



# Chrin Community Update

## HOUSEHOLD TIPS:

### How Not to Waste Food Scraps

There's an easy way to reduce your contributions to the trash stream, and at the same time, enrich your flower bed or vegetable garden. It's the low-tech, high-yield process of composting.

Using the natural processes of decay, you can almost magically turn any plant material, including leaves and grass clippings; and non-meat and non-dairy kitchen scraps into a valuable humus-like jumble in just a few months.

There have never been more ways to compost, including buying a new commercial composting bin, or building a 4 x 4 x 4-foot enclosure with chicken wire, snow fencing or used pallets, or even drilling some holes in a plastic or galvanized trash can. **The Penn State Cooperative Extension, Northampton County** office even offers free composting bins as part of a composting workshop it usually offers each spring and fall.

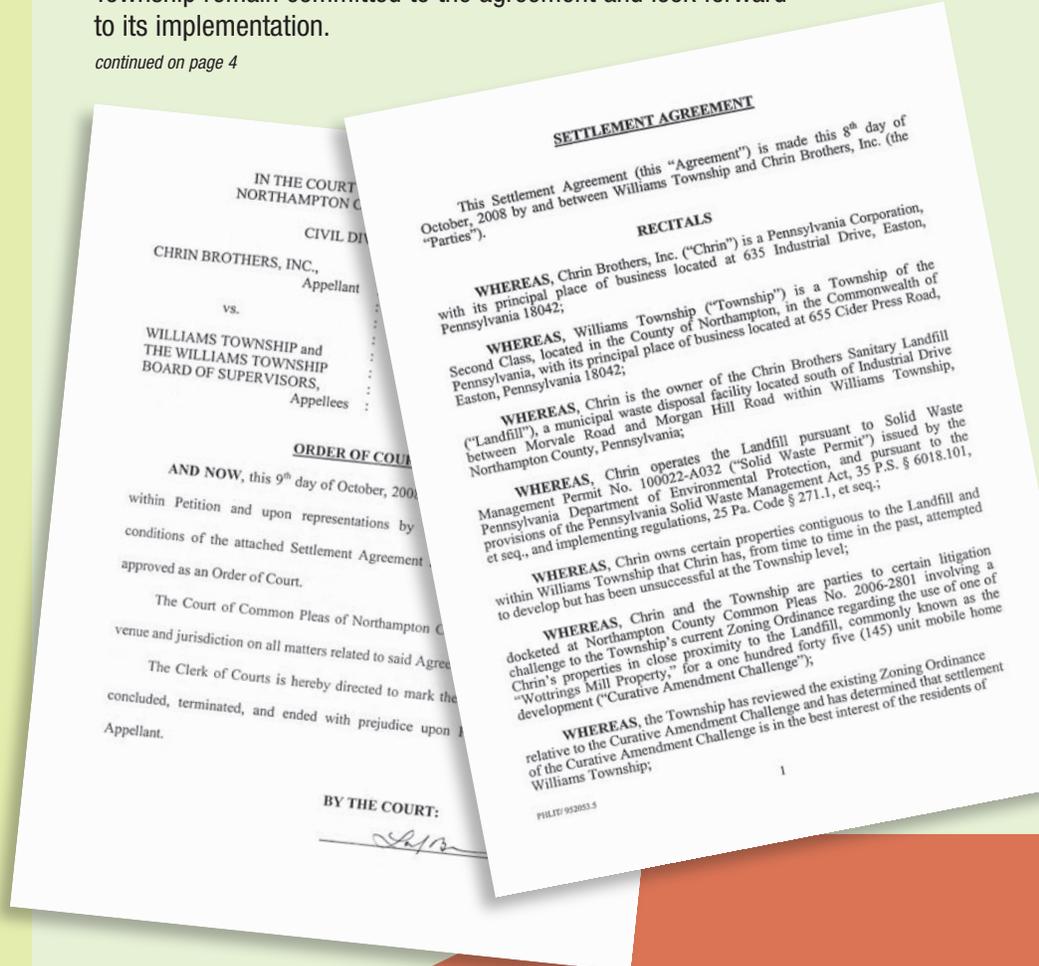
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## NEW TOWNSHIP REVENUES & MORGAN HILL LANDSCAPING ON TAP

We've received some questions in the aftermath of reports on the settlement of the lawsuits over our Wottrings Mill property near the landfill. These include:

- Q: What about a media report that the Township backed out of the Settlement Agreement?**
- A:** That was an erroneous report based on a misinterpretation of the Township's legal action following a judge's ruling that put a hold on the approval and implementation of the settlement agreement. Both Chrin and the Township remain committed to the agreement and look forward to its implementation.

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### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (this "Agreement") is made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 by and between Williams Township and Chrin Brothers, Inc. (the "Parties").

#### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, Chrin Brothers, Inc. ("Chrin") is a Pennsylvania Corporation, with its principal place of business located at 635 Industrial Drive, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042;

**WHEREAS**, Williams Township ("Township") is a Township of the Second Class, located in the County of Northampton, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with its principal place of business located at 655 Cider Press Road, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042;

**WHEREAS**, Chrin is the owner of the Chrin Brothers Sanitary Landfill ("Landfill"), a municipal waste disposal facility located south of Industrial Drive between Morvale Road and Morgan Hill Road within Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania;

**WHEREAS**, Chrin operates the Landfill pursuant to Solid Waste Management Permit No. 100022-A032 ("Solid Waste Permit") issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act, 35 P.S. § 6018.101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 25 Pa. Code § 271.1, et seq.;

**WHEREAS**, Chrin owns certain properties contiguous to the Landfill and within Williams Township that Chrin has, from time to time in the past, attempted to develop but has been unsuccessful at the Township level;

**WHEREAS**, Chrin and the Township are parties to certain litigation docketed at Northampton County Common Pleas No. 2006-2801 involving a challenge to the Township's current Zoning Ordinance regarding the use of one of Chrin's properties in close proximity to the Landfill, commonly known as the "Wottrings Mill Property," for a one hundred forty five (145) unit mobile home development ("Curative Amendment Challenge");

**WHEREAS**, the Township has reviewed the existing Zoning Ordinance relative to the Curative Amendment Challenge and has determined that settlement of the Curative Amendment Challenge is in the best interest of the residents of Williams Township;

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

CIVIL DIVISION

CHRIN BROTHERS, INC.,  
Appellant

vs.

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP and  
THE WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
Appellees

#### ORDER OF COURT

**AND NOW**, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, the Court, upon the filing of the within Petition and upon representations by the Appellant and the Appellees, and upon the conditions of the attached Settlement Agreement, hereby orders that the Settlement Agreement be approved as an Order of Court.

The Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, hereby grants venue and jurisdiction on all matters related to said Agreement.

The Clerk of Courts is hereby directed to mark the docket as concluded, terminated, and ended with prejudice upon the filing of this Order of Court by the Appellant.

BY THE COURT:  
*[Signature]*

FILED: 10/09/08

# Robert Miller, Mr. Fixit

Some people are just mechanically inclined.

Take Bob Miller, for example, who was only 9 when he first operated a tractor on the family farm. Since then, he's tooled around everything from his prized Ford Model A (which he converted into a street-legal hot rod) to high-tech farm machinery. At Chrin, he's the go-to guy who keeps more than 100 different vehicles – from off-highway earth-moving equipment to hulking trash compactors – in excellent running condition.



One of Robert's favorite "toys" – a Case International Combine.

Greg Chrin, who runs the landfill, says Bob is one of his most reliable and skilled team members.

"He is a dream employee for any employer," explains Greg. "He is not only technically and mechanically blessed with great skills, but he has a great work ethic that rubs off on everyone around him. He takes great pride in keeping our fleet not only running, but running in tip-top shape."

Bob has been here about six years, joining Chrin after several years working for a regional landfill construction and management company. A talented mechanic and welder, when he was still in high school he was working on complicated commercial baking equipment for an area business.

"I really like the variety at Chrin, especially working on the big stuff," says Bob, who besides his varied landfill responsibilities has recently applied his extensive farming experience in helping Charles Chrin plant and harvest nearly 900 acres of corn and soybeans. "Our own family farm is still operating and, like the landfill, it depends on well maintained equipment. You take good care of the equipment and it takes care of you."

That's a handy piece of advice.

We have been actively engaged in the community for more than one-half century, supporting a variety of educational, conservation, and civic activities.

Your comments and newsletter story suggestions are encouraged, and you are welcome to take a personal tour of the landfill, or bring your school or community group. Just call Brian Leverington at 610-258-8737 to schedule a visit.

For 24/7 access, including odor-related concerns, call 610-972-9510.

**FEEDBACK  
& TOURS**

## ON THE COVER

Williams Township is home to many horse lovers like this proud equestrian at the Keiter Farm on Morgan Hill Road.



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# FIRED UP



Greg Chrin (right) joins William Murray in front of the Williams Township Volunteer Fire Company pride-and-joy, the gleaming Engine 28-12.

We could not be happier to provide our next \$10,000 installment committed towards the payment of the new Williams Township Volunteer Fire Company truck. Fire Company President William Murray reports that this multi-purpose truck has been a work-horse on both fire and rescue responses. His dedicated members didn't take long to get up to speed on its high-tech features.

By the way, if you are interested in joining this tremendous team of volunteers, please call Jeff Murray at 610-252-7648.

As always, we thank all the volunteers for their service.

## GOOD EPA REPORT CARD

Everyone likes to read a good report card, and we're no exception.

We are referring to the recent five-year report by the EPA regarding the portion of our property outside the working landfill area that is listed as part of the EPA Industrial Drive Superfund site. The very good news in the report is that the EPA found that the ground water along that Industrial Drive site continues to improve in quality, almost to a point where it would be considered safe to drink. Even though residents in the area have been on public water since 1989, this demonstrates that comprehensive clean-up efforts are working. We remain confident given these results that de-listing as a Superfund site is around the corner. By the way, we took over that site from the former owner 20 years ago when it closed its doors, and have worked cooperatively with the government ever since to ensure its environmental integrity. The EPA five-year report is a public document and may be obtained at <http://cfpub1.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0301211>

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**Q: Is the Township really going to get \$800,000 in fees in 2009 from the landfill?**

A: Yes, once it is cleared of any legal red tape created when a group of citizens challenged the settlement agreement. The payments are part of the agreement which provides for \$200,000 in upfront payments and a doubling in the per-ton disposal fee to \$2.00 per ton.

**Q: Will the view of the landfill along Morgan Hill Rd. be changing?**

A: Yes. As part of the agreement, we will be planting more than 80 specimen trees (12 – 15 feet in height) as part of a screening along Morgan Hill. The project will be supervised by a professional landscape designer-contractor.

Proposed Landscaped Screening – Photograph Looking West – Morgan Hill Road Hairpin Turn



Note: Proposed tree and shrubbery sizes shown in rendering are reflective of future maturing of tree and shrubbery materials.

## Litter Bugs Beware

You've probably noticed that there's a lot less litter on Morgan Hill Road these days, and for that we can all thank Margaret Schley. Margaret had made a personal mission of keeping the road clean of litter, including the food and beverage containers that were dumped on the shoulder. Once Margaret "retired" from her one-woman litter patrol, we followed her lead and now assist neighbor Donald Hill, who has been a diligent volunteer. Margaret suggests, and we strongly agree, that we as a community participate in PennDOT's Adopt-a-Highway Program on Morgan Hill Road to make the clean-up effort official and permanent. If you are interested in lending a hand, please call Brian Leverington here at Chrin. Together we can make a lasting difference.



# Turning Garbage into Green Energy

We are making good progress toward generating green power from the landfill methane gas naturally produced and processed at the site. There's been a lot in the media lately about this popular process by which the gas is extracted using a closed network of wells and a vacuum system that guides and treats the gas for conversion into energy. Initially, our plan is to use the electric power generated across I-78 in Glendon to replace fossil fuels in serving businesses in the Glendon III Business Center. Besides helping to reduce dependence on foreign-produced fuels, this project will result in the reduction of carbon dioxide levels and, overall, a cleaner, healthier environment. The EPA has estimated that utilizing just 300 cfm/year of landfill gas has the same greenhouse gas reduction effect as removing 6,100 cars from the road for one year or planting 8,300 acres of trees. For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/lmop/overview.htm>

## How Not to Waste Food Scraps

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In this bin or enclosure you can dump your yard waste and each day drop in your kitchen scraps, such as vegetable peels, fruit skins, or some stale bread mold you've already started in the refrigerator. Then periodically add some water, just enough so it's like a moist, wrung-out sponge, but not soggy. Finally, about once a month turn the compost concoction over so that the outside layers are exchanged with the center of the pile. This prevents odors by allowing the air to reach the center.

When your compost looks dark and crumbly and none of the starting ingredients are visible, it's ready to use. Feel free to improvise: many like to add a dash of coffee grounds

or egg shells. The compost is great for the base of trees and shrubs as mulch and to enrich your beds. Or work it into the top six to eight inches of the soil to provide increased water retention and valuable nutrients.

Happy composting!

*For workshop and free bin information:*

**Penn State Extension Service,  
Northampton County office**  
Composting workshops

Call 610-391-9840, the Lehigh County Extension office, for information and to register

*For more information:*

**Penn State Extension Service**  
<http://backyardcompost.cas.psu.edu/>

**Pennsylvania Department of  
Environmental Protection**  
[www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

"Composting Home Page"  
**EPA**  
<http://www.epa.gov/compost/backyard.htm>





# TIRED OUT

1400 discarded tires from Williams Township households have a new and purposeful home at the Chrin landfill.

The old tires – of all sizes – are no longer taking up space in basements, garages, and on properties where they can attract mosquitoes or be a fire hazard. They are being recycled and used as part of the landfill’s leachate collection system.

Besides accepting the old tires, Chrin enabled residents to drop off yard waste for recycling and also distributed tons of free mulch.

The eco-event was a big success thanks to the participation of all residents and the Township.

New life for old tires: just some of the truckloads of old tires dropped off by Williams Township residents.

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