

# NCCA NEWSLETTER

FALL 2016

## Coffee with A Cop

Come get to know your local officers. The Newtown Police Department will hold the next "Coffee with a Cop" event on Friday, September 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Corner Bakery Cafe on 3 West Road in Newtown.

## New Polling Location

The November 8, 2016 elections will be held as usual at Newtown Middle School at the Bypass & Newtown-Richboro Rd (Green Lane) but due to the construction of the new school, all old parking has been eliminated and therefore the voting area has been moved from the gym to the cafeteria on the other side of the school. Access to this is from Newtown-Richboro Road at the rear entrance. Please do not use the Green Lane entrance due to a Teachers In-Service Day. Voting/Elections signs will assist you in locating the new polling place. Drop-off and handicapped parking will be in front of the cafeteria at the curb as indicated by signs. A new parking area has been built.



When entering the building go through the second set of doors and signs will direct you to District #1 or to District #4. Access to the bathrooms is from the hallway between the entrance doors. !

## Important Change In NCCA Assessment Billing And Payment Procedure

Dunlap & Associates, PC, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, based in Chalfont, Pa., is providing Newtown Crossing Community Association with quarterly billing services. These services include invoicing on the first business day of each quarter. Bills are emailed or post

office mailed depending upon your preference. Monthly accounting reports are sent to our treasurer.

Payments should be made payable to Newtown Crossing Community Association and sent to:  
Newtown Crossing Community Association  
P.O. Box 793  
Souderton, PA. 18964-0793

Mailing information is included in the assessment bill. When making payments be sure to include your lot number so that you will receive appropriate credit. Currently your lot number is a four-digit number with a dash and a fifth digit. Only the first four digits are required to identify your lot.

Billings are sent through DUNLAP & ASSOCIATES, so please do not regard mail from Dunlap as junk mail. Payments should no longer be sent to First National Bank. If you have made arrangements for automatic payment deductions through First National, please terminate them. If you make payments through another bank, please make the necessary adjustments.

If you need to make changes or corrections, please contact Dunlap & Associates at [ncca@dunlap-associates.com](mailto:ncca@dunlap-associates.com). Other issues concerning outstanding balances, payment arrangements, etc, should be directed to NCCA treasurer Bob Donatelli at [bigbob88@verizon.net](mailto:bigbob88@verizon.net) or made in writing to: Newtown Crossing Community Association  
206 Hidden Valley Lane  
Newtown, PA 18940

## Newtown Crossing Swim Team

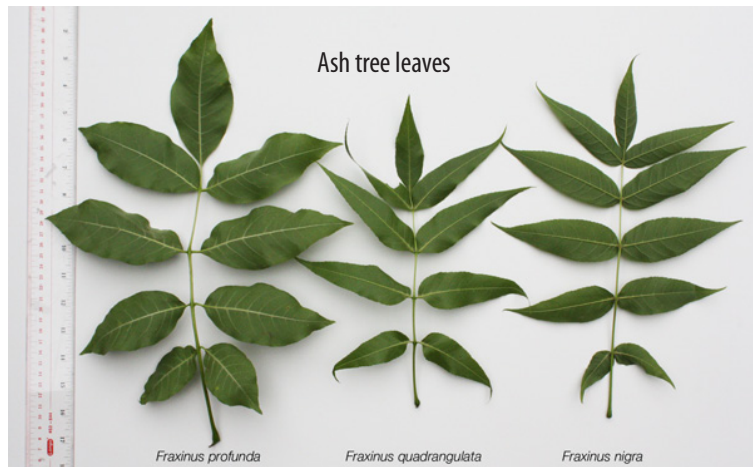
Newtown Crossing Swim Team thanks all of our 2016 sponsors: NCCA, Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grille, First National Bank of Newtown, Hepp Electric, McCaffrey's Supermarket, Moran Landscaping, and Walsh Electric. Also, thank you to our coaches, Gabrielle and Alyssa Belardo, and Laura Miller, for a great season. Congratulations to our Senior swimmers: Geri Belardo, Nick Gallagher, Becca Segel, Joe Segel, Kathryn Price, and Autumn Lukomski-Pizzo. If you are interested in becoming involved in the swim team next year, please contact Marie Dempsey at [me682d@gmail.com](mailto:me682d@gmail.com).

## Protect Your Trees

### Ash Trees

Bucks County is experiencing an infestation of the emerald ash borer, an insect that kills ash trees. There are many ash trees throughout the community, planted by the original developers. Carl Ruzicka has sought the advice of two tree services who have certified arborists on their staffs.

Although the ash trees may not look diseased now, it just takes a year or two before the trees really start to show the effects of the ash borers. There are three primary types of insecticide used. The first, and cheapest, is called *Merit*, a trade name. It is spread on the ground near the root system and it depends on rain to be absorbed into the tree. It takes 6-8 weeks to start having an effect. This treatment needs to be reapplied annually for 3-5 years. The results of *Merit* treatment have been less satisfactory than the following two types.



The second type of treatment is called *Safari* and it is sprayed on the trunks of the tree up to about 5 feet. It is

absorbed through the bark of the tree and then dispersed inside the tree and needs to be applied annually for at least 3 years. The treatment success rate is much better for this product than for *Merit* but both treatments are limited as to how much can be used per acre. Both of these products would be better if applied early in the season as it takes 2-4 weeks for the product to be absorbed by the tree. The leaves of the tree need to be green for the treatment to be dispersed.

The third treatment is called *Triage* and it is the most successful of the three. This pesticide is applied by drilling a hole in the side of the tree and inserting a pellet. The pellet dissolves and disperses the treatment within the tree and needs to be applied only once every three years.

Please contact Carl by email [c.ruzicka@comcast.net](mailto:c.ruzicka@comcast.net) or by calling him at 267-269-5909 with any questions.

### Oak Trees

According to the arborist, many of our oak trees have bacterial leaf scorch. Leaf scorch, sometimes called marginal leaf burn, describes the death of tissue along the edge of the leaf. This symptom develops when sufficient water does not reach the leaf margin cells.

Parts of the tree turn brown while other parts of the tree remain green. There is a treatment that will control the spread of bacterial leaf scorch but will not cure it. Eventually, the entire tree will turn brown and die.

See this link for more information about the emerald ash borer: <http://emeraldashborer.info>

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## Paving Mill Pond Road

Everyone is aware of the poor condition of Mill Pond Road. What everyone may not realize is that while Newtown Crossing Community Association is not responsible for the maintenance of this or any of the other dedicated roads in the development, it *has* been active in petitioning the Township Supervisors for repair of this deplorable stretch of blacktop. A letter has been sent to the Township and, on August 24th, Newtown Crossing Community Association President Jim Downey appeared before the Newtown Board of Supervisors to ask for the township's attention to this matter.

Told the repaving of Mill Pond was not in the budget, Mr. Downey replied, "Budgets aren't carved in granite and stainless steel. Whatever it takes, fix it please." He then stated, "We would like some feedback as to when."

Any comments residents have should be addressed to the Newtown Board of Supervisors:

<http://www.newtowntownship.org/contact-newtown-township/>