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Lancaster, PA 17602



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**



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Public Meeting Arrangements

Please go to the Township website...

www.eastlampetertownship.org for information and instructions regarding Public Meetings.

HACC Streambank Restoration Project

The Harrisburg Area Community College Streambank Restoration Project construction and planting is complete as of November 2023. This project is a great example of a public/private partnership and joint efforts to improve the environment and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Partners of this joint effort include the Harrisburg Area Community College, East Lampeter Sewer Authority, East Lampeter Township and David Miller Associates.

This project restores a tributary to the Conestoga River and based on calculations will remove approximately 249,000 pounds of sediment from entering the Conestoga River. Not only will this improve water quality but it will help preserve private property from erosion and further degradation. The streambank restoration also helps protect public infrastructure and enhances wildlife habitat. Continued monitoring and maintenance will occur throughout the life of the project by Harrisburg Area Community College.

East Lampeter Township is grateful for the cooperation of the project partners and looks forward to future public/private partnerships and collaboration on stormwater projects.



Thank You John Blowers

At the end of 2023, John Blowers term of office as a Township Supervisor ended. John had served on the Township's elected governing body for two terms for a total of twelve years. During his time on the Board of Supervisors, John served as the Chairman for five years and as Vice Chairman for five years. Additionally, John has also served as a member of the Township's Industrial & Commercial Development Authority for about seven years. Prior to his election to the Board of Supervisors, John served as an alternate member of the Township's Zoning Hearing Board for about ten years. John's service to the Township began in 2001 and has continued for more than twenty-two years. When you see John out in the community, please thank him for his dedicated service to East Lampeter Township. Thanks John!



John Blowers

Change to Sewer and Stormwater Fee Payment Remittance

Please note that sewer and stormwater fee payment instructions will be changing for the April 2024 billing. The mailing information regarding where to send these payments and payment stubs will be changing due to a change with the financial institution. Please carefully review the remittance information included on your bill and make sure that you are sending your payment to the correct location. If you

use a bill payment service through your own bank, please be sure to make the appropriate changes with your bank so that payment is being sent to the correct remittance address. Please check for more details about this change on the Township's website (eastlampetertownship.org) and the East Lampeter Township Facebook page. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your attention to this change.

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 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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Christmas Tree Recycling

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



Welcome Ted Gallagher

Mr. Ted (Edward) Gallagher was elected to the position of Township Supervisor and had joined the Board of Supervisors (Township's elected governing body) as of January 1, 2024. Ted serves as the Director of Development at CCS Building Group in his daily professional life. Ted has provided the following information to share with the community:

"I have proudly called East Lampeter Township my home since 2004. In July of 2012, I married my wife, Christina. Together, we are the proud parents of two amazing boys, Carter (10) and Ryan (8), both of whom are students at Smoketown Elementary School.

My commitment to community service has been a constant thread in my life. From 2012 to 2018, I was an active member of the Witmer Fire Protective Association, where I also had the honor of serving as President for a year. However, after multiple back surgeries after a skiing accident and the demands of raising a family and managing multiple businesses grew, I made the difficult decision to step back from this role.

Presently, I am dedicated to contributing to the well-being of our community through my involvement on the Lancaster City Police Foundation Board and the Lancaster County Hazmat Team Board. My past engagements include participation in Rotary, serving on The American Heart Association Board of Directors, co-chairing the American Cancer Society Legacy Ball, and contributing to the Arch Street Center Capital Steering Committee.

Having recently been elected to the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors, I am thrilled about the opportunity to play a role in local politics. I firmly believe that active



Christina, Carter, Ryan, and Ted Gallagher

participation in community affairs is the most effective way to make a positive impact on the lives of our families and neighbors. I am excited to bring my passion for service and community building to this new chapter and look forward to working collaboratively for the betterment of our township."

Welcome Ted!



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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 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.

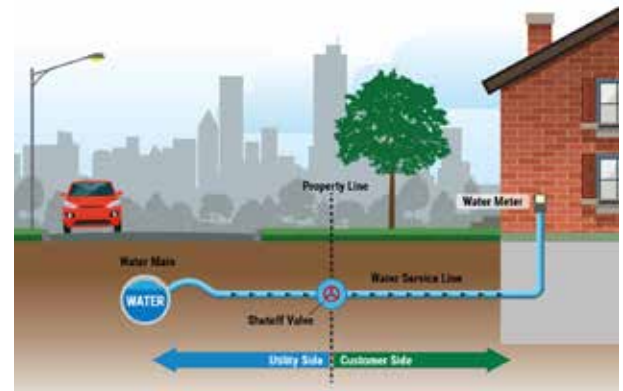
Public Works Winter Maintenance

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. On the second pass, the plow 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 get another storm. 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. 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 717-393-1567 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.



Water Service Line Inventory Project

In accordance with the recently revised US EPA Lead and Copper Rule, the City of Lancaster has initiated action to inventory all Water Service Lines within their service territory and they need your assistance to identify your water service line material using the following link or attached instructions: www.cityoflanasterpa.gov/lead-service-line More details on the project can be found here: <https://www.cityoflanasterpa.gov/lead-service-line/>





Resident Requirements 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. 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.



Licensing Your Dog

Pennsylvania State Law mandates that all dogs three months or older must be licensed. Having a dog license is the best way to bring them home if they get lost. The cost of your dog license allows the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement to focus on illegal kennels, investigate dog bites, and ensure dangerous dogs are not roaming the streets. If you've moved, your dog's license needs to be transferred to Lancaster County. <https://lanastercountypa.gov/2689/Dog-License>



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EMERGENCY?... CALL 911

WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL 911?

- SMOKE coming from a building, car, or woods
- A MEDICAL emergency
- A VEHICLE ACCIDENT
- Someone BREAKING into a house or car
- A person or animal is physically ATTACKING someone
- LOST or FOUND children, elderly, adults, or people who are mentally challenged or disabled



TIPS

- When you call 911, **let the dispatchers take the lead** on asking the questions.
- Don't get frustrated or impatient with the questions. **Units are already on their way** while you answer.
- **Stay on the line** with the dispatcher until first responders arrive.
- Text to 911 is available in Lancaster County. Calling 911 is significantly preferred, but **if you are in a situation where you cannot call 911, texting can be used.**



NON-EMERGENCY

For non-emergencies such as a cat in a tree or a noise complaint, call the **NON-EMERGENCY line at 717-664-1190**



TEACH CHILDREN...

- How and when to call 911
- How to call 911 on a locked cell phone.
- Not to hang up until they are told to.
- To use words instead of nodding or pointing as the dispatcher can't see them.



EMERGENCY? CALL 911

MY PHONE NUMBER _____

MY STREET ADDRESS _____

MY CITY OR BOROUGH _____

MY TOWNSHIP _____

NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

FIRE DISPATCH 717-664-1190

POLICE DISPATCH 717-664-1180



For more information, check out
Lancaster Countywide
Communications
on their website:
lcwc911.us



1. Fill this out with your family.
2. Cut it out.
3. Hang where it can be seen quickly.



WITMER OX ROAST

Sat. February 10

Witmer Fire Protection Association

BLOOD DRIVE

Wed. February 28

Witmer Fire Protection Association

BLOOD DRIVE

Thurs. January 18

Lafayette Fire Co.

FASNACHTS FOR FASSNACHT

Tues. February 13

Lafayette Fire Co.

CHICKEN POT PIE

Sat. February 24

Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

EVENTS



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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



Lafayette Fire Co.

63 Lafayette Way, Lancaster

lafayettefire.com

joinlafayette.com

717-392-5097



Ronks Fire Co

134 North Ronks Road, Ronks

ronksfirerescueinfo@gmail.com

Steve Gribble: 717-368-5585

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