



SUSTAINABLE CHELTENHAM NEWSLETTER

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The Cheltenham Township Environmental Advisory Council

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

Monday @ 7:30PM

March 16

Township Administration Building, 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park

This is the monthly meeting where the volunteers of the EAC and interested residents of Cheltenham Township discuss new and ongoing environmental concerns, draft recommendations for the Township Commissioners, and work on strategies to promote widespread action toward the goals of our Township's [Sustainability Plan](#). **Township residents are encouraged to attend and get involved in Sustainable Cheltenham!**

At this month's meeting:

- A representative of the Audubon Society will make a presentation about "Bird Towns," and how Cheltenham could become one!
- We will be welcoming our first Student Representatives to the EAC.
- Planning for the Annual Sustainability Festival.

[Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership, Inc.](#)
[Calendar of Events](#)

Click the Calendar link above to see what is happening in the largest watershed in the Township! And, in case you missed their [Rain Barrel Workshop](#), you can still order a rain barrel for \$65:

Contact Alex at cooper@ttfwatershed.org or 215.744.1853.

Cheltenham Township Recycling Info

In your mailbox this April

Look for the Cheltenham Update Newsletter, mailed to every household in the Township, for a comprehensive guide to the Township's recycling program. Not sure why some things are recyclable and others are not? Confused about the changing rules for what can be recycled? Read the Township Newsletter for the answers you need!

Becoming Greener: A Panel Discussion on Green Schools

April 9th, 7:30 to 9:30 PM

Arcadia University

This Arcadia University-sponsored panel discussion is aimed at Educators, Education Leaders, and anyone interested in bringing Sustainability into the infrastructure and operations of our schools.

Panelists Include:

Lori Braunstein: Executive Committee, PA Green & Healthy Schools Partnership;
Founder, Sustainable Cherry Hill

Michael W. Pavelsky: Associate Sustainability Director, The Sheward Partnership

John Henry: STEM & Sustainable Schools Specialist, LEED Green Associate, NJ School Board Association

Patrick Guinnane: Director of Operations, Lower Merion School District



Becoming Greener



What are green schools? How are they designed, constructed, maintained, and sustained? How can we educate students for a sustainable future? What is happening locally and nationally with the green school movement? How can educational leaders integrate sustainable practices into schools?

Where:

Landman Library
2nd Floor
Beaver College Room

When:

April 9th
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Presented by:

The Department of Leadership for
Educational Equity and Excellence

And

Students and Faculty of current issues in
School of Finance and Resource
Management



[Click on the flyer to register for this event](#)

Get Ready for **Earth Day**
Saturday, April 25th

The Cheltenham Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) seeks community groups planning or interested in conducting an Earth Day activity on Saturday, April 25.

Plans for a number of park cleanups are already in the works at various times and locations in the township. In addition:

- The EAC hopes an adult group will volunteer to tackle cleanup of Ogontz Avenue around Shopper's Lane and the Cedarbrook School.
- Plus, many riparian areas in the community could use some invasive cutbacks and trash cleanups. The EAC plans to publicize and promote all of the Earth Day efforts via this newsletter, the Township website and Facebook page. 

Please contact EAC member Barb Duffy at 215-885-1506 or beduffy@comcast.net to add your group to this year's list. Later, as Earth Day approaches, look for a project you can personally assist by checking www.CheltenhamTownship.org for the list of Earth Day efforts.

Environmental Advisory Council Committees: Your Opportunity to get Involved!

The EAC is organized into four committees, which partner with many like-minded individuals and groups. These committees enable EAC volunteers to focus their efforts on topics of particular interest. The current committee structure includes:

- *Energy and Emissions Committee*
- *Water and Ecology Committee*
- *School Liaison Committee*
- *Communication and Engagement*

In the EAC Newsletter, you can expect to see information about the activities of these committees, and don't forget that you are always welcome to attend the monthly EAC meeting to ask questions, provide your insights, and **get involved**.



Energy and Emissions

The Energy and Emissions committee focuses on a wide range of issues related to utilization of limited resources, efficiency, pollution, anthropogenic climate change, and mobility.



Water and Ecology

Concerned about water quality and how our interactions with the environment impact this most important resource? You should meet the Water and Ecology Committee!

School Liaison Committee

Does your school have a "Green Team?" Chances are, it does! This committee strives to coordinate the efforts of the Sustainability-minded parents, students, and staff at each of the schools in Cheltenham Township. Perhaps we will have a district-wide Green Team before long! Are you associated with a private school? Come to an EAC meeting and tell us about your efforts in Sustainability.



Communication and Engagement

Goal #1 of Cheltenham's Sustainability Plan is community engagement! The EAC Newsletter is one way to promote environmental awareness and provide valuable information to the public on the many facets of Sustainability. Furthermore, the goal of community engagement, as articulated in the Sustainability Plan, includes the promotion of "more citizen involvement in all Township meetings and planning," so...we look forward to seeing you soon! And, if you have ideas for future articles (or would like to write an article), you can submit them to the EAC.

A new feature you may "like" is Sustainable Sunday Tips on the Township's Facebook

page. 



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