



# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

## Newsletter

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## Green Infrastructure

Greetings Folks! By the time you read this, it may actually feel like winter! Maybe, we'll even get to see some snow! Since the marshmallow world may finally be on us, let's talk about something green; namely Green Infrastructure! What is it?: Green Infrastructure is a Low Impact Development (LID) set of design principals that incorporates natural ecology and biomimicry towards mitigating environmental hazards. Translation: Green Infrastructure tries to use nature-based solutions to human-made problems at the sources of the problems. Similar concepts to Green Infrastructure design include Environmentally Sensitive Design, Integrated Site Design, and Water Sensitive Urban Design.

People have been using, what we call, Green Infrastructure for hundreds of years and all across the world. From Ancient Roman's collecting rainwater for indoor plumbing, to Ancient Aztecs floating farmlands, to today's constructed wetlands for treating stormwater or sanitary sewage, Green Infrastructure tries to design with nature, using human-enhanced natural-esque methods, to reduce harm to nature.

Green Infrastructure for stormwater management prioritizes dealing with rainwater through multiple, smaller facilities that filter, slow, store, or infiltrate roof and road runoff from individual parts of a development; instead of draining everything to a single, large facility. In a suburban community, this could look like an infiltration pit or drywell chamber installed on every single property to handle roof water from small rainstorms; with a few basins filled with native plant species for larger rainstorms. In an urban setting, this could look like individual apartments with green-roofs, neighborhoods installing raingardens into sidewalk bump-outs, or paving with porous pavement, and placing a larger chamber or infiltration bed under a neighborhood playground.

Green Infrastructure doesn't need to be big to be effective, the intent is for every small effort to make a cumulative benefit. It could be planting your own raingarden, or installing downspout planters. It could be placing a small infiltration ditch alongside your driveway, or even composting your kitchen waste and using it in your garden beds (soil health is very important for good stormwater management). It could even be planting a section of your yard with native wildflowers and not mowing that area anymore. The point of Low Impact Development is to reduce the negative impacts we as humans can have on the natural environment however it may best be done on each individual site; every little bit really does count.

Thanks for reading, Happy New Year!

## Public Meeting Arrangements

Please go to the Township web site, [www.eastlampetertownship.org](http://www.eastlampetertownship.org) for information and instructions regarding Public Meetings.

## Thank You!

At their December 6, 2021 meeting the Board of Supervisors recognized Dave Buckwalter and Glenn Eberly for their dedicated service to the Township. Their terms of office as Supervisors ended at the end of 2021. Their service to the Township has also included other roles.

Dave has served on the East Lampeter Sewer Authority and the Township Planning Commission prior to his eighteen (18) years as a Supervisor for a total of more than twenty-three years (23) of service to the Township.

Glenn has served on the Board of Auditors prior to his thirty (30) years as a Supervisor for a total of thirty-four (34) years of service to the Township.

When you see them, please take a moment to thank them for their community minded spirit and outstanding service to East Lampeter Township.



## Welcome New Planning Commissioners

The Township would like to welcome two new Planning Commission members who have volunteered their time; Jason Dagen and Dr. Gerald Huesken. Jason and Gerald will fill the vacant positions left by Dan McCuen and Roger Rutt, respectively. Come meet Jason, Gerald, and the other Planning Commissioners any second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm during a planning commission meeting.

<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><b>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b>                  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><b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>                  Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>SEWER AUTHORITY</b>                  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><b>TOWNSHIP OFFICE PHONE:</b>  <b>717-393-1567</b></p>	<p><b>PARK BOARD</b>                  Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm                  (NO MEETINGS in November and December)</p> <p><b>ZONING HEARING BOARD</b>                  Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month                  at 7 pm                  (NO MEETING on 4th Thursday in                  November and December)</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Please contact:</b>                  Carla Snyder at 717-669-0914                  or e-mail: carlas@mtroyalprinting.com</p>
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## New Board Members

Following their election this past November, Roger Rutt and Mike Thornton began their terms as Supervisors at the January 3, 2022 Board meeting. The terms of office for Supervisors are six (6) years in length. Roger has previously served as a Supervisor and as a member of the Township Planning Commission. Mike has retired from his service to the Conestoga Valley School District as the High School Principal. Their willingness to serve in this Township leadership role is greatly appreciated. When you see them, please thank them and support them in their service to East Lampeter Township.

## Utility Bill Payments

July 2020 our mailing address changed to P.O. Box 549, Brownstown, PA 17508 for all sewer & stormwater Payments. Payments that are dropped off at the Township office will be forwarded to the P.O. box, which will cause a delay with your payment being processed. All late payments will be assessed interest & penalty. To ensure prompt crediting of your payments please send all sewer & stormwater payments to the Po Box listed on your payment stub. Please also remember to put your correct account number on all payments.



## Licensing Your Dog

Licensing your dog: it's part of being a responsible pet owner. Do it for them, do it for every dog in PA.

Having a dog license is the best way to bring them home if they get lost. And the cost of your dog license allows the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement to crack down on illegal kennels, investigate dog bites, and ensure dangerous dogs are not roaming the streets.

Remember if you've moved, your dog's license needs to be transferred to Lancaster County.



## Thank You for Your Service!

East Lampeter Township would like to recognize longtime resident Dan McCuen for his 16 years of service as a Planning Commission member. Dan became a planning commission member in 2006, retiring in 2021, at the end of his term. We would like to thank Dan for all his hard work and dedication to the Township.



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## When it Snows

Snow and ice must be cleared by private property owners within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of a snow or ice event. A minimum 30-inch path width on all sidewalks and a 5-foot radius around all fire hydrants must be cleared of snow and ice.

## 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.



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## Winter Stormwater Tips

Just like any winter-time building or property, stormwater management areas still need some attention to keep working well. Here are a few winter time stormwater BMP maintenance tips to keep in mind:

- **Keep storm drains, roof gutter pipes, and road grates clear of leaves, ice, and snow** so that melt water can drain away instead of freezing over.
- **Drain out and disconnect rain-barrels** until the spring thaw to prevent damage to the rain-barrel.
- **Do not dump plowed snow, debris, fireplace ash, or Christmas trees or trimmings in or near waterways or stormwater management areas.**
- **Plowed snow should not generally be stockpiled in stormwater holding areas** due to the large amounts of salts, dirt, and roadway pollutants scraped up with the snow. Ideally, plowed snow should be stockpiled in a usually well-grassed, level, and well-draining area up above stormwater holding areas; so that as much of the pollutants can be filtered out before the stormwater holding area as possible.

Please be careful when applying sand and/or anti-skid materials around pervious or permeable paving or paver surfaces, as the anti-skid materials can badly clog the pores in the surfacing. Pervious surfacing that becomes clogged, and no longer drain rainwater, may need multiple rounds of deep cleaning with a regenerative-air sweeper/vacuum truck; or may need to be resurfaced or replaced.



## Christmas Tree Recycling

Please contact your trash hauler for Christmas tree pickup instructions for curbside collection service.

## Winter Driving Tips:

1. Remove Snow and Ice from your vehicle BEFORE traveling
2. Keep your gas tank at least half full
3. Carry a winter emergency travel kit
4. Give yourself extra time to get to your destination
5. Avoid sudden braking or acceleration
6. Do not park or abandon your vehicle on snow emergency routes
7. State law requires that your headlights are on when your wipers are on.
8. Listen to weather and travel advisories. If you don't have to travel in bad weather, don't.

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## Inclement Weather Closings and Cancellations

When inclement weather forces the Township to close their office or cancel meetings, we will now post the closing or cancellations on three of our local television stations and on our Township website. Please tune into the following television stations or log onto their websites for updates.

- **WGAL Channel 8**
- **WPMT Fox 43**
- **CBS 21**

*Happy New Year!*

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