach you in a timely manner.

There is a \$25 charge for any check returned for insufficient funds.



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Helping our Seniors survive hot weather

There are about 370 deaths in the U.S. each year due to heat stroke, with other deaths occurring from medical conditions made worse by exposure to high temperatures. Individuals who are at least 65 years old, or who suffer from heart, lung, or kidney disease, high blood pressure or diabetes are most vulnerable.

With energy rate caps expiring, and energy costs increasing, the risk of heat-related illnesses among the elderly becomes likely. Seniors on fixed incomes are forced to turn off air conditioners to cut utility costs, increasing the risk for heatstroke or heat related illness. While fans are sufficient on cooler days, they are not effective when conditions reach 90 degrees and 35% humidity.

ALL heat-related illnesses are PREVENTABLE!!! You can make a difference by checking on the elderly and disabled frequently. Encourage them to stay hydrated and to limit exposure to heat. Organize a "Friendly Phone Call" system where neighbors call to check on the elderly during hot

weather. Create a list of people willing to offer help during an emergency. Check on seniors to see if they are taking precautions or experiencing dangerous symptoms during hot weather. Offer a ride to or from an errand. If energy costs are a factor, take an elderly neighbor to an air-conditioned public facility, such as the Oxford Senior Center, Oxford Public Library, or a local store. Share these tips for staying cool:

- Take a cool shower or bath.
- Eat light, healthy foods that do not need to be cooked.
- Avoid using the oven or dryer during the hottest parts of the day.
- Turn off lights, they emit heat!
- Use cool towels around face and neck.
- Use hand-held or portable fans.
- Keep a spray bottle with cold water handy for spritzing.
- If outdoors, stay in shaded areas near trees or water.
- Dress in light fabrics like cotton.
- In non-air conditioned homes, open windows on opposite

sides of the house to promote air flow.

- Keep curtains, shades, and blinds drawn during the day-time especially if exposed to direct sunlight.
- Close doors to rooms not in use to concentrate cool air.

If you or someone you know is suffering from heat stroke, please call 9-1-1 immediately. It could be a matter of life or death!

Summer Road Maintenance

Warm weather is here and summer road maintenance has begun! The road crew is busy mowing along township roads and performing various road repairs. Please drive slowly and cautiously through work zones and around mowing equipment, and observe posted speed limit signs. To report a downed tree or debris in the roadway, please call 610-932-4072 extension 301 during business hours or dial 9-1-1 on weekends and after business hours.