



EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

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Charles Hayes is East Lampeter Township's new Stormwater Coordinator.

Charles is a Lancaster County native graduating from Elizabethtown College with a BS in Business Administration and a background in farming and excavation. He has worked for a conservation district in erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, conservation planning and BMP installations for over 24 years. Mr. Hayes' responsibilities will include administration and enforcement of the Township's stormwater ordinance, compliance, MS4 permit, site inspections, fee, education and outreach. Charles can be contacted at 717-393-1567 x 3528 for inquiries related to stormwater.

Reminder: Clear your storm drains.

The days are growing shorter, and the nights cooler; which means Fall is starting to come back around to Lancaster. As we go about our seasonal getting-ready-for-winter checklists, such as sealing windows, storing garden hoses, collecting leaves, let's also remember to take a minute to clear our nearby storm drain, drainage pipe, or drainage channel of leaves and debris.

Storm drains, pipes, and channels continue to move rainwater, and snow melt, throughout the colder months. Keeping storm drainage ways clear of debris keeps the water moving down and away from homes and roads; which in winter can mean less ice, and less freeze-thaw damage.



Public Meeting Arrangements

The Township is exploring options for the handling of public meetings during the time of the COVID-19 crisis. Please go to the Township web site, www.eastlampetertownship.org for information and instructions regarding these meetings.

Fall BMP Maintenance:

Several members of our community have received letters over the past few years about inspecting and maintaining stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) on their properties. Regularly checking and maintaining your BMPs can prevent or reduce major BMP repair needs. While maintenance can be very specific to your individual BMP, here are a few general maintenance tips for the fall months:

■ Inspect

Now is a good time to thoroughly look over your BMP for any repairs or plantings that need to happen either before the first frost, or early next spring.

■ Clean openings, drainage ways, and traps

Leaves and sticks can be very effective at blocking pipes, and keeping water from draining well. The BMP will still be dealing with rainwater and snowmelt through the fall and winter months, so making sure water can drain out is important.

■ Patch or Repair Concrete

Freeze-thaw cycles can cause heavy damage to concrete structures, now is the time to patch cracks and re-mortar crumbling connections to prevent expensive future repairs.

■ Trim, re-seed, and replace vegetation

Depending on your BMP, now may be the time to trim back your plantings, or replace any dead plantings, so it is ready for spring.

If you have any questions about how to maintain your BMP, please give us a call!

Penalty and Interest Charges Waiver on 2nd Quarter Sanitary Sewer bills

Sanitary Sewer charges billed in July 2020, for the Second Quarter of 2020 (April–June) will not be assessed Penalty and Interest Charges if they have not yet been paid. The decision to waive penalty and interest charges was made by the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2020. The waiver of penalty and interest charges decision has been made in response to the current economic impact that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the community. This waiver will end on December 31, 2020. A decision on penalty and interest charges for the Third Quarter of 2020 (July – September) Sanitary Sewer charges has not been made. These charges were billed at the beginning of October.



Trick or Treat Night
Friday, October 30, 2020
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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Stephen Zerbe	Chief of Police
Kevin Hostetter	Finance Director
Tara Hitchens	Dir. of Planning/Zoning Officer
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Troy Bresch	Parks Superintendent
Charles Hayes	Stormwater Coordinator
Alex Wasilewski	Stormwater Technician
Jeffrey Shirk	System Administrator
Kathy Treier	Bookkeeper
Stephanie Leakway	Admin. Assistant
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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

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SEWER AUTHORITY

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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Nolt's Mill — 2551 Old Philadelphia Pike

The Township was provided with an opportunity to acquire the "Nolt's Mill" property located at 2551 Old Philadelphia Pike. This property is located adjacent to the property acquired by the Township in 2015 which is being developed as a new Township Park to be called "Gibbons Park at Nolt's Mill." The property includes the Mill building, a residence and a barn structure on about 0.83 acres of land. The purchase price is based upon the appraised value of \$318,000. The acquisition of this property will also provide the Township with control of the dam structure on Mill Creek along with the mill race.

The mill building itself was originally built in 1770 and holds significant historic value. The acquisition of the property will provide opportunities to preserve and celebrate the historic significance of this property and may include the establishment of new cooperative relationships for this purpose.

The location of the property along with the related water rights will provide beneficial Park development design advantages as Gibbons Park at Nolt's Mill moves forward. There may be additional recreation opportunities that will be able to be developed.

The water rights which go along with the Mill are expected to provide the Township with valuable opportunities to design and implement projects that will reduce pollution in Mill Creek. These pollution reducing projects are anticipated to facilitate the Township's ability to achieve the MS4 permit required pollution reductions in future years.

The Township is currently in the purchase agreement due diligence period and is gathering additional information about the property. Unless issues arise during this period, settlement on the property is expected to take place before the end of 2020.

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They are always looking for new Firefighting Recruits!

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Fire Police Officer (minimum 18 years of age, responsible for directing traffic in and around emergency scenes, while ensuring the safety of working crew members on the fire ground)

Duty Crew Member (Experience preferred; member staffs station, completes station chores, answers any alarms)

But did you know your local Fire Company is also looking for persons interested in helping with non-firefighting positions?

Here are a few areas we could use volunteers from the community to help us with:

Hall Rentals ■ Information Technology

Pre-Incident Planning ■ Fundraising

Capital Campaigning ■ Social Media/Marketing

Station Maintenance ■ Open House Planning

Fire Prevention ■ Public Education

Business Leadership ■ Community Outreach

These are ALL VOLUNTEER positions that you could easily work into your schedule during your free time, as all of our members do. Most of our members work full time jobs and still make time to provide for our community. You can too!

East Lampeter Township is home to and is served by four (4) Volunteer Fire Companies. All of them provide excellent opportunities to serve the community. Please reach out to them to find a match with your desire to help.

Hand in Hand Fire Company

Lafayette Fire Company

Ronks Fire Company

Witmer Fire Company

Where Does Rainwater Go?

You have likely heard it from us before, but the Township has two types of sewer systems. The first type is the “sanitary sewer”, also called the “public sewer”. The sanitary sewer collects sewage and wash water from toilets and sinks and sends it to the Lancaster City sewage treatment plant to be filtered and cleaned.

The second type of sewer in the township is the “stormsewer”, which is the complex system of above and below ground rainwater collection and transfer points throughout the Township. Unlike the “sanitary sewer”, rainwater collected by the “stormsewer” is not treated, and instead is routed either to areas to soak into the ground, or directly into a local stream. Anything that goes into the stormsewer system will eventually end up in our local waterways.

The Township inspects a portion of the roadway storm drains, on-site best management practices (BMPs), and drainage pipes that empty to streams every year; but we need your help to keep an eye out for illegal dumping. Please give us a call if you see what could be an instance of illegal dumping to our waterways or stormsewer, thank you!



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Pest Alert!

Spotted Lanternfly *Lycorma delicatula* (WHITE) (Hemiptera: Fulgoridae)

The Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (White), an invasive planthopper, has been discovered in Berks County. It's native to China, India, Vietnam, and introduced to Korea where it has become a major pest. This insect attacks many hosts including grapes, apples, stone fruits, and tree of heaven and has the potential to greatly impact the grape, fruit tree, and logging industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.

Identification: The Spotted Lanternfly adult is approximately 1" long and 1/2" wide at rest. The forewing is grey with black spots and the wings tips are reticulated black blocks outlined in grey (A, B, C). The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band (A). The legs and head are black; the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. Immature stages are black with white spots, and develop red patches as they grow (D,E).

Hosts: In the fall, adults congregate on tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) (F), willows (*Salix* sp.), and other trees, in groups of up to 20. Egg masses will be laid on medium to large trees, on trunk, branches, and limb bases. After hatching in the spring, nymphs will move off the tree and search out new hosts, including several kinds of agricultural crops. In Korea it has been reported to attack 65 different species, 25+ of which are known to grow in Pennsylvania.

Signs and Symptoms: Trees, such as tree of heaven and willow, will develop weeping wounds. These wounds will leave a greyish or black trail along the trunk (G). This sap will attract other insects to feed, notably wasps and ants. In late fall adults will lay egg masses on host trees and nearby smooth surfaces like stone, outdoor furniture, vehicles, and structures. Newly laid egg masses have a grey mud-like covering which can take on a dry cracked appearance over time (H). Old egg masses appear as rows of 30-50 brownish seed-like deposits in 4-7 columns on the trunk, roughly an inch long (I).

What to do if you: **See eggs:** Scrape the eggs off, double bag them, and throw them away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them. **Please report all destroyed egg masses on our website listed below.**

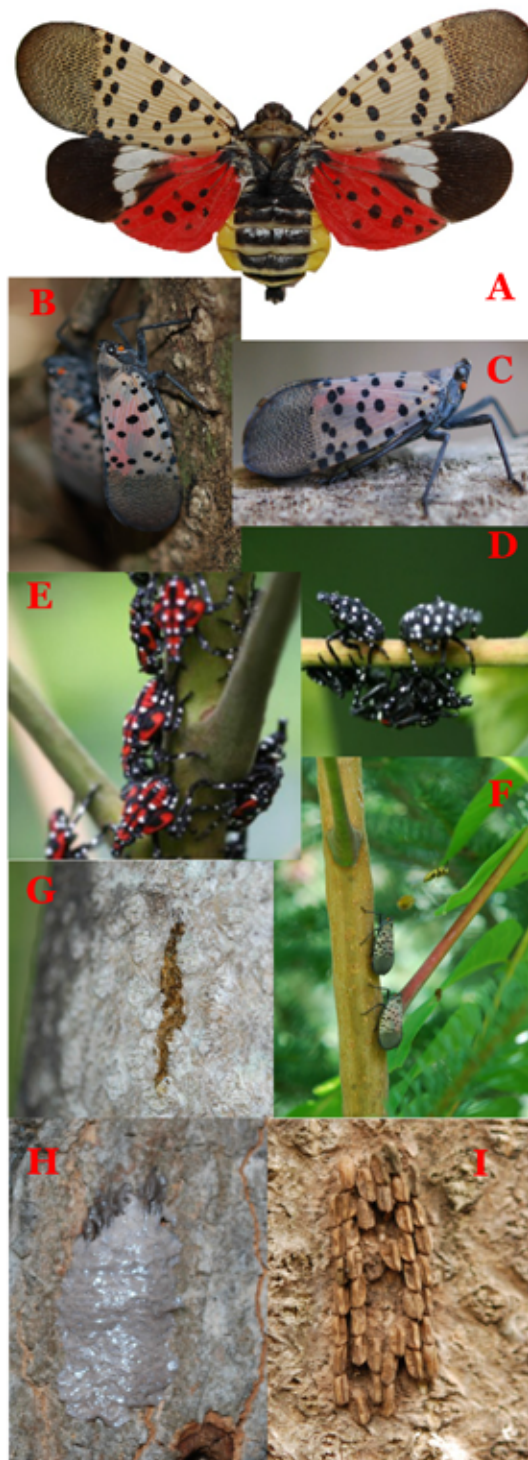
Collect a specimen: Specimens or egg masses can be turned in to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Entomology lab for verification.

Take a picture: A photograph of any life stage (including egg masses) can be submitted to Badbug@pa.gov.

Report a site: If you can't take a specimen or photograph call the Automated Invasive Species Report Line 1-866-253-7189 and leave a message detailing your sighting and contact information.

For up to date information visit:

www.pda.state.pa.us/spottedlanternfly



(A) Spotted Lanternfly showing the fore and hind wings (B) Resting against bark (C) Lateral view (D) Early nymphs (E) Late nymphs (F) On young tree of heaven with wasps (G) Weeping sap trail on tree (H) Egg mass covered in waxy coating (I) Old hatched egg masses on a trunk.



**State Representative
Keith J. Greiner, CPA**

Ensuring the Security of PA Elections

State Rep. Keith J. Greiner, CPA

I joined a majority of lawmakers in the state House in September in approving several updates to our laws to ensure the integrity of our elections in Pennsylvania.

Based on a report assessing issues that arose during the June primary election, House Bill 2626 seeks to ensure timely results by adjusting the timelines for applying for and returning absentee and mail-in ballots, and allowing county boards of elections to begin verifying and processing (also known as pre-canvassing) the absentee and mail-in ballots as early as the Saturday before the election. To ensure integrity, pre-canvassing and canvassing meetings would be recorded and made available to the public, and a chain of custody would be required for ballots being canvassed at a site other than the county board of election's offices.

To improve election security, the bill would clarify that absentee and mail-in ballots may be returned in only one of four ways: by mail; in person to the county board of election's main office; in person to a location in the courthouse designated by the county board of election; or in person to the voter's polling place on election day. The measure also would require establishing a procedure to notify a voter whose signature on an absentee or mail-in ballot does not match the signature on file with the person's voter registration; require establishing a bar code system to track absentee and mail-in ballots issued and to verify that the ballot has not been previously returned; and double all criminal penalties for any violation of the Election Code.

In addition, the bill would allow poll watchers to be appointed from the entire Commonwealth, not just the county they are registered to vote in. It would also require that the Department of State issue a report on each election, similar to what was done in Act 35 of 2020.

As of the writing of this article, this bill is now being considered by the Senate. Please contact your state senator

and the Governor's Office if you wish to express your support for the legislation being signed into law.

The legislation would be the seventh substantive election-related piece of legislation that the General Assembly has approved this legislative session.

In other election security news, voters can be assured that the federal CARES Act, signed into law by President Donald Trump, included grant funds that are helping provide precinct protection kits containing masks, sanitizers, and other supplies to all counties in Pennsylvania. It is safe to vote in person at the polls if you choose to do so.

Don't wait until the Oct. 19 deadline to register to vote. You can do so easily at Register.VotesPA.com. VotesPA.com also has helpful information for you about voting in person at a polling place. You can also visit PAVoterServices.pa.gov to check your registration status, request a mail-in ballot, and check your mail-in ballot status. Please remember if you choose to vote with a mail-in ballot to do so early and to check the status of your ballot online.

You can read more about our efforts to improve election security in Pennsylvania at pahousegop.com/electionsecurity. You can also sign up for important legislation news updates from my office at RepGreiner.com/email-signup.



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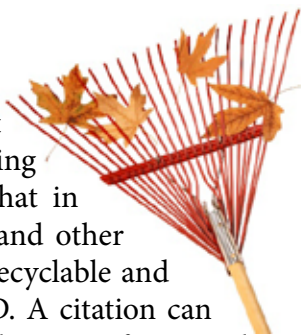




Got Yard Waste?

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 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.lcswwa.org for more information.



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1

It's that time of year again to fall back. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 31 before you go to bed. Daylight savings time officially begins at 2:00 AM on November 1, 2020



Change Your Batteries

With the time change occurring on Sunday, November 1, 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.



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The Police Department would also like to remind everyone that school is back in session. Please take care and be cautious while driving through our developments and on our roads, as young people will be walking or waiting for buses.

Lastly, a reminder that the Township does have a burning ordinance which can be located on the Township web site. Please keep this in mind as you make plans for fall yard waste or evening campfires.

Thank You!

Chief Stephen B. Zerbe, East Lampeter Township Police Department

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