



# POCOPSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER • FALL 2023

## PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee is sad to report that Judy Lovell tendered her resignation. The Committee thanks Judy for her years of dedication and tireless service to the Committee and the Township. She was an exemplary volunteer and often stepped up to turn the Committee's and Township's ideas into reality.

With Judy's resignation we are also sad to report that the Committee will not be able to move forward on the planned festival this fall. We are looking at options for a potential event next year.

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## WINTER IS COMING

The Public Works Department spends long hours in tough conditions to make the roads as safe as possible. For winter storms, the Township is sectioned into three routes. One large plow truck covers each route and two smaller trucks rotate among the routes as needed. Road clearing will be undertaken around the clock unless conditions render clearing efforts useless. In such cases, plows will remain on standby for emergency situations. Each route includes high and lesser priority roads. When a snowstorm begins, operators will cover their entire route with salt and anti-skid materials. This keeps the snow and ice from freezing to the streets. Plowing begins when the snow accumulates to a depth of 2".

For minor storms, the entire route may be completed at once. During intense storms, only priority roads will be cleared. Secondary roads and cul-de-sacs will not be plowed until main roads can be kept open. As the storm lightens, all roads will be opened. Roads will be plowed curb-to-curb. Cul-de-sacs and intersections will be cleared after the storm passes.

### PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES SO THAT SNOW REMOVAL CAN BE QUICK AND SAFE:

- Moving plows push snow off to the right, which often means in front of driveways. Prevent your driveway from being plowed shut by removing snow to the downside of the driveway.
- During a winter storm, do not park on the street. Vehicles in the street delay road clearing. Remove vehicles from the street before the storm and kindly keep them off the streets until streets are cleared. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed and fees of \$125+ will apply.
- Do not shovel or push snow into the street. This is a safety hazard and could cause an accident.
- Damage to vehicles caused by snow and/or cinders from plow trucks are not the Township's responsibility—which is one of the reasons we ask that vehicles be removed from the streets. Plows must clear streets curb-to-curb to prepare for subsequent storms.
- While the Township staff makes every effort to avoid damaging property, we are not liable for damage to mailboxes located in the township or state legal right-of-way. Property owners should ensure that mailboxes rest on firm supports so they can better withstand the force of snow coming off the plow.

The Township does not remove snow and ice from private roads. •



## KENNETT LIBRARY

*The New Kennett Library & Resource Center has Become a Community Hub for All!*

Early in the morning you can find our regulars reading the daily paper in the Bayard Taylor room, mid-day the upstairs is full of children and teens participating in a program or creating and coding in the maker spaces. All day you can find people working on computers, meeting friends, or sitting in comfortable chairs reading a book.



On Sunday August 27th, we welcomed over 1,800 people to our Grand Opening Celebration! To say we were overjoyed is an understatement. The day featured a ceremonial book pass down State Street, a land acknowledgment with the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, brief remarks by local dignitaries, a ribbon cutting, performances in the auditorium, family activities, and more.



While this was an amazing day for the library - it was much more important for the community. This is YOUR library. The Kennett Library is a place to meet, a place to learn, to teach, to share, to connect, a place to build, to expand horizons. This new building gives us the opportunity to reach more people and expand our essential services and programs. Programs like ESL classes, art workshops,

family story times, nature camps, book groups, webinars, author talks, and more.

### FALL 2023 PROGRAMS

We have a full roster this fall! The second annual **Kennett Arts Festival** will be held on Saturday September 23rd & 24th at 600 S Broad Street Kennett Square PA. This two-day festival will celebrate local and regional artists with live music, children's activities, and local food & beverages.

On Sunday October 1st, please join us for the **Dedication of the Melton Terrace in honor and memory of Dennis C. Melton**. This is a free concert for all and will take place on the Melton Terrace at 2 pm.

### Popular children's programs

are back like Sunshine Yoga and Lego Club, along with new programs such as our 5 Senses Walk at New Leaf Sensory Park and Classic Children's Movie Day in the Auditorium.

**For teens and young adults**, we've brought back Chess Club, Anime After School, and will introduce Dungeons & Dragons.

**For adults, our book groups** are ever growing but some new programs include Where Do Old Books Go and YoQi With Jan. Please join our "Monday Makers" meetings on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. You'll get an introduction to the outstanding collection of equipment in our Adult Makerspace.

We have a little something for everyone so please stop by and see what the Kennett Library has for you.

While we have so much to celebrate, we have one challenge left, to raise the remaining \$1.7 million to meet our Capital Campaign fundraising goal of \$22 million. No gift is too small, and every donation is appreciated. You can reach out to Mary Hutchins, Development Director at Kennett Library with any questions at Mary@KennettLibrary.org or 484-739-5603.

This new library wouldn't be possible without an outpouring of love and community support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*Kennett Library is a regional public library open to all and serving the Townships of Kennett, East Marlborough, Pennsbury, Pocopson, Newlin, New Garden, West Marlborough and the Borough of Kennett Square. We provide a place for the youngest to the oldest and everyone in between and serve people of all incomes, ages, and needs - for Free.*

*Kennett Library is on a mission to ignite imagination, enrich lives, and create community with a vision to be the catalyst for a community of lifelong learning and discovery. We connect people with reading, information and technology to expand curiosity, explore interests, and discover passions. We provide a friendly, helpful, stimulating environment that is built on free access to library resources and the exchange of information. ●*



## STORMWATER RUNOFF

Stormwater runoff is rainfall that flows over the surface of the ground. It is created when rain falls on roads, driveways, parking lots, roofs and other impervious surfaces that do not allow water to soak into the ground. Where rain falls on paved surfaces, a much greater amount of runoff is generated compared to runoff from the same storm falling over a forested area. These large volumes of water are swiftly carried to local waterways and can cause flooding and erosion, washing away important habitat for critters that live in the stream.

Stormwater runoff also picks up and carries with it pollutants from paved surfaces, such as oil and grease, pesticides, nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria, trash, and metals. These pollutants come from vehicles, pet waste, fertilizers, pesticides, illegal dumping, construction sites, and spills. Managing pollutants at the source ensures that the environment downstream is protected, whether for recreation (fishing, swimming) or source water (drinking, bathing).

### To minimize pollutants in runoff:

- Limit your use of lawn fertilizers, herbicides, and insecticides. Use natural fertilizers (compost or slow release fertilizer).
- Don't fertilize before a heavy rain. Sweep fertilizer off paved areas and rinse spreaders on the lawn so that excess fertilizer is absorbed by the grass rather than being lost to runoff.
- Pick up after your pets.
- Maintain vehicles in good repair; fix leaks and clean up spills; park only on paved surfaces.
- Reduce the size of your lawn by creating beds of shrubs and perennials, especially native plants that are adapted to our climate and soils and thus can withstand periods of drought.
- Skip the pavement and consider permeable hardscaping for pathways and patios.
- Plant trees, which act like giant umbrellas and allow rainwater to infiltrate back into the soil.

Sources: Adapted from Arizona's Stormwater Outreach for Municipalities and from PennState Extension.

For more info visit Brandywine Red Clay Alliance at [www.brandywineredclay.org](http://www.brandywineredclay.org) or Pocopson website and click on "Stormwater Management" under "Township Services."

## PERMITS

Permits are required to ensure that construction activities meet the requirements of the ICC Building Codes. Some projects may also require zoning permits.

### EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE PERMITS INCLUDE:

- Electric Vehicle Ports
- Water heater installation
- Demolition of any structure
- New construction and additions to an existing structure
- Bathrooms and Kitchens: Alterations that require moving any plumbing drain, vent or water supply pipe, or the addition of electrical or mechanical construction
- HVAC systems: New construction and alterations/replacements
- Basement alterations that create living space
- Plumbing: New construction and relocation of existing supply, drain, waste and vent lines
- Electrical: All aspects
- Doors and Windows: When enlarging openings
- Roofing
- Fireplaces
- Decks and patios
- Generators
- Fences and walls
- Swimming Pools: In ground and above ground
- Underground Storage Tank: Removal or installation
- Accessory buildings and structures, such as sheds, detached garages, and pole barns
- Grading/Erosion and Sediment Control: When 1,000 square feet or more of earth is disturbed
- Driveways: New or enlarged
- Storm Water Management: When changing existing system or creating new impervious coverage
- Wells and septic systems (Permit issued by Chester County Health Department)
- Signs, both permanent and temporary (a permit is not needed for political signs 30 days prior to an election)

Please be sure to include what the permit is for in the application, the *tax parcel number*, and a check for the application fee. Permit applications are available on the Township website ([pocopson.org](http://pocopson.org)) under Forms. •

## LAWN TO MEADOWS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

9:00 AM to noon, lunch provided

At Shadyside Park, West Bradford Township, PA

Register at: [bvarcva.formstack.com/forms/lawntomeadow](https://bvarcva.formstack.com/forms/lawntomeadow)

Cost: Free to CWMP Cost Share Partner Municipalities and HOA's, residents, and landscapers located in these municipalities (see list to the right). Other residents and entities are welcome, fee is \$20



### Topics include:

- Introduction to meadows and stormwater benefits
- Funding for meadows
- Working with communities and weed ordinances
- Planning and care of meadows
- Long term maintenance and tour of meadow

### Presenters:

- Christina Watersheds Municipal Partnership (CWMP), Brian Winslow
- PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Alyssa Keiser and Nikki Lee
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Paul Racette and Susan Myerov
- Weeds, Inc, owner Drew O'Neil (meadow installation and maintenance)
- West Bradford Township

### The following municipalities are eligible for FREE registration:

Avondale Borough	New London Township
Birmingham Township	Parkessburg Borough
City of Coatesville	Penn Township
Downingtown Borough	Pocopson Township
East Bradford Township	Sadsbury Township
East Brandywine Township	South Coatesville Borough
East Caln Township	Thornbury Township
East Fallowfield Township	Upper Uwchlan Township
East Marlborough Township	Uwchlan Township
East Whiteland Township	Valley Township
Franklin Township	Wallace Township
Honey Brook Borough	West Bradford Township
Honey Brook Township	West Brandywine Township
Kennett Square Borough	West Chester Borough
Kennett Township	West Goshen Township
London Britain	West Grove Borough
London Grove Township	West Pikeland Township
Londonderry Township	West Whiteland Township
Modena Borough	Westtown Township
New Garden Township	

# BARNARD STATION PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE

Friends of Barnard Station (FOBS) is making progress towards the restoration of the interior of the first floor of the historic Barnard House. The creation of the Preservation Plan has advanced in three areas: documentation of the evolution of the building, interior finish analysis, and historical research about the property. It has been determined that the house was constructed in three major building campaigns.

The south end of the building was constructed in 1829, the north end was added in 1841, and the front dormer and second floor of the ell was constructed circa 1878. Interior paint analysis has determined that some of the 19th century millwork has been moved within the house but gives clues to what originally belonged to which interior spaces. The historical research about the property has shed some light onto how the acreage was acquired over time and which structures once existed on the farm. The preservation architect will be making suggestions on tasks to complete in each interior area throughout the house.

These suggestions will allow FOBS to prioritize work towards a sequence of construction projects that will lead to a restored interior space taking the building back to its mid-19th century appearance.

The first projects will be related to reframing the ceiling in two of the spaces on the first floor to allow for the installation of electrical wiring for display lighting. The reconstruction of a box winder stair enclosure in the circa 1841 kitchen will allow future visitors to experience the space as it would have appeared as an active station on the Underground Railroad. As fundraising allows, there will be additional projects both in the restoration of the interior spaces as well as in the planning for the finished exhibit spaces.

FOBS will be opening the building to visitors from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm on the following Saturdays: September 16th and October 21st. For more information about the project visit [barnardstation.org](http://barnardstation.org).



## RECYCLING DOESN'T END AT THE CURB!

### Industry Perspectives

By Patti Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager

You gave your food cans and bottles a good rinse, stored them in a container separate from your household trash, and tossed in your clean mixed paper. You placed the recycling cart at the curb on collection day. Congratulations, you've recycled! Or have you?

Well, not exactly. You're doing the right thing, but it's just the first step in the recycling process - the "set out." Next, the hauler collects it, transports it to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) for sorting and baling. These commodities will be marketed to a paper mill, plastics broker, or metal recycler to eventually be manufactured into new products.

Recycling is a process. Residents are the first step. So, who better to teach us about the processing other than MRF managers?

Jeff Furmanchin of Total Recycle in Birdsboro wants us to know, "Contamination in single stream recyclables is the largest cause of downtime and damage to processing equipment. Please keep hoses, wires, construction debris and yard waste out of your recycling. Lithium-Ion or rechargeable batteries of any type need to stay out of recycling and trash bins, as they are an enormous fire hazard." (These batteries only belong in a household hazardous waste collection program!)

Scott Mengle, Director of SECCRA Landfill, manages a dozen drop off bins across southern Chester County. He says, "Just because an item bears a recycling symbol doesn't guarantee its actual recycling. This poses financial and logistical challenges, as non-recyclable

items disrupt sorting, increase costs, and devalue recycled materials. To preserve the financial and environmental sustainability of recycling programs, it's important to know what is truly recyclable. 'When in doubt, throw it out' to ensure our success."

Matt Cogle of Cogle's Recycling wants us to know that water bottles (PET #1) are recycled into carpet and clothing. PET is also re-made into new bottles, closing the recycling loop. "It starts in your home. Keep food, liquids, and cigarette butts out of bottles. They make recycling much harder. Get those clean and loose (not bagged) bottles in the cart!"

Better to recycle right, than to recycle more. When in doubt, check it out! Let's get Trash Smart! •

## WEST CHESTER LIBRARY - UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**  
**REDISTRICTING UPDATE WITH**  
**FAIR DISTRICTS PA**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm (Virtual)

We're hosting a public education ZOOM program on reforming Pennsylvania's redistricting process. Fair Districts PA speaker Tony Crocarno will explain PA's current redistricting process, demonstrate how it has undermined democracy, and then offer a solution to the problem. Tony will also discuss the legislation and roadblocks in Harrisburg and FDPA's strategy going forward.

*Fair Districts PA is a non-partisan coalition of citizens and organizations seeking to reform PA redistricting rules by ensuring that the process is impartial, transparent, and accountable.*

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
**CYBER-SECURITY: STOP. THINK.**  
**CONNECT.**  
10:30am - 12:30pm (In-Person)

Learn how to stay safer and more secure online in this special community presentation in honor of National Cybersecurity Month 2023! Learn how digital citizens of ALL AGES can stay safer and more secure online. Learn about free online safety resources, including tip sheets, videos, posters and memes, that you can download and share with family, friends and community groups.

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**  
**MEDICARE UPDATE AOEP - FINE TUNE**  
**YOUR MEDICARE**  
6:00pm - 7:30pm (In-Person)

This event is for people who have Medicare, want to review the basics of Medicare and see what changes they can make for the upcoming year to prepare for the Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period (AOEP) from October 15th - December 7th. This presentation is presented by Chester County Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI) counselors.

*PA MEDI, is a free, confidential and unbiased health insurance counseling program designed to help all Pennsylvanians with Medicare. PA MEDI counselors are specially trained staff and volunteers who can answer your questions and provide you with objective, easy-to-understand information about Medicare.*

## WEST CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS TWO HOLIDAY TOURS

West Chester Public Library invites you to have double the fun on the library's two big tours for 2023: The Holiday Home Tour and the Holiday Door Tour.

Returning for the 12th year, the perennially popular Holiday Home Tour will take place on Saturday, December 2, from 10 am to 3 pm and will showcase eight homes decked out for the holidays, four each in Borough's Northwest and Southwest quadrants. Built from the 1880s through the 1990s, the homes blend original details with modern updates and display the homeowners' art, collectibles, and antiques. Tickets for the Holiday Home Tour are \$40 each and go on sale online and at the library main desk on October 15.



The family-friendly Holiday Door Tour, which started as socially distanced replacement for the Holiday Home Tour in 2020, is coming back this year Saturday, December 2 through Sunday, December 17. This self-guided event will feature West Chester doors and porches decorated by their owners in holiday finery. Make a donation of any size to the library to receive Door Tour maps and a list of scavenger hunt items to look for among the decorations. Those who donate \$15 or more will also receive an entry in the Holiday Raffle.

Holiday Raffle prizes include a framed print of "The Reading Room" by acclaimed West Chester artist John Suplee, a lottery ticket tree, a holiday wreath, gift cards to local businesses, and tickets for next year's Holiday Home Tour. The drawing will take place in the library on December 18 at 3 pm. All proceeds from the Holiday Tours will benefit West Chester Public Library and the community it serves. •

## OH, THE HOLIDAYS! DECORATE, TASTE - WATCH YOUR WASTE!

Quick - what time of year generates the most trash for landfills? That's right, it's the holiday season. Online shopping and shipping, wrapping paper, more uneaten food, toys, and electronics being replaced. You get the idea. Household waste increases about 25% this time of year! Can you be more TrashSmart?

### Try these ideas (or even just one!):

- Downsize - Smaller gathering, less decorations, careful gifting\* so you create less waste
- Reusable, durable plates and silverware, cups, napkins, tablecloths (ask about renting)
- Shop (and wrap!) with reusable bags
- Have guests bring reusable containers for leftovers they may take home
- Cleaning the house - old socks for dusting rags; microfiber fleece cloths are washable
- Vinegar for glass surfaces
- Electronic invitations - Evite®, Punchbowl®, Zazzle, Inc.
- Online resources can help you plan how much food you need
- Reusable, useful containers such as cookies in a flowerpot, or jewelry in a new pair of gloves

- RECYCLING BIN: Non-metallic wrapping paper and greeting cards without batteries
- COMPOST: Evergreens, tea bags, coffee grounds, leaves, twigs, fresh cranberries
- GARBAGE CAN: Cellophane, tissue paper, musical greeting cards, plastic ware

So, this year...celebrate how mindful you are with sustainable consumption and disposal practices.

\*Gifts for experiences - tickets to an event, museum, cooking class or trip. Gifts of your time - Babysitting, pet sitting, lessons for a new hobby, teach someone a new skill. Gift cards for services, not goods - gas stations, car washes, hair/nail salon, lawn service, audio books, pet services.



# POCOPSON TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The Locust Grove School ended its service as a public school one hundred years ago. In 19th century rural Chester County, the townships managed the schoolhouses within their districts. From 1816 until 1923 students from the area surrounding the center of the township attended the Locust Grove School. Students from ages 6 to 17 attended classes for grades one through eight, all taught by a single teacher. Since there was no such thing as bus transportation in those times, students had to walk, sometimes several miles in all kinds of weather. The walk to and from school sometimes started early and ended late afternoon depending on the distance from the school to home. Most children many times also worked on family farms doing chores before and after school. There were less standards in required attendance in the middle part of the century. Pennsylvania established compulsory attendance laws in 1895 for children aged 8 through 17. Pocopson Township adopted this policy for children aged 12 to 16, in October of 1920. Upon completion of the eighth grade some students continued their education at the public high schools in West Chester or Unionville, while others went to work within the communities where they lived.



*Locust Grove Schoolhouse*



*Unionville Joint Consolidated School (1924)*

In March 1920 four townships, East Marlborough, West Marlborough, Newlin, and Pocopson aligned to form the first joint school district in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unionville Joint Consolidated School opened in September 1923 for grades 1 to 12, bringing a close to the nineteen one-room schools dispersed throughout the four townships. The students in Pocopson Township could ride a bus to the new school but would have to walk a distance to meet the bus along one of the main roads. Between 1923 and 1929, some students rode the electric trolley from Pocopson Township to the area of the present roundabout at Unionville but had to walk the rest of the way to the school.

Coming this fall the Unionville Chadds Ford School District will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the start of the district. There will be several activities that will be open to the public, one of which will be a 90-minute local history bus tour through parts of East Marlborough, West Marlborough, Newlin, and Pocopson Townships. The restored Locust Grove Schoolhouse will be a stop on the route to allow visitors to take a glimpse into what a student in a 19th century schoolhouse would experience. As plans materialize, there will be communication to the community through Pocopson Township's Constant Contact, Unionville Chadds Ford School Districts newsletters and public communication channels, and through social media.

The Pocopson Township Historical Committee will also have the Locust Grove Schoolhouse open from 11:00am until 1:00pm on the following Saturdays: September 16th and October 21st. •

## REQUESTING INFORMATION UNDER THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW (7/17/2023)

To request records under Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law, you may file a request with this Pocopson Township's Open Records Officer:

Susan Simone  
Office: 664 South Wawaset Road,  
West Chester, PA 19382  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1  
Pocopson, PA 19366  
Phone: (610) 793-2151  
Fax: (610) 793-1944  
Email: [secretary@pocopson.org](mailto:secretary@pocopson.org)

To challenge this Agency's response to a RTKL request, you may file an appeal within 15 business days with:

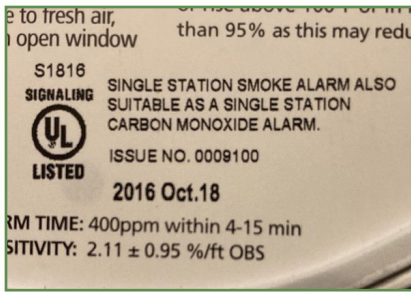
Office of Open Records  
333 Market Street, 16th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101-2234  
Phone: (717) 346-9903  
Fax: (717) 425-5343  
Email: [openrecords@pa.gov](mailto:openrecords@pa.gov)  
Website: [openrecords.pa.gov](http://openrecords.pa.gov)

To challenge this Agency's response to a RTKL request for criminal investigative records, you may file an appeal within 15 business days with:

District Attorney of Chester County,  
Chester County Justice Center  
201 West Market Street  
West Chester, PA 19380-0989

## OLD TIMERS CORNER

- There were once 5 post offices in Pocopson Township: Pocopson, Lenape, Wawaset, Northbrook, and Corrine (Locust Grove).
- In 1883, Douglas & Co. rented the tobacco barn at the farm of Eusebius Barnard. This is now the site of the township office.
- There was a broom factory near Haines Mill. (The business really cleaned up!)
- The factory at Lenape once made wheels for Buicks.
- The present vet office on Rt. 52 was the site of Tice's Dairy Bar (Soft ice cream).



## IMPORTANT INSIGHTS FROM THE WEST BRADFORD FIRE COMPANY

By: Jack Law, Fire Chief

The West Bradford Fire Co would like to remind everyone of some safety items. We have recently responded to several incidents within the township and have noticed some safety items within the community.

Please make sure your house and or mailbox is marked with your address, three-to-four-inch reflective numbers are ideal and both sides of your mailbox should be marked, so that it is visible from either direction of travel. This helps responders locate your property in a timely manner.

Make sure to check your Smoke / Carbon Monoxide detectors that have been removed from the mounting surface and not replaced, smoke / CO detectors without batteries and smoke / CO detectors that are older than 10 years old. These devices could save your life and provide valuable time for your family to escape should you have a fire or Carbon Monoxide incident. Smoke detectors have a life expectancy of five to ten years depending on the manufacturer. Most smoke / CO detectors are labeled with an expiration / replacement date or a manufactured date. Please follow the directions on these devices, and if your device does not have a label, it is most likely older than ten years old and should be replaced.

The last item is, consider all downed power lines or wires to be electrified or carrying electricity. Please notify 911 and PECO (800-844-4141) of wires down and keep your distance from the wires and anything that the wires may be touching as electricity can travel up to several hundred feet on certain items, such as guiderail, trees, fencing and other materials that act as conductors and allow electricity to travel through them.

## RAISING CHICKENS IN POCOPSON TOWNSHIP



Section 250-92 Keeping of Animals of the Code of the Township of Pocopson contains rules and regulations for raising chickens in the Township. The specific regulations are available on the Township website (<http://ecode360.com/6539575>) but below are few frequently asked questions about raising chickens and how they are addressed in the Code. Please consider these questions and review the Code requirements before raising chickens on your property.

**How many chickens am I allowed to have on my property?** Depends on the size of your lot and is shown in the table below.

LOT SIZE	NUMBER OF CHICKENS PERMITTED
Less than 1/2 Acre (21,780 square feet)	0
1/2 Acre - 2 Acres	5
2.01 Acres - 10 Acres	20
10.01 Acres and Greater	30

**Can I raise the chickens anywhere on my property?** No, structures housing chickens must be a minimum of 50 feet away from a dwelling on an adjacent property and a minimum of 25 feet from property boundaries.

**Can I let the chickens roam freely on my property?** No, a fence or otherwise enclosed outside area must be provided which is capable of containment of the chickens and of sufficient size and location for good sanitation practices.

**Do I need a shelter to house my chickens?** Yes, the chickens must have a shelter with appropriate and adequate facilities for food and water. The shelter must be located in the rear or side yard and must be a minimum of 50 feet away from a dwelling on an adjacent property and a minimum of 25 feet from property boundaries.

**Additional Resources:** If you find that you meet the Township Code requirements for raising chickens, below are links to some additional resources that may be of assistance:

- Poultry in Urban Areas - <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/A3908-03.pdf>
- Raising Fowl in Urban Areas - <http://extension.psu.edu/publications/um194>
- Raising Your Home Chicken Flock - [www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/poulsci/tech\\_manuals/cage\\_free/raising\\_chicken\\_flock.pdf](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/poulsci/tech_manuals/cage_free/raising_chicken_flock.pdf)

Please contact the Township at (610) 793-2151 if you have any questions. •

## FLU VACCINATIONS

The Chester County Health Department is well into its planning for its county-wide Fall Flu Vaccination Outreach. COVID-19 boosters will also be available at these clinics. These clinic dates, times and locations are below. Information will be posted on our website and social media closer to September to schedule an appointment.

DATE AND TIME	LOCATION
09/21/2023 • 2:00pm-6:30pm	Government Services Center, Room 171
09/28/2023 • 2:15pm-7:30pm	Great Valley Middle School
10/05/2023 • 2:15pm-7:30pm	Kennett Middle School
10/12/2023 • 2:15pm-7:30pm	Unionville High School
10/19/2023 • 2:15pm-7:30pm	Owen J. Roberts Middle School
10/21/2023 • 8:15am-1:00pm	Fugett Middle School West Chester
10/26/2023 • 2:15pm-7:30pm	Avon Grove High School
10/30/2023 • 2:30pm-7:00pm	Scott Middle School Coatesville



# POCOPSON

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## Board of Supervisors

Elaine DiMonte, *Chairwoman*  
Ricki Stumpo, *Vice-Chairwoman*  
Ray McKay, *Supervisor*

## Pocopson Township Office

Susan Simone, *Township Secretary*  
Aleida Diaz, *Assistant Secretary*  
664 South Wawaset Road  
West Chester, PA 19382  
**Office Hours:** Weekdays, 9:00am – Noon  
**Phone:** 610-793-2151  
**Website:** [www.pocopson.org](http://www.pocopson.org)  
**General questions:** [info@pocopson.org](mailto:info@pocopson.org)

## Planning Commission

*Meets first Wednesdays at 7:30pm*  
*(Except August and December)*  
Gary Summers, *Chair*  
Sean Rafferty, *Vice-Chair*  
Mickey Bailey, Paul Cardell, John Hess,  
Robert Miller, Matt Murphy

## Historic Committee

*Meets second Wednesdays at 7:30pm*  
Don McKay, *Chair*  
Pat Burnett, David Miller, Randy Mims, Sarah Mims,  
Loralynne Yost, Tony Musacchio

## Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee

*Meets every second Thursday at 7:30pm*  
Jesse Noa, *Chair*  
Janet Fassbender, *Vice Chair*  
Jae Winter, Josh Burry, Jordan Gushurst, Tom Bierl  
*The PRT is looking for motivated volunteers, please contact the township about joining.*

## Zoning Hearing Board

*Meets as needed*  
Ed Foley, *Solicitor*  
James Noon, David Ziegler, Nate Wilson,  
Georgia Brutscher (Alternate Member)

## Treasurer

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## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

*Monday, January 8th - Monday,*  
*January 22, 2024*

Kindly remove all lights, tinsel and decorations and place your trees at the curb by 7:00am.

## CURBSIDE CHIPPING

*Will begin on October 23th\**

### Guidelines:

- No branches over 12" in diameter
- Place large cut ends facing the street
- Do not stack; spread branches out
- No firewood, construction lumber, or fence posts
- No roots or stumps
- 15-minute limit per address
- Materials should be curbside by 7:00am

\*Weather Permitting

## CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP

*Every Monday in November*

Please have leaves bagged in paper bags at the curb by 7:00am. Leaf bags can be purchased at Brandywine ACE Pet and Farm, supermarkets, and home improvement stores.

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