



# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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## Public Meeting Arrangements

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



**Officer Andrew Zentner**

## East Lampeter Township Police Department Welcomes New Officer...

East Lampeter Township Police Department would like to welcome Andrew Zentner to the police force. Andrew is from Morgantown, PA and a recent graduate of Lancaster Bible College, where he received a degree in Criminal Justice and was Captain of the basketball team. Andrew was sworn in at the Board of Supervisors meeting on 6/26 and will be starting the Police Academy at Harrisburg Area Community College in July and graduating in December. Andrew will start in the patrol division after graduation.



**Township Manager Ralph Hutchison congratulates and thanks Mr. Jeffrey Jenks.**

## ...and Recognizes Citizens for Life-Saving Actions

East Lampeter Township Police Department was proud to recognize the following citizens, at the June 26 Board of Supervisors meeting, for their life saving actions:

Mr. Jeffrey Jenks and Mr. Benuel Stoltzfus, who on April 17th pulled a motorist from a burning vehicle which had caught fire, due to a vehicle crash, saving the life of the driver.

Ms. Dae'ja Montano, who on June 4th pulled an unconscious child from a swimming pool and provided CPR, resuscitating the child and saving his life.

The police department recognizes that Mr. Jenks, Mr. Stoltzfus and Ms. Montano are heroes in the truest sense of the word, having saved the lives of others!



**Police Chief Stephen Zerbe congratulates and thanks Ms. Dae'ja Montano.**

## Police Foundation

The Township is looking for volunteers to help create and operate a Not for Profit Foundation to benefit the East Lampeter Township Police Department. The main purpose of the Foundation would be to raise money for projects that would 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. Although, East Lampeter Township is very thankful for the services that have been donated thus far, such as veterinary services, other expenses such as food, equipment, and training could 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 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 amount of 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 Township Manager, Ralph Hutchison, via email at [rhutchison@eltwp.org](mailto:rhutchison@eltwp.org).

### 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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## Community Survey

How would you rank the services of East Lampeter Township? Take our community survey and let us know! Please share with anyone you know who lives or works in East Lampeter Township, we'd love to hear from as many community members as possible. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D85KKQC>







## East Lampeter Community Night at The Barnstormers Fundraiser

East Lampeter Township, with the help of The Lancaster Barnstormers, is hosting a fundraiser that will support the four volunteer fire companies within the Township. Join us on August 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Clipper Magazine Stadium for the first ever East Lampeter Community Night at The Barnstormers!

The Lancaster Barnstormers will graciously contribute a portion of ticket sales purchased through the link below equally to our four volunteer fire companies: Hand in Hand Fire Company, Lafayette Fire Company, Ronks Fire Department and Witmer Fire Protection Association. With the purchase of a ticket to the game there will be special activities, featured businesses, and after-game fireworks. Tickets can be purchased at a special community discounted rate here: <https://fevo.me/eastlampetercommunitynight>

This is a great way to support your volunteer fire companies, enjoy a ballgame, and meet other residents of East Lampeter Township!

## National Night Out

National Night Out is hosted annually to recognize and support First Responders in our community. Join us for National Night Out on August 1, 2023, from 6 pm to 8 pm at The Shops @ Rockvale. The East Lampeter Township Police Department and Stormwater Department will be there along with all four East Lampeter Township volunteer fire companies, Hand in Hand Fire Company, Lafayette Fire Company, Ronks Fire Department and Witmer Fire Protection Association and Lancaster EMS and County EMS. Bring the whole family to a FREE night of fun and get to know the people who are keeping our community safe!



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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.

# TEAMWORK IN EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

**Mutual Aid** is a system where neighboring fire companies work together to help each other during emergency calls. This occurs when the nature of the emergency is larger or more complex than can be handled by an individual company. The four ELT fire companies embrace this practice, since it allows them to better serve their communities by providing additional resources during emergencies.



In addition to working together within the township, all four companies also provide and receive mutual aid to surrounding communities and municipalities. Large commercial or agricultural fires can require up to a dozen or more fire companies.

### There are many benefits to **Mutual Aid**, including:

- **Increased Capabilities:** Working together and sharing resources provides a higher level of service for the public. It provides the personnel, apparatus, and equipment to deal with larger or more complex emergencies.
- **Increased Safety:** By working together and sharing expertise and resources, we can better protect our personnel and the public during emergencies. The additional manpower on scene increases the opportunities to improve outcomes for victims and property.
- **Professional Development:** Mutual aid provides opportunities for our volunteers to learn from one another, share best practices, and improve skills.
- **Cost Savings:** By sharing our equipment and volunteers, our fire companies can reduce expenses and maximize the use of resources. Each company has the apparatus needed to extinguish fires on routine calls, but in addition, each company also has specialized apparatus and equipment. For example, **Lafayette** provides a ladder truck, **Ronks** provides a rescue truck for vehicle accidents and other rescue situations, **Witmer** and **Bird-in-Hand** provide large tankers for water supply. This specialization, rather than duplication, proves stewardship and value to the public.
- **Increased Expertise:** While all four fire companies are well trained in all of the fundamentals of firefighting, the specialized apparatus and equipment that each company has requires additional training. By working together, the four fire companies bring a high level of experience and expertise to all aspects of emergency calls.



**IN THE END, IT'S ALL ABOUT PROVIDING THE BEST PROTECTION POSSIBLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.  
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!**

One of the largest challenges of suburban and rural firefighting is getting enough water to the scene of the fire. In urban areas this is done with a public water system. In more rural areas, water needs to be transported from streams and ponds by tankers and hose relays. This requires a large amount of mutual aid and coordination.



**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



# TEAM WORK ON A 2 ALARM

Just before noon on January 10th, Lancaster County 911 received calls reporting flames and black smoke visible on the back of the Hershey Farm Restaurant. This would escalate to a 2-alarm fire, bringing in many emergency assets from the surrounding area.

Among those assets were all four East Lampeter Township fire departments.

## Reflections from the responders



### Engine 62-2, Fire Police 62

*We were dispatched for the tanker and we responded with a crew of 4. I was able to assist with the roof crew. We helped with water supply. Our engine ran a few loads of water. You do not question what task you are assigned to. Everyone did what they were supposed to. - Firefighter Hoak*



### Truck 63, Fire Police 63

*I am always proud of the work we do while assisting others as mutual aid. Mutual aid brings additional equipment and manpower together to mitigate an incident. Everyone typically struggles with daytime staffing. We were fortunate that day to have 4-5 of us that actually were at the station that had not yet left from a previous call, so we were able to get out for the call quickly. - Chief Keens*



### Engine 41-1, Tanker 41, Squad 41-2

*Some of us were here before, so a lot of thoughts race through your head as you hear the dispatch. - Firefighter Hoerner*

*You are part of a team. The only way that our people can continue to take on bad experiences is because they go into it as a team. For example, no person could handle multiple events alone, the only reason people can keep responding is because it is done as a team. - Chief Stoltzfus*



### Engine 48-2

*We responded with the engine and a crew of 6. The emotion gets put aside when you are on scene. As an officer, as a Chief, you have to keep your composure because the way you conduct yourself is how your scene will run. The part that hurts me the most is to know that this is someone's livelihood. The building is replaceable, but this will impact these people's lives. - Chief Gribble*

On January 10th, Hershey Farm experienced a devastating fire, which completely destroyed the restaurant and gift shop. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and we are so thankful for all of the firefighters and first responders who spent all day trying to minimize the damage.

Hershey Farm Restaurant & Inn, Facebook, 27 Jan. 2023, facebook.com/hersheyfarm.



### Emergency Units Dispatched

ENGINES	TRUCKS	TANKERS
ENGINE 201	TRUCK 05	TANKER 05
ENGINE 204	TRUCK 50	TANKER 29
ENGINE 41-1	TRUCK 63	TANKER 35
ENGINE 43-1	RESCUES	TANKER 41
ENGINE 44-1	RESCUE 05	TANKER 44
ENGINE 44-2	RESCUE 47	TANKER 45
ENGINE 45-2	SQUADS	TANKER 51
ENGINE 47-2	SQUAD 41-2	TANKER 52
ENGINE 48-2	SQUAD 51-1	TANKER 53
ENGINE 502	SQUAD 54-1	TANKER 55
ENGINE 54-2	SQUAD 55-1	TANKER 57
ENGINE 54-3	SQUAD 57-2	TANKER 58
ENGINE 55	TRAFFIC CONTROL	TANKER 59
ENGINE 59-2	FIRE POLICE 51	TANKER 60
ENGINE 60	FIRE POLICE 62	TANKER 903
ENGINE 62-2	FIRE POLICE 63	MEDICAL
ENGINE 63-1	TRAFFIC 50	AMB 56-12
SPECIALIZED	TRAFFIC 59	MEDIC 56-6
AIR 39	EMERGENCY MGMT	QRS 56-6
TAC 05	DUTY OFFICER 99	

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
Tuesday, August 1st 6-8pm  
at the Shops at Rockvale.



**WITMER OX ROAST**  
Saturday, October 21st 11am  
at Witmer Fire Protection Association



**BIRD-IN-HAND  
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**EVENTS**

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



## Congratulations to Firefighters

East Lampeter Township is fortunate to have four volunteer fire companies, some of which are well over 100 years old. Each year, the four volunteer fire companies recognize a member from each of their companies. At the April 3, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting, the Board recognized and thanked the following individuals for their volunteer service:

**Gerald Petersheim—Hand in Hand Fire Company**

**Kim Herskowitz—Lafayette Fire Company**

**Raymond Workman Jr.—Ronks Fire Company**

**Dakota Hoak—Witmer Fire Company**

Three firefighters were also recognized for 25 years of service:

**John S. King—Ronks Fire Company**

**Marvin Beiler—Ronks Fire Company**

**Lonnie Kaufman—Hand in Hand Fire Company**

They each received plaques and their names will be added to the plaques in the Township's lobby. The Township appreciates all that our firefighters do and congratulates and thanks each person recognized for their service to our community!

## Whole Home Repair Program

There is a new program at Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority called the Whole-Home Repair Program. This program will provide funding to address habitability and safety concerns, provide measures to improve energy or water efficiency, and make units accessible for individuals with disabilities. For City homeowners, a grant will be available for up to \$25,000. For County homeowners, a grant will be available for up to \$25,000 and a loan is available for up to an additional \$25,000, totaling up to \$50,000. The loan is a zero percent (0%) interest deferred payment loan.

**For more information,  
call 717-394-0793, X220-X209  
or visit the website at [www.LCHRA.com](http://www.LCHRA.com)**



## Greetings from East Lampeter's Stormwater Department

East Lampeter Township has several hundred post-construction stormwater control measures (also called "BMPs") built on private properties throughout East Lampeter Township. BMP's manage stormwater runoff and include detention and retention basins and swales, etc. Property owners with BMP's on their property are required to regularly inspect the conditions of the BMPs throughout the year to ensure proper function. Property owners are required to submit the self-inspection forms to the Township every year. Currently only 12% of property owners with BMPs in East Lampeter have submitted the required self-inspection form. If you have BMPs on your property and have not completed and submitted the self-inspection form to the Township, please do so now. If your BMP requires maintenance actions, please let us know.

For any questions, please Contact Alex Wasilewski at (717) 393-1567 Ext. 3521

## Yard Waste Changes

East Lampeter Township is excited to announce a renewed partnership with Manheim Township for the use of the compost park. This partnership will allow 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](http://www.manheimtownship.org).

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

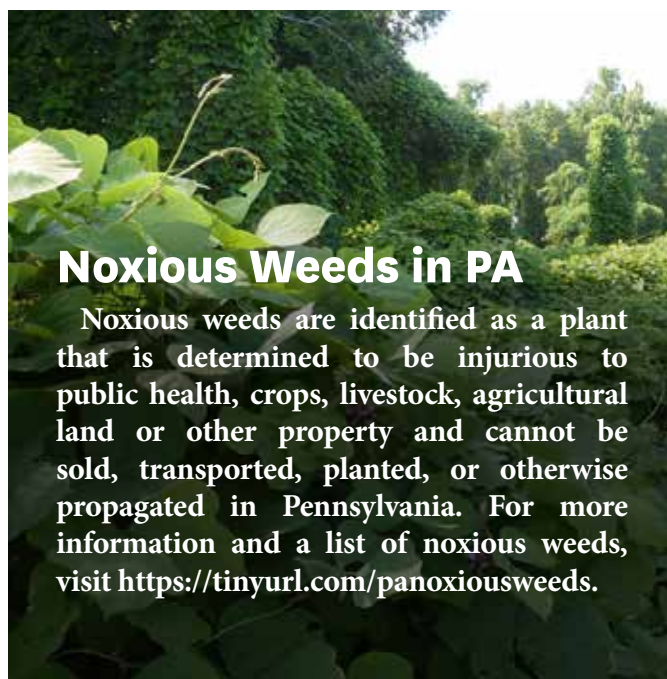


## Well Water & Children's Health Study



## Temple Well Water Study— Additional Participants Needed

Researchers at Temple University are looking for families who drink water from a private well for a paid study. They are interested in keeping children safe from illnesses that can be spread by drinking water from private wells. Families will receive a free whole-home UV water treatment system (value of device + installation = \$1,000). Families can participate from home. To be part of this NIH-funded study, families must have a child three years old or younger and live in select Pennsylvania counties. For more information, visit their website at [www.wettrial.org](http://www.wettrial.org), call them at (215)204-5124, or email them at [wettrial@temple.edu](mailto:wettrial@temple.edu).



## Noxious Weeds in PA

Noxious weeds are identified as a plant that is determined to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, agricultural land or other property and cannot be sold, transported, planted, or otherwise propagated in Pennsylvania. For more information and a list of noxious weeds, visit <https://tinyurl.com/panoxiousweeds>.

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