

# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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### **New Faces**

East Lampeter Township would like to welcome Ms. Alecia Hair and Ms. Megan Towner to our Township staff.

Alecia serves as the Zoning Administrative Assistant. Originally from Harrisburg, Alecia has found a home in Lancaster County and looks forward to serving the Township for years to come.

Megan serves as the Billing Clerk Administrative Assistant. Megan grew up in Lancaster County and looks forward to assisting Township residents with their billing questions.

### **Storm Drainage Inlets**

The Township's Public Works Department diligently attempts to keep the Storm Drainage Inlets free of debris 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. Debris on top of the inlets prohibits rain water from entering the storm drain system. This can lead to road and property flooding or damage. Keeping the inlets free of debris 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.



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## Township Parks

The parks restroom facilities opened April 1st. The Parks Department will be sealing the floors in the restrooms with an epoxy coating and will be replacing the materials for the fitness equipment along the walking trails.

There are playgrounds and walking trails at each park and an 18-hole mini disc golf course available at Community Park. The mini disc to be used for the course may be purchased at the Township office for \$2.50 each.

The township has three beautiful parks:

- **Community Park** located on Hobson Road
- **Flory Park** which can be accessed from Greenland Drive or Strasburg Pike
- **Lafayette Tower Park** located behind the Lafayette Fire Company on Lincoln Highway.

Pavilion rental for both Community Park and Flory Park is \$60.00 per day for residents of East Lampeter Township and \$90.00 per day for non-residents. Please contact the Township Office at 393-1567 to make reservations for your next gathering.



## Public Works Department Projects

In addition to the Public Works Department's normal maintenance schedule, the department will be completing the final phase of paving behind the East Towne Mall including Dohner Drive, Greenland Drive, and Daisy Lane. The project will consist of milling and overlay work, some sidewalk replacement and bringing the remaining ADA ramps up to code. There will also be paving projects on Rockvale Road between Bowman Road and South Willowdale Drive and on Millcross Road between Creek Hill Road and Pine Drive. There will be a pipe replacement project on Bachmantown Road in the area of Route 896. All of these projects will start after June 5th.

## New Inline Sewer Camera

A new inline sewer camera was purchased and the department will be starting an intensive sewer line investigation to check the conditions of the pipes in the Township. The department will also be rebuilding the interior of some manholes on the sewer force main and low pressure mains with new valves and air release equipment.



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Alecia Hair	Administrative Assistant- Zoning
Megan Towner	Administrative Assistant- Billing Clerk

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month  
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September and November when  
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All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm

### PLANNING COMMISSION

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### SEWER AUTHORITY

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All regular meetings begin at 4 pm

### PARK BOARD

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

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

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## Police Department News

### 2016 Officer of the Year

Officer Nathan Westerman was voted by his peers as the 2016 Officer of The Year. Officer Westerman is a 22 year veteran of the police department and serves as lead Firearms Instructor. The Officer of the Year award is sponsored by the Leola, Bareville, Leacock Lions Club.



### Retirements

Please join us in congratulating Lieutenant Robin Weaver and Ms. Ann Silcox on their recent retirements. Lt. Weaver retired March 31 after serving 33 years with the department. He served as the head of all three divisions in the department. Ms. Silcox served with the department since 1995 as a police data specialist. We wish them the best in their retirement.

### Promotions

Sgt. Randy Shrom was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He will serve as the head of the patrol division. Officer Bryan Kondras was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He will serve as the officer in charge of Platoon #1. Congratulations to both officers.

### New Hires

In January, the Police Department hired Nadirah Carter as a data entry specialist. In March, the Police Department hire two new officers. Welcome Officer Josiah Misiura and Officer James Raynor!



Officer James Raynor (left) and Officer Josiah Misiura

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## What Does MS4 Mean, and Why Should I Care?

If you have done any kind of projects requiring permits from your local municipality you have heard the word “stormwater.” Federal and State regulations are changing in 2017, and changing how the municipality is responsible for stormwater in their MS4 permit. You will receive a crash course on what these changes are and how they affect you.

### What is an MS4?

**MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.**

- Have you ever seen the inlets that are on your street? These are all interconnected networks of underground pipes and structures; this is your MS4. Many of these pipes discharge directly to a waterway and the municipality is responsible for inspecting those discharge points.
- Under the Environmental Protection Agency Regulations, a municipality is required to file an MS4 permit with PA DEP every 5 years, with an annual update report submitted every year.

### What is a PRP?

**Pollutant Reduction Plan.**

- A PRP, is a written plan the municipality must submit with their MS4 permit. East Lampeter Township will develop PRP's for the Pequea Creek, the Mill Creek, and the Conestoga River. Each of these will be available for public comment.

- Within that PRP are Stormwater Projects (called BMPs) that will reduce the amount of pollutants that are discharging to our waterways. These are things like vegetated swales, streambank restoration, and riparian buffer plantings (see figure 1).
- The municipality is required to meet reductions of certain pollutants that are discharging into waterways as part of the new permit changes; 10% reduction of sediments, 5% reduction of Phosphorus, and 3% reduction of Nitrogen.

### Does this Affect Me at All?

**Yes, this affects everyone.**

1. **Farmers:** You are going to be expected to have conservation plans and manure management plans in place. East Lampeter Township is also going to be looking for farmers who are willing to step up and implement Agricultural BMP's (Best Management Practice) like no till, cover cropping, and pasture fencing.
2. **Businesses:** You can expect more opportunities for your business to give back to the community through volunteer efforts related to stormwater management.
3. **Homeowners:** Expect there to be many more opportunities for learning about stormwater from your municipality. The Township is required to teach the community more, so they expect the community to know more. Also, expect that you will have an opportunity in the coming months to have a voice in your municipalities PRP. Be sure to look for information regarding East Lampeter's PRP's early this summer!

If you have any stormwater questions feel free to contact me at [ckadwill@eastlampetertownship.org](mailto:ckadwill@eastlampetertownship.org) or (717) 393-1567.



Figure 1: Riparian Buffer at Flory Park

## Award Winning Park in East Lampeter Township

Our very own Flory Park has received a Best Urban Best Management Practice (BMP) in the Bay Area Award from the Chesapeake Stormwater Network. (See Figure 1) This project, which included streambank work and riparian buffer plantings, was installed in the summer of 2013, has received a 3rd place award for Best Habitat Creation. This project was a joint effort between East Lampeter Township, The Lancaster County Conservation District, and the Mill Creek Preservation Association.

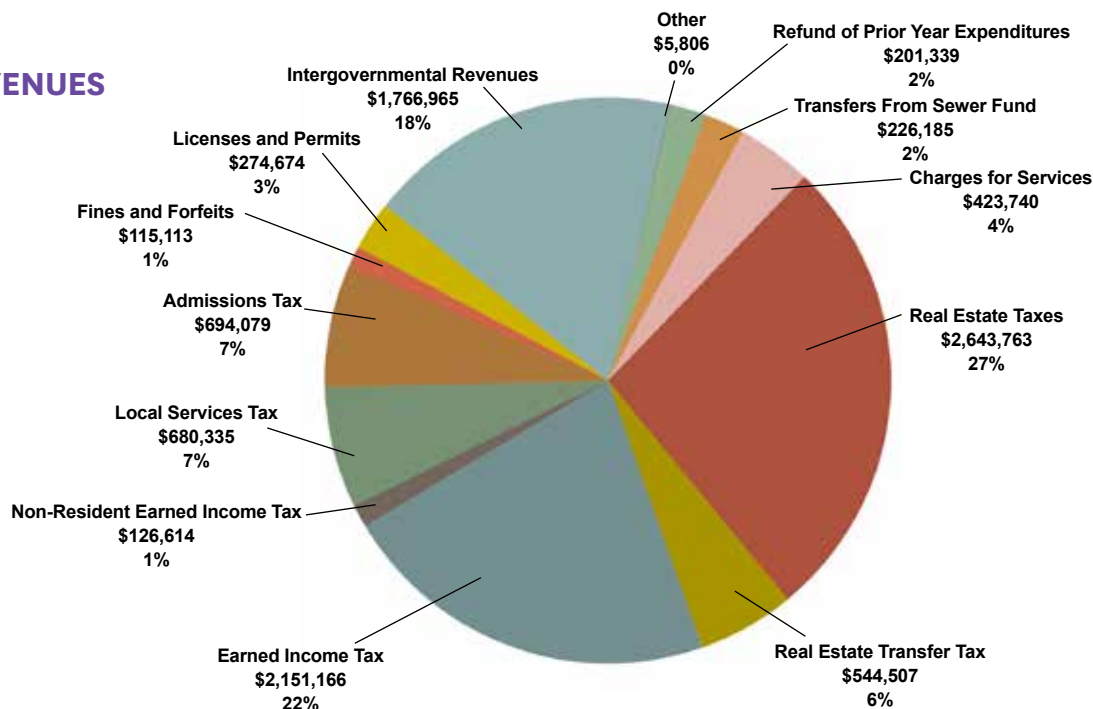




## 2016 Financial Performance

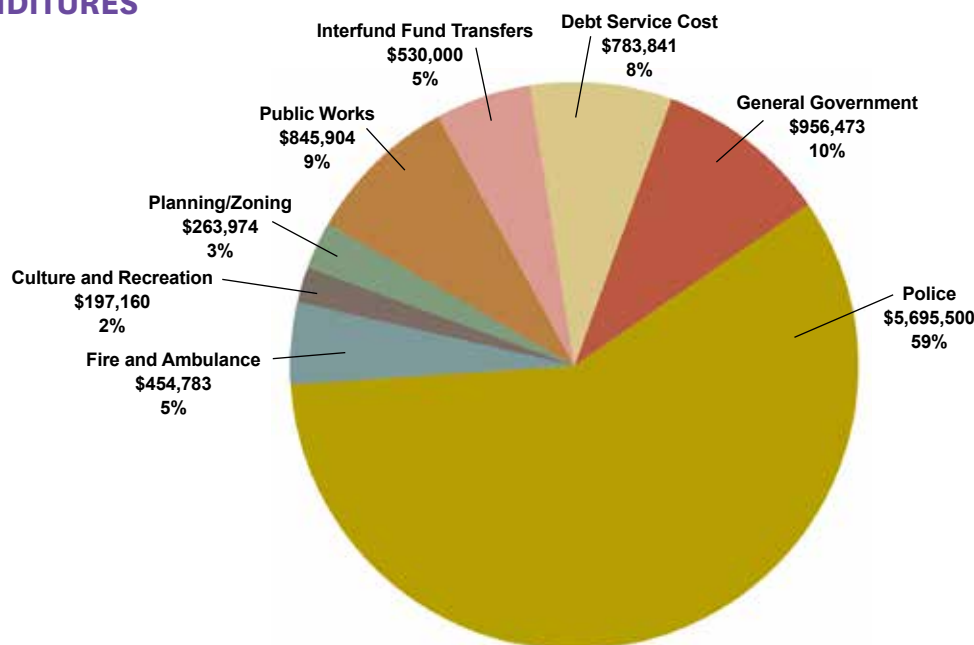
The following is a summary of the financial performance of the General Fund of East Lampeter Township (excluding bond refunding) for the year ended December 31, 2016. General Fund revenues for the year totaled \$9,854,286 shown below by source.

### REVENUES



General Fund expenditures for the year totaled \$ 9,727,635.

### EXPENDITURES



As of December 31, 2016, the General Fund had a fund balance of \$3,141,061 or 29% of total 2017 budgeted expenditures. The Sewer Fund had revenues of \$4,183,718 and Expenditures of \$3,373,140 for the year ended December 31, 2016 leaving a fund balance of \$810,578 as of December 31, 2016.

## Spring into Sustainability with LCSWMA

Spring is a time for renewal, so this year, help renew your community and environment with these tips from the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA).



- **Figure out what items belong in your recycling bin.** The following materials are accepted by all garbage haulers: glass bottles and jars (any color), steel and tin cans, plastic bottles such as water, soda or juice bottles, detergent containers and milk jugs and paper, including newspaper and inserts, phone books, junk mail and magazines. If you have specific questions about what can be placed in your recycle bin, contact your garbage hauler directly.
- **Take advantage of free disposal programs.** LCSWMA accepts household hazardous waste (HHW), such as paint, electronics, fluorescent lightbulbs and more, from Lancaster County residents for FREE at its HHW Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. This permanent drive-through facility is open 6 days per week: Monday through Friday from 7 am – 4 pm and Saturday from 8 am – 12 pm
- **Commit to composting.** 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. Not sure where to begin? LCSWMA is offering FREE Home Compost Workshops on April 19 at the City of Lancaster's Recycling Drop-Off Center at 6 pm Call 717-397-9968 for more information or to sign up for one of the workshops.

## Homeowners Can Take Action to Protect Their Property from Wildfire

Wildfire need not destroy everything in its path. In fact, cleaning your property of debris and maintaining your landscaping are important first steps to helping minimize damage and loss.

The National Fire Protection Association has developed the following list of actions you can take throughout the year to help reduce the risk of your home and property becoming fuel for a wildfire:



- Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches, and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation from underneath your deck and within 10 feet of the house.
- Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Remove flammable materials, such as firewood stacks, propane tanks, and dry vegetation, from within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck, or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. If you have trees on your property, prune them so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.

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- Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- Enclose under-eave and soffit vents or screen them with metal mesh to prevent embers from entering.

Learn more about how to keep your family safe and reduce your home's risk for wildfire damage at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

## How Can I Protect My Private Well and Water Supply?

### Protect Your Well from Damage



- Check the well cover or well cap on top of the casing (well) to ensure it is in good repair.
- Take care when working or mowing around your well. A damaged casing could jeopardize the sanitary protection of your well.

### Protect Your Well from Contaminants

- Store hazardous chemicals, such as paint, pesticides, and motor oil far away from your well.
- Maintain a "clean" zone of at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) between your well and any kennels or livestock operations.

### Do It Yourself or Call a Professional?

- An annual well maintenance check, including a bacterial test, is recommended. Home owners can perform this test.
- Drinking water should be professionally checked any time there is a change in taste, odor, or appearance, or when the well system is serviced.

### Know the Area near the Well

- When landscaping, keep the top of your well at least one foot above the ground. Slope the ground away from your well for proper drainage.
- Always maintain proper space between your well and buildings, waste systems or chemicals.
- Don't pile snow, leaves, or other materials around your well.
- When your well has come to the end of its serviceable life

(usually 20+ years), have a qualified water well contractor decommission it after constructing your new system.

### Record Keeping

- Keep your well records in a safe place. These include the construction report, as well as annual water well system maintenance and water testing results.

### Additional Resources Available

- Local resources are available by visiting <http://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/PrivateWells/Pages/default.aspx>



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