



EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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New Officers

On Monday December 5th, the East Lampeter Township Police Department had the honor of swearing in four new police officers at the East Lampeter Township Supervisor's Meeting.

The East Lampeter Township Police Department values the relationship that we enjoy with our community and the trust that we share. It is an honor and a privilege to wear the badge of a police officer; we believe that these new officers hold to the same high standards, morals, and ethics that the public expects of us and will serve our residents and businesses well.

Please welcome these officers and please remember to wave and introduce yourself when you see them out on patrol.



Andrew Jacoby

Andrew Jacoby started on patrol December 6th. He is a Lancaster County native, graduating from Elizabethtown High School. Andrew attended the police academy at Harrisburg Area Community College, graduating in 2017 before working at Lititz Borough Police Department for four years.



Dalton Lapp

Dalton Lapp is a Lancaster County native, graduating from Pequea Valley High School in 2018. Dalton just graduated from the police academy at Harrisburg Area Community College on December 12th. He is beginning his field training.

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Public Meeting Arrangements

Please go to the Township web site, www.eastlampetertownship.org for information and instructions regarding Public Meetings.

New Officers (continued)



Kaleb Smith

Kaleb Smith is a native of Lancaster County graduating from Lampeter-Strasburg High School in 2014. Kaleb also just graduated from the police academy at Harrisburg Area Community College on December 12th and is beginning his field training.



Ambrogio "Ambro" Giambanco

Ambrogio "Ambro" Giambanco graduated from Clarion Area High School in 2003. Ambro owned his own business prior to deciding on a career in law enforcement and speaks both Italian and Spanish. Ambro begins the police academy at Harrisburg Area Community College in January 2023.

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	Assistant Zoning Officer Commercial
Charlie Thomas	Public Works Director
Larry Frankford	Sewer Superintendent
Bill Rhine	Road Superintendent
Troy Bresch	Parks Superintendent
Charles Hayes	Stormwater Coordinator
Alex Wasilewski	Stormwater Technician
Jeffrey Shirk	System Administrator
Kurt Vivaldi	IT Support Specialist
Lashawnda Martin	Bookkeeper
Stephanie Leakway	Admin. Assistant
Winnie Brooks	Admin. Assistant

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 7:00 pm

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

TOWNSHIP OFFICE PHONE:

717-393-1567

PARK BOARD

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 4 pm
(NO MEETINGS in November and December)

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month
at 7 pm
(NO MEETING on 4th Thursday in
November and December)

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East Lampeter Township Congratulates Miss Alecia Hair as the New Assistant Zoning Officer

East Lampeter Township congratulates Miss Alecia Hair as the new Assistant Zoning Officer—Commercial. Alecia has served the Township in the position of Building/Zoning/Planning Administrative Assistant for six years. Alecia has continually sought further education in the zoning field. Her background knowledge of the Township, current projects, and breadth of knowledge will serve developers, business owners, and contractors as she moves into this new position. Contact Alecia at (717) 393-1567 x3520 or ahair@eltwp.org



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.

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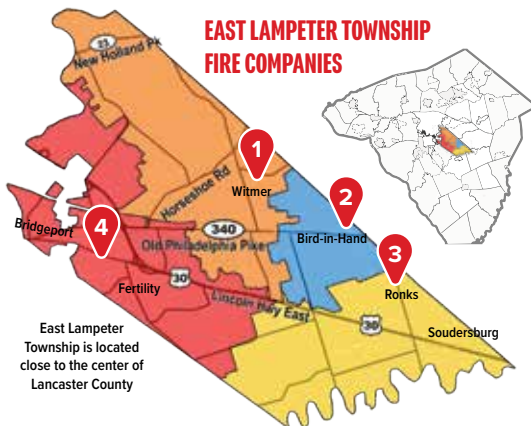
Your Volunteer Voices

Here is where your local volunteer fire company members will answer questions, provide event dates, offer ways to get involved, and most importantly, reconnect with your community.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE 100% VOLUNTEER?



There are no paid firefighters here. These four fire companies successfully operate as 100% volunteer.



*There is a scenario that none of us want to imagine... You are on your way to work when all of the sudden, your car jolts and there is metal scraping. You have been involved in an accident and a very normal day has suddenly turned into a very bad day. But, within minutes, you hear sirens and see flashing lights. The volunteer fire company has arrived to help. But what exactly makes up a **volunteer** fire company?*

The Volunteers Who Run the Calls



- Volunteer firefighters hear the pager, grab their keys, and head to the firehouse. They are on call 24/7, 365 days a year.
- These first responders run to a call to help someone on one of the worst days of their lives.
- Once back at the firehouse, the day isn't over yet. Volunteers stay a little longer to maintain equipment and make sure it's ready for the next call.



The Volunteer Admins & Office Workers

- The people who volunteer their time to do administrative tasks, organize and plan for fundraisers, and perform all of the essential "office work" to make sure that everything runs smoothly behind the scenes.



The Volunteer Supports

- The families who watch their loved ones fly to the door when the pager goes off, never knowing what time they will be home.
- Volunteer supports show up to help tote-carry-cook-clean & serve for fundraisers and perform administrative duties.

What do all of these moving parts have in common?



- Together, these volunteers help to strengthen the social fabric and resiliency of our communities, by bringing neighbors and friends together in a common cause, providing assistance to residents, businesses, and visitors throughout our communities.
- Through our volunteers' combined efforts, East Lampeter Township residents and businesses are saving literally millions of dollars in taxes that would be required if our volunteer fire service came to an end.

These are just some of the things that we mean when we say that East Lampeter Township is serviced by a 100% volunteer fire service. While we're far from perfect, and we're always looking for ways to improve, we're also making every effort to provide our friends and neighbors with top-quality fire and rescue services, and building stronger communities. We couldn't do it without you, our community! We enjoy providing this valuable service to our communities and we'd love for you to join us!

2023 UPCOMING EVENTS



Ox Roast
Sat. Feb 11
11:00am - sellout
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Chicken Pot Pie
Sat. Feb 25
10:30-6:00
Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

Farm Safety Day
Sat. Feb 25
8:00-?
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313 Enterprise Dr, Bird-in-Hand
bihfire.com
Station: 717-392-0112
Paul Fisher: 717-380-1109



Ronks Fire Co ³
134 North Ronks Road, Ronks
ronksfirerescueinfo@gmail.com
Steve Gribble: 717-368-5585



Lafayette Fire Co. ⁴
63 Lafayette Way, Lancaster
lafayettefire.com
717-392-5097

If you have questions about this information, or are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the fire companies listed above.



When is a Permit Required?

Here are a few examples of items that require a permit.

Fencing—PERMIT SOMETIMES REQUIRED.

Fences around pools and fences greater than six (6) feet in height are covered under the Building Code and do require a building permit. Fences under six (6) feet in height do not require a permit. Please note that fences are typically not allowed within easements, rights-of-ways, or clear sight triangles. East Lampeter Township asks that when placing a fence near a property line that you place it so that you have enough room to provide maintenance to the fence on both sides while remaining on your property.



Patios—PERMIT REQUIRED

A zoning permit for location is required to ascertain compliance with setback requirements. A stormwater management permit is also required due to the addition of impervious surface being created.

Roof Replacement— PERMIT SOMETIMES REQUIRED

If you are changing the slope of the roof or adding dormers then a permit is required. If you are just replacing the shingles or applying a rubber roof then a permit is not required on residential properties. Any roof work non-residential properties requires a permit.

Hot Tubs or Spas— PERMIT REQUIRED

Hot tubs and spas are covered under the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and require a building permit.

Accessory or utility structures— PERMIT REQUIRED

All accessory and/or utility structures require a zoning permit to assure that setback requirements are being met. If the structure is over 1,000 square feet a building permit is also required. In addition, a stormwater management permit is also required whether the structure is over or under 1,000 square feet.



Decking—PERMIT REQUIRED

A zoning and stormwater management permit are always required for a deck. A building permit is also required when the deck exceeds 30 inches above the ground at any point of the deck.

Sidewalks— PERMIT REQUIRED

Private walkways are required to get a stormwater management permit as they add impervious surface to a site. Public pedestrian sidewalks do require a permit, since they must be constructed to a certain standard.

Replacing Windows or Doors— PERMIT SOMETIMES REQUIRED

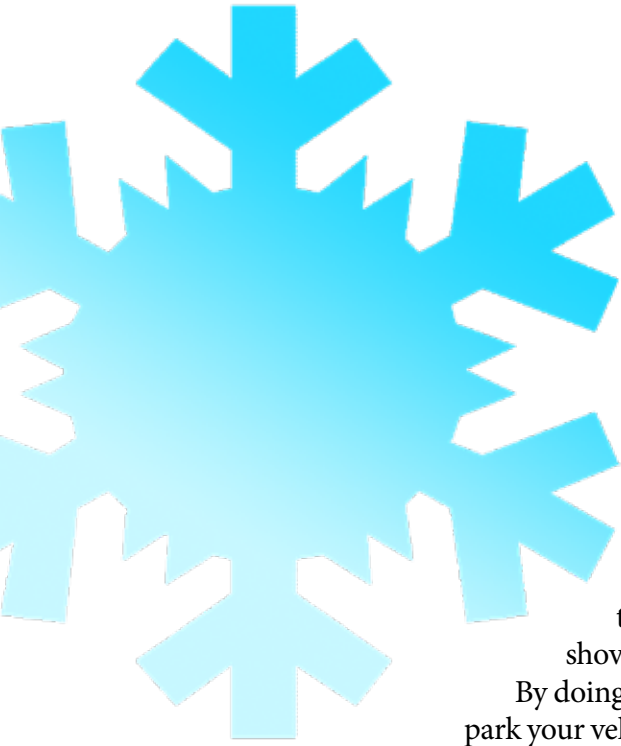
A permit is not required if you are not enlarging the opening in the wall. If you are making an opening where there was none before or making an existing opening larger, then a building permit is required.

Apartment as an Accessory Use and ECHO Units—PERMITS REQUIRED

Any renovations or change in use such as an apartment as an accessory use or ECHO unit requires Township approval and a building permit.

Commercial— PERMITS REQUIRED

Please call the Township or a third-party building code review and inspection agency to confirm.



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.

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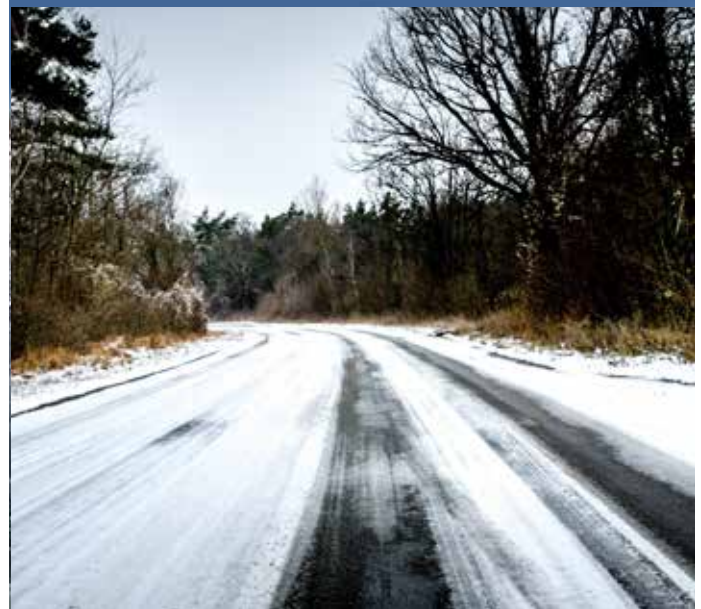


Christmas Tree Recycling

Please contact your trash hauler for Christmas tree pickup instructions for curb side 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.

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- **WPMT Fox 43**
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