



EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

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Public Meeting Arrangements

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



Sgt. Brian Cloonan



SRO Jon Werner

25 Year ELTPD Anniversaries

Congratulations to Sgt. Brian Cloonan, Sgt. Jeff Nikolaus and SRO Jon Werner for reaching the milestone of 25 years of service at East Lampeter Township Police Department. We thank each of you for your service and dedication to the Township and for helping to make our community safer!

Police Foundation

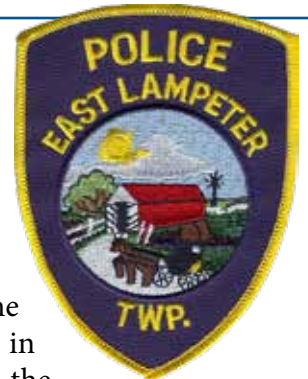
WE NEED A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS...

Are you interested in helping to create a not-for-profit Foundation to benefit the East Lampeter Township Police Department? The main purpose of the Foundation will be to raise money for projects that will benefit the Police Department. One example would be to pay the costs of the current trauma canine program and for its continuation in the future. The Department's dog, Seija, was donated to the Department in early 2023 and is being trained to assist victims and officers who have experienced a trauma situation. East Lampeter Township is very thankful for the services that have been donated thus far, such as veterinary services, and we hope other expenses such as food, equipment, and training can be paid by a Foundation.

The Foundation is envisioned as a not-for-profit, 501.C.3 organization that would be connected with, but not a part of, Township government. It will be an independent organization with its own decision-making Board. However, volunteers are needed who will work to create and operate this Board. We anticipate that the Township and the Foundation would enter into an agreement that would allow Township staff to provide administrative services to the Foundation in order to assist the Foundation Board with operational activities. It is also expected that the Foundation would hold their meetings in the Township's public meeting room, although the meetings would be open to only the Foundation Board and invited guests. It is further anticipated that the Foundation Board would meet at least quarterly (4 times per year) but this may vary depending upon the Foundation's level of activity. It is likely that an initial set of more frequent meetings may be needed in order to get things started.

The Foundation will need to comply with federal reporting requirements once

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THANK YOU

FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Community Survey Thank You and FAQ Answers

Thank you to all that participated in the East Lampeter Township Community Survey.

■ There was great feedback from those that participated noting that East Lampeter Township is one of the best places to live given the proximity to the City of Lancaster, shopping options, and yet being next to rural areas all at the same time. The most quoted phrase: Close to everything!

■ There were also requests for less traffic overall, however the Township can't keep people from traveling the roadways and there are numerous State roadways in East Lampeter Township, such as Route 30, Route 896, Route 340 and Route 23 to name a few.

■ Early on in the survey process participants noted that they really would like a yard waste facility and, since then, East Lampeter Township has announced our revived partnership with Manheim Township and the use of their yard waste facility for East Lampeter Township residents. See Page 5 of this newsletter for more details.

■ A handful of participants questioned whether or not

there was a noise ordinance in the Township. There is a noise ordinance and it is available on the Township website under the ordinance and resolution button, then click on ordinance 336.

■ A few participants provided that there is a need for changes at Costco. Please note that the shopping area which contains Costco is not in East Lampeter Township, but is within the City of Lancaster. We will pass these comments on to our neighbor, the City, and attempt to work with them to address these concerns, but we don't have the ability to address them directly since this area is not in the Township.

■ Finally, a large number of participants indicated that taxes were a concern, especially for seniors. It's important that residents understand that the Township doesn't set Conestoga Valley School District or Lancaster County property tax rates. East Lampeter Township's Board of Supervisors has held the line on taxes at 1.9 mils since 2019, which equates to approximately \$380 per year for a home valued at \$200,000. Residents typically receive the Lancaster County and East Lampeter Township tax bill as one bill in February each year. The Township's portion of that bill is always the lower amount. Township taxes help to fund Police Department services, Public Works services including road maintenance, winter operations and parks, as well as Township administrative and land use related services.

Thank you again for participating in this community survey. There were some questions that may need a little more consideration in the near future and it is hoped that you will again share your thoughts!

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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Daylight Savings Time

It's that time of year again to fall back! Remember to turn your clocks back one hour and replace your smoke detector batteries on Saturday night, November 4, 2023, before you go to bed. Daylight savings time officially begins at 2:00 AM on November 5, 2023.

**DON'T
FORGET
TO FALL
BACK
NOV. 5,
2023**





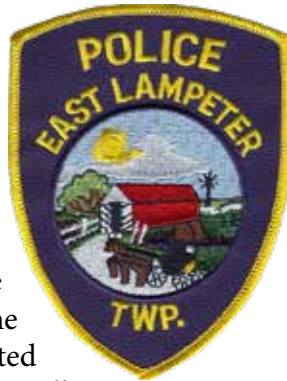
Police Foundation

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a year and should use an accountant familiar with nonprofit accounting. Financial information must also be made easily accessible to the public. Auditing requirements for the state are set by statute and depend on the total annual contributions. It is expected and recommended that the Foundation will carry Director's & Officers insurance coverage, as well as General Liability insurance. These kinds of overhead costs can be paid for from contributions to the Foundation. Once organized as a 501C.3 organization, contributions to the Foundation will be tax deductible to the extent permitted by Federal law.

As an independent 501(c) (3) charitable, non-profit organization, the foundation's goal will be to foster community-wide support for law enforcement, and to provide supplemental resources for members of law enforcement while building long-lasting and positive police-community relationships.

If this sounds like something you would like to dedicate some of your time to, please contact East Lampeter Township via email at volunteer@eltwp.org.



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Jeff and Kyle Siegrist



The construction of the Walnut Street Extension, Ben Franklin Boulevard (from Rt. 30 interchange to Greenfield Road), and a 1.1-mile section of the Lancaster Heritage Pathway are expected to be substantially complete by the time this publication is distributed. These facilities are expected to provide many positive benefits including reduced congestion and a new opportunity for walking, jogging and biking. This project is making use of a long dormant public asset in a way which will provide these practical public benefits in a very aesthetically pleasing way.

The community is encouraged to make use of these new facilities to see the benefits of this project for themselves.

The Township is working to plan and hopefully construct extensions of the Lancaster Heritage Pathway to the west into the City of Lancaster and to the east to the Township line near Geist Road. Grant funding has been secured for the planning aspects of these efforts and we encourage you to become involved in these efforts. Please look for additional information to be shared regarding the planning efforts and the opportunities for public involvement in the near future.

Special Thanks to High Associates and Kinsley Construction for sharing the included photographs of the project. Visit our Facebook page to see beautiful drone footage of the project from High Associates and Kinsley Construction as well!





Yard Waste Updates

This is a reminder that East Lampeter Township renewed its partnership with Manheim Township for the use of the compost park. This partnership allows residents of East Lampeter Township the opportunity to purchase a card to be used at the Manheim Township Compost Park, just like Manheim Township residents. The card can then be shown to the attendant at the compost park and the fee paid for whatever load is being disposed of at the time. Those fees are paid based on the Manheim Township Compost Park fee schedule. Please note that only one card will be issued per address.

Cards can be purchased at the East Lampeter Township building for a nominal fee of \$5.00 with proof of residency. Proof of residency shall consist of any state or federal identification with an address in East Lampeter Township. Please note that occupants of apartments and commercial uses are not eligible to purchase the card.

East Lampeter Township card holders are responsible for adherence to all Manheim Township Compost Park Rules and Regulations; failure to follow the rules and regulations will result in card deactivation. Information regarding the location, hours and rules for the Manheim Township Compost Park can be found on the Manheim Township web site: www.manheimtownship.org.

Residents are still be able to use the West Earl Township yard waste facility if that is preferred. Access cards for this facility can only be purchased at the West Earl Township office.

TRICK
OR
TREAT
OCTOBER 31, 2023
6 PM - 8 PM



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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.

FIRE PREVENTION

Have an evacuation plan and practice it with your family at least twice a year.

Have a safe meeting place.

Install smoke and CO detectors on every level of your home and in each room.

Test detectors monthly and replace batteries annually.

Replace detectors 10 years from the date of manufacture.



1 BEDROOM

Keep doors closed when you go to sleep.
Do not plug space heaters into extension cords.
Keep space heaters away from combustibles.

TIP: Place an escape ladder in bedrooms above the ground floor.

2 CHIMNEY

Get chimneys inspected and cleaned before the first use of the year.

3 BATHROOM/WASHROOM

Keep exhaust fans clean and free of dust buildup.
Have dryer vents and ducts cleaned regularly.

4 OUTDOORS

Keep all fire pits a safe distance from structures and trees. Never leave unattended.
Do not throw Li Po batteries in trash.

5 LIVING ROOM

Do not overload sockets or extension cords.
Keep a fire extinguisher near fireplace.
Never leave burning candles unattended.

6 KITCHEN

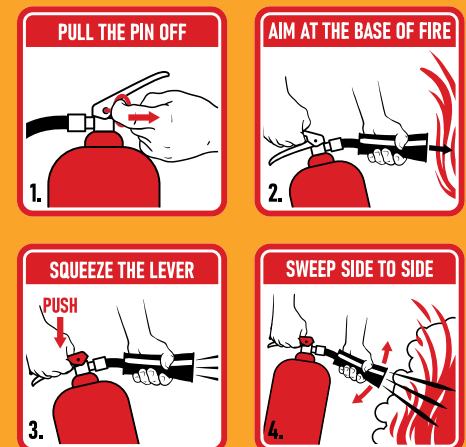
Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
Never leave stove unattended.
Keep a fire extinguisher within reach.
Keep stove tops clean.

TIP: If grease catches fire in a pan, place a lid on it until extinguished.

7 GARAGE/BASEMENT

Store all flammable materials in approved containers away from heat sources.
Have heating systems cleaned and maintained regularly.

USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER



PULL AIM SQUEEZE SWEEP



As the year-end approaches, please consider donating to your local volunteer fire company. Our volunteers donate their time and energy to provide volunteer fire services to our communities. To maintain the volunteer service, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

How much does the volunteer service save taxpayers?

- **\$1,500,000** Total cost of the volunteer service in East Lampeter Township
- **\$800,000** Taxpayer funds
- **\$700,000** Donations and fundraisers
- **\$4,500,000** Savings to taxpayers each year over having a paid department

All numbers are estimates based off past costs, the National Volunteer Fire Council's cost saving calculator and other local data.

\$1,500,000
\$800,000
\$700,000

\$4,500,000

SAVINGS TO TAXPAYERS EACH YEAR OVER HAVING A PAID DEPARTMENT

Dear community,

Thank you for your support over the years. We cannot do this without you. We have the opportunity to help someone in their most vulnerable and desperate times. When you call 911, we will drop what we are doing and come to help. Why? You are the community we chose to serve, whether we know you or not.

As time has passed, training requirements have increased. Apparatus and equipment costs have risen dramatically. The number of volunteers throughout the country have dropped. All of this, along with the changing dynamics of the fires we fight today and the expanding nature of the types of emergencies we respond to, add to the requirements placed upon our volunteers and their time.

What do I want? I want to be there when you need me. I want to have the best tools, equipment, and training to be able to get the best outcome possible. At the end of the day, I want to go home to my family just like you.

If you have generously donated, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to give, please, take a moment more this year to consider donating.

Sincerely

Your local Volunteer



MILK & COOKIES WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 2nd 6pm
at Witmer Fire Protection Association

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Saturday, December 2nd
touring Witmer neighborhoods

LAFAYETTE FIRE CO'S SANTA'S TOY EXPRESS

Saturday, December 9th 11am-3pm

EXTRA GIVE: LAFAYETTE FIRE CO

Friday, November 17th
<https://www.extragive.org/organizations/lafayette-fire-company-of-east-lampeter-township>



EVENTS



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
ronksfirerescueinfo@gmail.com
Steve Gribble: 717-368-5585



Lafayette Fire Co.
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 here.

2250 Old Philadelphia Pike
Lancaster, PA 17602



Stay Connected, Informed and Involved

We encourage residents, business owners, and visitors of East Lampeter Township to regularly visit our website and social media pages for ongoing updates and information about the Township.



Website:

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