



West Lampeter Township

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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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NO TRESPASSING ALLOWED!

Submitted by Police Chief Brian Wiczkowski

Recently we have seen an increase in concern with people trespassing on private property. These complaints range from dumping grass clippings on neighboring farms to people parking vehicles on private lots.

The PA Crimes Code defines a trespasser as one who "...enters or remains in any place as to which notice against trespass is given..." The section continues by referencing methods of notice, to include 1) "actual communication...", 2) "posting...reasonably likely to come to the attention of an intruder" or 3) "fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to exclude intruders."

Violations can result in a fine of up to \$300 per offense or 90 days in jail. Trespassing by motor vehicle can result in a fine of up to \$100. If damage is done to the property, the fine can go up to \$500. If the vehicle remains on the private property, the property owner can have the vehicle towed, costing the vehicle owner even more money.

Please save yourself the hassle and the money by respecting other people's property and don't trespass.



WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Several calls came in to the township regarding the recent "boil water" issue and how incidents are communicated with our residents.

1. Check our website and sign up to receive alerts to your email address or your phone (go to "Notify Me" on homepage).
2. Follow us on Facebook for the quickest updates.
3. Check local television or radio stations.

Please understand, however, that the water issue was actually a Lancaster City Water Bureau issue, and we were only able to advise residents with the information provided by the City at the time.

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HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS



Tougher DUI Laws Create Opportunities to Save Lives

By State Senator Scott Martin (R-13)

Many Lancaster County residents are familiar with the heartbreaking story of Meredith Demko, an 18-year-old high school senior who was killed by a drunk driver in 2014. Her tragic death left behind a trail of devastated friends and family members whose lives were forever changed by the reckless action of an irresponsible motorist who never should have been behind the wheel.



Sadly, Meredith's passing is only one in a long string of tragedies related to drunk driving. Too often, we hear stories about reckless drivers who are still creating hazards on the highway after multiple DUI convictions. Inevitably, some of these cases lead to the deaths of innocent victims whose lives were taken far too soon by the indifference of thoughtless offenders.

Pennsylvania's DUI laws have proven to be ineffective at preventing habitual drunk drivers from getting behind the wheel while intoxicated. Without stronger laws to punish drunk drivers, we doom even more families to suffering an unimaginable – and completely preventable – loss. Even one tragedy related to drunk driving is one too many.

That's why I recently introduced legislation that will enact tougher penalties on drivers who consistently endanger themselves and others by driving under the influence. My bill would help limit the number DUI offenses on Pennsylvania roadways by putting habitual offenders behind bars for an extended period of time.

My proposal would mandate at least two years of jail time for any offender who is convicted of more than two DUIs in a 10-year period. If a habitual drunk driver causes the death of another person, he or she could be charged with a first-degree felony, which is subject to a 20-to-40-year prison sentence. Ultimately, the bill would ensure the most dangerous offenders have far fewer opportunities to make a bad decision that results in a loss of life.

Lawmakers have already taken some steps to strengthen existing laws to prevent similar tragedies.

A year ago, a new law was created to increase the number of DUI offenders who are required to use ignition interlock systems. That measure also improved the collection of evidence to prevent drunk drivers from escaping justice for their crimes. A 2014 law closed a loophole that prevented prosecutors from charging DUI suspects as repeat offenders if they are re-arrested for additional DUIs before a conviction for the original offense. In addition, we are only a few years removed from Pennsylvania lowering the BAC threshold for a DUI conviction from .10 to .08.

These are all steps in the right direction, and these public safety measures certainly played a role in PennDOT reporting a record-low number of traffic fatalities in 2016. But we can do more, and we can do better. It is my hope that we can take another step toward making our communities safer by keeping some of the most dangerous offenders off the road for a very long time.

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HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS



House Advances Comprehensive Animal Protection Bill

by Rep. Keith J. Greiner, CPA (R-Upper Leacock)



While work continues in the General Assembly on many of the pressing issues facing this Commonwealth, the House is also picking up where it left off last session to comprehensively review and update Pennsylvania's animal cruelty laws – an issue with wide bipartisan support. Last week, the House took a significant step in that direction, giving its overwhelming approval to legislation that I co-sponsored to strengthen Pennsylvania's animal cruelty laws.

Many in our area were stunned by the abusive treatment of a Boston terrier known as Libre whose plight sounded alarm bells that Pennsylvania's animal cruelty laws were wholly inadequate.

Prior to Libre's shocking abuse, I learned about the despicable treatment that 10 puppies were subjected to in my own community. That case resulted in 10 summary counts of animal cruelty, which carried only a minimum fine of \$50 per count – a \$500 fine for truly horrific treatment of defenseless puppies. Personally, this small fine was offensive for what was truly negligent and abusive behavior. I vowed to fight for change. This session I reintroduced legislation **House Bill 853** in order to have a punishment more befitting of the crime.

Because many of our municipal police departments do not have the resources or the expertise to respond to complaints of animal cruelty, Pennsylvania law allows municipalities to appoint Humane Society Police Officers to fill this role. The truth is, the minimum standards for appointing Humane Society Police Officers are low. I re-introduced **House Bill 854** this session to update Pennsylvania's laws related to the appointment of Humane Society Police Officers to ensure they are properly equipped to handle these cases as no one wants an animal cruelty complaint to go unanswered or, if necessary, unprosecuted.

On numerous occasions, I have expressed my belief that the General Assembly must take action and develop a holistic approach to addressing its animal cruelty laws. Last month, the House did this. It passed comprehensive legislation, which I co-sponsored, strengthening Pennsylvania's animal cruelty laws.

House Bill 1238 is a compilation of several animal cruelty bills, including my two bills mentioned here. The legislation also adds neglect, cruelty and aggravated cruelty to the list of definitions in the law and further clarifies when those lines have been crossed. It adds provisions relating to the tethering of a dog and protections for veterinarians and others for reporting, in good faith, suspected abuse or neglect of an animal.

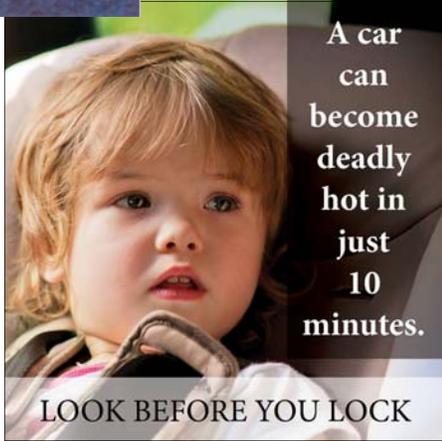
House Bill 1238 now goes to the Senate for consideration. I am hopeful the Senate will move this bill to the governor's desk and that he will sign it into law. It is time for our animal cruelty laws to be updated and to carry the penalties that match the true nature of these crimes. The General Assembly must stand up and provide greater protection to those who cannot speak for themselves.

As always, please feel free to stop by my office, located in the West Lampeter Township Building, if I can assist you with any state-related matter. You can also call (717) 464-5285 or send me an email at kgreine@pahousegop.com. Thank you for the privilege of serving you!



WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE

LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK!



**A car
can
become
deadly
hot in
just
10
minutes.**

LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK

With warmer days arriving, we want to remind our residents, visitors and readers that leaving children and/or pets in vehicles on warm days can many times end in tragedy. According to the website kidsandcars.org, on average 38 children die in hot cars each year from heat-related deaths. According to an article published in the journal of Pediatrics, internal temperatures inside a vehicle can quickly reach 134 to 154 degrees when the outside temperature exceeded 86 degrees. However, it's not only the hot days that can be dangerous.

The study also concluded that temperatures rose approximately 40 degrees when the outside temperature was above 72 degrees!! Cracking the windows open did not greatly effect this dramatic temperature increase. Catherine McLaren, MD and clinical instructor in emergency medicine, stated "There are cases of children dying on days as cool as 70 degrees Fahrenheit."

We offer the following tips:

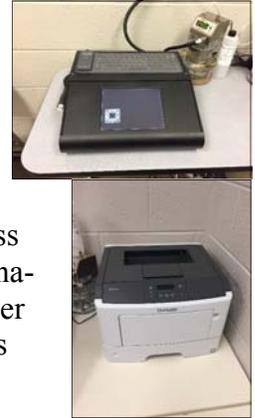
- Take your child(ren) with you into the store, no matter how quick you expect your trip to be **REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS**. Temperatures inside a vehicle rise very quickly.
- Don't leave the vehicle running and the air conditioning on with your child inside the vehicle. Having your vehicle stolen is bad. Having your child inside that stolen car is tragic. Don't subject your child to this risk!!!
- Put something you will need (phone, wallet/purse, etc.) in the back seat so when you get out of your vehicle you will be forced to go into the back seat (and therefore not forget a child in their car seat).
- Keep a large stuffed animal in the car seat when the child is not in it. When you put your child in the car seat, put the stuffed animal in the front seat of the car so you will remember your child is in the seat.
- Always keep your vehicle locked when it's in the garage, driveway or on the street so a child can't wander inside and get trapped.
- Leave pets at home. Sure, your pet may be bored at home, but he will be much safer in a climate controlled house than inside a hot vehicle!



FRIENDS OF THE WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE

NEW EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE FOF

Last year the U. S. Supreme Court placed new limits on state laws that make it a crime for motorists suspected of drunken driving to refuse alcohol tests. The court ruled that police must obtain a search warrant before requiring drivers to have blood drawn for alcohol testing. Breath tests, which the court considers less intrusive, do not require a search warrant. Consequently, the department's breathalyzer has seen increased usage. The FOF has purchased an additional breathalyzer and printer for the department to meet this increased demand. Also, if one unit is taken out of service the backup unit can take over.



On February 23 there was a Substance Abuse Awareness Program presented to Lampeter Strasburg residents by the West Lampeter Police Department, the LS School District and the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office. The program was presented to students during school hours and township residents in the evening. The West Lampeter Friends of the Force purchased *drug lock up boxes* and these were distributed to each household in attendance before the program started. With



these boxes, prescription drugs can be locked inside allowing access only by the person to whom they are prescribed – rather than placing them in a medicine cabinet where anyone can access them. With these boxes, one can more easily determine if any medicines are missing. More of these Substance Abuse Awareness programs will be planned in the future.

The FOF also purchased 10 First Aid Adult and Infant CPR Masks. This personal protective equipment is designed to protect rescuers from exposure to infection when in close contact with victims. These masks will be carried in the patrol cars.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017

Please come out and join us at the Lampeter Fairgrounds for National Night Out on Tuesday August 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We are excited to hold our 11th annual National Night Out, designed to bring the community together in showing police camaraderie and to encourage community policing. This is a free event for the public.

There will be free food, games and activities for the children. In attendance will be officer from West Lampeter, Strasburg and Southern Regional as well as the Special Emergency Response Team, Lampeter Fire Department, Willow Street Fire Department, Lancaster Emergency Medical Service Agency, along with several other organizations. There will also be an educational section for the public regarding security along with drug awareness topics. We look forward to seeing you there!

PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATION

Summer Reminders!

Yard Mowing

When you mow your lawn this summer, please do not blow grass clippings onto the street. It can be a driving hazard, as well as a stormwater issue, disrupting the flow of water into the catch basins and detention ponds.

Summer Stormwater Work

Otsu Road - Following completion of stormwater work, the road will be paved from Beaver Valley Pike to Shiprock Road.

Shiprock Road - Road will be widened, reclaimed, and blacktopped from Otsu Road to the township line.

PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN PASSING ANY ROAD WORK!

Follow directions of flaggers and please, **SLOW DOWN!**

A Summer of Possibility

YMCA Programs Help Prevent Summer Learning Loss

Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA
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(717) 464-4000 / www.lancasterymca.org



For many children when the last school bell rings and summer vacation begins their learning stops. In fact, kids who aren't participating in ongoing summer enrichment and learning can lose up to two to three months in reading skill. About 16 percent of children who are not reading proficiently by the end of third grade do not graduate from high school on time, a rate four times greater than that for proficient readers.

To help address this issue on a local level, the Lancaster Family YMCA is partnering with the Lampeter-Strasburg School District to launch the YMCA of the USA's Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program for first and second grade students in the district. Teachers in the district will recommend students to participate in the program based on the criteria that the child is at risk of non-proficiency in state standardized tests in reading and is eligible for the school's free and reduced lunch program.

The 5-week Summer Learning Loss Prevention program – which will be called Camp Exploration – is made possible by funding from the Lampeter-Strasburg School District Title 1 Funds, a YMCA of the USA grant and community donors. The program launches at the Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA in June and will serve 32 students. The average literacy gains over the course of the program are 1.5 months.

In addition to this new summer learning program, the Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA ensures that all children have access to summer enrichment and learning opportunities through summer day camps at our branches and day and overnight camps at YMCA Camp Shand. Learn more about YMCA camps at www.lancasterymca.org/summer-camp-options/

As a non-profit, charitable organization, the Lancaster Family YMCA has a mission to strengthen our community through the pursuit of life-long growth in spirit, mind and body. YMCA programs are available to everyone, regardless of age, background or income, and financial assistance is available to individuals and families who cannot afford membership or program fees.



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycle Carts are Here!

How to get the Most out of your New Recycle Cart

By Adam Lawrence, Recycling Committee Member

Beginning on April 17, approximately 4,000 wheeled recycle carts were delivered to households in West Lampeter Township. Now that you have your 64-gallon recycle cart, you may be wondering: “How the heck do I fill up this thing?” Take a close look at the sticker on top of the lid of your cart. It displays all of the items that are accepted for recycling. Chances are that there are numerous household items that you dispose of in the trash that could be recycled. The variety of items that can be recycled boggles the mind: all sizes of cardboard boxes, clean pizza boxes, food boxes (e.g., cereal and gelatin boxes), empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls, paperboard packaging, office paper (any color), envelopes and junk mail, newspapers, paper bags, phone books, paperboard food and drink containers (e.g., milk and orange juice), empty aerosol spray cans, and magazines. The list goes on and on! Remember, the more items we keep out of the trash and put in our recycling carts, the better - not just for the environment, but for our wallets as well. For each ton of trash the township disposes of, the cost is \$73. There is no tipping fee associated with the disposal of recycled items. Win, win!



But, what about those glossy magazines? If you have a bunch of glossy magazines, you certainly can put them in your recycle cart; but, you may want to bring them to the township community building at 852 Village Rd. Behind the building is a Ronald McDonald drop-off container. All proceeds generated by recycling glossy magazines benefit Ronald MacDonal House Charities.

But, what about those sensitive documents? If you have paper that needs to be disposed that contains sensitive information, you can put them in your recycle cart; that is, if you really like to live life on the edge. Or, you can hold on to them until our Community Recycle Event in November. A vendor will be present who will shred and recycle all of your sensitive documents, all at no cost to you!

Recycling Committee—Volunteers Needed!

The recycling committee is always on the lookout for new volunteers. You don't need to have any knowledge or experience, just a willingness to get involved and help plan and conduct new recycling programs and initiatives designed to increase the township's participation in recycling. If you would like to get involved or want more information, please call 717-464-3731.

PAY TRASH BILLS ONLINE

Over the last several years many requests from our trash and recycling customers have asked that the township provide a system to pay their bills online. Paying bills online is a more preferred way so many of the residents already pay their bills. And for some, it is the *only* way they pay.

The township now offers a new online bill pay service, as well as a Pay-by-Phone option. Utilizing the services of InvoiceCloud™ the bill pay feature is linked to the township's website (homepage). Account holders can make a one-time payment, or register to set up an account to view future invoices, transaction history, schedule auto-pay, and receive periodic emails notifying when bills are due to be paid.

Visit www.westlampeter.com for online bill pay, or call 1-844-725-6779 for Pay-by-Phone. When making the payment be sure to use the last name of the account holder and the seven-digit account number, including the two zeros at the end (i.e., 05555.00). There is a small convenience fee for use of the online and Pay-by-Phone service.

STORMWATER CORNER

Spotting an Illicit Discharge:

What it Looks Like and Who to Inform?

The term ‘illicit discharge’ is meant to sound intimidating, but in the stormwater and MS4 world illicit discharge covers a broad range of activities. An illicit discharge refers to any non-stormwater discharge to an MS4 facility (inlet, headwall, basin, swale, etc.). We are going to go over a few of the most common illicit discharges, how to identify them, and who you can call to report them.



Sanitary Sewer: The most obvious giveaway here is the smell. You will typically smell a sanitary discharge before you see it. These can also happen where septic systems overflow to the surface, so look for murky water with a foul odor. The first person to call is the West Lampeter Township Stormwater Coordinator or Public Works. If this is an emergency sewer main issue, contact City of Lancaster Wastewater Operations 24 hour line at 717-293-5533.



Washwater/Non-Hazardous Liquids: This includes anything like soap discharge, wastewater from home projects, or greywater from a washing machine discharge. These are often the easiest to spot with visual indicators like bubbles, or debris around inlets or pipes. The first person to call if you are unsure of the source is the West Lampeter Township Stormwater Coordinator at 717-464-8019. If it’s a neighbor or friend responsible, let them know there is a better disposal method. Many times people don’t know dumping in an inlet impacts their water quality.



Oil/Petroleum: Telltale signs of oil or petroleum spills are areas of colored sheen. Oil may come from a localized source such as a neighbor spilling his oil pan during car maintenance, or something large scale like a car/truck accident. Large scale crashes and spills are taken care of by emergency responders and police, but small scale spills are often undetected. The first person to call is the West Lampeter Township Stormwater Coordinator or Public Works Department at 717-464-8019. They will then notify DEP or any other necessary authority to assist in cleanup.

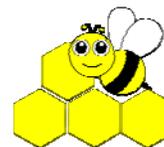


Sediment: The Township is actively working on combating excess sediment and mud entering our storm sewer system. If you see excess mud or dirt being tracked from a construction site, the first person to call is the West Lampeter Township Stormwater Coordinator. We will work first to see if the construction site has all of its erosion controls in place first, and then see if there is a way to direct the water to an area where the sediment can filter out first.

This is a list of the most common illicit discharges you will see in your neighborhood or around the Township. There have been instances where we have seen discharges that are blue, green, red, or pink and those are also worthy of a prompt phone call to the Township Stormwater Coordinator, as well as a picture on your device. We depend on you to help us keep the waterways and systems of the Township pollutant free and phone calls from concerned citizens are the best way for us to know there is a problem. If you have any questions or spot an illicit discharge in our Township, free to contact me at charity@westlampeter.com or (717) 464-8019.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Bee Keeping



Are you thinking about raising Bees?

There are many reasons to begin beekeeping. Bees have been proven to provide significant benefits in helping the environment. However, before you consider your beekeeping backyard adventures please do your research. The Keeping of Bees is only allowed by special exception in residential and commercial zoning districts. The special exception request made to the Township Zoning Hearing Board may also be subject to restrictions on the location of the hives in relationship to property lines and adjacent homes. Please contact the Codes Department at (717) 464-8019 for more information on the keeping of bees.

SWIMMING POOL GUIDELINES



Summer is here and kids are begging for a pool, so remember that safety must come first!

Any type of pool that is capable of holding a water depth of 24” or more (including bladder or inflatable pools) is considered a “swimming pool” by nationally recognized standards and therefore requires a permit by the virtue of the Pennsylvania Statewide Uniform Construction Code (UCC).

In considering an application for a permit to erect/install a swimming pool there are a few items that you will need to consider. First, any “swimming pool” is required to incorporate a permanent fence as a barrier as prescribed in the Statewide UCC. Second, there are particular requirements regarding the installation of any electrical connections for filtering or other systems. Third, as with any structure (temporary or permanent) specific setbacks are to be observed.

To find out more about safety and zoning requirements for “swimming pools” please contact the Township Building Department staff at 464-8019.

Yard Mowing Reminder

When you are mowing your yard please do not blow grass clippings into the street. The reason is grass clippings plugs our storm grates and pollutes our detention ponds and our streams with dead decaying grass. If you fertilize your yard which most of us do, your grass clipping still maintain high amounts of nitrogen. So, try blowing your grass clippings back into your yard and it will fertilize your grass for many weeks, plus you will not have to purchase as much fertilizer. We all have to make an effort to clean our streams.



Property Maintenance Code



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.



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.

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SUMMER 2017 CALENDAR



June 4 - L-S Community Band Concert at Village Park 6:30 p.m.

June 14 - Flag Day

June 18 - Father's Day

July 4 - Independence Day - OFFICES CLOSED

July 23 - L-S Community Band Concert at Village Park 6:30 p.m.

August 20 - L-S Community Band Concert at Village Park 6:30 p.m.

September 4 - Labor Day - OFFICES CLOSED

Please refer to our website at 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.