



EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

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East Lampeter Township Police Department Hires New Police Officers



Officer Jared Kurtz

The East Lampeter Township Police Department would like to congratulate Officer Jared Kurtz and welcome him to the agency. Officer Kurtz is a graduate of Big Spring High School with two years of service at the Shippensburg Police Department in Cumberland County. Officer Kurtz enjoys being outdoors and hunting. He is excited to serve the community and is looking forward to his move to Lancaster County.



Officer Jeremy Manz

On Monday, December 2nd, 2024, the Police Department swore in newly hired Officer Jeremy Manz of Lancaster, PA. Officer Manz is a lifelong resident of Lancaster County, having attended Columbia High School and was previously employed by East Hempfield Township Public Works Department as a supervisor.

Officer Manz is currently attending the Reading Police Academy and will graduate in May of this year. Upon graduation, Officer Manz will begin a field training program at the East Lampeter Township Police Department and serve as a uniformed officer within the Patrol Division.

East Lampeter Township is pleased to welcome Officer Manz to the Police Department and we believe he will be an excellent complement to the outstanding group of women and men serving our residents.

Welcome, Officers Kurtz and Manz!

Visit us on Social Media



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Public Works 2025 Road Paving Alert

Paving will begin in June after school is dismissed for the summer.

Lyndell Drive—Kolb Drive to Pine Drive

Gralan Drive—Millcross Road to dead end

Little Creek Road—Millcross Road to dead end

Eastside Drive—Little Creek Road to Gralan Drive

Mill Ridge Court—Norlam Drive to dead end

Garden Park Circle—Gralan Drive to dead end

Norlam Drive—Millcross Road to Little Creek Road

Pitney Road—Township Line to Millcross Road

Harmony Hill Drive—Hornig Road to dead end

Lamplight Circle—Harmony Hill Drive to dead end

All residents on these routes are asked to remove anything from the Township Right Of Way, including fences, landscaping, and other features that can interfere with the project. Please get in touch with the Township offices if you have any questions about where the Right of Way is on your road.

When driving through the construction zone, all drivers should be attentive and cautious. Please stay 500 feet back from and do not pass any working equipment. Do not drive or walk on any wet asphalt. Thank you for your patience as we make these necessary updates to our Township roads.

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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Upcoming Change to Sewer and Stormwater Payment Remittance Notification

Sewer and stormwater payment remittance instructions will be changing in the upcoming months. The mailing information about where to send these payments and payment stubs will be changing due to our financial institution. **Please 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 bank, please be sure to make the appropriate changes with your bank so that your payment is being sent to the correct remittance address. If you make your payments online for these, or any other East Lampeter Township bills, please be sure that you are using only the authorized online payment option linked on our township website. We encourage residents to check the Township's website and Facebook page for future updates. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your attention to this change.



Employee Spotlight: Dwight Hershey

Dwight Hershey started working for the Public Works Department in June 2014. His primary job responsibility is to maintain township parks and buildings. Additionally, being a part of the Public Works Department means he assists with the Roads and Sewer Departments as needed. He is a graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School. Dwight enjoys spending time with his mother and brother. Thank you, Dwight, for your dedication to East Lampeter Township!



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East Lampeter Township Recreation (ELTR) is excited to share the following recreation opportunities with you.

East Lampeter Township Community Garden

Are you dreaming of a garden but don't have the space? The new East Lampeter Township Community Garden, located at Community Park (2330 Hobson Road), is the perfect opportunity for you.

Plot Details:

Size: 20' x 20'

Cost: \$30 resident/\$39 non-resident per plot

Availability is limited. Don't miss this chance to grow your own garden!



Join us for a Playground of Possibilities

ELTR, in partnership with Conestoga Valley School District, presents A Playground of Possibilities!—a summer program for children ages 5–12 at Leola Elementary School (2426 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster).

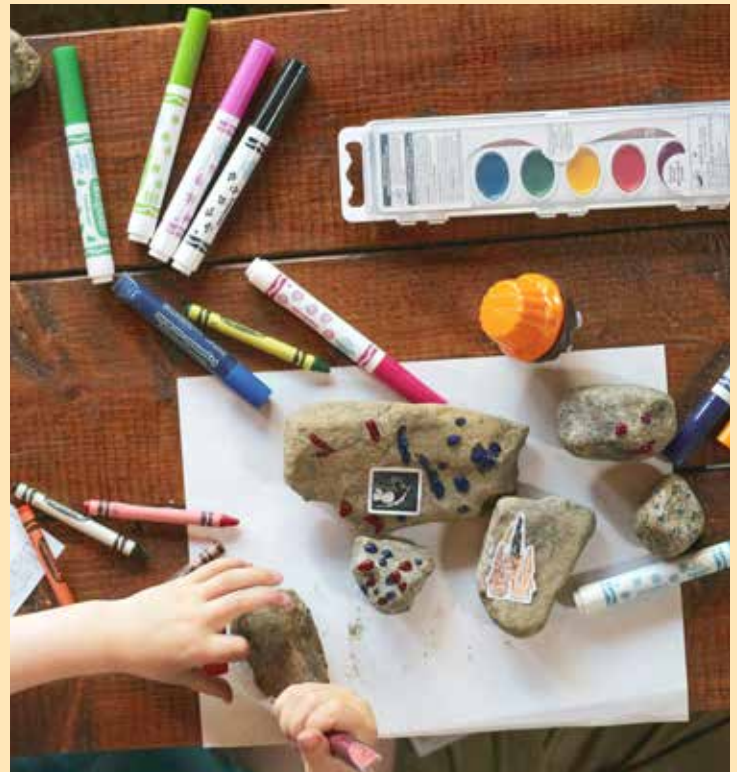
Days: Monday to Friday (except Thursday June 19th and Friday, July 4th)

Time: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Cost: \$200 resident / \$260 non-resident for the 8-week session

Children will enjoy games, arts and crafts, sports, and educational visits from Raven Ridge Wildlife Refuge, Forgotten Friends Reptile Sanctuary, and Ryan the Bug Man.

Become a Sponsor: To keep the playground program affordable, ELTR is seeking sponsors. Multiple sponsorship levels are available, offering various benefits. For more information, contact Lisa Cleveland at lcleveland@eltwp.org.





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Chair Yoga: A Gentle Fitness Option for All

Discover the benefits of Chair Yoga, a modified style of yoga that can be practiced while seated or using a chair for support. This approach incorporates traditional yoga elements such as breathing techniques and gentle physical poses, helping to improve flexibility, muscle tone, and stress relief.

When: Thursdays, May 15–June 26, 10:00–11:00 a.m. (No class June 19)

Where: East Lampeter Township Public Meeting Room

Cost: \$30 for residents/\$39 non-resident (covers the full 6-week session)

Open to all ages and skill levels, Chair Yoga is especially great for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges. Join us for this 60-minute weekly class and experience a supportive and engaging way to enhance your fitness and well-being.



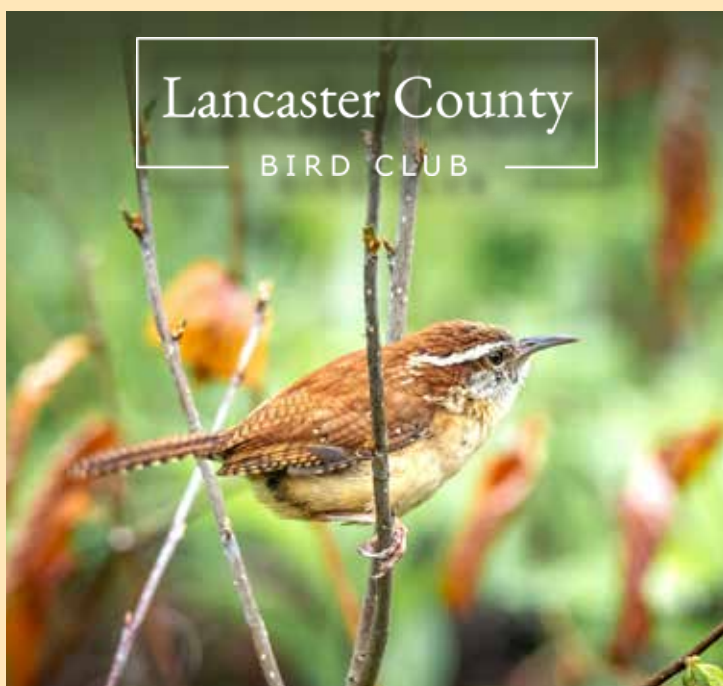
Yoga in the Park

A welcoming yoga class for all levels, blending foundational poses, mindful breathing, and relaxation. Beginners build confidence with guidance, while advanced practitioners deepen their practice. Bring your mat and join us.

When: Tuesdays, May 6–June 10, 6–7 p.m.

Where: East Lampeter Township Community Park, meet at Lions Pavilion. 2330 Hobson Rd, Lancaster

Cost: \$30 for resident/\$39 non-resident (covers the full 6-week session)



Beginner Bird Walk

ELTR is partnering with the Lancaster County Bird Club to bring you a Beginner Bird Walk. This is open to all ages and to anyone who is new to birding or experienced and would like to polish their skills. Participants can expect to learn proper use of binoculars, field guides, and apps to help hone your bird watching skills. A variety of birds – to include resident and seasonal migrant species – should be expected on the trip. Please bring binoculars if you have them – a limited number of binoculars will also be available to borrow.

When: Saturday, May 10 at 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Where: Flory Park, 416 Dohner Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602 (Park entrance is off Greenland Drive which becomes Dohner Drive along Mill Creek)

Cost: FREE

Space is limited, please register through EastLampeterTownship.org

More East Lampeter Township Recreation (ELTR) recreation opportunities on next page.

East Lampeter Township Recreation (ELTR) recreation opportunities (continued)

Movie in the Park: A Kickoff to Summer

School's out for summer, and what better way to celebrate than with a classic movie under the stars? Join us for a fun-filled evening at the park as we kick off the summer season with a family-friendly movie experience! Grab a blanket, bring your loved ones, and settle in for a movie surrounded by nature. Enjoy delicious hotdogs and popcorn, while you watch your favorite characters come to life on the big screen. Don't miss this perfect opportunity to relax, make memories, and welcome summer. Free hot dog to the first 100 community members.

When: Friday, June 13, after sunset. Movie to begin approximately 8:50 PM

Where: Flory Park, 416 Dohner Dr (Greenland Dr Entrance), Lancaster, PA



ZUMBA®

Join us for an exciting ZUMBA® class that's perfect for all skill and fitness levels. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, this class is designed to get you moving, having fun, and breaking a sweat. Zumba combines infectious music with easy-to-follow dance routines, giving you a full-body workout that improves strength, endurance, and flexibility. Our instructor will offer modifications for all abilities. Come for the fitness, stay for the fun – you'll leave feeling energized, empowered, and ready for more. No experience required—just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to dance!

When: Wednesday, May 21, 6–7 p.m.

Where: Lafayette Fire Company Hall, 63 Lafayette Way, Lancaster

Cost: FREE!



Goat Yoga

Join us for a unique and relaxing yoga session with friendly pygmy goats. This gentle class is perfect for beginners. The goats are calm but curious and may jump on your back, nibble your clothes, or cuddle up beside you as you flow through your poses. Please bring a towel or yoga mat and get ready for a fun, playful yoga experience.

When: Wednesday, June 18, 6–7 p.m.

Where: Lafayette Tower Park, 1905 Woodland Ave, Lancaster

Cost: \$20 resident/\$25 non-resident



Rise & Walk: Morning Walking Club

Spring is here—let's step into the season feeling energized and refreshed! Join our Morning Walking Club, where movement meets motivation.

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Tuesdays: Trailhead of the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway

Thursdays: East Lampeter Community Park

Whether you're a seasoned walker or just starting, all are welcome. Lace up your sneakers and start your day on the right foot!

Please go to

<https://EastLampeterTownship.org>
to register for programs.

We regularly update the site with new programs, so be sure to check often!



2025 Pavilion Rentals

Reservations and payments for Township pavilion rentals must be completed online after creating and receiving approval for your account on the Township Recreation website <http://eltrec.recdesk.com/>. This can be done through your own device or by using the computer available in the Township Building lobby during regular business hours. Please note, in most circumstances new accounts will be approved the same day during regular business hours of Monday to Friday, 8–4. New accounts requested on Saturday or Sunday will be processed the following business day.

Facility Rates

Pavilion Rentals: Full-day reservations only.

Ball Field and Volleyball Court Rentals: Available in two-hour blocks, independent of pavilion reservations. Maximum rental: Three blocks per day (six hours total).

Day	Pavilion Rentals (Resident)	Pavilion Rentals (Non-Resident)	Court/ Field Rentals
Weekday (Tues/Wed/ Thurs)	\$65	\$85	\$50 per 2 hr. block
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Garage and Yard Sale Reminders

Garage and yard sales are permitted in East Lampeter Township, when the following rules are followed:

- Within any zoning district, the landowner or occupant of a residential lot may conduct up to two garage/yard sales per calendar year.
- No garage/yard sale shall be conducted for a period of longer than 3 consecutive days.
- Garage/yard sales allow personal possessions for sale, but not inventory importing or stocking, nor commercial merchandise.
- Only one six (6) square foot sign is permitted to advertise the garage/yard sale. The sign must be located on the property where the sale is taking place, and no Sign Permit is required for a garage/yard sign.
- No garage/yard sale is permitted to be conducted within the right of way of any street.
- Garage/yard sales exceeding the provisions or parameters shall be considered a commercial business.



Many people enjoy the look of a lawn that is neatly mowed but do not realize the dangers they create for motorcycles, bicycles, scooters, and other vehicles. When grass and leaves wind up on road surfaces, it can result in slippery conditions and contribute to water pollution. Grass clippings are approximately 85% water, which adds to the risk in wet or dry conditions. Please blow grass and leaves into your yard and away from the street when mowing.

Grass clippings and leaves should also be cleared from the tops of storm drain grates so the rainwater can enter and prevent flooding. Grass clippings are rich with nutrients that should be kept out of waterways and stormwater management systems. Mulching grass can provide free nitrogen fertilizer for lawn growth. The organic matter from the clippings enhances soil health and reduces stormwater runoff. The eco-friendliest way to deal with leaves is to mulch them with a mower and leave them on your yard to biodegrade into the soil. You can compost leaves, dispose of leaves through your waste hauler, or take them to a compost park if you want to get rid of them. Please do not blow or dump them in or on streets, sidewalks, storm drains, or creeks. Thank you for doing your part to keep our streets and streams safe and clean.

Emergency Notifications from HyperReach

Alerts and emergency notifications are available for the East Lampeter Township community. Get notified of important events that protect your health, safety, and property as quickly as possible. To sign up, choose how you want to receive alerts:

- Scan the QR Code
- Call 717-696-6906 and answer the questions
- Text Message: Text "Alerts" to 717-696-6906
- Fill out our online form: <http://hyper-reach.com/paeastlampetertwpsignup.html>



Emergency • Weather • and Community Alerts



East Lampeter Township Police Department's trauma dog, Seija.

East Lampeter Township Police Foundation Dog Walk Fundraiser

Get ready to walk, wag, and make a difference. The East Lampeter Township Police Foundation is excited to invite you to their upcoming Fundraiser Dog Walk in support of the foundation. This event will not only raise much-needed funds, but it will also be a celebration of furry companions.

Funds raised will pay for police equipment and training not covered by the township budget and care for East Lampeter Township Police Department's trauma dog, Seija. The foundation recently paid for Seija's spay surgery. Along with her partner, Detective Waltman, Seija is dedicated to helping officers cope with the emotional challenges they face in the line of duty. Her presence also offers comfort and support to victims experiencing difficult circumstances.

The walk will take place at Tanger Outlets on May 31, 2025, from 10:00 AM until Noon. The event will feature a raffle to win prizes including doggy gift baskets, local business vouchers, and more. Seija and Detective Waltman will also be at the event to greet participants.

To register, visit the foundation's website at www.eastlampeterpolicefoundation.org or check out their Facebook page by searching for East Lampeter Township Police Foundation. Your participation will make a difference for Seija and the entire community she helps. The Foundation can't wait to see you and your dogs at the event supporting a great cause; let's make it a tail-wagging good time!

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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 Chief. From rookie to seasoned, these firefighters serve East Lampeter Township at the following fire companies: Hand-in-Hand, Ronks, Witmer and Lafayette.



Gary Nissenzone
LIEUTENANT FIREFIGHTER
LAFAYETTE FIRE CO.

Gary has become an integral part of the Lafayette Fire Company team. Often providing his years of operation knowledge to the team but introducing new ideas and tackling new challenges faced by the Company. Gary shows a commitment to running dayside (7am-7pm) calls, a timeframe where many of our volunteers are away at work. Gary has participated heavily in the Conestoga Valley High School Internship, a program that teaches high school aged students the skills and complexities of being a fire fighter. Gary continues to show the core values of Lafayette Fire Company through Loyalty to his fellow firefighters by responding to 100s of calls in 2024. Faith in each of his brothers and sisters to do their job on the fireground and get the job done. Charity as Gary has given countless hours to Lafayette Fire Company through responding to fire calls to being part of the chicken team during our annual BBQ. Gary was given the rank of Lieutenant for the 2025 year and has joined the Line Officers in helping ensure that East Lampeter Township receives the best services possible.



Leon Fisher Jr.
INTERIOR FIREFIGHTER
HAND-IN-HAND FIRE CO.

Hello fellow ELT community members! My name is Don Boyer, Chief of the Hand-In-Hand Fire Co. It is my pleasure to announce our Firefighter of the Year for 2024. This award is voted on by the over 60 active members of the department for over 30 years. The department votes for a peer who demonstrates the core values of the Hand-In-Hand Fire Company; trust, stability, and integrity. At our annual banquet this January we presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Leon Fisher, Jr. Leon joined the fire company in 2022 as a Junior Firefighter, when he took a job with a local business.

In his short time at Hand-In-Hand Leon focused on becoming an interior firefighter when he turned 18. He spent over 200 hours completing the training to make sure he can safely & confidently serve the East Lampeter Township community, as well as the surrounding areas. Whenever Leon is at the firehouse, he can be seen helping wherever needed and always with a smile on his face.

Leon displays one of our core values, Integrity, at all times. He is always willing to work along the side of his fellow firefighters and junior firefighters, passing on his knowledge. From his time with Ronks Fire Co, Leon has trained in vehicle rescue and has led several projects at Hand-In-Hand Fire Company to increase our capabilities to provide better and more efficient response to MVA's in our area.





Dereck Gerlitzki FIREFIGHTER

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Throughout the year, Dereck has shown remarkable leadership, bravery, and professionalism both in the field and behind the scenes. Whether responding to emergencies, training fellow firefighters, or participating in community outreach programs, Dereck has consistently gone above and beyond in their duties. We are thankful for constant dedication to Witmer and our community.



RONKS MEMBERSHIP

RONKS FIRE CO

Ronks Membership joined to help all neighbors out on the worst day of their life. All Ronks Members offered countless hours of their time responding to fire calls, maintaining station readiness and interacting with our local community.

We appreciate all local support over the last year and hope to see many new faces and continued support this year.

We look forward to what 2025 may bring and are honored to serve the East Lampeter Township Community



The 2025 Cadet Camp will be held Aug 1st 4:30pm-9:30pm and Aug 2nd 8:30am-6:00pm at Lafayette Fire Company
Registration Deadline July 1, 2025.

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at Witmer Fire Protection Association

LAFAYETTE CADET CAMP

August 1st and 2nd
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WITMER OX ROAST

Sat. April 26
at Witmer Fire Protection Association

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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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Lancaster County 2027 Property Reassessment Announcement

Lancaster County is preparing for the 2027 property reassessment and encourages property owners within the County to do the same. The process of the assessment will begin in 2025 for the 2027 Reassessment. In 2025 and 2026, an assessor from the Lancaster County Property Assessment Office may visit your property for an outside-only inspection, including taking photos from the exterior of the property. Assessment staff will have county identification, and their vehicles will be clearly marked designating them to be from the Property Assessment Office. The property assessment office is ready to assist residents with preparation for the 2027 reassessment. For more information visit the Lancaster County Property Assessment Office Website: <https://www.lancastercountypa.gov/154/Property-Assessment>

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