

# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

## *Newsletter*



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### Thank You



### for your Kindness

The East Lampeter Township Park Board and Board of Supervisors would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous donations to help beautify the Township parks for 2016.

❧ Conestoga Valley Greenhouse ❧

❧ Greenfield Growers ❧

❧ Ken's Garden ❧

❧ Shady Willow Greenhouse ❧

❧ Shenk's Greenhouse ❧

❧ Zook's Greenhouse ❧

We also would like to extend an invitation to the public to come out and see the parks and the wonderful landscaping done by the Township's Public Works Department.



### **Curfew Reminder**

East Lampeter and Upper Leacock Townships have established a curfew ordinance for the safety of those under 18 years of age. Remember that minors less than 18 years of age are not to remain in or upon any public place or remain in any motor vehicle operating or parked therein or thereon, or remain in or upon an establishment in East Lampeter Township after hours. "After hours" applies between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am Sunday through Thursday nights and 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights.

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## Thank you to Linville Hill Christian School

East Lampeter Township would like to thank Linville Hill Christian School for their volunteer work at Lafayette Tower Park. The students painted and sealed bollards and the split rail fence.



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### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

### SEWER AUTHORITY

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month except for  
November when they meet on the 1st Wednesday  
All regular meetings begin at 4 pm

### PARK BOARD

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm  
(NO MEETINGS in November and December)

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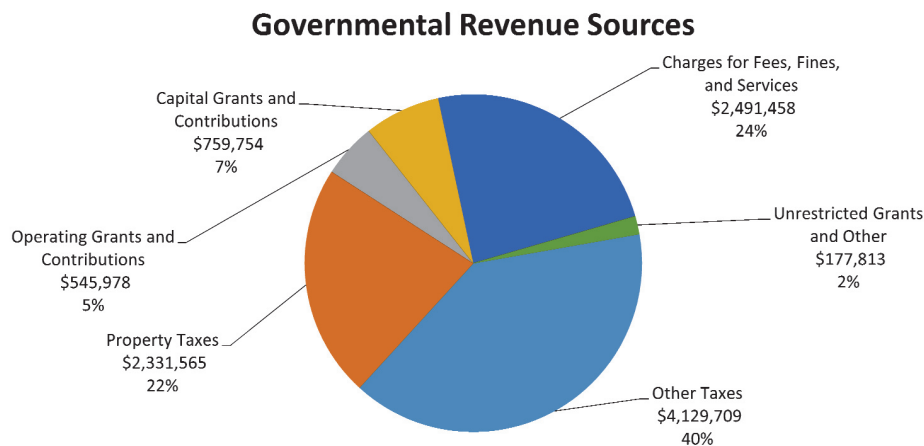


## 2015 Audit Completed

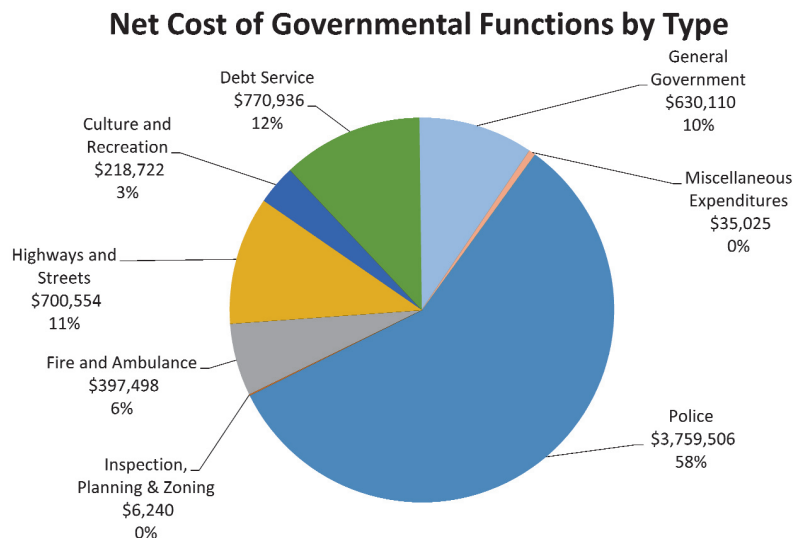
Weinhold, Nickel & Company, LLP has completed the 2015 audit of the Township's financial statements. The following is a summary of the financial performance of East Lampeter Township for the year ended December 31, 2015. The complete audit report is available on the Township web site [www.eastlampetertownship.org](http://www.eastlampetertownship.org).

### Governmental Activities (excluding Sewer Department)

Governmental revenues for the year total \$10.4 million, shown below, by source.



Revenues, such as user fees and specific grants (\$3.8 million), cover a portion of the cost of services provided in each category. The graph below identifies the net amount of each type of expense drawn from the tax revenues and unrestricted grants. Total revenues (including transfers from the Sewer Fund) exceeded total expenditures by \$354,514. As of December 31, 2015, the General Fund had a fund balance of \$3.0 million or 33% of 2015 expenditures.



### Sewer Department

Sewer services are provided to most residents in the Township. In 2015, the operating net loss for sewer services less administrative expenses was \$258,314. Debt service costs of \$1.3 million, offset by tapping fees of \$294,550 created a decrease in net position of \$1.3 million in the Sewer Fund. As of December 31, 2015, the Sewer Fund had a negative fund balance of \$235,056. This negative fund balance was caused by the adverse arbitration award in 2014 as explained in detail on the Township web site. Based upon the 2016 budget, we expect the Sewer Fund to have a positive fund balance by the end of 2016.

## When is a permit required?

Here are a few examples of items that require a permit:

### Fencing—Permit Sometimes Required.

Fences around pools and greater than six (6) feet in height are covered under the Building Code and do require a building permit. Fences under six (6) feet in height do not require a permit. Please note that fences are typically not allowed within easements, rights-of-ways, or clear sight triangles. East Lampeter Township asks that when placing a fence near a property line that you place it so that you have enough room to provide maintenance to the fence on both sides while remaining on your property.



### Patios—Permit Required

A zoning permit for location is required to ascertain compliance with setback requirements. A stormwater management permit is required given the adoption of the new stormwater management ordinance.

### Roof Replacement— Permit Sometimes Required

If you are changing the slope of the roof or adding dormers then a permit is required. If you are just replacing the shingles or applying a rubber roof then a permit is not required on residential properties but it is required on non-residential properties.

### Hot Tubs Or Spas— Permit Required

Hot tubs and spas are covered under the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and require a building permit.



### Accessory Or Utility Structures— Permit Required

All accessory and/or utility structures require a zoning permit to assure that setback requirements are being met. If the structure is over 1,000 square feet a building permit is also required. In addition a stormwater management permit is also required whether the structure is over or under 1,000 square feet.

### Decking—Permit Required

A zoning and stormwater management permit are always required for a deck. A building permit is also required when the deck exceeds 30 inches at any area from the ground



### Sidewalks—Permit Required

Private walkways are required to get a stormwater management permit as they add impervious surface to a site. Public pedestrian sidewalks do require a permit, since they must be constructed to a certain standard.

### Replacing Windows Or Doors— Permit Sometimes Required

A permit is not required if you are not enlarging the opening in the wall. If you are making an opening where there was none before or making an existing opening larger, then a building permit is required.

## Street Right Of Way

Please remove all portable play equipment and any other inappropriate items from the public street. They are illegal obstructions and cannot be placed within the legal Right-of-Way. Such items represent illegal obstructions and create hazardous conditions. Additionally they can do damage to the surface of the roadway.

If you see these kinds of obstructions on Township roads please report them immediately. Failure to remove an obstruction is a violation of Section 2326 of the Second Class Township Code. If you have any questions, please contact the East Lampeter Township Office at (717)393-1567.







## Thank you to Millersville University's Into the Streets Program

East Lampeter Township would like to thank the Millersville University students for their volunteer work at Flory Park East and West. The students painted and sealed bollards throughout the park.



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## Stream Bank Fencing: Green Banks, Clean Streams

Stream bank fencing is a simple, effective way for farmers to improve water quality in the streams flowing through their farms. Placing a fence along stream banks controls livestock access and grazing. A buffer zone of vegetation will grow between the fence and the stream.

Stream bank fencing is a low-cost, low-maintenance farm management tool that provides many benefits:

- Fencing stabilizes stream banks and reduces erosion.
- By volume, sediment causes the most water pollution in Pennsylvania. Much of the sediment comes from soil erosion along stream banks that are grazed. After a stream is fenced, new vegetation binds the soil particles to create a stable structure that resists erosion and collapse. During high stream flows, a blanket of vegetation along the stream shields the bank against erosion. The vegetation also absorbs some of the water's force, helping to slow the current and reduce its erosive power.
- When livestock trample stream banks, the soil is left unprotected and may collapse. Limiting livestock access to stream banks is one of the best ways for a farmer to prevent erosion and loss of productive land.
- Fencing improves water quality.
- Runoff from cultivated fields, pastures, and feedlots pollutes surface water by washing soil, fertilizers, and pesticides into nearby streams. Vegetation along streams



traps sediment and pesticides and absorbs excess nutrients before they enter the water

- Fencing protects herd health.
- Limiting livestock access to streams reduces contact with waterborne bacteria, which may cause bovine leptospirosis, mastitis, and other ailments. Controlling livestock access to streams and stream banks also reduces the risk of injury.
- Fencing promotes modern pasture management.
- The fence gives the farmer more control over where cattle graze. This is a first step in developing a more productive pasture management system.
- Fencing improves fish habitat.
- Streamside vegetation improves fish habitat by enhancing water quality, providing protective cover, and increasing food for fish. Organic matter, such as leaves and insects that fall into the stream, greatly increases the amount and diversity of aquatic life that the stream can support. Streamside shrubs and trees shade the water in summer and help keep it cool.
- Fencing enhances the landscape.
- Wildflowers and shrubs as well as the birds and mammals these plants attract add a variety of shapes and colors to the farm landscape, enhancing its beauty.
- Fencing supports a good neighbor policy.



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- Water is a shared resource. Improving conditions on your farm helps neighbors downstream. Setting a good example encourages upstream neighbors to protect their section of the stream.

### What type of fencing should I use?

The type of fence selected depends on site and livestock. The most economical option usually is a single- or double-strand high tensile electric fence. Woven wire is discouraged because it is much more likely to trap debris and be damaged during flooding.

### How far from the stream should the fence be located?

Fencing should be placed as far from the stream as possible. The benefits of fencing-wildlife habitat, cleaner, clearer water, and reduced erosion and sedimentation-increase with wider corridors of streamside vegetation. Fences placed closer than ten feet from the stream are frequently damaged during high stream flow and provide minimal benefits.

## Police Department Promotions



**Sgt. James Shank** was promoted to Lieutenant. He will officially take over the command of the patrol division in July.



**Jeffrey Nikolaus** was recently promoted to Sergeant and is in charge of patrol Platoon #3.



**Officer Matthew Hess** will be taking over Patrol Platoon #4 in July when he is promoted to Sergeant.

Applications are being accepted for the position of police officer with the Lancaster County Chiefs of Police hiring consortium. The testing will take place September 10 and 11, 2016. For more information please go to <https://www.policeapp.com/>.





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## Township Receives 2016 Well Workplace Award

At East Lampeter Township, we know that the environment around us has a strong influence on health and well-being. We are proud to announce that we recently received a Silver Well Workplace Award at the 2016 Lancaster County Health Summit. This award, presented by the LiveWell Lancaster County Coalition, the Lancaster County Business Group on Health and the Lighten Up Lancaster County Coalition, recognizes local companies for incorporating health into the workplace. The award recognizes companies for creating a culture of health and assists companies in improving their wellness programs. We applied for the award



by filling out the Worksite Health Scorecard from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which assesses how well our wellness program addresses key health issues such as heart disease, depression, diabetes, and obesity.

Here at East Lampeter Township, we have chosen to focus on overall wellness as our main wellness priority. Our wellness program includes monthly free healthy snacks, free pedometers for those participating in the walking program, free first aid and CPR training, access to health and wellness articles, a non-smoking policy for all Township properties and vehicles, and access to a health coach.

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