

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Newsletter



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Thank You for your Service!

At the August 21, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting the Board honored retired Zoning Hearing Board member David Petrisek. The Board thanked him for his eighteen years of service to the Township having served as an alternate member of the East Lampeter Zoning Hearing Board for Eight Years from December 1999 to December 2007 and having served as a member of the East

Lampeter Zoning Hearing Board for Ten Years from December 2007 to June 2017 and having served as Chairman of the East Lampeter Zoning Hearing Board for Five Years from January 2013 to June 2017.

REMINDER: Keep Storm Drainage Inlets Free of Debris

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 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.

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

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Is that a Sinkhole?

Heavy rains are not uncommon in the summer, and with those passing showers a lot of water is going into our stormwater systems and recharging the groundwater. Lancaster County is notorious for Karst and Limestone geology that contributes to the relatively easy formation of sinkholes. This article is in regards to sinkholes in and around storm piping and structures.

Storm pipe systems installed underground in the 70s and 80s are beginning to reach the end of their useful life cycles. Galvanized metal piping was the predecessor to the corrugated plastic pipe which we use today on our stormwater systems, and we all know what happens to metal after constant and long term exposure to water...

Rust! When pipes rust or concrete separates from structures or is compromised, they produce voids. When it rains or the void is exposed to water regularly it finds a way back into the ground. With the Karst Geology of the area this rapid influx of water often causes a much larger problem underground. Below are some examples of how this can happen and what to look for in your neighborhood.

The main takeaway on these and most other sinkhole cases is be aware and know what to look for. Often times the “monster” sinkholes that we hear about on the news are simply long term undiscovered sinkholes. If you suspect a sinkhole in the public right of way or on Township Property or if you suspect a sinkhole on your property and are unsure of what you are to do next, be sure to call the Township office at 717-393-1567 x3528.



This sinkhole was caused by a pipe separating from the structure and allowing water in through a void.

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All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm

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PARK BOARD

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm
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Above: This sinkhole was a result of a corroded pipe which was exaserbated by hydrant flushing.



Right: This sinkhole was a repeat, which ended up being the result of corroded pipe as well.

In Other Stormwater News:

East Lampeter Township has partnered with West Lampeter Township and Strasburg Borough on a \$250,000 streambank restoration project along the Pequea Creek at the Mill Bridge Camp Resort. Grant funding was sought through DEP and EPA's Stormwater BMP Implementation Program, in the amount of \$199,610. This money was awarded for the Mill Bridge Campground Streambank project on June 29th at a ceremony held in York County. In addition 17 other municipalities in the central PA area were awarded funds as well.



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5, 2017

It's that time of year again to fall back. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 4, 2017 before you go to bed. Daylight savings time officially begins at 2:00 AM on November 5, 2017.

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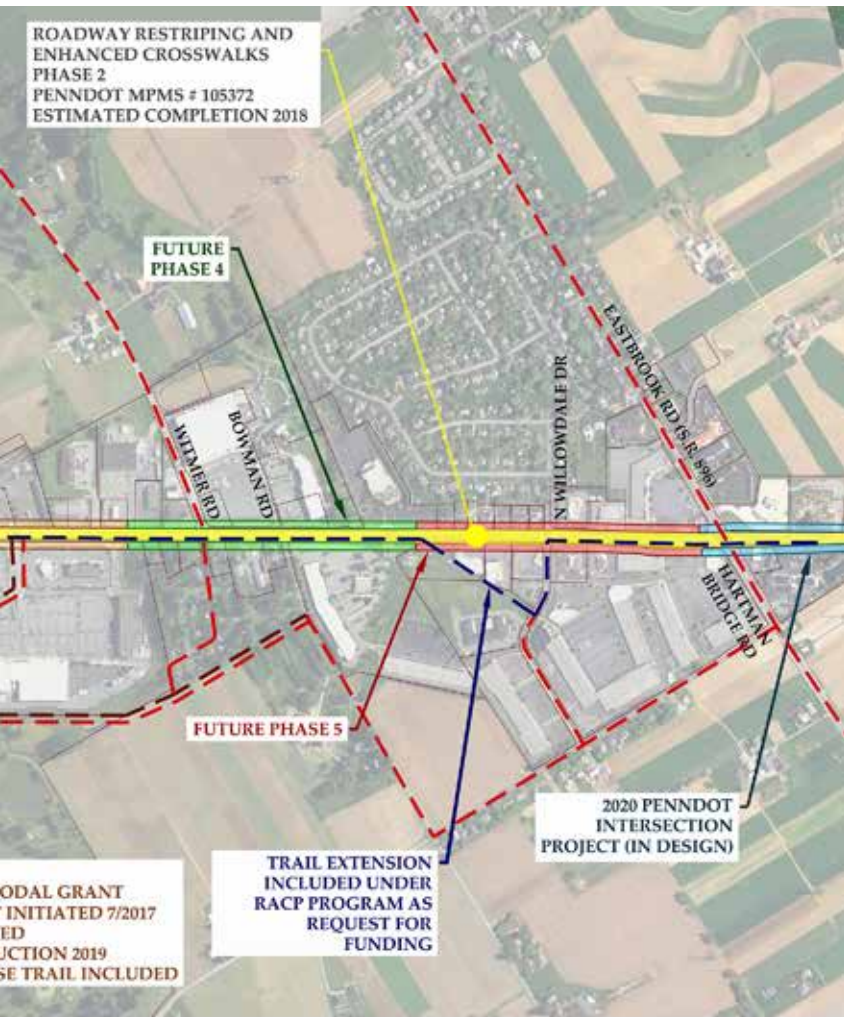
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expected to be made in increments with a series of projects that are needed in order to ultimately improve the corridor. These physical improvements are summarized in the conceptual staging plan. This plan may change as opportunities change within the corridor, but it gives us a focus for our efforts to complete the projects in phases that will eventually achieve the overall vision for the corridor.



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Safe Management of Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste (HHW), if not disposed of properly, can be harmful to human health and the environment. What's more, the average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW in storage areas, garages and sheds.

As innocent as they seem, everyday products like household cleaners, paint, batteries, and other similar items are dangerous when poured down the drain or simply tossed in the trash.

According to the EPA, improper disposal of HHW can:

- cause physical injury to sanitation workers
- contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets
- pollute bodies of water if poured into storm sewers
- present hazards to children and pets if left around the house
- contaminate ground water and surface water that is used as a source of drinking water if sent to unprotected landfills

So how can we minimize the negative impact of HHW on humans and the environment?

Use Safer Products

The first step is to use safer products. Before making a trip to the store for household cleaning and improvement items consider:

- using latex or water-based paint
- purchasing less toxic substitutes
- getting only what you need
- avoiding aerosol products



- buying products packaged in childproof containers
- You can also avoid harsh chemicals by using eco-friendly alternatives for everyday cleaning products.

Practice Proper Disposal

Proper disposal of HHW is imperative. LCSWMA offers free and safe disposal of HHW to Lancaster County residents at our HHW Facility on Harrisburg Pike. Items accepted at the HHW Facility include: paint, cleaners, automotive fluids, cooking oils, pesticides, herbicides, computers, TV's, tablets, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries and more.



Got Yard Waste?

It's that time again to start raking up the leaves and cleaning up the yard. Please remember that in East Lampeter Township, leaves and other yard waste are considered to be recyclable and therefore **CANNOT BE BURNED**. A citation can be given for not obeying this ordinance. If you wish to report any burning violations, please contact the East Lampeter Township Police Department at 717-291-4676.

So where should you go with all the leaves and other yard waste? First, you can contact your trash hauler. They are required to pick up yard waste. They usually will provide you with a yard waste tag or bag for a small fee. Contact your trash hauler for more information. You could also compost your yard waste. If you are interested in learning about home composting, contact the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority at 717-397-9968 or www.lcswma.org for more information.

For a nominal fee, you can also take your yard waste to Manheim Township Compost Park, located at 2775 Oregon Pike. The park is open every day, 7 am to 7 pm thru November 30. Yard waste includes all garden residues, shrubbery & tree pruning, sod, leaves and grass. If you have any questions please call Wendy Herr at 717-569-6406 ext. 1129.

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East Lampeter Township Police Department Promotion

Greg Dolk, a 20-year veteran of the police department, was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is a graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School and Penn State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Over the years, Sgt. Dolk has received numerous commendations and letters of recognition for exceptional police work. Sgt. Dolk is a certified bike patrol officer, Field Training Officer and a certified breath test operator. Sgt. Dolk went through a competitive three-part process for promotion including written exam, oral interview board with Law Enforcement executives from Lancaster County and a performance evaluation. He will be supervising the fourth platoon in the patrol division.



DUI Top Gun Award

Officer Sanger is a 15-year veteran of the police department. Over the last several years, Officer Sanger has continually been the department's nomination to the DUI council for his number of DUI arrests. In 2016 Officer Sanger had 65 arrests which was the top for any law enforcement officer in Lancaster County. He is continually updating his knowledge of case law as it pertains to Driving While under the Influence of Drugs and/or Alcohol. He has been voted in the past by his peers as the Officer of The Year for his outstanding work ethic.



Change Your Batteries

With the time change occurring on Sunday, November 5th, this is always an excellent time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Taking a moment to do this could result in saving a life or serious injuries.



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PPL: Don't fall for scammers

Phone scammers who impersonate PPL Electric Utilities give themselves away by doing two things the utility doesn't.

The scammers claim they'll cut off power in an hour or two if they don't get paid, and they often pressure you to pay them with prepaid cards. (In reality, PPL gives plenty of notice when there's a possible risk of shutoff, and the company doesn't pressure anyone to use specific payment methods.)

If you get one of these calls, you can always check your account status by logging on at www.pplelectric.com or hang up and call 1-800-DIAL-PPL to verify the call.



If you receive a suspicious or threatening call that claims to come from another company – like a gas utility or a bank – do the same thing: Hang up and contact the company directly using a trusted method,

like the phone number on your monthly statement or from the company's website.

At PPL, service termination always is a last resort. The utility works with customers to set up payment plans or to enroll customers in income-eligible programs whenever possible. When termination does occur, it's preceded by a formal notification process that involves a letter and phone call, as well as a door posting at the address in question

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