

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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"Amos Funk Spirit of Cooperation" Award

At their annual dinner held on October 24, 2017, the Lancaster Farmland Trust presented East Lampeter Township with the "Amos Funk Spirit of Cooperation" Award for 2017. The

Award was given to East Lampeter in recognition of the cooperative efforts to develop programs and projects that will help farmers and the Township to improve water quality in our local waterways. These efforts over the last few years are also leading to additional projects on local farms using a variety of funding sources that will help local farmers meet their requirements to properly manage their manure and to prevent erosion of their land. The Board of Supervisors leadership in forging this positive working relationship with the Lancaster Farmland Trust is expected to continue and will result in many benefits for East Lampeter Township.

Winter Maintenance

When snow arrives, our Public Works Department will be busy performing snowplowing of your roadway. You will see a plow pass in front of your home at least twice in both directions. The second pass is what we refer to as widening out. What this means is we will push the snow back from curb to curb or edge of cartway to edge of cartway. This will allow us to push more snow if we would happen to get another storm. So please don't shovel your driveway until you see that your street has been plowed curb to curb. By doing this you will avoid having to clean your driveway more than once. If possible, park your vehicles in your driveway during a snowstorm. This will help us to push the snow back to open the cart way from curb to curb or the edge of the cartway.



East Lampeter Township's ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event. Snow must also be cleared for a radius of 5 feet from around any fire hydrant bordering your property. Remember that no person shall dispose of any snow or ice within the cartway of any public roadway.

When winter season is over, top soil will be placed on any yards that were affected by the plowing operations. Please call the Township office at 393-1567 and give your name, address, and phone number. Your name will be placed on a list which our Public Works Department will take care of in the spring.

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What's New in Stormwater? East Lampeter Township Stormwater Happenings

As contractors begin to wrap up fall projects, leaves finish falling off the trees, and snowflakes start to take the place of raindrops, we know that winter is on its way. That does NOT mean that there isn't a lot of action going on in the East Lampeter Township Stormwater department. Below is an update of what we have been busy doing and what you can look forward to in the coming year.



LFT Farmers Workshop:

In an effort to get more farms in compliance with federal regulations, East Lampeter had partnered with Lancaster Farmland Trust to host a series of workshops aimed at helping farmers to obtain Manure Management Plans and Conservation Plans. Many farmers are already in compliance, but may not have current plans or may have a plan that is out of date and not being implemented properly. Our focus is on local water quality and we are looking to work with

farmers to draft and implement plans to minimize soil loss and reduce pollution to our local waterways. East Lampeter hosted a workshop in the summer, and we are hosting 2 more workshops in January of 2018. The dates and times for those are January 10, 2018, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Both of those are hosted by East Lampeter Township and will have representatives from TeamAg and Lancaster Farmland Trust. If you are interested in attending, contact Jeff Swinehart with LFT by phone (717) 687-8484 or email at JSwinehart@lancasterfarmlandtrust.org.

Mill Bridge Campground Project:

If you recall, during the summer we informed you that East Lampeter Township had received a grant from DEP for Streambank Restoration at the Mill Bridge Camp Resort along the Pequea Creek. Working collaboratively with Strasburg Borough and West Lampeter Township, East Lampeter Township has been working with our Township Engineer, DMA to finalize a survey of the property.



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
except for February, May, July,
September and November when
they only meet on the 2nd Monday
All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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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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BMP Inspection Letters:

There are over 200 stormwater basins, infiltration trenches, rain gardens or what we refer to as BMP's in East Lampeter Township. Per federal regulations, they are supposed to be inspected yearly, and East Lampeter Township is starting the process of informing those folks who have a BMP on their property that they will be asked to inspect them yearly. If you own a BMP you may have gotten a letter similar to the image above, as well as some information specific to your BMP. The inspections will begin in late 2018-early 2019 and will be a 1 sheet inspection form that the BMP owner will be required to fill out and return. If you received a letter and you have any questions, please feel free to call Charity Kadwill at (717) 393-1567.



Outfall Inspections:

Over the past couple of months, members of our Public Works and Stormwater Department have been requesting access to properties to confirm the inventory of all the MS4 Outfalls in the Township. Outfalls are the discharge points of pipes and swales to our waters of the commonwealth, within the urbanized area. We have about 90 outfalls in East Lampeter Township and we are responsible for making sure that the water that discharges from them is clean and pollutant free. This is something that the Township does once every 5 years, so we thank you for your help in our assessment of our discharges.

Just because the raindrops turn to snowflakes, doesn't mean that East Lampeter Township isn't busy working on some kind of stormwater related project! If you have any stormwater related questions feel free to contact Charity Kadwill or Alex Wasilewski at (717) 393-1567.

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Community Visioning Open House for Bridgeport

Please join us on Wednesday, January, 31st from 4 pm–8 pm

Who's Invited:

Anyone who lives, works, plays, or walks in or passes through the Bridgeport Area.

What:

Share your ideas about improving streets, sidewalks, trails, bus service, and the overall community character of the Bridgeport Area.

When:

Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 —Drop in anytime between 4 pm and 8 pm

Where:

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Bed & Breakfast Tourist Home



Bed and Breakfast (BNB):

A Bed and Breakfast is a single family detached dwelling in which no more than five (5) rooms are rented for more than fourteen (14) days at a time.

If you wish to own or operate a Bed and Breakfast, you must reside or own the single-family detached dwelling or accessory building within the R-1, MU, BH, VG, VC, and VR Zoning Districts. If you live in the AG, R-2, or R-3 Zoning Districts, then you must seek a special exception through an application before the Zoning Hearing Board. The owner of a BNB must maintain a register including names, address and length of stay. Meals may be offered to registered guests. Non-resident employees are limited in number to 2 employees. The BNB may have a sign measuring four square feet with a required sign permit.

Tourist Home:

A tourist home is a single family dwelling which is rented in its entirety to no more than ten (10) guests for no longer than thirty (30) days. Tourist Homes are permitted within the within the R-1, MU, BH, VG, VC, and VR Zoning Districts. If you live in the AG, R-2, or R-3 Zoning Districts and wish to operate a Tourist Home, then you must seek a special exception through an application before the Zoning Hearing Board.

The detached dwelling shall contain complete sanitary sewage disposal services, washing and bathing facilities, and a central kitchen to accommodate the occupants and guests. The applicant of the tourist home must provide documentation to East Lampeter Township that all plumbing, heating, electrical, sanitary sewage disposal, water supply, storm sewer, and similar facilities comply with code requirements.

All Bed and Breakfast and Tourist Home establishments require a completed permit application and may have further regulations.

Unsure of your zoning district? Check the Zoning Map on our website or call the office at 717-393-1567.

Police Department News



K-9 For A Day

The police department recently teamed with the Humane League to start up the K-9 For a Day program. The Humane League selects an adoptable dog to accompany an officer for a few hours while on patrol. The officer is able to introduce the dog to the community and provide literature on the Humane League and pet adoption services.



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Winter Driving

It won't be long until winter weather will be upon us. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) would like to remind you that if winter weather is forecast, eliminate all unnecessary travel. This will keep you and your family safe and allow PennDOT to more easily perform its winter duties. However, if you must travel, PennDOT offers the following tips for safe driving this winter season.

- Carry a winter emergency travel kit.
- Listen to weather and travel advisories, but if you don't have to travel in bad weather, don't.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Slow down and increase following distance.
- Avoid sudden stops and starts.
- Beware of roads that may look wet, but are actually frozen, often referred to as "black ice."
- Use extra caution on bridges and ramps, where ice can often form without warning.
- Carry a cellphone.
- Do not use cruise control while driving on snow-covered roads.
- State law requires you to turn on your headlights when your wipers are on.
- Use your low beams in particularly bad weather, especially in cases of heavy or blowing snow.



- Remove ice and snow from windows, mirrors and all vehicle lights before you drive and as often as needed.
- Remove snow and ice from the hood and roof of your vehicle. State law states that if snow or ice from your vehicle strikes a vehicle or person and causes death or injury, you can be ticketed.
- Do not park or abandon your vehicle on snow emergency routes.
- Do not pass or get between trucks plowing in a plow line (several trucks plowing side by side).
- Make sure someone else knows where you are going and when you expect to arrive. In case you run into an emergency and need help, someone will know where to look for you.
- If you do become stranded, it's better to stay with your vehicle until help arrives. Run the engine every hour or so, but make sure the tailpipe is clear and keep the downwind window cracked open.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Always wear your seat belt.

Remember, preparation is the key to successfully navigating winter roads. Winter weather can bring unexpected conditions, so make sure that both you and your vehicle are ready for ice and snow.

Thank you Fritz Schreffler, Safety Press Officer, PennDOT District 8, for providing this article.



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Preparing Your Materials for the Recycle Bin



- **Glass:** Clear, green and brown glass food and beverage bottles and jars should be thoroughly rinsed and lids should be removed. Throw the lids in the trash. It is not necessary to remove labels.
- **Do Not Put in the Bin**—Light bulbs, window and auto glass, drinking glasses and cookware are not recyclable and should be put in the trash.
- **Metals:** All food and beverage cans which are made from aluminum, steel, tin or a combination of metals should be rinsed prior to placing in the recycling bin. Do Not Crush the Cans.
- **Do Not Put in the Bin**—Other aluminum and metal products like foil, pie plates, and hangers are not recyclable and should be put in the trash.
- **Plastic Bottles:** Plastic household bottles with a #1 (PETE) such as water, soft drink and juice bottles or #2 (HDPE) like milk and detergent bottles. Throw the lid in the trash. Rinse, smash and put the plastic bottle in the recycling bin.
- **Do Not Put in the Bin**—plastic tubs such as yogurt and butter containers, toys and other plastic packaging.
- **Newspapers:** All newspapers, including the inserts, should be tied into bundles with biodegradable string or placed in strong paper bags (not exceeding 30 pounds). Put the bag or bundle next to or on top of the recycling bin.

- **Do Not Put your Newspapers in Plastic Bags**—Recycle your plastic bags at your local grocery store.
- **Do not put newspapers out for collection when it is raining**

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