

## 2024 Budget

Preparation of the 2024 budget is underway. The Board of Supervisors will discuss the budget at work sessions and regular meetings this fall. You can view the “Agendas and Minutes” section of the website ([www.eastbradford.org/AgendaCenter](http://www.eastbradford.org/AgendaCenter)) for details.

A draft budget will be posted in October on the “Budget & Finance” page of the Township website ([www.eastbradford.org/203/Budget-Finance](http://www.eastbradford.org/203/Budget-Finance)). A formal 20-day public review and comment period on the proposed 2024 budget will be advertised in November prior to the Board adopting the budget in December.

## Septic System Maintenance Reminder

Property owners with an on-lot sewage disposal system are required to pump their systems every three years. Later this fall, the Township will be mailing reminders to residents who are due to pump their system next year (2024). Be on the lookout for this mailer. At the same time, we will be sending reminders to residents who still need to pump their systems by the end of 2023.

If you are not sure whether your system maintenance is up to date, contact our office at [info@eastbradford.org](mailto:info@eastbradford.org) and we can check our records.

To arrange to have your system pumped, contact a licensed liquid waste hauler. The Chester County Health Department maintains a list of licensed haulers at [chesco.org/983/Sewage-and-Water-Contractors](http://chesco.org/983/Sewage-and-Water-Contractors). Septic haulers who are licensed by the County are required to enter pumping data into an electronic County-wide database. East Bradford Township receives automated notifications whenever a Township property is pumped.

More information about on-lot sewage system maintenance is available at [www.eastbradford.org](http://www.eastbradford.org). Under the “Services” heading, select “Utilities” and then “On-Lot Septic Systems.”

## PA’s Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program was created to provide property tax and rent relief to older and disabled adults. It is one of five programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. The rebate program also receives funding from slots gaming. Since the program’s inception in 1971, older and disabled adults have received more than \$7.6 billion in relief.

### The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians:

- Age 65 and older.
- Widows and widowers age 50 and older.
- People with disabilities age 18 and older.

The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. Spouses, personal representatives, or estates may also file rebate claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in the claim year and meet all other eligibility criteria.

### HOMEOWNERS RECEIVE:

INCOME	MAXIMUM REBATE
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250

### RENTERS RECEIVE:

INCOME	MAXIMUM REBATE
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

For more information, visit [www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx). ●

## One little thing...

One of the reasons that East Bradford is minimally developed in the very sought after West Chester region is due to its terrain. In general, the Township consists of moderately to steeply sloped undulating terrain with waterways in between (i.e. the Township is “lumpy”). As a result, the land area suitable for construction is limited, which has resulted in much lower density as compared to many of our municipal neighbors. Where development has occurred, it has occurred over many small drainage divides, requiring the construction of many, smaller stormwater facilities, rather than one large one serving an entire development.

Most stormwater facilities in the Township manage stormwater runoff from approximately 20 acres of development or less. Thus, we have many stormwater facilities for the amount of development that we have. These facilities are under extreme forces during intense rainfalls and require periodic and perpetual inspection and maintenance to keep them operating properly. While the owners of the basins are required to complete these tasks, they are often completed on a bi-yearly schedule, rather than after a big storm.

One little thing that you can do to aid these efforts is to notify the Township of anything that you may notice that seems wrong with how the facility is operating, if you see any obvious damage to the facility, or if the facility is simply in need of general storm debris removal. The Township can then notify the facility owner as quickly as possible of the issue, to quicken the owner’s response to the problem. In the world of stormwater facility maintenance, a problem that is left unattended to almost always costs exponentially more to remediate the longer it remains unaddressed. ●