

Notes & Comments

Local Updates

Bill Martin, former Borough Manager of Bridgeport and Assistant Manager of Radnor Township, was sworn in as the Township Manager of Tredyffrin Township on November 19.

Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 320 opened at Route 29 on December 11, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Governor Tom Corbett.

Matthews Road in western Tredyffrin is undergoing a major facelift, with the expansion of Route 202 dominating the north side of the road while construction of the Chester Valley Trail gets underway along the south side. Several more months of construction remain ahead before the earth movers and other equipment relocate. In the meantime, more work is under way at the Uptown Worthington site, which could continue for a few years.

Girl Scout Cookies—Clarification

In the previous issue, the editor's letter stated that Girl Scout Cookies originated on the Upper Main Line. As related in Jean Harlow's article in that issue, Daylesford resident Ethel Jennings Newton was indeed instrumental in establishing the first successful commercial cookie sale in 1934. However, the first Girl Scout to actually bake and sell cookies is unknown. What has been documented is that a troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma, is the earliest known non-commercial cookie seller, with a date of 1917. In July 1922, a cookie recipe for scouts to follow was printed in *The American Girl*, an official Girl Scout magazine that was published until 1979. There was thus a long history of Girl Scouts and cookies prior to the first commercial sale. Following the Philadelphia area's 1934 sale, the Greater New York area sold commercially baked cookies in 1935. Then, in 1936, the national Girl Scouts started licensing companies to produce cookies for troops to sell. It may be more accurate to state that the Upper Main Line played a role in establishing the sale of Girl Scout cookies as we know them today.

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