



# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

## Newsletter

Spring 2024

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Police Department

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Sgt. Bryan Kondras

## Retiring Police Officers

### Sgt. Bryan Kondras

After 26 incredible years of dedicated service, Sgt. Bryan Kondras has retired from the East Lampeter Township Police Department.

Sgt. Kondras has been a well-respected member of our department, having served for 26 years and 6 months. He had received four commendations over the years, two Life Saving Awards, the Officer of the Year Award in 2001, was a valuable asset as a crash reconstructionist, and served in a Presidential Inauguration Detail. His commitment, professionalism, and engagement have positively impacted our agency, the community, and Lancaster County.



Detective Scott Eelman

### Detective Scott Eelman

After 28 incredible years of dedicated service, Detective Scott Eelman has retired from the East Lampeter Township Police Department.

Detective Eelman has been an extremely valuable member of our department, having served for 28 years and 6 months. He had received eight commendations over the years, served in the detective division for 24 years, received the Officer of the Year Award in 1997, and was instrumental in organizing the Lancaster County Forensic Team. His commitment, professionalism, and dedication have left a positive mark on our agency, the community, and Lancaster County.

**Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Kondras and Detective Eelman on their remarkable careers and wishing both of them all the best! We support both of you and wish you endless cheer, enjoyment, and fulfillment in each of your well-deserved retirements!**

## East Lampeter Township Police Foundation

The East Lampeter Township Police Foundation is beginning to take shape. With just a few meetings, a lot has been accomplished.

We approved the following mission statement: "As an independent 501 (C) (3) charitable, non-profit organization, the East Lampeter Township Police Foundation's mission is to foster community-wide support for law enforcement, provide supplemental resources for members of law enforcement and their families while building long lasting and positive police-community relationships."

The board is awaiting approval of the 501(C)(3) nonprofit designation from the IRS. Although we have been meeting monthly, we anticipate being able to shift to quarterly meetings once the foundation is up and running. The foundation meets at the East Lampeter Township building but operates separately from the East Lampeter Police Department.

Despite plans being in the early stages, we have discussed several projects that need funding. Seija, East Lampeter's official police trauma dog, is one project that the foundation will support. The board members are looking at opportunities to attend local community events to spread the word and answer questions about the foundation. We plan to include Seija, when possible, so that she can meet her public.

Chief Steve Zerbe presented needs from the police department. The procurement of extra equipment would make it easier for the officers to operate. Currently, officers share devices and must take the time to recalibrate items before handing them over to the next patrol. Additionally, safety equipment such as strobe lights would alert drivers to a roadway issue. These flashing lights can be attached to the officer's uniform or placed on traffic cones to increase visibility at night or during inclement weather.

The foundation currently consists of six members, but we need a few more. If you are interested and feel you would like to contribute your time to this worthy cause, please email: [volunteer@eltwp.org](mailto:volunteer@eltwp.org).



## Sewer Extension ARPA Funding

East Lampeter Sewer Authority (ELSA) is planning a sewer extension along Strasburg Pike in the area of Millstream Road and Windy Hill Road.

The Authority applied for and was awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding through the Lancaster County Commissioners at their February 21st, 2024, meeting. The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$635,000.00. The Authority was seeking a 50% match to do the project and was awarded \$317,460.00.



The extension will consist of a low-pressure system to service approximately six residential properties, where there are a few failing on-lot systems. There are still agreements to sign, permitting, and final designs to be approved. At the time of this publication, we do not have an exact date of completion.

### Public Meeting Information

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month except for February, April, July, September and November when they only meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. All regular meetings begin at 7 pm.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

#### TOWNSHIP OFFICE PHONE:

**717-393-1567**

#### SEWER AUTHORITY

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month.  
All regular meetings begin at 4 pm.

#### 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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## New Police Officers

On Monday December 18th, 2023, the East Lampeter Township Police Department had the honor of swearing in two 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.



Officer Jared Dykshoorn

Jared Dykshoorn was raised in Queensburg, New York and is a graduate of the State University of New York in Adirondack with an associate degree in counseling. He is also a graduate from Lancaster Bible College with a Bachelor's Degree in Bible and Criminal Justice. Mr. Dykshoorn was a public safety officer at Lancaster Bible College and was previously a carpenter/technician. He is attending the Police Academy at HACC to complete his Pennsylvania ACT 120 certification.



Officer Jhared Simmons

Jhared Simmons previously served the Spartanburg City, South Carolina Police Department. He was raised in Maryland where he graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Police Academy. Mr. Simmons is attending portions of the Police Academy at HACC as he completes his Pennsylvania ACT 120 certification.

**Welcome Jared and Jhared!**

## Public Works Employee Spotlight

Mark McPhail started working for the Public Works Department in February of 2001. He has many job responsibilities, such as street sweeping, road maintenance, and sign inventory. He is a graduate of Spring Grove High School. Mark has been married for 23 years to Susan and is the father of Larson, who is a senior at Hempfield High School. In his spare time, he enjoys mountain biking, hiking, and playing guitar.

Thank you, Mark, for your hard work and dedication to the Township!



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## Protecting East Lampeter Township's Waterways with Healthier Lawns

In July 2022, Pennsylvania adopted a new fertilizer law designed to reduce nutrient pollution in waterways. For more information on the new PA Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at [www.agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer) or contact Denise Uzupis at [duzupis@pa.gov](mailto:duzupis@pa.gov).

### Highlights of the new fertilizer law include:

- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.
- Both the nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced efficiency fertilizer (these are specifically designed to stay more on the plant than runoff to the stream).

### Other important notes about applying fertilizers:

- Do not apply fertilizer if a heavy rain is expected.
- Keep fertilizer away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or water.
- Don't apply fertilizer within 15 feet of any stream banks.
- Remove fertilizer from hard surfaces (i.e., driveways and sidewalks) and sweep it back to the lawn.
- Do not use fertilizer as a snow or ice melt.
- Do not spread fertilizer on snow-covered or frozen ground.
- Fertilizer applications between December 15 and March 1 are restricted to 0.50 lbs. of total nitrogen per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> per application.

There is a lot of turf and lawn grass in PA, like lawns and golf courses, on over 2 million acres, according to the DCNR! Choosing the right turfgrass management program is essential to protecting local waterways.

You should do a soil test to see what nutrients your lawn really needs before buying or applying any feeds or fertilizers. Soil tests show you how much nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P), and potassium (K) your lawn currently has and how

much it needs. Soil test kits can be ordered for a relatively low cost from the local Penn State extension office. The results of the soil test can help you buy and apply just the right kind and amount of fertilizer or feed for your lawn to be healthy.

FYI: Most fertilizers list their percentages of N-P-K somewhere on their container, usually as a set of three separated numbers, so a bag of fertilizer with numbers 26-0-5 on it has 26% nitrogen (N), 0% phosphorous (P), and 5% potassium (K).

### Other Healthy Lawn Tips:

- Check your soil health—Healthy soil that isn't compacted, has a good pH-level, good texture, and good levels of organic matter will give you a happy, healthy lawn.
- Raise your mower deck—Set your mower deck to 3 inches or higher or use low-mow grass mixes. Taller grass reduces weeds, gives stronger roots, and holds water and nutrients better.
- Mulch your grass—Keeping your clippings in place returns valuable organic matter and nutrients to your lawn.
- Provide a buffer—Do not mow up to the banks of streams. Maintaining vegetative buffers along waterways provides wildlife habitat while slowing and filtering water before it enters the stream.

For more info, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/bewisefertilize> to watch the "Be Wise When You Fertilize" video.



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## 2024 Paving and Surface Treatment Updates

### Roadways in East Lampeter Township that will be paved in 2024:

- Hobson Road—Witmer Road to North Oakview Road
- Clover Heights—Route 340 to Dead End
- Sherreem Road from Hornig Road to Markings
- Fernbrook Circle—Pine Drive to Pine Drive
- Michigan Avenue—Route 340 To Route 462
- Pennsylvania Avenue—Michigan Avenue to Dead End
- North Wood Road—Route 462 To North Eastland Drive

### Roadway that will be given bituminous surface treatment (double application of oil and chip)

- Rockvale Road—From Route 896 To Bowman Road



## 2024 U.S. Women's Open Golf Tournament

The 2024 U.S. Women's Open Golf Tournament will be taking place at the Lancaster Country Club golf course from Saturday, May 25, 2024, through Sunday June 2, 2024. Planning and preparation for this international event has been underway and will continue. There will be some disruption to traffic patterns on and around New Holland Pike during this time. These inconveniences are necessary to provide for the management of the crowds of spectators expected to attend this event. In addition to being a very prestigious golf event, this is an opportunity to showcase the Lancaster community. This event will also bring many visitors to the area who will inject dollars into the local economy. Let's all work together to make it a great week to be in Lancaster.

More Info: <https://www.uswomensopen.com/>

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# 2024

# CADET CAMP

## 2 DAY CAMP

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 1

### Friday, Aug 2

4:30PM-9:30PM

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center



### Saturday, Aug 3

8:30AM-6:00PM

Lafayette Fire Company.



**CADET CAMP** is a two day event focused on ages 8-14 where children get a hands-on first responder experience and learn about the roles that serve the community! Children take part in hands-on activities, live burn and more.

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.**

For more information and to register go to [www.lafayettefire.com/cadetcamp/](http://www.lafayettefire.com/cadetcamp/)



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**Conestoga Valley and several local fire departments** have teamed up to start an internship program for CVHS students interested in learning about this very important public service. The Witmer, Lafayette, Bird-in-Hand, and Ronks fire departments have all come together to offer this opportunity to interested students. The program will be housed and meet at the Witmer Fire Company, which is within walking distance from the high school.

Students will be educated on the fundamentals of what it takes to become a firefighter. In addition, seniors and juniors will have the ability to train and run emergency service calls alongside local firefighters. There will be opportunities to intern both during and after the school day.

- **16 weeks**
- **2.5 hours per session**  
(1 or 2 blocks during school day)
- **CV High School students grades 10-12**  
(credits earned for graduation)

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### CHILDPROTECT - VACCINATION CLINIC

Tues. April 9  
Witmer Fire Protection Association

### BLOOD DRIVE

Wed. April 24  
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### WITMER OX ROAST

Sat. April 27  
Witmer Fire Protection Association

### CHILDPROTECT - VACCINATION CLINIC

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### PORK AND CHICKEN BBQ

Sat. April 13  
Lafayette Fire Co.

### CADET CAMP

Fri. May 31 & Sat. June 1  
Lafayette Fire Co. & Lancaster County  
Public Safety Training Center

### STEAK COOK OFF

Sat. June 8  
Lafayette Fire Co.

### SAFEKIDS CAR SEAT CHECK

Sat. June 22, 9AM - 12PM  
Lafayette Fire Co.

### CHICKEN BBQ

Sat. May 25  
Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

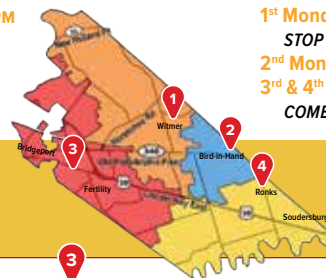
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### RONKS FIRE CO.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, 7pm: Apparatus Check  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:45PM: Fire Co. Trainings  
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**EVENTS**

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## Hyper-Reach Alerts are Coming Soon to East Lampeter Township

Emergency alerts are coming soon and when they do, you can be notified as quickly as possible of important events that affect your health, safety, and property so you can take action and protect yourself and the people you love. Watch for our announcements on how to sign up soon on our website and Facebook page, [www.eastlampetertownship.org](http://www.eastlampetertownship.org) and [www.facebook.com/EastLampeterTownship/](http://www.facebook.com/EastLampeterTownship/)



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