



Environmental Happenings

A newsletter of the Cherry Hill Environmental Advisory Committee

Spring 2007

The **Cherry Hill Environmental Advisory Committee** is dedicated to protecting the environment and improving the quality of life for all Cherry Hill residents.

Meeting Schedule

All monthly meetings of the CHEAC, generally held on the third Monday, are open to the public. The meetings are held at the Richard E. Rohrbach Public Works Complex, 1 Perina Boulevard, just off Markkress Road near the Post Office. Meetings start at 7 p.m.

The remainder of the meeting dates for **2007** are as follows:

May 21
June 18
July 9
August 13
September 17
October 15
November 19
December 17

If you would like further information or are interested in joining CHEAC, please contact Earle Seneres, the Township Liaison, at 856-424-3203 or eseneres@chtownship.com.

CHEAC looking to create nature trails

The Cherry Hill Environmental Advisory Committee is looking into creating new nature trails in some of the Township's open space areas, to better enable residents to take advantage of the many benefits this land offers.

In conjunction with the office of Mayor Bernie Platt, CHEAC is examining various undeveloped open space tracts to determine which will be most suitable for developing the trails. Cherry Hill has 133 tracts of wholly undeveloped open space land, such as wooded areas and open fields, covering 772 acres.

"Creating active space for our residents is a priority and together with CHEAC we will make our open space a place that can be enjoyed by our entire community," Platt said.

The Township also has 95 partially developed open space tracts covering another 584 acres. These tracts currently house such things as playgrounds, ball fields, and historical sites. The Township currently has one nature trail, located at the Barclay Homestead. CHEAC is currently working with others to replace trail signage and improve the path.

"These lands contain a wealth of plants and animals. The nature trails will open up new areas for nature exploration in Cherry Hill," noted CHEAC Chairman Lewis Gorman III.

Since the establishment of the Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in 2000, CHEAC has inventoried all privately owned vacant land in Cherry Hill and distributed applications to acquire open space parcels.

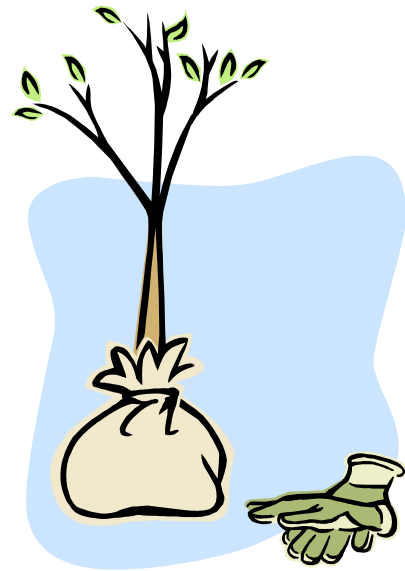
Anyone who has ideas for where it would be good to establish new nature trails, would like to help in developing the sites, or is just interested in learning more about CHEAC is welcome to contact us or attend our monthly meetings (see box at left for details).

Trees planted at town hall

About 25 residents got together April 28 to plant nine trees adjacent to Town Hall, to help beautify the area.

“Not only will this tree planting aesthetically enhance the Township, provide more shade for a natural cooling effect, and help with stormwater runoff, but these trees will provide the community with a new natural resource that can be enjoyed by future generations,” noted Mayor Bernie Platt.

The planting was coordinated by the Mayor’s office and the Township’s Community Development and Public Works Departments, and included such participants as members of CHEAC.



Flood relief available from FEMA

In the aftermath of the April nor’easter that swept through our region, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has analyzed the damage in Cherry Hill and added the Township to its individual assistance program. This storm caused extensive damage to several households throughout our Township. Applying in a swift timeframe is imperative to securing aid from this agency. To file for assistance, residents and businesses with damage from the storm may register online anytime at <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/index.shtm> or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

Street sweeping to begin in township

The weather is warming up and that means the Township’s Department of Public Works will have its street sweepers out in force to cover more than 100 neighborhoods throughout Cherry Hill. Public Works will have its six trucks scouring over Township-maintained roadways for the remainder of the spring and summer.

The initial pass by the sweeper team will remove all of the material the Township placed on the roadways for the winter season, including sand and salt. The first run will make a marked improvement to the beautification process of Cherry Hill’s roadways.

Current CHEAC Membership

Lewis Gorman III, Chair

Jeanne Barnum
Eric Begun
Patricia Corbett
Michael Gilman
James Glass
Timothy Hellem
Nick Horiates
David Iacono
Sidney Katz
Helen Kushner

Michael Maitland
Donald Monah
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Christopher Shull
Irwin Spetgang, *Emeritus*
Tilly Spetgang, *Emeritus*
Gary Sternberg

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