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National Night Out

East Lampeter Township Stormwater and Police Departments participated with our local National Night Out event held August 6, at the Rockvale Outlets. Our local First Responders from Bird-in-Hand, Lafayette, Ronks, and Witmer Fire Departments demonstrated their equipment and trucks with activities for everyone to participate in. East Lampeter Police officers shared information and demonstrations as families toured the police car and asked questions. Our stormwater display included an inter-active soils table featuring different land covers impacting water quality and run off. Children used a sprinkling can to simulate rainfall and watched the water soak in and or run off carrying sediment into the sample containers. The natural filtering qualities of woodland ground cover, ferns, and lawn grass were compared to bare soil and impervious pavement. The benefits of healthy soil and vegetation were demonstrated as participants observed the volume and quality of each run-off sample. The evening included food vendors, activities and a time to meet and thank our first responders personally. National Night Out is celebrated annually across America on the first Tuesday in August to promote police-community partnerships and raise safety awareness through camaraderie.

An East Lampeter Police Officer answers a family's questions.

More photos on page 3.



Volunteer Firefighters Volunteer of the Year Awards

Each year the Board of Supervisors recognizes the Volunteer of the Year from each of the township's four Volunteer Fire Companies. This year the Township recognized the Following Volunteers for the Year:

	2019	2020
Hand In Hand Fire Company	Benjamin Beiler	Arlan Miller
Lafayette Fire Company	Dylan Leed	Kevin Sinsheimer
Ronks Fire Company	Steve Gribble	Dave Gribble
Witmer Fire Co.	Michael Creamer	Kyle Quillin

Thank you to all of the Volunteers who serve East Lampeter Township and to these particular individuals who provided outstanding service throughout 2019 and 2020 Each volunteer of the Year was presented with a clock and a certificate from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Mike Fazekas was recognized for serving Hand In Hand Fire Company for 25 years he was presented with a certificate and his name has been added to the recognition plaque which is displayed in the lobby are of the Township building. The Township appreciates the dedication and long-term service.

In addition, the Board of Supervisors recognized and presented a plaque to Mr. Gerald Kling, Mr. John Latschar, Mr. Chris Kauffman and Mr. Bruce Paul for their service to the East Lampeter Township Emergency Services Committee.



Trick or Treat Night
Friday, October 29, 2021
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

<p>Ralph Hutchison Township Manager Stephen Zerbe Chief of Police Tara Hitchens Assistant Township Manager Kevin Hostetter Finance Director Colin Siesholtz Dir. of Planning/Zoning Officer David Sinopoli Assistant Zoning Officer Alecia Hair Zoning Admin. Assistant Charlie Thomas Public Works Director Larry Frankford Sewer Superintendent John Brooks Road Superintendent Troy Bresch Parks Superintendent Charles Hayes Stormwater Coordinator Alex Wasilewski Stormwater Technician Jeffrey Shirk System Administrator Kurt Vivaldi IT Support Specialist Kathy Treier Bookkeeper Stephanie Leakway Admin. Assistant Lashawnda Martin Admin. Assistant</p>	<p>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</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>TOWNSHIP OFFICE PHONE: 717-393-1567</p>	<p>PARK BOARD Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm (NO MEETINGS in November and December)</p> <p>ZONING HEARING BOARD Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm (NO MEETING on 4th Thursday in November and December)</p> <p>This newsletter is funded by the sale of advertising. Your ad will reach every address in the Township, and your support will be greatly appreciated by the township and our residents. Please contact: Carla Snyder at 717-669-0914 or e-mail: carlas@mtroyalprinting.com</p>
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National Night Out (continued)

Young (someday) firefighters learn how different land covers impact water quality and run off. Using a sprinkling can to simulate rainfall at the interactive soils table, they watched the water soak in and or run off carrying sediment into the sample containers.

Police Department offers Special Needs Registry

The East Lampeter Township Police Department is now offering a Special Needs Registry to those members of our community and their families who may benefit from a program designed to help our officers better meet your needs.



The Special Needs Registry is a voluntary program open to all people who reside, attend school, or are employed within East Lampeter Township and Upper Leacock Township. The registry was created to help Police, Fire, and EMS assist our residents with special needs in the event of an emergency by providing first responders with vital information for you or a loved one in your care, including: physical descriptors, personal information, current photograph, how best to approach, how best to communicate and other concerns. All provided information is strictly confidential and will only be utilized by first responders during a call for service.

To join the program, please complete the application located on our CrimeWatch page and register with the East Lampeter Township Police Department electronically,

US mail, or drop it off in person during business hours. Additionally, brochures and applications can also be picked up at either the East Lampeter or Upper Leacock township buildings. Completed forms and any questions can be directed to our secure email address. Registrants will receive a sticker for house and/or vehicle to help identify a person with special needs.

Mailing/Physical address: East Lampeter Township Police 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike Lancaster, PA 17602 ph# (717) 291-4676

ELTPD CrimeWatch page: www.eastlampeterpd.org

ELTPD Special Needs email: SNR@eltpolice.org

We desire to develop and maintain relationships with those in our community as well as serve everyone to the best of our abilities. Thank you for taking an interest in this new program; please feel free to contact Lt Rob Eachus with any additional questions.



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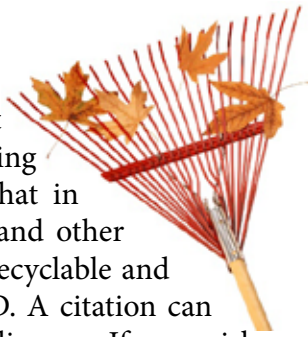
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Got Yard Waste?

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.lcswma.org for more information.

For a fee of \$20 residents can purchase an access card to West Earl Township Facility located at 157 W. Metzler Rd., Brownstown, PA 17508. If you have any question please contact West Earl Township at 717-859-3201.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 7, 2021

It's that time of year again to fall back. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 6 before you go to bed. Daylight savings time officially begins at 2:00 AM on November 7, 2021.



Change Your Batteries



With the time change occurring on Sunday, November 7th, 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 preventing serious injuries.



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 cart way to edge of cart way. 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 cart way.

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 cart way 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.



State Representative
Keith J. Greiner, CPA

The Redistricting Process Explained

State Rep. Keith J. Greiner, CPA

Every 10 years, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has the responsibility to realign the Commonwealth's congressional districts according to population, a process known as redistricting. Using the latest information collected through the U.S. Census, we determine the number of congressional seats to which Pennsylvania is entitled. Then we redraw the geographic area of these congressional districts to ensure fair and equal representation and the constitutional principle of "one person, one vote."

There are 435 congressional districts nationwide, including 18 in Pennsylvania, but based on 2020 Census data, the Commonwealth will lose one of those districts because its population grew by only 2.1% - a much slower rate as compared to other states. Our new congressional map will include 17 districts. Information on the Census is available at census.gov.

One of the most important aspects of the redistricting process is the gathering of public input. The House and Senate State Government committees are now in the process of holding regional public hearings across the Commonwealth to do just that.

The public is encouraged to attend these regional hearings and provide input. No pre-registration is necessary. However, anyone wishing to provide testimony at the hearing is required to sign up. Each regional hearing will be livestreamed at www.paredistricting.com and the

recordings and written testimony will be posted there as well. Following the public hearings, our congressional district boundaries will be included in legislation that will be voted on by the Pennsylvania House and Senate and sent to the governor.

At the same time, work is being done to redraw district boundaries for the state Legislature. Like redistricting for congressional districts, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides for the Commonwealth to be equally divided into 50 senatorial and 203 representative districts every 10 years, based on the latest census figures. The process, which seeks to ensure fair and equal representation and that each citizen's vote carries the same weight at the ballot box, is carried out by the Legislative Reapportionment Commission, created by the state Constitution. The commission is comprised of five members - the majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate and a chairman, who is elected by the leaders or, in the absence of an agreement, by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. This year, the court named Mark A. Nordenberg, former chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh and former dean of the law school.

The commission is also in the process of holding public hearings across the Commonwealth. To follow its work and provide input, visit www.redistricting.state.pa.us/.

Legal challenges significantly delayed resolution of redistricting in Pennsylvania in the last cycle. If all goes smoothly this time, the process would be complete and new district maps drawn in time for the May 17, 2022, primary election.



Pavilion Rental Rates Increasing in 2022

Effective January 1, 2022 Pavilion rental rates for both Community Park and Flory Park will increase from \$65 to \$85 per pavilion for residents of East Lampeter Township and \$95 to \$120 per pavilion for non-residents.

Please go to the Township's website <http://www.eastlampetertownship.org> for additional information regarding pavilion rentals.



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The Dangers of Grass and Leaves

Many people enjoy the look of a neatly mowed lawn without thinking about the dangers for motorcycles, bicycles, scooters and vehicles. Grass and leaves blown onto road surfaces can cause dangerously slippery conditions for others while contributing to water pollution. Grass clippings are approximately 85% water which adds to the risk in wet or dry conditions.

Please blow your grass and leaves into your yard and away from the street when mowing.

Grass clippings and leaves should also be cleared from the tops of storm drain grates so the rain water can enter and prevent flooding. Grass clippings are rich with nutrients that should be kept out of waterways and stormwater management systems. Mulching grass can provide free nitrogen fertilizer for lawn growth. The organic matter from the clippings enhances soil health and reduces stormwater runoff.

The eco-friendliest way to deal with leaves is to mulch them with a mower and leave them on your yard to bio-degrade into the soil. You can compost leaves, dispose of leaves through your waste hauler, or take them to a compost park if you really want to get rid of them. Please do not dump them in or on streets, sidewalks, storm drains or creeks. Thanks for doing your part to keep our streets and streams safe and clean!

The same Nitrogen rich grass clippings can also be an unwelcome fertilizer for toxic algae. Grass clippings that wash into rivers from roads and storm drains gives toxic algae a boost to overgrow and choke out other water-based plants. Toxic algae blooms smother waterways by blanketing the water surface and blocking sunlight, sucking up all of the oxygen in the area, and releasing harmful chemicals into the surrounding waters. Waterways heavily infested with toxic algae blooms can develop 'dead zones', which are patches in the water that neither plants nor fish can live in. Areas affected by toxic algae may take many years to recover, if at all.

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Officer Auerback awarded

On July 19, 2021 Officer Tyler Auerbeck received a commendation for his outstanding performance as a police officer.

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