



## West Lampeter Township

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# The LampPost



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### Township Meeting Schedule

#### Board of Supervisors

2nd Monday of each month  
(except January)  
at 7:00 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

3rd Thursday of each month  
at 7:00 p.m.

#### Park & Recreation Board

1st Wednesday of each month  
at 7:30 p.m.

#### Zoning Hearing Board

2nd Tuesday of each month  
at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Township Office Building located at 852 Village Rd. Check the website for agendas and minutes.

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School Taxes: 464-3311

### Board of Supervisors

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Terry L. Kauffman,  
Vice Chairman

Robert E. Patterson,  
Secretary/Treasurer

Randy R. Moyer  
Geoffrey E. Beers

## TOWNSHIP RECEIVES CONSERVATION AWARD

West Lampeter Township has been chosen to receive the 2016 Government Land Conservation Leadership Award from the *Pennsylvania Land Trust Association*!



This award was developed to recognize counties and municipalities that have demonstrated leadership and success in the conservation of our special places and landscapes.

Among the many things that West Lampeter does to preserve land and water resources, the partnership with *The Lancaster Farmland Trust* on several projects over the last few years, was instrumental in receiving the award.



## LAMPETER FIRE COMPANY 100 YRS - ALL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The Lampeter Fire Company No. 1 recently celebrated its 100th anniversary!



(Photo: Lampeter Fire Company Facebook page)

A community event was held to commemorate the anniversary celebration. The company provides volunteer fire and rescue services and works closely with police and emergency medical staff on emergency calls. They also promote and educate the schools and the community on fire safety.

Our congratulations and sincere thanks to all the fire company personnel for their dedicated volunteer service to this community!



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## HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS

### **Local School Districts Receive Added Dollars as Impasse Ends**

The 2015-16 budget stalemate is finally over, and the new 2016-2017 spending blueprint is already gaining momentum.

The speed and spirit of agreement revealed thus far in this year's budget process raises hopes for a balanced, on-time budget before this year's June 30 deadline --welcome news for schools, nonprofits and taxpayers.

In late March, Gov. Tom Wolf allowed a budget that was nine months late to become law without his signature. At the same time, he vetoed the Fiscal Code, which contained a bipartisan plan, known as the BEFC formula, to divide education dollars.



State Senator  
Lloyd K. Smucker

While Wolf announced his own "restoration" formula for distributing school district money, the legislative formula contained in the Fiscal Code ultimately became law.

The BEFC plan means good news for Lancaster County schools and taxpayers. Under the data-driven formula, Lancaster County school districts received \$8.1 million more in total than the Wolf plan, which would have delivered \$3.6 million more.

Thus, Conestoga Valley School District will receive \$3.92 million this year, a 13 percent increase over last year; Lampeter-Strasburg School District will receive \$4.15 million, a 5.9 percent increase above last year; and Penn Manor School District will receive \$11.65 million, a 3.6 percent increase.

It was a welcome relief to see the 266-day budget impasse end. Still, the collateral damage inflicted on schools, nonprofits and agriculture was unfortunate, expensive and avoidable.

Fortunately, the budget that lapsed into law succeeds in requiring state government to live within its means and does not raise sales and income taxes on hard-working Pennsylvania families.

In more good news, the state House has already advanced a new budget plan for this year. We still have work to do, focusing on not only each line-item, but the larger process. The House and Senate are both considering bills that would keep funds flowing to schools even if a budget is not enacted by August 15, six weeks after the fiscal year starts on July 1.

While these bills would provide vital insurance for schools, the process should continue without the need for this "Plan B" fallback budget. I still believe broad-based tax increases are not needed, and am eager to help pass a new budget and develop new opportunities for schools, businesses, farmers and working families.

May you all enjoy a safe, successful summer.

Respectfully yours,

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## HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS

### **2015-16 Budget Review, Fair Education Funding Formula Benefits Local School Districts**

The 2015-16 state budget finally came to a close in early April, with the enactment of the supplemental budget, House Bill 1801, and House Bill 1589, which is known as the Fiscal Code—the state’s “roadmap” to spending.

House Bill 1589 included the fair basic education funding formula, which has broad bipartisan support in the Legislature and was created by a bipartisan group of legislators serving on the Basic Education Funding Commission. For years, schools in Lancaster County and other growing areas have been shortchanged by an outdated funding formula, which drove out money to school districts based on school attendance data from 1990. The new funding formula takes into account our population growth and includes a number of other factors which were not previously considered.

Both of these pieces of legislation became law without Gov. Tom Wolf’s signature and were supported by bipartisan majorities in the House and Senate.

The final state budget included modest increases for many departments, but most importantly, it included a \$150 million increase to basic education funding, which will greatly benefit Lampeter-Strasburg and Conestoga Valley school districts.

While the most contentious discussions regarding the budget centered on Gov. Wolf’s insistence upon raising taxes on middle-class families across the Commonwealth, the governor also vehemently disagreed with the bipartisan-supported new education funding formula.

Gov. Wolf wished to institute his own formula, which would have sent over half of the \$150 million in education funding increases to only three school districts—Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chester Upland. The other 497 school districts in the Commonwealth would have then fought over the remaining half. I am thankful that my colleagues in the Legislature stood firm on finally instituting the overdue fair basic education funding formula.

With this new formula implemented, Lampeter-Strasburg will receive a \$230,000 or 6 percent increase in state funding from last year and Conestoga Valley will receive a \$455,000 increase or 13 percent increase over last year’s state funding. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I worked diligently with my colleagues to ensure that this fair funding and will work to make this funding formula permanent, so schools in the 43<sup>rd</sup> District will receive equitable share of state education funding.

As budget discussions are continuing in Harrisburg, I will continue to advocate for a prudent, responsible budget that continues to invest in education while also respecting the taxpayers.

Respectfully yours,

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State Representative  
Keith J. Greiner

## WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE



### **OFFICER DAVE COVEY SAVES A LIFE!!**

On Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at about 7:10 PM, Officer Dave Covey received a call from Lancaster County Wide Communication for a woman who collapsed in the kitchen of her home on Diane Circle. While en route to the house, the call was upgraded to a cardiac arrest. Officer Covey immediately responded and, with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in hand, entered the home to find the victim in cardiac arrest. After checking the patient and not being able to find a pulse, Officer Covey used the AED to administer one shock to the patient. Officer Covey also administered 2 rounds of CPR. Officer Covey continued to care for the patient until EMS arrived. Because of the actions of Officer Covey and EMS and fire personnel, the victim survived.



Officer Covey with the patient and her Husband at the ceremony.

During the Township meeting in May, Officer Covey was recognized for his actions and received a commendation for helping save the victim's life. Present at the meeting were the victim and her husband, seen in the photograph. Had it not been for the quick response and immediate care, the victim may not have survived this incident. Congratulations and thank you, Officer Covey!

### **NEWS FROM "FRIENDS OF THE FORCE"**

The Friends of the Force recently purchased the following items for the West Lampeter Township Police Department.

#### **Three Safety Lockout Tool Kits**

These tool kits can save lives. They allow the police to easily open car doors when the owner is locked out or a child or pet is locked inside without damaging the vehicle. These situations are extremely hazardous especially in summer - when the inside temperatures can easily exceed 120 degrees. The kits can actuate the door handle and manual lock button on more than 98% of all cars and trucks. This author has seen one of these used on her own vehicle.... they open the door right up with no damage!



#### **Eleven 3 point universal rifle slings**

These fully adjustable, ambidextrous designed slings will enable our officers to safely carry their rifles and help to eliminate fatigue.

#### **Twelve Pennsylvania Policeman's Short Guides**

These quick reference guides supply Vehicle Codes, Crime Codes, PA Vehicle Equipment Standards, PA Game Laws and much more. They are an essential tool for all Pennsylvania law enforcement officers for traffic stops, paperwork records, and more. Each WLT officer can easily carry their own guide in the deep trouser pockets of their newly acquired Class B uniforms.

(See "*Friends*" continued on page 8)

## Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA NEWS

### Summer is for Kids at the Lampeter-Strasburg Y!



#### YMCA Summer Camps

YMCA Summer Camps provide a perfect backdrop of fun, friendship, educational activities and healthy play that encourages children to develop in their own unique way and fosters a desire for learning that they'll carry into the coming school year.

Y camps offer opportunities for children who have completed kindergarten through teen years, with Summer Day Camps and Sports Camps available at the Lampeter-Strasburg Y and overnight adventure camps at the YMCA Camp Shand location in Cornwall, PA.

Day and overnight Summer Camp programs offer different themes each week and include swimming, field trips, fun games and arts and crafts. Y Sports Camps will keep your children on the move while helping them gain self-confidence by developing new skills and learning how to interact in a team environment. Whether your child is trying a new sport or building on skills already acquired, the Y has a full summer of Sports Camps to choose from.

#### L-S Y Outdoor Pool

With lap swimming, games and family fun, the Lampeter-Strasburg Y Outdoor Pool is a great way to enjoy the summer! The pool offers picnic and lounging areas so you can make a day of it. Season passes are available for families, adults and teens. The pool is open from May 28-Labor Day.



For a complete list of YMCA programs and services available, please visit. [www.lancasterymca.org](http://www.lancasterymca.org) or download the Lancaster Family YMCA Mobile App.

Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA  
800 Village Road, Lancaster, PA 17602  
717-464-4000

As a non-profit, charitable organization, the Lancaster Family YMCA is accessible to all people. Financial assistance is available to individuals and families who cannot afford memberships or program fees.



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### SUMMER ROAD & STORMWATER PROJECTS



#### **Paving**

Morningside Drive—leveling and 2” wearing course from Lampeter Road to Gypsy Hill Road

#### **Road Construction**

Widening, curbs and sidewalk installations on Locust Lane from Eshelman Mill Road to Dorianne Drive

#### **Stormwater Projects**

Dennis Drive, and completion of Jefferson Square project.

The department will continue mowing road banks through the summer months. Please be careful, follow the directions of flaggers, and drive with caution when passing any road construction project.

## THINK before you SHRED!

Shred only documents with sensitive or confidential information. Recycle other papers, junk mail, magazines, greeting cards, etc. Recycling whole pieces of paper helps keep the paper fibers long, strong and ready to be made into new paper!



Next township document shredding event:

Saturday, November 12  
9am - noon

Magazines can also be brought to the rear of the township building and placed in the Ronald McDonald House Dumpster. Funds raised from magazines goes to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

For information on how to recycle shredded documents in your area, visit [paperrecycles.org/shredded\\_documents](http://paperrecycles.org/shredded_documents)

# TRASH & RECYCLING

# KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW.



## TOGETHER WE CAN RECYCLE MORE.



**PLASTICS**  
with numbers 1–7 on bottom



**CARTONS**  
milk, juice and broth cartons



**AEROSOLS**  
empty hairspray, cleaning supplies and shaving cream



**CLEAN & EMPTY CANS**  
food, beverage, paint, soup and pet food



**PAPER OF ALL TYPES**  
junk mail, copy paper, magazines, catalogs and paper bags



**CARDBOARDS**  
any size, any quantity

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT. ARE YOU?



RECYCLEMOREPA.COM



## MORE NEWS



(Photo credit: Kevin Hertzog)

**BATS!** Not the kind with which you swing to hit a ball, but the flying mammal! If you live near or visited one of the township's community and neighborhood parks, you may have wondered: What is that box on a pole, and for what is its use? Tyler Hertzog, Eagle Scout Candidate, took up the project of building and installing bat houses at the parks to help control the mosquito population during the upcoming summer months. Known for being carriers of West Nile and other serious viruses, lessening the mosquito population is very important. Contrary to what you may think is true about bats, they are an integral part of our ecosystem. Bats not only feed on vast amounts of insects (some insects will avoid areas where bats are present) they also help pollinate and seed other plants important to the balance of nature. Bat houses will not cause more bats to swarm your neighborhood and take over your attic - according to the *Bat Conservation International* website they would already be in the attic if they could get in! Keeping your home in good repair is the best deterrent. And, bats will not affect the attraction of birds to yards since each rarely compete for food or space. So no need to panic! Bats are here to help get rid of those nasty mosquitoes!

(*Bat Conservation International*, <http://www.batcon.org/resources/getting-involved/bat-houses/ask>, May 24, 2016)

(see related story "Mosquito Prevention," *Community Development Dept.*, page 11)

("Friends" continued from page 4)

### Community Outreach

The Friends of the Force were out and about at Willow Street Fire Company's very first Open House on April 23, 2016. We enjoyed the opportunity to talk with our neighbors and answer questions about what we do. Attached is a photo of our stand. A special "thank you" to Jim Kulp, Barb Smith, and Fort Wilkerson for manning the stand.



Our next community outreach will be at the Willow Valley 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 26, 2016 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Come out and help us celebrate Willow Valley's golden anniversary! We look forward to meeting you!

(Photos and story courtesy of Lisa Greybill, Friends of the Force)

## Community Recycling Saturday, August 9 9:00 a.m. until noon



NEXT EVENT DATE:  
Saturday, November 12, 2016



For a list of e-waste items being collected please visit <http://www.egreenrecycling.com/accept.php>

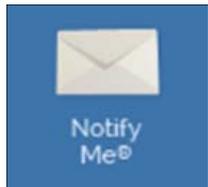
**COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE!**

**LAMPETER-STRASBURG COMMUNITY BAND SUMMER CONCERTS**

The Lampeter-Strasburg Community Band will play three concerts at the Village Park Band Pavilion this summer. Scheduled dates are Sundays June 5, July 24, and August 21. Concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. Make it a summer tradition - bring the family, the lawn chair, picnic blanket or beach towel to sit and enjoy the music of the Lampeter-Strasburg Community Band!



More events for the band can be found listed on their website [www.lscband.com](http://www.lscband.com).



**NOTIFY ME!**

Sign up for “News Alerts,” agendas and minutes postings, calendar notifications, job openings, and bidding opportunities by using the “Notify Me” tool of the township’s website. This helpful tool allows you to pick and choose what notifications you prefer, and whether you want them sent via email or by text to your cellular telephone. It’s easy, and you can “unsubscribe” from a notification at any time. Check it out and sign up today!

**Property Tax Questions?**

Tax bills do not originate from, nor does the township receive any direct tax payments from homeowners. If you have questions or need assistance, please call:

Lanc. Co. Treasurer’s Office  
299-8222  
(county & municipal taxes)

Lampeter-Strasburg School District  
Business Office  
464-3311  
(school real estate taxes)



**It may not be  
November...  
...but do you have  
QUESTIONS ABOUT  
VOTING?**

CONTACT:

Lancaster County  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

299-8293



## STORMWATER CORNER

We have had a busy spring working with volunteers on a variety of public improvement projects that help to minimize stormwater pollution. Thanks to everyone who has participated!

**Heatherfield Tree Planting** (Figure 1): On Monday, April 18 Township staff and volunteers planted 300 native deciduous shrubs (dogwood, winterberry, and elderberry) and trees (cherry, oak, maple, sycamore, redbud, sassafras, serviceberry, and persimmon) at Heatherfield Park. Trees protect and improve water quality by absorbing stormwater flows and reducing runoff volumes. Trees also provide food and habitat for native wildlife species. All of the trees are protected from foraging deer and rodents by a 5' shelter and wood stake. The shrubs are marked with flags. If you see damage to any of the tree shelters or shrubs, please contact the township.



Figure 1: Planting trees at Heatherfield Park.



Figure 2: Mill Creek clean-up crew



Figure 3: Landscape Plugs at Bioretention basin

**Mill Creek Clean-Up** (Figure 2): On Saturday, April 16 Township staff and 14 Millersville University students collected trash along a 2-mile stretch of the Mill Creek. Half of the group started at Lampeter Road and worked their way west along the creek banks; another group began at Eshelman Mill Road and worked their way east. We had a beautiful morning walking the creek, and we saw a lot of nesting geese and deer tracks! Items of trash included pieces of building siding, food wrappers, plastic buckets, cans, and bottles. Many of these items are carried into the stream by stormwater runoff. Please remember to pick-up trash around your yard before it gets washed away into a stormwater inlet or pipe.

**Bioretention Basin** (Figure 3): On Thursday, April 21 municipal staff and student interns planted 2800 landscape "plugs" in the bio-retention basin adjacent to the neighborhood park on Wyndmere Way. The native grass and perennial flower species are planted in 18" of a sand/compost soil mixture that promotes infiltration to replenish groundwater supplies and minimize stormwater volumes downstream. The vegetation also absorbs and filters out pollutants that wash into the basin from upstream residential areas.

**Bat Boxes:** The Township has partnered with a local Eagle Scout to construct and install 50 bat boxes in our municipal parks. We are hoping to provide additional habitat for native bat species that play a part in keeping insect populations under control, including mosquitos. All residents can minimize mosquito breeding areas by eliminating standing water in clogged rain gutters and stormwater pipes, flower pots, tires, birdbaths, and any other area that can hold water for more than 3 days.

**Grass Clipping Reminder:** Please do not dispose of grass clippings in any stormwater management facility, easement, stream, creek, or swale. They can clog stormwater pipes and pollute streams with excessive fertilizer and nutrients. If you are purchasing a new lawn mower, consider buying a mulching mower. The nutrients in the grass left on your yard reduce the need for additional fertilizer.

**Help Us Prevent Illicit Discharges** We need your help in identifying illegal dumping and illicit discharge activity. If you observe anyone dumping materials into a storm drain, or know of someone who has an illegal connection into a stormwater pipe, then please call 464-8019.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY**

West Lampeter Township has a Property Maintenance Code which requires that all residents maintain the exterior of their properties free from high grass and noxious weeds in excess of 10 inches. Weeds are considered as all grasses, annual plants (except cultivated flowers and gardens), and vegetation. Please also refrain from blowing or sweeping grass clippings into the road since it can clog storm drain system which causes flooding.



In addition, the exterior of the lot should also be free of junk, trash and non-operative or unlicensed motor vehicles. No motor vehicle shall be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Violations of the property maintenance code are subject to fines and penalties.



### **FUNDING FOR HOME REPAIR**

Residents that need assistance to make necessary repairs to their homes may be eligible for funding through the Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authority's Home Repair Program. The Authority will provide a free home analysis and assist with hiring contractor. No interest loan funds can assist with homes repairs including heating, electric, septic, structural, sidewalks and others as approved. Loans are repaid when you sell your home or transfer ownership. For more information please contact the Lancaster Co Housing & Redevelopment Authority at 717-394-3528.

### **MOSQUITO PREVENTION**



Although the risk of contracting serious illness from mosquitoes is low, much can be done to increase protection from mosquito-borne disease. This includes the reduction of breeding sites, use of repellents, repair of home screens and the limitation of outdoor activities to periods of time when mosquitoes are less active.

Take time to inspect your yard for potential mosquito breeding sources. Keep in mind mosquito larvae prefer shallow water with decomposing organic material. A tire, bucket, or flower pot can produce hundreds of mosquitoes during one season. Dispose of tires properly and store other items inside when not in use. A little prevention now will help reduce the risk of bites and even diseases transmitted by mosquitoes to humans, pets, and other animals.

To ensure that mosquitoes stay out of your home, make sure that there are no holes or gaps in your window screens and block up any cracks or open spaces around the foundation of your home. You can also enlist a pest management professional to help you create a mosquito control plan that will eradicate any conditions on your property that may be inviting to mosquitoes.

Stagnant water around your home, that is unable to be drained, can be treated with mosquito dunks or bits that contain *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti). These products can be found at hardware and other local retailers. Bti can be purchased in small, donut-shaped form, often called "mosquito dunks", which are useful in small areas of standing water, such as a birdbath or small puddle of water that may gather in a low spot on your property. The great thing about this bacteria is that it kills only mosquito and black fly larvae. It is not harmful to people, pets, aquatic life (such as fish) or plants.

The best way to control mosquitoes is still to get rid of standing water on your property.

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## **WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP**

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## **SUMMER 2016 CALENDAR**



- June 5 - L-S Community Band Concert 6:00 p.m. (page 9)
- July 4 - Offices Closed - Independence Day
- July 24 - L-S Community Band Concert 6:00 p.m. (page 9)
- August 2 - Annual National Night Out Event - WL Fairgrounds
- August 9 - Community Recycling Event 9:00 a.m. - noon (page 8)
- August 21 - L-S Community Band Concert 6:00 p.m. (page 9)
- September 5 - Offices Closed - Labor Day
- September 26 & 27 - Appliance & Tire Collection days (page 6)

Please refer to our website at [www.westlampeter.com](http://www.westlampeter.com) for a complete list of meeting dates for the Township's various boards and commissions. Copies of the meeting schedule can also be obtained by calling the Township office at 464-3731.