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Helping the East Lampeter Township Police Department

Occasionally, our police department is in search of video surveillance recordings to investigate crimes. We are aware that an increasing number of our residential neighbors and businesses within the community are installing their own surveillance cameras on private property. This surveillance may include coverage of the roadway and surrounding landscape and could be helpful in determining suspects from either vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.

The East Lampeter Township Police Department would like to develop a list of participating property owners (residential and business) who maintain security surveillance recording devices on their property in hopes that the recordings may be used to develop leads in select criminal cases.

If you are interested in partnering with your police department to provide video surveillance, we are asking that you contact Lt Rob Eachus at 717-291-4676 ext. 3105 to provide your name, address, and phone number. A detective will speak to you to determine the view of your recording system. The East Lampeter Township Police Department respects the privacy of our neighbors and will seek to keep this list confidential to the extent of the law.

The East Lampeter Township Police Department thanks you in advance for your willingness to team with us in solving crimes in our neighborhoods. If you have any questions, please contact Lt Rob Eachus to discuss your concerns.



Snow and ice must be cleared by private property owners within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of a snow or ice event. A 30-inch path width along sidewalks and 5-foot radius around fire hydrants must be removed.

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Low-Salt Diets, for our Bodies and our Waterways

Aren't doctors telling us to stick to a low-salt diet these days? Well our water bodies should follow the same advice. As winter approaches with it typically comes and snow and ice on roads, parking lots, and sidewalks. The most common reaction by Pennsylvanians is to apply salt, which contains chloride, a water pollutant.

Stormwater affect from snow and ice removal

Salt is typically used on streets, sidewalks, steps and eventually runs off those surfaces and into the stormwater systems which reach streams and rivers. The chloride in salt can damage or kill vegetation and alter freshwater ecosystems.

Safer and still effective snow and ice removal

Using as little salt as possible is the best strategy or the use of salt products that are less likely to have an impact on the environment. Shoveling early and often can help to avoid the use of salt or de-icing substances.

Facts to be reminded of

Salt and deicers are not effective when there is more than three inches of snow and when the temperature is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Salt takes time to work and using more of it does not mean that the ice will melt faster. Sweep up excess salt on dry pavement which is no longer needed before it is washed away.

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DEP Finds Record Radon Level in Home, Encourages All Pennsylvania Residents to Test for This Radioactive Gas

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has detected a new record-high level of radon and is once again encouraging state residents to test their homes for this radioactive gas, a leading cause of lung cancer. Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally through the breakdown of uranium in soil and rocks. It can enter a home through cracks in the foundation or other openings.

Because of its geology, Pennsylvania is prone to high radon levels. Radon has been detected in all 67 counties, and about

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Protect yourself and your loved ones: Do a home radon test.

DIY test kits are easy, inexpensive, and sold at hardware stores.



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40 percent of homes in the state have levels above EPA's action level. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set an action level for radon concentration in homes at 4 pCi/L. Homes testing above this level should have a radon reduction system installed. This is essentially a pipe with a fan to suction the gas from the ground and discharge it above the roofline, where the radon is dispersed. DEP recommends that home builders install radon reduction systems during construction.

"We encourage people to buy a radon home test kit and take the steps necessary to protect themselves and their families," said DEP Acting Secretary Patrick McDonnell. "Fall and winter are an ideal time to test, because the gas becomes trapped inside when doors and windows are closed."

Testing is the only way to know if a home, school, workplace or other structure has elevated levels of radon. An easy home test kit can be purchased at hardware or home improvement stores for about \$20 to \$30. People may also hire a state-certified testing company. DEP certifies all radon testers, mitigators and laboratories doing business in the state, to ensure reliable results. For more information, including information on interpreting radon test results and finding a Pennsylvania-certified radon contractor, visit the DEP Radon Division website or call 800-23-RADON.

Your Help is Needed!

The Township's Public Works Department diligently attempts to keep the Storm Drainage Inlets free of debris (Figure 1) which allows water to flow off of the roadways and into the inlets freely.

In the spring and summer inlets can become covered with road debris, grass clippings and trash (Figure 2). In the fall leaves and sticks often cover these inlets and during the winter snow can block the inlets. Debris on top of the inlets prohibits rain water or snow melt from entering the storm drain system. This can lead to road and property flooding or damage. During the winter months this can result in road flooding which refreezes after dark and can make morning commutes treacherous.

Keeping the inlets free of debris all year long promotes proper water flow into the storm drain inlets and system.

East Lampeter Township Public Works staff asks that if you see an inlet covered with debris that you kindly remove the debris to reduce risks to yourself and others.



Figure 1: Clean Inlet



Figure 2: Debris on Inlet



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When the Weather Outside is Frightful, Do You Know What to Do?

While no one can predict with any certainty what Mother Nature has up her sleeve this winter, we do know this: Pennsylvania is going to get snow, chilly temperatures, some freezing rain, and maybe even a blizzard—and everyone needs to be prepared. The following safety information is courtesy of ready.gov, the official website of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

Understanding what's on the way

When winter arrives, meteorologists and newscasters toss around many terms. Here's an explanation and what you should do:

- Winter weather advisory—The National Weather Service (NWS) issues these advisories when conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous.
- Winter storm watch—The NWS issues these watches when severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow or ice, may affect your area; however, the location and timing are still uncertain. Watches are issued 12 to 36 hours before a potentially severe storm.
- Winter storm warning—Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in the warning area should take precautions immediately.
- Blizzard warning—These warnings indicate that sustained winds and gusts of 35 miles per hour or more and considerable falling or blowing snow are expected to prevail for three hours or more.

Make winter safety a priority

Realize that carbon monoxide can kill. To limit your risk, take these precautions:

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove, or other gasoline, propane, natural gas, or charcoal-burning device inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace, or any partially enclosed area. Be sure to keep these devices outside and at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide. If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, find a location with fresh air quickly, such as an open window or door, and call for help.



If you have to go outside or drive, use common sense.

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water-repellent.
- Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves, and a hat to prevent the loss of body heat. Also, cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- When shoveling snow, avoid overexertion, which can trigger a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. Be sure to take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it, and lift lighter loads.
- Keep dry by changing wet clothing frequently to prevent the loss of body heat.
- If you must drive, travel during the day with someone else and stay on the main roads. Share your destination, route, and expected arrival time with others so if your vehicle gets stuck, they can send help along your predetermined route.
- If a blizzard traps you in the vehicle, pull off the road, turn on the hazard lights, and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window. Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. Be sure to open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. In extreme cold, use road maps, seat covers, and floor mats for insulation. Huddle with the other passengers, use your coats for blankets, and take turns sleeping. One person should always be awake to look for rescue crews. Also, if food and non-alcoholic beverages are available, eat regularly and drink ample fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Balance your electrical needs—the use of lights, heat, cell phone, and radio—with your supply. At night, however, turn on the inside light of the vehicle so work crews or rescuers can find you.

Learn the difference between frostbite and hypothermia.

- Frostbite occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. Symptoms include a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in the extremities, such as fingers, toes, earlobes, face, and the tip of the nose. What to do for frostbite: Cover exposed skin but do not rub the affected area in an attempt to warm it. Seek medical help immediately.
- Hypothermia, on the other hand, is a dangerously low body temperature. The symptoms are uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence,



slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.

What to do for hypothermia:

If you suspect that someone has hypothermia, take his temperature. If it is below 95 degrees, seek medical attention immediately. Get the victim to a warm location, remove his wet clothing, and warm the center of the body first by wrapping the person in blankets or putting him in dry clothing. If the

victim is conscious, give him warm, non-alcoholic beverages.

Learn from every storm.

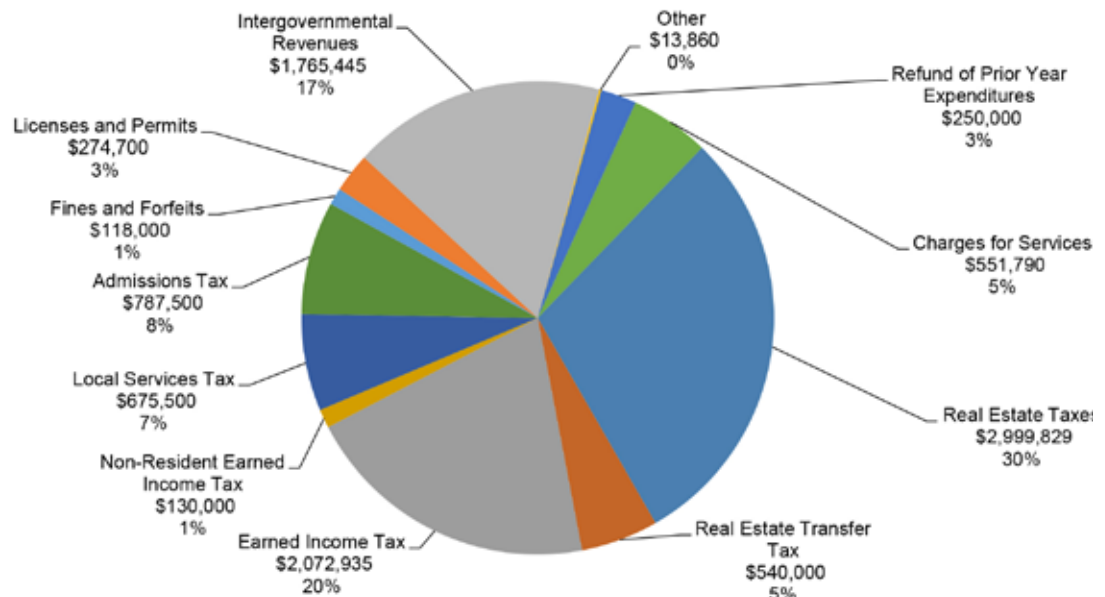
- Always restock your emergency supplies so that you're ready when the next storm hits.

2017 Budget

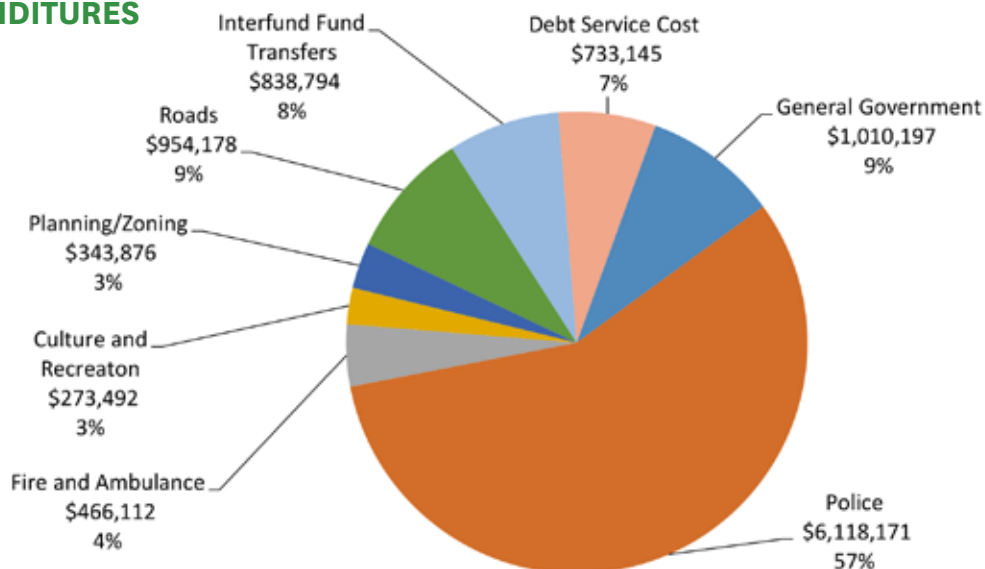
The Board of Supervisors approved the 2017 Budget at their December 19, 2016 regular meeting. Total General Fund Revenues are anticipated at \$10,179,559 and the Expenditures are budgeted to be \$10,737,964. The property tax millage rate will increase by 15% to 1.99 mils or \$199 for each \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The deficit of \$558,405 will be covered by General Fund Reserves.

The graphs below show the revenue sources and the expenditures as presented in the budget.

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



HolidayLEDs.com Christmas Light Recycling Program

Christmas Light Recycling Program Opens.

How does the program work?

It's easy to participate all you have to do is send us your old Christmas lights for recycling and we'll send you a coupon good for 15% off HolidayLEDs.com LED Christmas lights. All coupons may only be redeemed once on a single order and may not be used with any other offer, discount or coupon. Exclusions apply. Not valid on sale products, Commercial Wholesale Case Pricing products, or over-sized shipping items.

What do we do with the lights you ask?

When we receive your lights for recycling we will remove them from the package and recycle the box. The lights will be processed and any material that cannot be recycled (i.e. loose bulbs) is discarded. Once we have collected a substantial number of sets we take them to a 3rd party recycling facility. The recycling company puts the lights through a commercial shredder, which chops the lights up into little pieces. The pieces are then further processed and sorted into the various components that make up the lights (PVC, glass, copper.) The materials are separated and transported to a region center for further processing. In some cases, the PVC cannot be recycled.

How should I package the lights?

Please DO NOT:

1. Include any packing material or anything other than the lights themselves
2. Send the lights in outer packaging such as retail boxes
3. Include any apparatus used to wind up or store the lights



4. Use any size box that is larger than what is needed to accommodate the lights.

5. Put your light sets in plastic bags or any other interior packaging.

Please DO:

1. Use cardboard boxes or other packaging that can easily be recycled.
2. Compact your light sets into the smallest space possible.

How Should I Ship My Lights?

You can send your lights via USPS, FedEx, or UPS to this address:

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How do I get my coupon?

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Five Things You Shouldn't Put in Your Trashcan



These days, it's getting harder to distinguish what should and should not be tossed in your trash can. Some items, like tissues or food wrappers, are easily distinguished as garbage while other household items are more of a mystery. Read on to find out what common items don't belong in your trashcan and how you can properly dispose of them:

- 1 Batteries.** Many people throw dead batteries in the garbage with the rest of their trash. Batteries are considered household hazardous waste and need to be disposed of properly. In Lancaster County, residents can call our main office at 717-397-9968 to request orange battery bags to use for disposal. Once the bag is full, simply place next to your trashcan and your garbage hauler will bring them to LCSWMA for recycling. You can also bring batteries to the LCSWMA Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, free of charge.
- 2 Food Waste.** Did you know that 18% of the national waste stream is made up of food waste? To handle this type of waste, the sustainable disposal option is to compost. Composting is an excellent way to recycle vegetable scraps, grass clippings, leaves and other organics, turning those materials into a useful and valuable product to naturally improve the soil.
- 3 Covered Devices.** In 2013, Pennsylvania passed a law called the Covered Devices Recycling Act, which prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash. Covered devices include desktop computers, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers), televisions and e-readers that browse the internet. You can recycle a maximum of ten covered devices per day at LCSWMA Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free.
- 4 Glass Bottles, Steel and Tin Cans, Plastic Bottles or Newspaper:** Give your garbage a second life—recycle these items! Place bottles, cans or newsprint in your curbside recycle bin for collection or bring them to one of LCSWMA Recycling Drop-Off Centers to dispose of for free.
- 5 Paint.** Excess amounts of paint, either latex or oil-based, can be brought to LCSWMA Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free. Empty paint cans or dried paint can be disposed of as regular trash.

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East Lampeter Township Police News

In Car Video: The police department is equipping three of our patrol vehicles with in car video. This video will be both dashboard-mounted cameras as well as rear passenger compartment cameras. Over the years in car video has been a proven tool for both officer accountability as well as defending against unfounded claims of officer misconduct. In addition, the video served many times as an important tool in criminal cases by providing valuable video evidence.

New Breath Testing Device: The police department will be acquiring a new breath testing device to help measure blood alcohol content of officers involved in suspected drunk driving cases. The device will take the place of an older unit that is no longer functioning. The officers will undergo training on the new device.



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