



EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

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Welcome to New Township Assistant Manager, Kimberly Piestrak

East Lampeter Township is pleased to announce the addition of Kimberly Piestrak as Assistant Township Manager to our team. Bringing a quarter-century of financial expertise to her new role, Kimberly arrives with an impressive background rooted in municipal government operations in Northeast Pennsylvania.

As a former Township Manager, Kimberly has developed comprehensive knowledge of the Second Class Township Code and has successfully secured funding through strategic grant writing initiatives. Her specialized experience in floodplain

management adds another valuable dimension to her skill set, positioning her well to address the complex challenges facing modern townships.

When she's not immersed in municipal matters, Kimberly embraces life's pleasures through travel adventures and live music experiences. She treasures quality time with her family and her two beloved pugs.

Kimberly is excited to begin her new role with East Lampeter Township and looks forward to supporting the community, fostering growth, and helping preserve the unique charm that makes East Lampeter a special place to live and work. Please join us in welcoming Kimberly to East Lampeter Township.

Let's Plan the Future of East Lampeter Township

East Lampeter Township is currently in the process of creating a new Comprehensive Plan—a roadmap that will guide how our Township grows, improves, and protects what we love over the next 10–20 years. A Comprehensive Plan is a long-term community vision that looks at topics such as land use, housing, transportation, parks, farmland, natural resources, and economic development. It helps identify what is important to residents and provides a framework for local decision-making, investments, and policies. In short, it serves as both a guide and a commitment to ensuring that growth happens thoughtfully and in a way that benefits everyone.

The plan will cover topics such as housing, roads, parks, farmland, and the environment—all with the goal of making East Lampeter Township an even better place to live, work, and visit. A final draft of the plan could be adopted as early as next year.

As part of this process, the Township wants to hear your ideas, concerns, and hopes for the future. Your input will help shape the plan and set priorities for years to come.

Take this short survey—it only takes a few minutes, and your input will make a real difference. Together, we can build a future that works for everyone! Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7ZPZXPW>





Police Foundation

The East Lampeter Township Police Foundation has been busy. Stay up to date on their events and fundraisers by visiting their website: www.eastlampeterpolicefoundation.org and on Facebook.

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Employee Spotlight: Lance Shoemaker

We're excited to shine the spotlight on Lance Shoemaker, a dedicated member of our Public Works Department who has been employed by East Lampeter Township since June 2019. His primary focus is maintaining and improving our sanitary sewer system, but his versatility shines through as he also lends a helping hand to both our Roads and Parks departments whenever needed.

A graduate of Delaware Military Academy, Lance brings attention to detail to everything he does. Outside of work, he's celebrating life as a newlywed with his wife Emily and cherishes time with his daughter Baylee.

Lance's commitment to service extends well beyond his day job. For over 16 years, he has been an active member of the Lampeter Volunteer Fire Company, where he has held leadership positions as both Captain and Lieutenant.

When he's not working or volunteering, you'll find Lance enjoying quality time with his family and cheering on his favorite Philadelphia sports teams. (Go Birds!) Thank you, Lance, for your unwavering commitment and service to our community.

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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Important: Utility Payment Address Change

Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater and Street Light bill payments should be mailed to:

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What You Need to Do Now

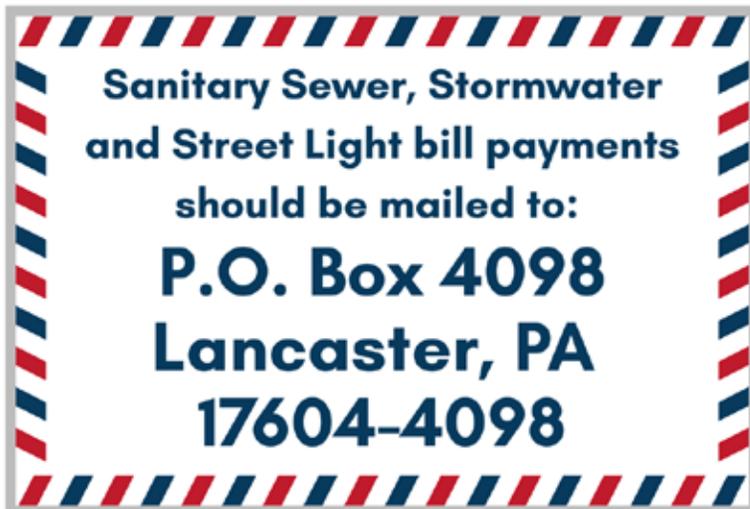
■ **If you mail payments directly:** Start using the above Lancaster address.

■ **If you use bank bill pay:** Contact your bank immediately to update the payment address in their system. This is critical to avoid payment delays.

Souderton and Brownstown addresses will no longer be valid after November 1, 2025. Payments sent to the old addresses after November 1st will not be received.

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

Yoga

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, October 14–November 18, 6–7 PM

Where: Elementary School at 2426 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, Room 218(LGI)

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

Single Class: Join for any individual single class for \$8 resident/\$11 non-resident per class

Registration is Required: <https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>



Please go to

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

We continually update the site with
new programs. Check back often!

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.

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!

When: Thursdays, October 16–November 20, 9–10 AM

Where: East Lampeter Township Public Meeting Room, 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike Lancaster, PA

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

Single Class: Join for any individual single class for \$8 resident/\$11 non-resident per class

Registration is Required: <https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>



New York City Holiday Bus Trip—Saturday, December 13

Experience the magic of New York City during the holiday season! Travel in comfort aboard a deluxe motor coach and enjoy a full day to explore the city at your own pace. Stroll past dazzling holiday window displays, twinkling lights, and festive decorations throughout Manhattan. Whether you're interested in world-class museums, Broadway shows, iconic landmarks, diverse dining, or endless shopping, NYC has something for everyone this time of year.

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Departure/Return Location: East Lampeter Township,
2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

Itinerary:

7 AM	Departure time, Saturday, December 13, 2025
11 AM	Approximate arrival in New York City near Bryant Park
7 PM	Depart for home
10:45 PM	Approximate return time

Cost: \$89 residents / \$115 non-residents

Registration is required to attend, space is limited. [Register by October 24 to reserve your seat!](#)





Family Movie Night—Friday, October 24

Join us for a fun-filled evening for the whole family! Start with a Candy Scramble and stay for Disney Pixar's Coco under the stars. Enjoy free hamburgers and hot dogs, generously provided by Alliance Towing. Bring your warm blankets and chairs and settle in for a magical night of treats, entertainment, and community!

When: Friday, October 24, Candy Scramble: 6:30 PM, Movie: Coco starts at 7:00 PM

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

Cost: Free!



Fall Pajama Book Nook

Cozy up in your favorite pajamas and join us for a special fall-themed story! Families are invited to the East Lampeter Township Public Meeting Room for an evening of seasonal fun, featuring the reading of a fall-inspired children's book followed by a hands-on craft activity. Perfect for preschoolers and up, this program is a great way to celebrate autumn together. Please register to attend.

When: Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 PM

Where: East Lampeter Township Public Meeting Room, 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA

Cost: Free!

Registration is Required: <https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>

Presented by: Lancaster County Library & East Lampeter Township Recreation



Holiday Wreath Decorating

Kick off the holiday season with creativity and festive cheer! Join us for a hands-on wreath decorating workshop. You'll design your own beautiful 18" fresh greens wreath. Guided by a talented horticulturalist, you'll add personal touches with pinecones, winterberry, embellishments, and a festive bow—perfect for bringing holiday spirit to your home.

When: Monday, November 3, 6 PM

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

Cost: \$50 resident /\$62 non-resident

Registration is Required: <https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>
Please register by October 31, 2025.



Holiday Ornament Painting

Get into the holiday spirit with a creative, hands-on evening of ornament painting! Guided by a skilled potter with over eight years of experience, you'll hand paint three beautiful ceramic ornaments—perfect for decorating your home or gifting to loved ones. After the event, your ornaments will be kiln-fired to a glossy finish and ready for pickup at the East Lampeter Township Building about two weeks later. Space is limited—advance registration is required!

When: Wednesday, November 5, 6 PM

Where: Conestoga Valley High School, Room 213, 2110 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, PA

Cost: \$30 resident / \$39 non-resident (includes 3 ornaments)

Registration is Required: <https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>

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

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

Senior Scam Prevention: Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

Scams targeting older adults are on the rise, but knowledge is your best defense. Join an educator from the PA Attorney General's Office for an informative session designed to help seniors and their families recognize, avoid, and report fraudulent activity. Learn common scam tactics, red flags to watch for, and where to turn for help if you or someone you know is at risk.

This program is ideal for older adults, caregivers, and anyone interested in protecting their family from fraud. Stay informed and empowered—your safety matters!

When: Wednesday, November 5, 2 PM

Where: East Lampeter Township Public Meeting Room 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA

Cost: Free

Registration is Required: <https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>



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: Thursday, November 6, 6 PM

Where: Elementary School at 2426 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA Room 218(LGI)

Cost: \$5 resident/\$7 non-resident per class

Registration is Required: <https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>



Sourdough Bread Workshop

Discover the art of sourdough in this fun and hands-on workshop! Whether you are brand new to baking or already love experimenting in the kitchen, this class will guide you through every step—from creating and maintaining your starter to baking a beautiful, flavorful loaf.

Participants will receive a sourdough starter to take home, a workbook/sourdough journal, step-by-step instruction, freshly baked samples to enjoy. Spots are limited—registration is required.

When: Monday, November 10, 5:30–8:30 PM

Where: Conestoga Valley High School, Family Consumer Science Room (172)
2110 Horseshoe Rd, Lancaster, PA

Cost: \$40 resident/\$52 non-resident

Registration is Required: <https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>





Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. Cherry Blossom Excursion— Thursday, March 26, 2026

Experience Washington, D.C. at its most breathtaking as the famous cherry blossoms come into bloom—a treasured gift from Japan to the United States in 1912. After you travel in comfort by motorcoach, your day in D.C. begins aboard the all-glass



Odyssey for a two-hour lunch cruise along the Potomac River. Savor a delicious meal, enjoy exceptional service, and take in sweeping views of the cherry blossoms and iconic landmarks from the elegant observation decks.

Following the cruise, relax on a private, guided D.C. Highlights Tour from the comfort of your motorcoach. Discover the city's most notable monuments while soaking in the beauty of spring in our Nation's Capital.

Departure/Return Location: East Lampeter Township Municipal Building, 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

Itinerary: 7:45 AM Departure time, Thursday, March 26, 2026
11:30 AM Approximate arrival and board Odyssey Cruise
2:30 PM Guided DC Highlights Tour
4:00 PM Depart DC for return to Lancaster
7:45 PM Approximate arrival in Lancaster

Cost: \$189 for residents /\$240 for non-residents

Registration is Required:
<https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/parks/>
Register by February 2, 2026 to reserve your seat!





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Snow Removal: What to Expect this Winter

As winter weather approaches, our Public Works team is ready to keep your streets safe and accessible. Here's what you can expect during snow events and how you can help the process run smoothly.

Our Snow Removal Process

When snow begins to fall, you'll see our plows make multiple passes through your neighborhood. Each street receives at least two full passes in both directions. The first pass clears a travel lane, while the second pass pushes snow back from curb to curb (or from edge to edge on roads without curbs). This two-step approach creates maximum road width and leaves room for snow storage if additional storms follow.

Timing Your Driveway Cleanup

Wait to shovel your driveway until after the street has been fully plowed curb to curb. This simple step will save you from having to clear your driveway twice. Our plows will inevitably push some snow back into driveway entrances during the final pass, so patience here pays off.

Help Us Help You

Move vehicles into driveways or off-street parking during snow events. Cars parked on the street prevent our crews from pushing snow back to the curb line, reducing the available travel width and limiting our ability to handle future storms effectively.

Daylight Savings Time

It's that time of year again to fall back! Remember to turn your clocks back one hour and replace your smoke detector batteries on November 2, 2025.



Don't Burn Your Yard Waste— It's Against the Law

Fall cleanup season is here! Before you start that leaf pile, remember: burning leaves and yard waste is illegal in East Lampeter Township. You could face a citation. To report burning violations, call East Lampeter Township Police at 717-291-4676.

Where to Take Your Yard Waste

■ **Option 1:** Your Trash Hauler Contact your regular trash company—they're required to pick up yard waste. Most provide special tags or bags for a small fee.

■ **Option 2: Manheim Township Compost Park.** East Lampeter Township residents can buy a \$5 access card (with proof of residency) at the East Lampeter Township building. Find location, hours, and rules at www.manheimtownship.org/1009/Compost-Park

■ **Option 3: West Earl Township Yard Waste Facility.** Access cards available only at the West Earl Township office. Find location, hours, and rules at www.westearltwp.org/about/pages/yard-waste-compost-facility



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National Night Out

East Lampeter Township celebrated our 8th Annual National Night Out on August 5th at the Shops @ Rockvale. This event is hosted nationally to recognize and support all of our First Responders in our community. This brought neighbors together to meet and greet our four local fire companies, Township police and staff from planning, public works and stormwater. Numerous local organizations participated with youth activities, exhibits, demonstrations, bounce houses, balloon artists, face painting, yard games, live animals, and food trucks. It featured public safety, stormwater education, fire protection and family fun with our Township police. Please put this annual event on your calendar to come out and join the fun next year. Special thanks to all of our First Responders for your service!



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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.

2025 NEEDS YOU

SPARK CHANGE AS A FIRE COMPANY VOLUNTEER



Lend your unique skills, talent or time to your local all-volunteer fire company—and feel great doing it

Ever notice those sirens in town? That's your neighbors dropping everything—yes, even their dinner or work—to keep us all safe. They're the volunteers at Hand-in-Hand, Lafayette, Witmer, and Ronks fire companies, and they do it all because they care about our community. All of us.

Here's the exciting part: You can join the ranks of these local heroes in ways that are a perfect fit for you. Your unique abilities can make a real difference. Love social media? They need help spreading the word about events. Great at planning parties? Your skills could make their next fundraiser amazing. Enjoy baking or crafting? Your creations could make a real difference. Whatever you're good at, there's a way to use that talent to help.

Make 2025 your year to share your talents with your town

Something wonderful happens when you share your skills with the fire company: **everyone wins.** Not only do you help keep our community safe, but you might be surprised by how much you get back. Many volunteers find they've become better at what they do, made great friends, and opened doors to new opportunities—all while doing something that matters.

The best part? It feels amazing. Our volunteers talk about how good it feels to use their skills to help others. They feel more connected to the community, more confident and part of something bigger than themselves. Some say they're less stressed and happier overall.

Ready to help? Our fire companies would love to match your special talents with their needs. Every skill, every hour helps keep our community safe. Plus, since these are volunteer companies, you're helping keep our taxes lower too. (Towns and cities with paid departments often spend hundreds of thousands, to millions, annually on firefighter salaries, benefits, and pensions. Thanks to our volunteers, those costs don't appear on our tax bills.)

So come join us—you'll be glad you did!

HERE ARE 50+ MEANINGFUL WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
at Hand-in-Hand,
Lafayette, Witmer, &
Ronks Fire Companies

EVENT SUPPORT & FUNDRAISING

1. Call your local fire company and **ask to help at a fundraising event...** anyone in the family can help.
2. **Buy a meal** for yourself or your family at one of our fundraising events.
3. Share the proceeds of your **craft sales**
4. Host a **bake—or favorite food—sale** benefiting the fire company
5. Host a fire-themed **karaoke night**. \$5 entry, terrible singing encouraged
6. Organize a **community yard sale**, donating a % of proceeds
7. Host a **chili cook-off** with entry fees going to the fire company
8. Clean out your closet or garage, **consign unwanted items** with a fire company auction.
9. Host a **"Dine & Donate"** night at your home
10. Organize a **workplace fundraising** challenge
11. Coordinate **food drives** for training nights
12. Organize a **"Fill the Boot"** campaign
13. Host a community **car wash** or **lemonade stand**
14. **Like to exercise?** Run a 5k or half marathon at Hand-in-Hand's September fundraiser.





BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

15. Donate a % of business revenue to your local fire company – whether it's a special dinner night, a featured product, or a seasonal promotion
16. Allow employees to respond to daytime calls
17. Offer professional services (accounting, legal, IT)
18. Provide refreshments for training nights
19. Underwrite a firefighter training course
20. Install a Knox Box for quick emergency access
21. Sponsor fire company events or equipment
22. Offer your business space for fundraising events
23. Create a workplace matching gift program
24. Provide expertise for grant writing
25. Offer printing services for promotional materials



COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

26. Share fire safety tips on social media
27. Spread the word about the local tax savings we enjoy due to an all-volunteer fire company
28. Create a neighborhood emergency response network
29. Educate others about proper emergency vehicle etiquette
30. Start a "Thank a Firefighter" campaign
31. Coordinate fire prevention education in schools
32. Document fire company events through photography

DIRECT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

33. Become a firefighter (training provided!)
34. Join the junior firefighter program (ages 14-17)
35. Help maintain firefighting equipment

36. Clean and organize the firehouse
37. Maintain the firehouse grounds and landscaping
38. Assist with administrative tasks
39. Join a planning committee
40. Become an equipment operator
41. Learn to drive emergency vehicles (with proper training)

SUPPORT FROM HOME

42. Pray for firefighter safety
43. Follow and share social media posts
44. Sign up for the department newsletter
45. Clear snow from nearby hydrants in winter

OTHER UNIQUE WAYS TO HELP

46. Donate blood at one of our blood drives... it's simple and can save someone's life.
47. Attend a fire meeting at your local fire station just to see how we operate...no RSVP required.
48. If you have children, ages 8-14, encourage them to attend Cadet Camp at Lafayette Fire Company in August
49. Start a firefighter support group
50. Organize a fire company history project
51. Coordinate meals for training nights
52. Design t-shirts or merchandise for fundraising
53. Create emergency preparedness kits for neighbors
54. Stop by one of the fire stations after a fire call or on a training night to meet our firefighters.
55. Encourage your children to get active in the community – with the fire company or another community organization.



As the year-end approaches, please consider donating to your local volunteer fire company. Our volunteers donate their time and energy to provide volunteer fire services to our communities. To maintain the volunteer service,

WE NEED YOUR HELP.



TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANIES



Witmer Fire Protective Association
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witmerfire.com
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Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.
313 Enterprise Dr, Bird-in-Hand
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Station: 717-392-0112
Paul Fisher: 717-380-1109



Lafayette Fire Co.
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lafayettefire.com
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717-392-5097



Ronks Fire Co
134 North Ronks Road, Ronks
ronksfirerescueinfo@gmail.com
Steve Gribble: 717-368-5585

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



Trick-Or-Treat Info

In accordance with the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee policy, trick-or-treating will be between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Halloween, Friday, October 31, 2025.

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