

# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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## Police Department News



### Officer Joshua G. Reimers Sworn In

On Monday, 6/4/2018 Officer Joshua G. Reimers was sworn in as the newest member of the East Lampeter Township Police Department.

Officer Reimers is a lifelong Lancaster County resident and comes to us with eight years law enforcement experience. Officer Reimers has been assigned to the patrol division and is a welcome addition to the force.

### Commendations

Several officers will receive performance commendations at an upcoming Township Meeting. Those officers are:

**Sergeant Bryan Kondras**—For his work on the hit and run accident involving an overturned school bus in 2017, which lead to the conviction of the hit & run driver.

**Officer Sam Goss, Officer Samuel Sanger, and Officer Jon Werner**—For their work on a drug arrest, which resulted in one of the largest drug seizures of the Department's history. Over 1300 packages of heroin seized.

**Officer Andrew Garman**—For his work on a burglary/theft case, resulting in a foot pursuit and apprehension of a suspect involved in the \$9000.00 theft of power equipment.

**Officer Sam Goss**—For his work in two different drug arrest cases, resulting in felony arrests, drug seizures and the recovery of a loaded firearm.

### New Police Vehicle

The Police Department purchased a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe which will be used in the patrol division as a supervisor vehicle.

The new vehicle is equipped with all-time 4-wheel drive, as well as low speed forward emergency braking and lane departure warning systems.



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Jeffrey Shirk	System Administrator
Kathy Treier	Bookkeeper
Amanda Noll	Admin. Assistant
Lashawnda Martin	Admin. Assistant

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#### PARK BOARD

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(NO MEETINGS in November and December)

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**Reminder!**

## Curfew Ordinance Reminder:

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. Hours are defined as a period of time between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am on Sunday through Thursday nights and 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights. A copy of the ordinance and exceptions can be obtained from the Police Department.

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## Weeds and Tall Grass

With the growing season upon us, our lawns and gardens will soon be requiring our attention. Just a reminder, that East Lampeter Township has a Weed Ordinance and all weeds and lawns are to be kept no taller than six (6) inches in height. If you own a vacant lot, please keep an eye on it so the growth does not get out of hand. Please be considerate of the view your neighbors have to look at.



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## Maintaining a Dry Stormwater Detention Basin

Stormwater management facilities are designed to minimize flooding. Making sure they function as designed protects against property damage and protects water quality. If a stormwater management facility is located on your property, then you must maintain it in good working condition. The Township is beginning a 5 year effort to inspect and recommend maintenance to stormwater facility owners, and this details the maintenance required for a dry detention basin.

### What is a detention basin?

Detention basins (Figure 1) provide temporary storage for stormwater runoff from upstream areas. During rain events, water enters the basin through a pipe or swale and exits through an outlet structure. If it rains hard enough, water will flow into the basin faster than it is released, and water will begin to pond. Detention basins are designed to drain within 24-48 hours after a storm has ended. If there is water ponding in the basin after 3 days, then it is not functioning properly and needs maintenance.

### How does a basin work?

Stormwater may flow into a detention basin through a series of stormwater inlets and pipes, or can flow naturally over the ground. The basin acts as a holding area for the water and slow releases a controlled amount which has been designed for that particular project. The outlet structure (Figure 1) is typically concrete with a metal plate and a grated top for emergency overflow. Dry extended detention basins are designed to drain within 24-48 hours and if there is water ponding for more than 3 days, something is wrong with the functionality of the basin.

### How do I maintain my detention basin?

Detention basins and all associated structures should be inspected at least four times per year, as well as after every storm greater than 1 inch. Structures to be inspected include pipes, basin bottoms and embankments, trash racks, inlet & outlet structures, and rip-rap aprons. Common areas of impairment include clogging, bare spots in the vegetation,



Figure 1: Outlet Structure in a basin



Figure 2: Sediment buildup





and excessive debris and sediment accumulation (Figure 2). Below is a list of the most common maintenance items that should be addressed in your detention basin:

- Detention basins must be kept free of all structures (Figure 3). During storm events, these structures can become dislodged, block the flow of water, and cause property damage.
- If accumulated sediment deposits (Figure 2) are preventing drainage, then the sediment should be removed. Work should be performed under dry conditions. The disturbed area must be seeded and stabilized immediately so that new vegetation will protect the soil surface from erosion.
- Mowing and/or trimming of vegetation should be performed as necessary to sustain proper function of the basin. All trash and debris must be removed in a timely manner.
- All bare spots should be re-seeded, stabilized, and covered with vegetation in order to protect the soil surface and minimize erosion.

This is a very basic overview of routine dry detention basin maintenance, and if you have any more interest or specific questions on maintenance requirements please contact Charity at 717-393-1567 x3528 or [ckadwill@eastlampetertownship.org](mailto:ckadwill@eastlampetertownship.org).



Figure 3: Structure in the Basin

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# Got Leftover Medicine?

**Before storing it, flushing it, or throwing it out with the trash, READ THIS.**

**For your safety. And for your family's.**



- Every 14 minutes, an American dies from an unintentional drug overdose.
- Seven out of 10 people who abuse prescription drugs get them from friends or family members.
- Among children, emergency room visits for accidental drug poisonings are twice as common as poisonings for other household products (e.g., cleaning solutions).
- Flushing leftover medicines sends them into our rivers, streams, and waterways because wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove them.
- Studies have found antibiotics, anti-seizure medicines, mood stabilizers, and sex hormones in drinking water across the U.S.
- While the long-term human health effects of repeated exposure to low levels of these chemicals are not yet known, the effects on marine life are well-documented and include serious harm to fish populations.

**Don't flush! Empty your medicine cabinet in a safer, healthier, and more environmentally responsible way.**

## Drop Off

Currently, some pharmacies, police stations, and sheriff's offices allow you to drop off your unwanted meds. More drop-off locations are always becoming available at authorized pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, narcotic treatment centers, and long-term care facilities. One-day medicine collection events may also be available in your area. To learn more about potential drop-off locations in your area, visit:

[www.productstewardship.us/What\\_to\\_do\\_with\\_meds](http://www.productstewardship.us/What_to_do_with_meds)

## Mail Back

Some pharmacies and other organizations offer postage-paid envelopes for a small fee, which you can use to mail medicines to a safe disposal program. Mail back systems accept controlled and non-controlled substances.

**controlled substance**  
 1. Medicine or drug that is regulated by the government due to its addictive properties and potential for abuse. Examples include prescription painkillers, such as oxycodone (Percocet) and hydrocodone (Vicodin).

## Last Resort

ONLY if there are no drop-off sites or mail-back programs available near you, you can discard medicine in the trash by following these guidelines:

1. Cross out any personal information on your medicine bottle.
2. Empty your medicine into a sealable, disposable container. Add cat litter, coffee grounds, or another undesirable substance to discourage abuse.
3. Discard the sealed container with your household trash.
4. Recycle (whenever possible) the empty medicine bottle.



**Senator Scott Martin**

## Bills Aim to Make Our Schools, Highways and Communities Safer

School shootings in communities throughout the country have spurred a national debate on school safety, and there is broad agreement that something must be done in order to prevent similar tragedies. In

Harrisburg, lawmakers are already taking steps to help create safeguards to better protect students against school violence in Pennsylvania.

The Senate Education Committee recently passed a bill I sponsored along with both Republican and Democrat colleagues to create a new school threat monitoring system to help keep children safer. The Safe2Say Program would allow any member of the community to report threats regarding unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities in schools. The program is patterned after the Safe2Tell program that was created in Colorado in 1999 after the school shooting at Columbine.

I also introduced a resolution requiring the Joint State Government Commission to complete a comprehensive review of school safety in Pennsylvania. The study would include an assessment of safety measures that are currently in place and help determine what steps schools can take in the future to evaluate and improve school safety. In addition, the school safety practices in other states would be examined to determine if those strategies would work in Pennsylvania.

In addition, I recently announced plans to introduce another bill that would ensure a juvenile who is charged with making terroristic threats must be detained and not released until they receive a mental health evaluation and risk assessment. The legislation stems from a recent incident in which a local high school student made

threats to harm other students and school personnel, but was released just a few hours later. The situation created a great deal of concern and confusion for students, parents, teachers and administrators.

Improving school safety is not the only way to create safer communities. Over the past several years, we have seen a troubling number of tragic injuries and deaths caused by repeat DUI offenders.

These irresponsible individuals create a serious and unnecessary danger to other motorists, and they should face stiffer punishments when they make the selfish decision to drink and drive.

The Senate recently passed a proposal I authored that would hold the worst offenders accountable for their actions. My plan would create a felony offense for any person convicted of three or more DUIs with a BAC of .16 or higher, or any individual convicted of four or more DUI offenses.

Pennsylvania is one of just four states that does not have a felony charge for DUI. The bill also creates tougher punishments for repeat DUI offenders who cause the death of another person.

The legislation was inspired in part by the memory of Meredith Demko, a West Lampeter resident who was killed in a 2014 traffic accident involving a repeat DUI offender who was under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the crash.

All of these bills represent a strong start toward promoting safer communities, but there is always more work to be done. I encourage community residents to contact my district office if they have thoughts or suggestions they would like to share.



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## Wellness in the Workplace

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