



# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

## Newsletter

Summer 2024

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## Apartment as an Accessory Use or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) or apartment as an accessory use is a dwelling unit for rent on a lot with a single-family detached dwelling or a non-residential use. ADUs allow homeowners to generate additional income, provide space for family members, or provide housing for caregivers. Additionally, ADUs help provide for more affordable housing in the community. Within East Lampeter Township, one ADU is permitted for each single-family dwelling in certain zoning districts, and two ADUs are permitted for non-residential properties in certain zoning districts. ADUs are permitted in the following zoning districts: R-1, R-2, R-3, C-1, MU, BH, VG, VC and VR. To find your property's zoning district visit [https://app.mygov.us/task/city/knowledge\\_base/gis.php?cityname=608](https://app.mygov.us/task/city/knowledge_base/gis.php?cityname=608) or contact the East Lampeter Township Residential or Commercial Zoning Officer.



Please note that the residential and non-residential ADU addition process differs.

To begin adding an ADU to your property please follow the steps below.

■ Speak with the Residential Zoning Officer for single family dwellings or the Commercial Zoning Officer for non-residential properties.

■ Residential properties may proceed with submitting a building permit for the ADU, which can be found at <https://eastlampetertownship.org/government/applications-forms/>

■ Non-residential properties should call and schedule a meeting with the Director of Planning and Commercial Zoning Officer to discuss the ADU review and approval process.

Supplemental regulations for ADUs can be found on the Township website or in the Township Zoning Ordinance: <https://ecode360.com/27478216#27478184>, search for accessory apartment.

Please contact the East Lampeter Township Residential Zoning Officer or the Commercial Zoning Officer at (717) 393-1567 for any questions on how to get started adding an ADU to your property.

## Community Survey

The East Lampeter Township Satisfaction Follow Up Survey is now open! It is open to all Township residents, as well as anyone who works in the Township, and we'd love to hear your thoughts: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6FXXSNJ>



## BMP Self Inspection Forms Due

If you haven't done it yet, please remember to Send Us Your Yearly BMP Self-Inspection Forms! We've only had a 21% response rate so far (yes, we do keep track, no this program isn't going away), so please see that they're submitted As Soon As Possible! Please contact the East Lampeter Stormwater Department if you need another form or have any questions. You can also download extra forms from the Stormwater page on our website <https://eastlampetertownship.org/best-management-practices-self-inspection/>



## Upcoming Change to Sewer and Stormwater Payment Remittance

Please note that sewer and stormwater payment remittance instructions will be changing for the October 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](http://eastlampetertownship.org)) and the East Lampeter Township Facebook page. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your attention to this change.

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## Emergency Notifications

Community Alerts are now available for the East Lampeter Township community. Get notified of important events that protect your health, safety, and property as quickly as possible.

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Text Message: Text "Alerts" to 717-696-6906

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### 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.  
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## Welcome New Recreation Director Lisa Cleveland

Lisa Cleveland is East Lampeter Township's new Recreation Director. She comes to us with over 20 years of experience in the areas of recreation, athletics, and wellness. She graduated with her bachelor's and master's degrees in Recreation and Sports Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. In her free time, Lisa volunteers as a youth coach, primarily in basketball and softball. She currently resides in Elizabethtown with her husband, son, and daughter.



Lisa Cleveland

Lisa looks forward to implementing several recreational programs within the next few months and focusing on creating the foundation for a summer playground program for the summer of 2025. Please check the East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation page on the website and our Facebook page for exciting upcoming events and new opportunities for the community.

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## Goat Yoga

East Lampeter Township is hosting Goat Yoga on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Lafayette

ette Tower Park, 1905 Woodland Ave, Lancaster, PA. Experience gentle beginner's yoga with pygmy goats!

- Registration and payment is required to participate and space is limited.
- Participants must be 14 years of age or older and participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please bring a yoga mat or towel.
- Cost is \$15 for East Lampeter Township Residents and \$25 for Non-East Lampeter Township Residents.

Register here:



## National Night Out



National Night Out is hosted annually to recognize and support First Responders in our community.

Join the East Lampeter Township Police Department for National Night Out on August 6, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Shops @ Rockvale. The ELTPD will be there along with all 4 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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### Tips for Eco-Friendly Lawn Care:

- Do a soil test and apply only as much fertilizer as you really need. Consider a slow-release fertilizer to provide a gradual and consistent nutrient supply. A slow controlled release fertilizer also reduces the frequency of applications which equates to less cost.
- Start a compost pile, you will save time and money on disposing of yard waste, and you'll get free fertilizer for your lawn and gardens!
- Never, Ever, illegally dump trash, plant waste, or yard waste in any stormwater area, in any dry or wet pond or stream, or in or along any floodplains, streambanks, or ditch banks.
- When using weed killers, fertilizers, or pesticides, FOLLOW THE LABEL DIRECTIONS! Do not use any weed killers, pesticides, or fertilizers near any stormwater areas, including drains, or any dry or flowing waterways; and ALWAYS sweep any extra into the grass.

### When mowing:

- Use higher blade setting, tall grass grows slower, prevents weed growth, and survives droughts better than short grass.
- Leave grass clippings on the yard and use mulching blades; the cut grass is an organic, and free, fertilizer.
- Blow grass clippings AWAY from streets, storm drains, and waterways, and sweep or blow clippings from streets and sidewalks back into grassy areas. Fresh grass clippings are high in nitrogen, a water quality pollutant, and are slippery for car and bike travel.



## Pool Water Discharge

Pool Season Is Here! Pool water is considered contaminated and is not allowed to be drained right into the roadway or drained directly into a storm sewer without being de-chlorinated. The responsible and recommended way to drain a pool is to let the chlorine burn-off to zero, confirm by testing, then slowly drain pool water into an area with heavy grass cover, making sure the water is spreading out evenly and not running in a concentrated flow. Be careful that pool water is not running off of your property onto someone else's or running into any roads or streams. De-chlorinated pool water may be slowly discharged directly into a storm drain. Please contact the East Lampeter Stormwater Department with any questions.



### Parking Available for Gibbons Park

at 2557 Old Philadelphia Pike. Please utilize this parking and do not park on Millcreek Road.

## Community Reminder: "Flushable" Wipes are NOT Flushable

Please help to keep our sewers clear. "Flushable" wipes are not flushable and cause many problems in the sewer pipes along with other items that do not belong in the sewers. Please flush only toilet paper!

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## Update from Police Foundation: Interview with K-9 Seija

While the East Lampeter Township Police Foundation is currently waiting for the final certification from the IRS, we thought it might be interesting to learn more about K-9 Seija, The East Lampeter Township trauma dog.

**ELTPF:** Seija, what can tell us about your job with the East Lampeter Police Department?

**Seija:** I comfort victims and witnesses during interviews or traumatic events. If they are sad or scared, I will sit beside them or lay at their feet. I also support the East Lampeter police officers and office staff during long workdays. My partner is Detective Heather Waltman. She is helping me train for my job.

**ELTPF:** What is your training like?

**Seija:** Detective Waltman and I train monthly with Alph Pack K9s. During the sessions I get to see my siblings. They work at other police departments. Sometimes we visit the other police departments or stores like Home Depot and Bass Pro Shops.

**ELTPF:** We understand you are recognized by the American Kennel Club as an AKC S.T.A.R. puppy and an AKC Canine Good Citizen.

**Seija:** Yep, but mostly I am just a good girl.

**ELTPF:** How do you feel about other animals?

**Seija:** I love other dogs. I love guinea pigs. I even like cats.

**ELTPF:** Besides helping people, what do you enjoy doing?

**Seija:** I like to be outside where I can run around and play fetch. Detective Waltman takes me with her when she travels on vacation, and I get to meet more people.



**ELTPF:** Do you ever get in trouble?

**Seija:** Yeah. Sometimes. I really, really love to roll around in freshly cut grass that turns my fur the prettiest shade of green. But then I must get a bath.

**ELTPF:** Thanks for the interview, Seija. Keep up the good work. See you around the station.

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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 our communities.

# PRESENTING OUR FIREFIGHTERS OF THE YEAR



## Want to learn more about your hometown heroes?

Here are four outstanding local residents who come to the aid of their neighbors in their strongest hours of need.

Each Firefighter of the Year is chosen by his or her own company. From rookie to seasoned, these firefighters serve East Lampeter Township at the following fire companies: Hand-in-Hand, Ronks, Witmer and Lafayette.



**Francisco "Cisco" Rivera**  
EXTERIOR FIREFIGHTER  
LAFAYETTE FIRE CO.

### WHEN AND WHY DID YOU JOIN THE FIRE COMPANY?

I joined Lafayette Fire Company in 2022. Best thing I've ever done because I like to help out the community.

### WHAT MAKES YOU SHOW UP?

What makes me keep showing up is the crew—and knowing that I could help people. To me, this means a lot.

### FUN FACT OR PERSONAL TIDBIT ABOUT YOU

I love the outdoors. I love hunting; I love to ride ATVs, and ride jet skis with the family.

### WHAT IS YOUR DAY JOB?

I have a full-time job during the day. I work for United Rental as a truck driver. I've been with them for 13 years.

### FAVORITE MEMORY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OR FIRE COMPANY?

Helping people out. Also, I look forward to helping out at the chicken barbecue every year.



**Christian Miller**  
2ND LIEUTENANT  
HAND-IN-HAND FIRE CO.

### WHEN AND WHY DID YOU JOIN THE FIRE COMPANY?

I joined 7 years ago as a junior firefighter when I was 14 years old. My dad was a firefighter for years, so while growing up it was part of life. Then my older brother Arlan joined, and it was even more that way.

### WHAT MAKES YOU SHOW UP?

It's something that needs to be done. Someone needs to show up and help these people. I'm also a guy who loves adrenaline, and the fire service is perfect for that.

### FUN FACT OR PERSONAL TIDBIT ABOUT YOU

If I can sit around a campfire and just listen to chill music, then I'm probably going to be the happiest person around.

### WHAT IS YOUR DAY JOB?

I work at a small shop that uses CNC routers to cut out and make lawn furniture as well as other items.

### FAVORITE MEMORY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OR FIRE COMPANY?

I have three brothers, and all three are members of the fire company. So just being there with family, and running calls with my brothers is probably one of the coolest things.





## Jason Keys FIRE CAPTAIN

WITMER FIRE PROTECTIVE  
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### WHEN AND WHY DID YOU JOIN THE FIRE COMPANY?

I joined the fire service when I was 14 years old, starting as a junior firefighter in a neighboring department. Over the past 11 years, I've had the privilege of riding with 3 different organizations in this county. I joined to serve my community on my neighbor's worst day.

### WHAT MAKES YOU SHOW UP?

The fact that our department culture is family-oriented, is involved with community events and strives to train—all make me show up. On any given weekend now, it's normal for us to have a qualified crew in station ready to respond. We have a young group of guys eager to learn from those that came before them, and protect the community they live in. A staffing day may include, but is not limited to: cleaning apparatus, cleaning the station, servicing tools, training, and having a meal together. Our response times overall have improved since starting this. Having dedicated volunteers willing to staff fire trucks and ready to run calls—whether in East Lampeter or a surrounding community—makes me proud to be a part of Witmer Fire Protective Association (WFPA).

### FUN FACT OR PERSONAL TIDBIT ABOUT YOU

I enjoy working on house improvements, and visiting dog parks with my girlfriend Alexis and our 2-year-old Red Lab named Wesson.

### WHAT IS YOUR DAY JOB?

I'm a 911 dispatcher for Lancaster County Wide Communications. My job involves processing police, fire and medical calls. Every shift I work is different—you never know what kind of call you'll take next. A shift can range from taking a parking complaint to working someone through CPR instructions.

### FAVORITE MEMORY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OR FIRE COMPANY?

There's many memories I have pertaining to important events that have occurred within the fire department throughout my time volunteering. The memories that stick out are the ones that involve peers putting their egos aside to do what's best for the community. I can proudly say that we've built a group of selfless individuals who are reminded it's a privilege to be a firefighter and to have the trust of the community.



## Jacob King INTERIOR FIREFIGHTER

RONKS FIRE CO

### WHEN AND WHY DID YOU JOIN THE FIRE COMPANY?

I joined in May of 2005. I've been doing this for 19 years, and I've probably run 2,500 fire calls. I joined to help my neighbor out on the worst day of their life.

### WHAT MAKES YOU SHOW UP?

It's a multitude of reasons. The base of that would probably be the committed executive board we have in our fire company. A lot of factors feed into that, [including] if the township is committed to standing behind that executive board and funding. Lastly, I enjoy the day-to-day fire calls we run, and helping out my neighbors.

### FUN FACT OR PERSONAL TIDBIT ABOUT YOU

I enjoy deer hunting.

### WHAT IS YOUR DAY JOB?

Carpentry and construction.

### FAVORITE MEMORY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OR FIRE COMPANY?

I enjoy the camaraderie and going out to a fire call and figuring out what the issue is.

**With Firefighter King's 19 years of experience in firefighting, which includes over 400 hours of certified training, and responding to approximately 2,500 fire calls—we asked him:**

### WHAT ARE ONE OR TWO THINGS A PERSON SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER DURING A FIRE?

- 1 Smoke goes up, so crawl low.  
In an extreme emergency—drop to your knees, look around and find a door out. And do not re-enter.
- 2 Know your first aid education. This is comprised of one session with an educator instructing you on CPR, how to use an AED (an automated external defibrillator) and how to do the Heimlich maneuver. My wife reminded me that over the years [while off-duty] I've helped three separate choking victims.
- 3 Check the batteries in your smoke detector and your carbon dioxide detector. Get new detectors if needed.
- 4 Keep your fire extinguishers in good working order.
- 5 To fellow firefighters: Make sure your families are educated to protect you. Because your family may not know how to do CPR, use an AED or do the Heimlich maneuver. As firefighters, we receive all of this training—so share it with your families.



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

**CADET CAMP**  
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**CHICKEN BBQ**  
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Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

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**Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.**  
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**Lafayette Fire Co.**  
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**Ronks Fire Co**  
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**If you have questions about this information, or are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the fire companies listed above.**



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