



# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

## Newsletter

Fall 2024

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Police Department  
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## Congratulations Casey Kaufhold

East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors would like to congratulate Casey Kaufhold on receiving the bronze medal in the Archery Mixed Doubles Competition at the 2024 Paris Olympics. To earn the rank of Olympian is one of the world's greatest athletic honors. We were excited to be able to cheer on our hometown hero and celebrate her on a remarkable accomplishment. We look forward to continuing to support Casey's future accomplishments as an Olympian. Pictured: East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors Board Member Ted Gallagher, Casey Kaufhold, Board of Supervisors Chairman Corey Meyer and Board Member Roger Rutt met with Casey recently at Lancaster Archery Supply to congratulate her in person.

## Community Survey

How would you rank the services of East Lampeter Township? The East Lampeter Township Satisfaction Follow Up Survey 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>



## New Bill Pay Phone Number and New Sewer Billing Coming Soon

East Lampeter Township's Bill Pay phone number has been updated by our provider. The new Bill Pay phone number is 717-444-8058. Residents should keep watching on our website and social media for upcoming announcements of a new payment address for sewer and stormwater billing.



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on Facebook.

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on YouTube.



## East Lampeter Township Recreation

The summer has been a busy one for East Lampeter Township Recreation, with a variety of activities taking place for the community to enjoy. We hosted two Family Movie Nights at Flory Park, as well as several children's activities. At Touch a Truck, the children of the community were able to check out the Township's construction vehicles. They learned more about East Lampeter Township police vehicles and equipment at the Hero Hangout. Many of the community came out to support Casey Kaufhold and the women of the USA Archery Team at a Meet and Greet send-off to the Paris Olympics. Goat Yoga was a big hit, as the participants enjoyed yoga while baby goats joined in the fun. The first session of Yoga in the Park at Community Park ended August 20th, and the second session began September 10th. Yoga will be moving indoors during cooler weather.

In case you missed our Fall Festival on October 5th, in conjunction with PA Healthy Land Week, there were fall-themed children's activities and a Kokedama workshop for adults. If you happen to have free time on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, consider joining the 9 a.m. Morning Walking Club. As we move forward with planning community events, fitness classes, continuing education classes, and many other recreational opportunities, please reach out to our recreation director with ideas of what you would like to see. Families, please put East Lampeter Township's Summer Playground on your calendar for the summer of 2025, more details to follow. Look for current and upcoming programs on the Township website under the Parks and Recreation drop-down tab. (<https://eastlampetertownship.org>)



Touch a Truck



Goat Yoga

## Public Works Employee Spotlight

Tony Bitts started working for the Public Works Department June of 2006. His primary job responsibility is to maintain and improve the sanitary sewer system. However, being a part of the Public Works Department means he also assists with the Roads and Parks Departments as needed. He is a graduate of Penn Manor High School. Tony has been married for 30 years to his lovely wife Lori and is the proud father of Collin, Connor, Ana, and Cameron. Tony is also a doting grandfather to three grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, hiking, boating and spending time at his lake cabin.

Tony's strong work ethic and dedication to East Lampeter Township are exemplary. Thank you Tony!



Tony Bitts

### 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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## East Lampeter Township Police Department Retirements



Officer Jon Werner

Officer Jon Werner retired from service in July 2024, after 25 years. Officer Werner began his career in 1998, serving in the Patrol Division as well as two separate assignments as Conestoga Valley H.S. School's Resource Officer. Officer Werner was also a member of the Lancaster County Special Emergency Response Team.



Lieutenant Rob Eachus

Lieutenant Rob Eachus retired from service in August 2024, after 30 years. Lt. Eachus began his career in 1994, serving in the Patrol Division. Over the course of his career, Lt. Eachus rose through the ranks to Division Lieutenant, overseeing all three divisions of the department during his tenure.

The Township would like to extend its congratulations to both Officer Werner and Lieutenant Eachus for their dedicated service to our community. We wish them both success in their future endeavors.

## New Police Hire

The East Lampeter Township Police Department welcomes new Police Officer Josiah Kanyiha. Mr. Kanyiha was born and raised in Lancaster County and attended Lancaster Mennonite High School and Harrisburg Area Community College. He was previously employed in retail management. Mr. Kanyiha is attending the Police Academy and will graduate in December. We are grateful to have Mr. Kanyiha join the police force.



Officer Josiah Kanyiha

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## Burning Leaves or Yard Waste is an Ordinance Violation

It's that time again to start raking up the leaves and cleaning up the yard. Please remember that in East Lampeter Township, leaves and other yard waste are considered to be recyclable and therefore cannot be burned.

- A citation can be given for not obeying this ordinance.
- If you wish to report any burning violations, please contact the East Lampeter Township Police Department at 717-291-4676.

### Where should you go with all the leaves and other yard waste?

- First, you can contact your trash hauler. They are required to pick up yard waste. They will usually provide you with a yard waste tag or bag for a small fee. Contact your trash hauler for more information.
- You could also compost your yard waste. East Lampeter Township has a partnership with Manheim Township for the use of the Manheim Township 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](http://www.manheimtownship.org).
- Residents are also 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.

## Loose Dogs in East Lampeter Township

The East Lampeter Township Police Department responds to over 300 calls involving animals every year.

The Police Department would like residents to know that most loose dogs have no identification tags, no valid-worn license, and no proof of rabies vaccination.



Pennsylvania state law requires that all dogs be annually licensed in the respective county of residence by three months old. Licenses in Lancaster County can be purchased through the Lancaster County Treasurers Office (<https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/2689/Dog-License>) on an annual basis or lifetime basis if your dog is microchipped. Licensing violations can result in fines and costs up to \$500.00 for each violation.

The state of Pennsylvania requires local municipalities to take responsibility for loose dogs. This job falls on the shoulders of the police department to catch/capture and transport stray dogs to their owner, if known, or to the Humane League. This costs taxpayers approximately \$15,000.00 annually!

Until 2022, these costs were supported solely by tax dollars. However, East Lampeter Township has passed an ordinance that allows the Township to invoice dog owners for their pets getting loose.

- Owners of stray dogs that are caught and transported to an owner's property are subject to a \$100.00 fine.
- Owners of stray dogs that are caught and transported to the Humane League are subject to a \$200.00 fine for the first or second offense.
- Owners of stray dogs that are caught more than twice in a calendar year are subject to a fine of \$300.00 per additional incident.
- These fines and related costs are in addition to any licensing violations.

Pennsylvania law requires all dogs to always be under their owner's control and for all dogs to be leashed whenever off property. Collars with tags including annual state licensing, the pet's name, address, owner's contact information, and current rabies vaccine should always be worn on the collar at all times. This is part of responsible pet ownership.

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<b>A</b> Firetruck.....	\$1.4 mil	<b>H</b> Turnout gear.....	\$5,225
<b>B</b> Training for one interior qualified firefighter.....	\$1,500	<b>I</b> Helmet.....	\$450
<b>C</b> Chain saw & other tools.....	\$1,500	<b>J</b> Hood.....	\$80
<b>D</b> Thermal imaging camera.....	\$8,500	<b>K</b> Gloves.....	\$125
<b>E</b> Airpack (SCBA).....	\$6,500	<b>L</b> Boots.....	\$600
<b>F</b> Radio.....	\$4,000	<b>M</b> Bunker coat.....	\$2,000
<b>G</b> Light.....	\$100	<b>N</b> Bunker pants.....	\$2,000

*These items are only a part of the actual cost it takes to run and maintain a local fire company. These prices are taken from average experience of the local fire service. Actual prices may vary.*



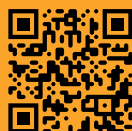
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### CHILDPROTECT

Friday, October 11  
at Witmer Fire Protection Association

### WITMER OX ROAST

Saturday, October 19  
at Witmer Fire Protection Association

### SANTA COMES TO TOWN

Saturday, December 7  
touring Witmer neighborhoods

### MILK AND COOKIES WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7  
at Witmer Fire Protection Association

### EXTRA GIVE: LAFAYETTE FIRE CO

Friday, November 22  
<https://www.extragive.org/organizations/lafayette-fire-company-of-east-lampeter-township>

### SANTA'S TOY EXPRESS

Saturday, December 14 at Lafayette Fire Company

EVENTS

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

# 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.

Count how many smoke detectors are in your house?

# \_\_\_\_\_



Is there a smoke detector in each bedroom and each main area of your house?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Who's your local fire dept?



2-ways out: What are yours?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Your address & township:

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

If you or your clothing is on fire, what do you do?

S \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ & R \_\_\_\_\_

You can call 911 to order a pizza.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

Flashing red lights vs blue lights - PULL OVER?



☐ Mandatory ☐ It would be nice



☐ Mandatory ☐ It would be nice

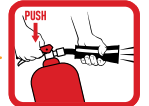
Pretend w/ a fire extinguisher at your house

PASS...match the step with the image on the right:

Pull the pin



Aim at the base of the fire



Squeeze the lever



Sweep side to side



Unscramble the words in yellow:

If there is smoke in your room, place a **EALBNKT** in the bottom

**RKCCA** of the door. Open your **WDNWIO**, yell **HLPE**, and throw

your stuffed **SLMIANA** outside to get people's **NAITTETNO**.

How old do you have to be to join the fire company?

Hint: One of the coolest things you can do before you can drive.

Have an adult help you fill out the answers.

Bring your finished sheet to your local fire company on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6** from **7-8PM** to receive a SPECIAL REWARD!







## Loose Farm Animals in East Lampeter Township

The East Lampeter Township Police Department responds to over 300 calls involving animals every year. Most of these calls are for loose animals, ranging from dogs to a wide variety of farm animals.

While the Police Department can successfully find farms to temporarily house loose farm animals until such time the owners are located and animals are retrieved, this often takes multiple officers and civilians to accomplish this.

The Township wants to encourage all animal owners to make sure that their outside pens, fencing, gates, runs, leashes, and harnesses are secure enough to keep their animals confined. Grazing farm animals secured with a couple temporary wires used to contain or corral is not sufficient fencing. These large animals can cause extensive damage and loss of life when they are loose, not to mention the potential civil litigation that can be involved.

If you own, keep, or tend to farm animals, please take the time to check the enclosures to make sure they are secure enough to retain the livestock.

## 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 cartway from curb to curb or the edge of the cartway. When the winter season is over, topsoil 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.

## Solicitation Permits



East Lampeter Township's solicitation ordinance requires that all solicitors within the Township acquire a permit and register with the East Lampeter Township Police Department. Solicitors should have a permit that looks like the attached sample with their photo, name and business name available. Soliciting is limited to the hours between 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Residents should ask any solicitors that come to their property to show their Township permit. If the solicitor does not have a permit with them, please contact the Police Department. Township staff is currently working to provide a list of active solicitation permits issued for the year on the Township website in the near future. There are some exceptions to the ordinance, please see the full ordinance details here: <https://ecode360.com/40571392>



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