

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP *Newsletter*

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Detective Christopher Jones

ELTPD Officer of the Year

The East Lampeter Township Police Department recognized Detective Christopher Jones as the 2022 Officer of the Year. Detective Jones is a 22-year veteran of the Department and has been assigned to the Detective Division since 2008. Of note, in 2022 Detective Jones was instrumental in investigating a drug delivery resulting in death case, resulting in conviction as well as a homicide case also resulting in conviction. Detective Jones assisted in the formation of Lancaster County's Human Trafficking Task

Force, where he and the other members of that task force made over 30 arrests in 2022. Detective Jones was recognized before the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors, and the Leola Lions Club sponsored the plaque and monetary donation. Congratulations Detective Jones!



Sergeant Bryan Kondras



Sergeant Gregory Dolk

ELTPD 25th Year of Employment Anniversaries

Sergeant Bryan Kondras and Sergeant Gregory Dolk were recently recognized for completing their 25th year of employment with East Lampeter Township Police Department. Sergeant Kondras began his career as a patrolman for ELTPD in September of 1997. He is currently the shift supervisor for Second Platoon in the patrol division.

Sergeant Dolk began his career as a patrolman for ELTPD in January of 1998. He is currently the shift supervisor for Fourth Platoon in the patrol division.

Both Sergeants Kondras and Dolk were recognized before the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors, receiving a wooden commemorative box.

Congratulations Sergeants Kondras & Dolk!

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Public Meeting Arrangements

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

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East Lampeter Township Youth Aid Panel Volunteers Recognition

The East Lampeter Township Police Department recently recognized Mrs. Donna Hurley, Mrs. Judy Leonard, Mrs. Stacy Hastings & Mr. Mark Lopez for their commitment to the East Lampeter Township Youth Aid Panel over the past 15 plus years. As panel members, these individuals have overseen summary and misdemeanor juvenile cases which are adjudicated outside juvenile court. The goal of the Youth Aid Panel is to reduce youth recidivism in the justice system. East Lampeter Township is very thankful for the service the members of the Youth Aid Panel have provided to the citizens of East Lampeter Township. Thank You!



ELTPD Trauma Dog

East Lampeter Township Police welcomed Seija to the department. Seija is a 4-month-old Golden Retriever enrolled in the Police Trauma Dog Program operated by Alpha Pack Veteran K9's Unleashed. She was donated to the Police Department by Karen Weatherbie of Mount Joy. Seija will be trained to offer emotional support to officers, township employees and citizens.

Seija's handler, Detective Heather Waltman, takes Seija home with her every day and spends quality time with her. For now, her training includes basic obedience skills such as learning to stay, sit and lay as well as socializing by going places and being with other handlers at work.

Seija will participate in a two-week specialized advanced training session when she is around a year old. Trauma certification comes after two years of training from Alpha. Our Seija is not just a dog...she is a lifeline.

Seija

Ralph Hutchison Stephen Zerbe Tara Hitchens Kevin Hostetter Colin Siesholtz David Sinopoli

Alecia Hair

Charlie Thomas Larry Frankford Bill Rhine Troy Bresch Charles Hayes Alex Wasilewski Jeffrey Shirk Kurt Vivaldi Lashawnda Martin Stephanie Leakway Winnie Brooks

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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 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, when necessary (NO MEETING on 4th Thursday in November and December)

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Budget News

Preliminary results for calendar year 2022

The Township 2022 budget was forecasting a deficit of approximately \$318K. However, as a result of better than expected tax revenues (Real Estate Transfer, Earned Income and Amusement/Admission) and fiscally prudent decisions by the Supervisors and the Management Team, a budget surplus of approximately \$905K was realized. This surplus has strengthened the Fund Balance reserve greatly.

Budget for 2023

There is forecasted a deficit of approximately \$1.5 million. The deficit is the result of increased labor costs, completing projects that have been postponed for the last few years, and the purchase of large dollar items that have been placed on hold for the last few years. Due to 2022's unexpected surplus and increased Fund Balance, the budget deficit will not cause the Fund Balance reserve to be less than the Board's policy limit. The Board also chose to not raise the millage rate for 2023 which is the same rate it has been since 2019.

If you wish to see the complete budget for 2023, please visit the Finance Department link on our website.

Electronic Payment Options

It has come to our attention that an electronic bill payment method/service is available which is not affiliated with or approved by the Township. If you wish to use an electronic bill payment method, it is recommend that you use the Township website where you can make a credit card payment or allow a debit against your checking account (i.e. an electronic check or E-Check). You may also want to use the services provided by your bank. These options are cheaper than this other option.

Unique Private/ Public Partnership

East Lampeter Township businesses are struggling with filling jobs given that Lancaster County has the lowest unemployment rate in the state. While it is a strong statement of the vitality of the Lancaster County economy, the number of job openings remains at extraordinarily high levels. If you are a business person facing this issue, join other businesses that are interested in looking at new, creative, public/private partnership ways to fill open jobs at a meeting this spring. For more information on this effort contact Bruce Fry, General Manager of Tanger Outlets at 717-392-7260 or via email at Bruce.Fry@Tangeroutlets. com.



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Run a race while supporting a local volunteer fire company... IT'S A WIN-WIN! Half Marathon, 5k & Kids Fun Run

Sep. 8 & 9

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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 IS IT LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER?



You'll learn and grow...

Volunteers are constantly learning new things and problem solving.

- Using the latest tools and apparatus
- Studying fire behavior, building construction, etc.
- Learning about a variety of emergency situations. For example, vehicle accident calls could involve anything from a horse & buggy to a tractor trailer, to newer technology like electric vehicles. Each of these require unique tools and skills.

You'll build relationships:

Interacting with a broad and diverse array of people. Emergency calls bring you into contact with:

- Local business people
- Farmers
- Teachers
- Retirees
- Students Police
- EMTs
- Municipal workers

Interacting with all of these unique individuals builds a broad network of personal and professional relationships, providing you with a vast support system that can benefit you in many other areas of life.



You'll be challenged:

Volunteering involves unique physical and mental challenges. Applying your skills and knowledge during:

- Emergency calls
- Trainings
- Fundraising events
- Administrative tasks
- · Community events

Each of these situations requires unique physical and mental skills and provides opportunities for personal growth. The nature of the job also requires dedication and personal flexibility in juggling family events, occupations, and other commitments with the unpredictability of emergency calls.

A DEEP SENSE OF PURPOSE AND MEANING IN A WORLD THAT IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING

You'll feel...

In the end, the satisfaction and fulfillment that comes from helping people, while working with friends and neighbors to strengthen our communities, provides you with a deep sense of purpose and meaning in a world that is constantly changing.

Building friendships and thriving communities can be empowering and rewarding in a deeply personal way that is difficult to describe.

Come join us to experience this feeling for yourself!



Witmer Fire

Protective Association 455 Mt. Sidney Rd, Lancaster witmerfire.com 717-393-1259



Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

313 Enterprise Dr, Bird-in-Hand bihfire.com Station: 717-392-0112 Paul Fisher: 717-380-1109



Ronks Fire Co 134 North Ronks Road, Ronks ronksfirerescureinfo@gmail.com



Lafayette Fire Co. 63 Lafayette Way, Lancaster lafavettefire.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.



LCSWMA is Imposing a \$20 Penalty for Open Loads Not Secured by a Tarp

WHY?

To Protect the HEALTH and SAFETY of our Community

According to a study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, unsecured loads and debris in the road led to 200,000 crashes between 2011-2014.

During that time, debris-related crashes caused 39,000 injuries and 500 deaths.

To Protect the ENVIRONMENT

Data released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that as a nation, we spend \$11.5 billion combating litter, 40% of which comes from unsecured loads.

It's the LAW

Summary of Pennsylvania's State and Federal Requirements:

Loads must be covered with a securely fastened waterresistant cover that eliminates potential for littering and other nuisances. 25 Pa. Code §§ 285.211(a) and 299.211(a)

Facility operators and owners are responsible for knowing and complying with all relevant laws, regulations, authorizations, and permits. If the facility does its part, it can avoid the environmental impacts and public health, safety, and welfare issues associated with the transportation of solid waste.

Lancaster County Municipal Waste Management Plan

All Waste must be secured to the vehicle or container and enclosed or covered with secured tarpaulins to prevent leakage, spillage, dusting or litter. Such enclosures and tarpaulins must remain in place until arrival at the designated unloading or uncovering areas at the LCSWMA Facility.

The tarp policy has been in effect at LCSWMA for some time. Unfortunately, employees spend hours each week collecting litter from unsecured loads that are delivered to the facilities. LCSWMA's objective is that the \$20 penalty will change behavior so that ALL COMMERCIAL and RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS abide by the tarp policy.

Not only is this required by all Lancaster County municipalities but shows courtesy to residents and businesses located on roads leading to the sites. Please help protect the environment and the health and safety of our community!

Secure your load. Prevent litter and save lives.



Public Works Road Paving Alerts

Roadways in East Lampeter Township that are on the schedule to be paved in 2023.

- Hornig Road Creek Hill Road to Hampshire Ave.
- Rose Drive, from Rt 340 to Dead End.
- Lilac, From Rt 340 to Tulip Drive,
- Iris Drive Rt 340 to Tulip Drive.
- Sage Drive from Rt. 340 to Dead End,
- Tulip Drive, from Rose Drive, to Sage Drive.

Roadways that will be given bituminous surface treatment (double application of oil and chip):

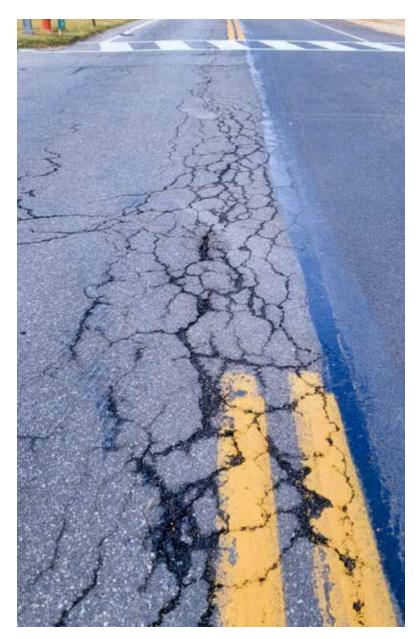
Bowman Road, from Rt.30 to Rockvale Road,

North Soudersburg Road, From Rt. 30 to the Township line,

Church Road, from Beechdale Road, to the Township Line.

The Township would ask that all residents on these roads please remove anything from the Township Right of Way. This includes any landscaping, fences, or anything else that would interfere with the project.

If you are unsure where the Right of Way is on your road, please contact the Township office.







Collection Bag: Dry Cell Batteries and Cell Phones

Help us protect the environment by keeping cell phones and batteries out of the trash.



Use a LCSWMA bag to collect: Cell phones Alkaline batteries Ni-Cad batteries Li-Ion batteries Rechargeable batteries Button batteries When the bag is full, place it next to your trash container. Or, you can drop-off for FREE at our household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster.

Do not place this bag in the trash or in a recycling container

Need more bags? Email us at info@lcswma.org Call our office at (717) 397-9968.



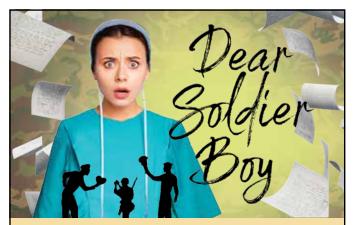
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We Want to Know...Community Survey

East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors would like to know how the Township is doing regarding services. A community survey has been developed and is available on the Township website homepage.

