



# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

## Newsletter

Winter 2025-2026

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## Celebrating 12 Years of Dedicated Service: Thank You to Supervisors Ethan Demme and Corey Meyer

East Lampeter Township extends its gratitude to Supervisors Ethan Demme and Corey Meyer, who have served our community since January 2014. After twelve years of leadership, both concluded their tenure on the Board of Supervisors at the end of 2025. Throughout their years of service, both demonstrated an extraordinary commitment and involvement that extended far beyond their primary roles as Supervisors:



Ethan Demme

**Ethan Demme** served on the Board of Supervisors from January 2014 through January 2026, while also contributing his expertise to the Industrial and Commercial Development Authority (January 2017–December 2025) and the Emergency Services Committee (January 2017–January 2023).

**Corey Meyer** served on the Board of Supervisors from January 2014 through January 2026, complementing that role with service on the Industrial and Commercial Development Authority (January 2017–January 2024) and the Emergency Services Committee (January 2017–January 2026).



Corey Meyer

Both also contributed at the statewide level and have been recognized by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) for their twelve years of service.

The impact of Ethan and Corey's service cannot be measured simply in years or committee meetings attended. Their thoughtful leadership, genuine concern for our community's wellbeing, and tireless dedication exemplify the very best of public service. They have helped to shape policies, guided important initiatives, and contributed to countless projects that have improved the quality of life for all Township residents.

On behalf of all East Lampeter Township residents, staff, and fellow board members, we extend sincerest thanks to Ethan and Corey for your many years of service with dedication, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to our community.

## Welcome Robert Hayward Jr and Michael Lapp to the Board of Supervisors

As we thank Ethan and Corey for their service, we also welcome two new Supervisors to our Board of Supervisors, Robert Hayward and Michael Lapp beginning 1/1/2026. We look forward to sharing more with the community about our new Supervisors in our next newsletter.



## Employee Spotlight: Jaybin Aument

Jaybin Aument started working for the Public Works Department in January of 2020. As a member of the Public Works Roads Department, Jaybin has many job responsibilities, including plowing snow, painting intersections, blacktop repair, and assisting with other needs of the Public Works department. He is a graduate of Thaddeus Stevens College. Jaybin is married and is the father of two sons. He enjoys deer hunting and derby cars. Thank you, Jaybin, for your 5 years of hard work and dedication to East Lampeter Township!

## Resident Requirements When It Snows

Snow and ice must be cleared by private property owners within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of a snow or ice event. A minimum 30-inch path width on all sidewalks and a 5-foot radius around all fire hydrants must be cleared of snow and ice. East Lampeter Township's ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event. Snow must also be cleared for a radius of 5 feet from around any fire hydrant bordering your property. Remember that no person shall dispose of any snow or ice within the cart way of any public roadway.



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### Public Meeting Information

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meets January 5 and 19; February 9; March 2 and 16; April 6 and 20; May 11; June 1 and 15; July 13; August 3 and 17; September 14; October 5 and 26; November 16; December 7 and 21. 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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## Sewer Quarterly Billing Fee Increase

Per edu fee increase from \$95 to \$100 for sewer quarterly billing beginning with April 1, 2026 bills

## Sewer Tapping Fee Increase Effective 1/1/2026

Sewer tapping fee increase effective 1/1/2026 increases from \$2,650 to \$4,058 per edu

## Winter Stormwater Tips

- Clear leaves, snow, and ice from storm drain grates. Keeping storm grates clear and freely draining will help keep roads free of ice. **Note: East Lampeter Does Not Collect Leaves.**
- Take your leaves to a composting facility or leave them on your yard so they can fertilize your grass and plants in the spring.
- Avoid stockpiling snow in, over, or draining directly into any rainwater or natural water drainage areas, storage areas, or flow paths. Snow cleared from roads and walks is full of dirt, salt, oil, and other water pollutants.
- Don't use anti-skid, sand, or gritty products on porous pavement, permeable pavers, or infiltration areas; you won't enjoy trying to clean the grit from the pores later.
- Consider using EPA Safer-Choice labeled ice melts, which may be less harmful to the environment.
- Remember to check your stormwater BMP maintenance schedules. Do you need to drain your BMP? Disconnect it? Is it time to trim plants? Contact the East Lampeter Township Stormwater Department at 717-393-1567 if you aren't sure about your BMP maintenance needs.



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

**Please note: Programs requiring registration must meet minimum enrollment numbers to run. If the minimum is not met prior to the registration deadline date, the program may be canceled.**

### **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! This class can be taken as the full six-week program or can be registered for weekly individual sessions for a slightly higher rate.

**When:** **Session 1:** Tuesdays, January 6–February 10, 6–7 p.m.

**Session 2:** Tuesdays, February 17–March 24, 6–7 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$35 resident/\$45 non-resident

Join for any individual single class for \$9 resident/\$12 non-resident.

**Register by:** Monday, January 5 at 3 p.m. for the six-week session.



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. This class can be taken as the full six-week program or can be registered for weekly individual sessions for a slightly higher rate.

**When:** **Session 1:** Thursdays, January 8–February 12, 9–10 a.m.

**Session 2:** Thursdays, February 19–March 26, 9–10 a.m.

**Where:** East Lampeter Township Public Meeting Room

**Cost:** \$35 for residents/\$45 non-resident (covers the full 6-week session)

Join for any individual single class for \$9 resident/\$12 non-resident.

**Register by:** Wednesday, January 7 at noon for the first 6-week session.

*Join us for this 60-minute weekly class and experience a supportive and engaging way to enhance your fitness and well-being!*



### **2026 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: \$35 resident/\$45 non-resident per plot

**Registration Dates:** **Residents:** Opens January 19, 2026

**Non-residents:** Opens February 17, 2026

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





## ELT Recreation is partnering with Conestoga Valley School District to present: A Playground of Possibilities!

Join us this summer for a fun-filled playground program designed to inspire experiential learning through play! Open to children ages 5–12, the program will take place at Conestoga Valley Middle School, 500 Mt Sidney Rd, Lancaster. Children will enjoy theme weeks and a variety of daily activities, including games, arts and crafts, and sports. Special guests include **Raven Ridge Wildlife**, who will bring exciting and educational experiences to the playground.

**Dates:** June 8–July 31, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Registration Information:** **For Residents:** Opens January 14, 2026—\$275 for the full 8-week session.

**For Non-Residents:** Opens February 12, 2026—\$350 for the full 8-week session.

Space is limited, so register early to secure your spot!

### Sponsorship Opportunities:

To keep the program affordable for families, we are seeking sponsors. Multiple sponsorship levels are available. Don't miss out on this exciting summer opportunity—play, learn, and grow with us!



## What Do Animals Do in the Winter?

Ever wonder how animals survive the cold winter months? Discover the fascinating ways different species adapt to the season with a Lancaster County Park Naturalist. Learn who migrates, who hibernates, and who stays active all winter long! This hands-on interactive program will also teach you how to identify the clues and signs animals leave behind. After the presentation at Clark Pavilion, we will walk through the park together to look for evidence of wildlife in action. This is a perfect program for the whole family!

**When:** Sunday, January 25 at 2 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$5 resident / \$7 non-resident

**Register by:** Friday, January 23, 2025 at 10 a.m.



## Lifesize Candyland Game

In partnership with the Lancaster Library, join us for a sweet adventure as Candy Land comes to life—full size! Challenge your friends and family as you follow the colorful path through the Peppermint Forest, climb over the Gumdrop Mountains, and make your way past the Chocolate Swamp. A snack will be provided. This fun-filled event is perfect for the whole family.

**When:** Wednesday, February 4, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$5 resident / \$7 non-resident

**Register by:** Tuesday, February 3, at 2 p.m.



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

### Exploring the Night Sky

Explore the universe with an official NASA Solar System Ambassador! This class covers tips for observing the night sky and a basic intro to the solar system, including planets, moons, and celestial wonders. Start indoors with engaging instruction, then head outside to a nearby park to apply your new knowledge under the stars. We might be able to even check out some of the “planets on parade”! Perfect for stargazers of all levels!

**When:** Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Begin the indoor instruction at East Lampeter Township Building, 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike. The group will head to an outdoor park after the indoor portion.

**Cost:** \$8 resident/\$10 non-resident

**Register by:** Tuesday, February 10 at noon

Must be at least 9 years old to participate. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

If the weather does not cooperate for the event, the make-up session will take place on February 18.



### Coffee with a Cop: Discussing Home Security

Start your morning with coffee and conversation at this informal Coffee & Learn program with a local police officer or detective. Enjoy light refreshments while learning practical tips to help keep your home and family safe. Topics will include best practices for in-home and property security, common safety concerns, and an overview of technology and IT products homeowners may want to consider. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions and connect with local law enforcement in a relaxed setting.

**When:** Thursday, February 26, 8:15–8:45 a.m.

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

**Register by:** Wednesday, February 25, at noon



### Full Moon and Owls Prowl

Experience the magic of the night under the glow of the full moon! Join a County Park Naturalist for a guided evening walk through East Lampeter Township Community Park as we learn about local owls and listen for their calls. The soft moonlight and sounds of nature will lead the way on this peaceful outdoor adventure.

**When:** Tuesday, March 3, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$5 resident / \$7 non-resident

**Register by:** Monday, March 2 at noon

*A wonderful family-friendly program for all ages!*





## Dinosaur Pajama Book Nook



Cozy up in your favorite pajamas and join us for a dino-themed story adventure! Families are invited to the East Lampeter Township Public Meeting Room for an evening in partnership with Lancaster Library, where we'll roar, stomp, and explore the world of our favorite prehistoric creatures through engaging stories. Perfect for preschoolers and up. Please register to attend. A snack will be provided.

**When:** Wednesday, March 11, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$5 resident / \$7 non-resident

**Register by:** Tuesday, March 10 at 2 p.m.



## Sourdough Bread Basics 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.

**When:** Thursday, March 19, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

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

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

**Note:** Spots are limited—registration is required.

## Sourdough Bread Advanced Workshop

Ready to take your sourdough skills to the next level? This advanced, hands-on class focuses on troubleshooting common sourdough challenges and exploring creative inclusions that add flavor, texture, and visual appeal to your loaves.

Topics covered include:

- Troubleshooting common bread issues such as dense crumb, poor rise, overproofing, and uneven shaping—plus how to correct them
- Using inclusions in sourdough, including nuts, seeds, dried fruits, herbs, spices, and cheese
- Advanced shaping techniques to evenly distribute inclusions and create beautiful, well-structured loaves
- Flavor development, with guidance on pairing inclusions to enhance taste and complexity

This class is designed for experienced bakers who want to refine their technique, solve common problems, and confidently bake sourdough with inclusions. Each participant will shape and bake their own loaf during class. A variety of inclusions will be available so you can practice incorporating them into your dough.

Light refreshments and beverages will also be provided.

What should I bring? Just yourself! An apron is optional if you'd like to stay clean. All baking supplies will be provided.

**When:** Thursday, April 16, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$60 resident / \$78 non-resident

**Note:** Space is limited and registration is required.

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

### Washington, DC Cherry Blossom Trip

Experience one of the most breathtaking sights in our Nation's Capital! Washington, DC's iconic cherry blossoms—originally a gift from Japan in 1912—create a stunning pink and white canopy that draws visitors from around the world each spring.

Step aboard the **all-glass Odyssey** for a **two-hour lunch cruise** along the Potomac River, where you'll enjoy elegant dining, attentive service, and panoramic views of DC's monuments framed by cherry blossoms in bloom. Afterward, relax on a **private, guided DC Highlights Tour** as you take in the city's most famous landmarks from the comfort of your motorcoach.

**Date:** Thursday, March 26

#### Trip Itinerary:

- 7:45 a.m.** Depart East Lampeter Township Building  
(2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster)
- 11:30 a.m.** Board the Odyssey for a 2-hour lunch cruise on the Potomac River
- 2:30 p.m.** Private, guided DC Highlights Tour
- 4:00 p.m.** Depart for home (fast food/rest stop in route, on your own)
- 7:45 p.m.** Approximate return to Lancaster

**Cost:** \$189 Resident / \$245 Non-Resident

**Trip Includes:** Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation, Odyssey Lunch Cruise, Guided DC Monuments Tour  
*Driver, escort, and guide gratuities not included.*

*Join us for a day filled with beauty, history, and unforgettable memories among the blossoms of Washington, DC!*



### Eggs-plore the Park Event

Hop on over to East Lampeter Community Park for our **Eggs-plore the Park** event, a fun-filled, free children's egg hunt! This exciting event is brought to you through a wonderful private/public partnership between Alliance Towing and East Lampeter Township Recreation.

**When:** Saturday, March 28 at 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Flory Park, 416 Dohner Dr, Lancaster (Greenland Drive Entrance)

Meet at the Clark Pavilion.

Children will be broken into two age groups.



### Beginning Fishing Workshop

Cast into a new hobby with our Beginning Fishing Workshop! This hands-on, information-packed class introduces participants to common fish species found in Pennsylvania waters, basic tackle setup, and how to cast and get an opportunity to fish in the creek. Fishing rods will be provided, but bring your own if you have one. Perfect for ages 6 and up. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

**When:** Sunday, April 12, 1:45–4 p.m.

**Where:** Flory Park, 416 Dohner Dr, Lancaster (enter via Greenland Dr).

Meet at Clark Pavilion.

**Cost:** \$5 resident / \$7 non-resident

**Register by:** Friday, April 10 at noon

**Please dress appropriately for the weather and creek bank. Wear boots or old shoes.**





## 2026 Pavilion and Sports Facility Rentals

The process for reserving pavilions and sports facilities was updated in 2025. All reservations and payments must be completed online through the Township website under the Parks and Recreation Department after creating an account and receiving approval.

Accounts can be created and accessed from your personal device or by using the kiosk located in the Township Building lobby during regular business hours. If you have previously created an account, simply log in to continue.

### Please note:

- New accounts are typically approved on the same business day during regular Township office hours.
- Accounts are not approved on Saturdays or Sundays and will be processed on the next business day.
- If you experience any issues creating an account or logging into an existing account, please contact the Township office at 717-393-1567.

### 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
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2. 1967 Mack C95F
3. 1988 Grumman / Duplex Pumper Tanker



1974 Ford Tanker



1917 Ford

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1. 1994 Peterbilt / New Lexington Tanker
2. 2009 Pierce Arrow XT Pumper Tanker



1. First built station
2. Engine 48-A
3. Rescue 48 layout



2.



3.

## RONKS



1. Current Station
2. Current Rescue 48
3. First engine 48



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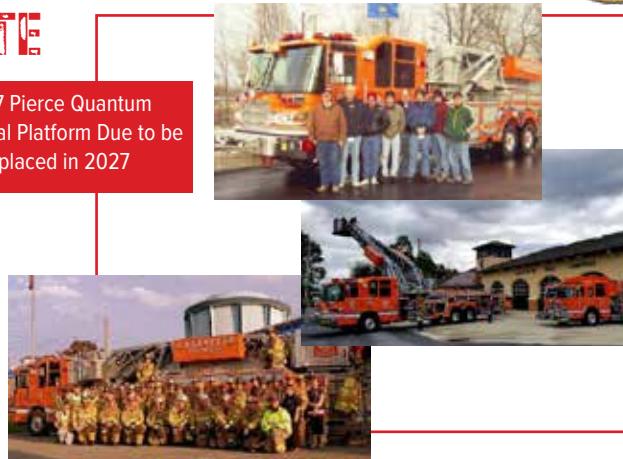


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2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00pm: Membership Meeting

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Sat. Feb. 21, 10:30am-6:00pm • **CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER**  
Hand-in-Hand Fire Co

Sat. April 11 • **CHICKEN BBQ**  
Lafayette Fire Company

Sat. May 23, 10:30am-6:00pm • **CHICKEN BBQ DINNER**  
Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

February, April, & October • **OX ROAST**  
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**RONKS FIRE CO.** 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 7pm: Exec Board Meeting **STOP IN FOR AN APPLICATION**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, 7pm: Apparatus Check  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:45pm: Fire Co. Trainings **COME AND OBSERVE**

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## 2026 EVENTS



**EAST LAMPESTER  
TOWNSHIP  
FIRE COMPANIES**

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

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## Inclement Weather Closings and Cancellations

When inclement weather forces the Township to close offices or cancel meetings, we will post the closing or cancellations on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EastLampeterTownship/> and our website, <https://eastlampetertownship.org/> as well as three of our local television stations: ■ WGAL Channel 8 ■ WPMT Fox 43 ■ CBS 21.



## Hyper-Reach Emergency Alerts

Residents can sign up for Community Alerts. To sign up, call 717-696-6906 and answer the questions, Text "Alerts" to 717-696-6906 or fill out our online form: <http://hyper-reach.com/paeastlampetertwpsignup.html>.

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