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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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Vice Chairman

Robert E. Patterson,
Secretary/Treasurer

Randy R. Moyer
Geoffrey E. Beers

NEW! PAY TRASH BILLS ONLINE!



Over the last several years many of our trash and recycling customers have asked the township provide a system to pay their bills online. Many of the residents already pay their bills online as a more preferred way. 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, view 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 of \$2.95 for use of the online and Pay-by-Phone service.

2018 BUDGET MEETING DATES

The Board of Supervisors will hold the following 2018 Budget Workshop meetings:

- October 11 - 7:00 p.m.
- November 15 - 7:00 p.m.
- December 11 - Budget Open House - 6:00 p.m.

It is anticipated the 2018 Budget will be adopted at the December 11 regular Board of Supervisors' meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the meeting room of the municipal building, 852 Village Road, Lampeter.

RECYCLING & SHREDDING EVENT NOV. 11 - 9AM - NOON

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HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS



Medicaid Reform is What the Doctor Ordered

By Senator Scott Martin (R-Lancaster)



Healthcare continues to be a subject of intense public debate, and rightfully so. Escalating costs are placing an enormous strain on family spending plans as well as state and federal budgets, even as healthcare outcomes consistently fail to meet expectations. Although many of the problems pertaining to health care must be addressed at the federal level, it is far past time for Pennsylvania lawmakers to explore cost-conscious reforms at the state level that actually improve patient care.

Medicaid spending remains one of the biggest cost drivers in the state budget. Consider these troubling facts:

- According to studies, more than 50% of healthcare decisions related to services and procedures are made in error and are inappropriate, unnecessary and wasteful. (2004 Rand, 2008 & 2009 PricewaterhouseCoopers)
- Roughly one out of every four dollars in the commonwealth's budget is spent on Medicaid.
- Total Medicaid spending amounts to over \$28 billion annually.
- The Department of Health and Human Services budget increases by approximately \$500 million each year.
- Medicaid enrollment in Pennsylvania has increased by 20 percent since January 2015, adding approximately 700,000 people to the system.
- The influx of new patients translates into an additional cost of \$4.6 billion to taxpayers, and that burden is slowly but surely being shifted away from the federal government and onto the backs of state taxpayers.

These statistics beg the question -- how do we intend to pay for all of these escalating costs? Innovative solutions are absolutely necessary to prevent the need for massive tax increases that Pennsylvania families simply cannot afford to pay.

In April I introduced Senate Bill 600; reform legislation that would help defray the rising cost of Medicaid while improving patient care. The bill would open the door for patients and physicians to better utilize new technology to improve treatment options, prevent misdiagnoses and avoid unnecessary and costly emergency room visits and hospital admissions. This approach also holds the potential to impact the rising cost of private insurance, since doctors would no longer be stretched so thin by the low reimbursement rates that currently lead many practices to refuse Medicaid patients. The proposal could also assist communities in combating the opioid epidemic by making it harder for individuals to gain access to multiple prescriptions by increasing doctors' ability to verify what has already been prescribed.

My bill is modeled after a successful program that was implemented in Alaska and with UnitedHealthcare which reduced costs, misdiagnosis rates and improved outpatient care. Experts estimate that a similar program in Pennsylvania could generate between \$2 billion and \$4 billion in annual savings. It is encouraging that lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have acknowledged that we must restructure state government operations in order to save money and prevent massive tax increases. Thinking outside the box and finding creative solutions that make government more efficient and effective have been a focus throughout my career. This bill is a solid step in that direction.

Improving patient outcomes at a reduced cost is a win-win for all Pennsylvanians. Who could be against that?

Sen. Martin's Lancaster Office, (717) 397-1309

HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS



Review of Current Legislative Session

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



As the member of four key House committees, and a certified public accountant, I have an active role in addressing some of the Commonwealth's most pressing fiscal challenges during this current legislative session. I voted in favor of a budget that provides greater government efficiency, by controlling the increase in costs to a rate less than inflation. The House passed legislation to fund this year's proposed budget. My colleagues and I continue to work with the Senate and the governor to find a compromise and viable solution in funding this budget that will keep our taxes, debt, and borrowing under control.

While actively engaged on our state's budget, I am working on multiple pieces of legislation that will benefit our community and help protect our friends and families. The rapid increase in pension costs and the associated unfunded liability is one of the biggest challenges facing our Commonwealth. On June 8th, I voted in support of SB1 which became Act No. 5, establishing a side-by-side hybrid retirement benefit plan, containing defined benefit and defined contribution components, for most future state and public school employees. This is a first step in serious state pension reform.

In addition to the pension crisis being a state issue, it's also a serious problem for many municipalities. I am vigorously working on legislation to find a viable solution for this problem that will benefit local municipalities, while attempting to maintain existing rights and provide decent benefits to the employees.

Another issue which is important to me is establishing felony grading for repeat DUI offenders. A third DUI offense committed within ten years of other DUI offenses, as well as any fourth or subsequent offense during a person's lifetime will be upgraded to a felony of the third degree. Multi-time repeat offenders need to face a progressive sanction commensurate with their level of disregard for the risk of causing an injury or death.

Our Commonwealth has also been weak in our current statutes addressing animal cruelty. This is why I introduced two key pieces of legislation HB853 & HB854 to improve our Commonwealth's statutes and how we target animal cruelty offenders. HB853 increased the current minimum fine for a summary count of animal cruelty from \$50 to \$250. HB854 gave both the Courts of Common Pleas and our District Attorneys a greater voice in determining the appointment of Humane Society Police Officers to ensure they are properly equipped to handle animal cruelty cases. Both of these bills were incorporated into HB1238 "Libre's Law," which became Act No. 10.

I also have introduced legislation, HB1420 and HB1421, in helping nonprofit and charitable organizations. These bills would clarify reporting requirements and align our state audit requirements for financial reporting with federal law in an attempt to save these organizations money by reducing the scope of accounting services that are required. These organizations can then use these cost savings to help them achieve their goals and objectives.

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 kgreiner@pahousegop.com.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you!



WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE

Meet Officer Evan Shubrooks

Evan was born and raised in Lancaster County and was a 2009 graduate of Manheim Township High School where he enjoyed studying history and wood working courses. After high school, Evan worked in Lancaster City at Drums Etc., selling drums to Lancaster County's best musicians. During this time, he was also playing drums with a band and performing weekly at venues throughout PA and the tri-state area. In 2011, Evan attended NPTI (National Personal Training Institute) in Philadelphia and became a certified personal trainer working with people to meet their fitness goals. He also worked as a nightclub security guard, which furthered his drive toward a career in law enforcement.



In 2014, Evan applied and was accepted into the Reading Police Academy in Reading, PA. He graduated from the police academy in November of 2014 and applied to the West Lampeter Township Police Department shortly after that. He was hired and sworn in as the newest member of the West Lampeter Township Police Department on March 30, 2015.

Officer Shubrooks stated, "While on patrol, I enjoy spending time at the LS school campuses and playing at recess during the school year with the kids. I enjoy enforcing traffic and vehicle laws and am always looking for ways to keep the roadways and neighborhoods safe for the residents of West Lampeter."

Officer Shubrooks went on to say, "Since becoming a police officer, I've had some amazing experiences and met some of the strongest and bravest people there are. If I have learned anything in this line of work, it is we, as police officers, are expected to know everything about anything and have the answers to questions we do not always know. There is a lot of responsibility given to police officers and a lot is asked of us. That is a responsibility every officer that I have worked beside takes very seriously."

When he is not working, Officer Shubrooks enjoys spending time with his family and enjoys going to the gym to stay in shape. Officer Shubrooks describes himself as, "... an avid Philadelphia Sports fan, although it usually leads to frustration."

One fun fact about Officer Shubrooks that you may not know; he can juggle!!

Already in his relatively short career, Officer Shubrooks has received several life-saving commendations and has been recognized by The DUI Council of Lancaster County as a Top Gun Award recipient for 2016 (pictured).

If you ever see Officer Shubrooks out and about, he encourages you to feel free to come say hello!

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our great appreciation
for all who came out for
National Night Out this year!
Thank you to the volunteers who helped out,
and sponsors of the event.



FRIENDS OF THE WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE

TRAINING AND NEW EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE FORCE

The FOF recently renewed another year of online credited and certified training for all WLTPD officers. This ongoing high quality and cost effective training provides flexibility for the officers by allowing completion of courses that fit into their varied schedules. There are 67 different courses each pertaining to the many challenges faced by today's law enforcement agencies. These courses are approved by the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission. Examples of some of the courses include: recognizing emotional and psychological disorders, cultural awareness, improving communication skills, active shooter situations, narcotics enforcement, tactical first aid, terrorism, traffic stops and safety, crowd control, defensive tactics, and gang situations.

We have also purchased the following equipment for the newly acquired patrol car. Now all of the six WLTPD patrol cars have the same up-to-date, modern equipment:

- A docking station to securely mount the GENTAC Windows Tablet provided by the Township, the keyboard and other necessary peripheral equipment like the Pocket Jet Thermal Printer. The printer allows for traffic citations to be conveniently completed on site eliminating hand written tickets and greatly improving efficiency.
- The Pro-Gard Rear Transport Seat with Window Cage and Seatbelt System is made of durable ABC plastic that provides a quick and easy means of sanitizing the transport area. The seamless construction eliminates gaps and crevices where contraband such as drugs or evidence might otherwise be hidden as in a standard rear seat.
- A Front Mounted Push Bumper allows an officer to safely move a disabled vehicle or large injured animals off the road.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY!

As summer draws to a close, back-to-school season is in full effect, and so is back to school traffic. As a driver, remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists. This is also a great time to talk with your children about personal safety.



PA's Bus Stopping Law

- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.

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COMMUNITY

Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA

Cancer Rehabilitation Exercise (CaRE) at the YMCA

In 2011, the Lancaster Family YMCA launched the first Cancer Rehabilitation Exercise (CaRE) class in collaboration with Penn Medicine/Lancaster General Health. The 12-week class was designed to help cancer patients use exercise therapy to overcome the residual effects of cancer treatments such as fatigue, loss of appetite and strength.



The first class was held at the Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA branch and consisted of 12 participants recovering from breast and other types of cancer. Participants for the program were selected by oncologists at LG Health and then evaluated by LG Health physical therapists to ensure they were physically able to participate in the program.

The CaRE program has expanded significantly since that first class, and is now offered three times per year at the YMCA's Lampeter-Strasburg, Lancaster City and New Holland branches.

A report by researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center that was recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association's JAMA Oncology, stated that of all the studies they could find on the various ways to help cancer patients get their energy back, exercise was the clear winner.

The many cancer survivors who have gone through the YMCA's CaRE classes would agree with that analysis, sharing that the program helped to increase their energy, and in some cases, they felt stronger and able to do more physical activities than before cancer.

CaRE is a fully-subsidized, 12-week program offered at all Lancaster Family YMCA branches in partnership with Penn Medicine/Lancaster General Health. If you or someone you know would like to participate in CaRE, please contact the Lancaster General Contact Center at 544-4636.

To learn more about the YMCA's CaRE Program visit www.lancasterymca.org/care.

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COMMUNITY RECYCLING & SHREDDING EVENT

The Recycling Committee will again host a community recycling and shredding event on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the rear of the township building. Electronic equipment being collected are computers, monitors, printers, VHS players and tapes, CDs/DVDs and DVD players/recorders, as well as Styrofoam, lead-acid car and truck batteries. The cardboard dumpster and Ronald McDonald House shiny paper magazine dumpster will also be available to accept material.



This event will feature the shredding of CONFIDENTIAL material/documents for township residents. A dumpster will be on site for other non-confidential material. Be on time! This event is generally very well attended, but we cannot shred beyond the noon hour!

COMMUNITY

THE LIBRARY SYSTEM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE OFFICIAL START OF A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW BOOKMOBILE!



Now celebrating its 75th anniversary, the Bookmobile provides library services to persons who have trouble accessing libraries. The current Bookmobile has been serving residents of Lancaster County for the past seventeen years, but it's time to replace this hard-working vehicle. The new, more-efficient model will be smaller with better fuel efficiency, as well as being more reliable with less downtime and maintenance costs. The new model will also have "roll out" capacity that will allow book carts to be set up in places like lobbies and community gathering spaces. This will allow better service to those with mobility issues and improve service during bad weather.

Libraries are often called "the great equalizers" because they ensure that everyone has free and equal access to the riches they hold. Whether it's an elderly woman in a nursing home, a disadvantaged preschooler in Head Start, or an Amish schoolboy, the Bookmobile brings these riches to Lancaster County residents who don't have access to a traditional public library.

As we celebrate 75 years of the Bookmobile, please help to ensure the continuation and expansion of Bookmobile services.

Are you willing to help us reach our goal?

Is the service important? In the words of one patron, *"What a blessing it is to have the Bookmobile come to a rural location so close to my home and to have such an excellent librarian in charge."*

Visit the Bookmobile page on the Library System's website:

<http://lancasterlibraries.org/library-services/bookmobile/>

To find out more about how you can support our capital campaign, visit:

<https://lancasterlibraries.org/capital-campaign/>

Also check out our Facebook page:

<https://tinyurl.com/LSLC-Bookmobile>



93rd ANNUAL WEST LAMPETER COMMUNITY FAIR

Mark your calendars - September 27, 28 & 29 - for the 93rd annual West Lampeter Community Fair!

One of the oldest fairs in Lancaster County it is held at the Lampeter Fairgrounds on Village Road (behind the firehouse). "The three-day event provides friendly competition among neighbors and a wholesome, educational atmosphere for all ages. Farmers and small gardeners can compare their produce at one central location. Children can learn to appreciate quality food products and farm animals. Our Youth Program is especially designed to encourage both boys and girls to exhibit in all categories of baking, canning, cooking, art, sewing, fruits, vegetables, plants and animals." (West Lampeter Fair, <https://westlampeterfair.com/>, Aug. 16, 2017) For more information see WestLampeterFair.com.



See you at the Fair!



West Lampeter Township
TRASH & RECYCLING INFORMATION
FALL 2017



COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 9am-12pm

852 Village Road, Lampeter (rear of building)

This is a **SHREDDING EVENT!**

Items collected: junk mail, magazines, phone books, polystyrene, mixed office paper, used blankets and towels, clean cardboard, wrapping paper, diskettes, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio tapes, computers, fax machines, printers, computer tapes, jewel cases, VHS cases, cell phones, pagers, PDAs, handheld devices and accessories. **NO TV's!**

Representatives from Exide will be on hand to collect lead-acid car, truck and commercial batteries.

Recycling bins, buckets and Kraft bags will also be available for purchase.

LEAF COLLECTION & YARD WASTE DAYS

Collected on regular trash collection days as follows:

MONDAYS: October 30, November 13, November 27, December 11

TUESDAYS: October 31, November 14, November 28, December 12

Leaves & yard waste may be placed together, but must use brown Kraft bags.

NO NEED TO SEPARATE MATERIAL!!

Bags are available for 50cents each at the township office (cash or check only).

REFUSE & RECYCLING BILLING - Mailed the end of September and due no later than **October 31**. \$94.00 for 6-month period. Senior rate \$90.25 (ages 60 and over) with proof of age (i.e. copy of driver's license). Payment in the office must be either **CASH** or **CHECK**. **NEW! Online payments** can be made at www.westlampeter.com. Use last name and account number to access. Please call the office at (717) 464-3731 with questions on discounts or payments.

APPLIANCES & TIRES - **September 25 & 26, 2017** and **March 26 & 27, 2018**. Appliances require a \$12 blue tag and tires a \$1.75 orange tag (cash or check). Required for pickup: address location and item. (2018 prices subject to possible change.)

WOODY MATERIAL - Picked up Free of Charge if bundled with biodegradable twine or rope in lengths no longer than 4', diameter no wider than 4", no heavier than 30lbs. Up to 10 bundles may be placed at the curb on any collection day.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - There will be **NO** collection on Christmas Day. Trash collection will take place **ONE DAY LATER** (Monday to Tuesday, Tuesday to Wednesday). **Christmas Tree** collection will be January 8 & 9, 2018 on your regular collection day.

DUMPSTERS for CORRUGATED CARDBOARD and MAGAZINES/GLOSSY PAPER ONLY!! Located behind the township building, the dumpsters are available 24/7. Cardboard must be flattened.

NEW TRASH PAYMENT OPTION!

Pay Online at www.westlampeter.com

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 464-3731
or visit the township's website at www.westlampeter.com.

PUBLIC WORKS

Fall Reminders!

MAILBOX POSTS: A subject that is mentioned often at this time of year is that this is a perfect time to repair your mailbox post. Wooden mailbox posts that decay and become weak over time won't stand up against the snow pushed by the plows. The department will reset mailboxes that get knocked down by the plows, but they will not replace rotted mailbox posts with new ones.

FALLING LEAVES – It is important to keep the falling leaves from entering storm drains. Also, do not blow or rake leaves into the street as this can become a dangerous driving hazard, especially when it rains.

PROJECTS:

Storm Water Project - Dale Street to Mackin Avenue, the department will be installing a 24" pipe.

(*"School Bus"* continued from page 5)

- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.
- Penalties, if convicted of violating the School Bus Stopping Law, include a \$250 fine; five points on your driving record, and a 60-day license suspension.

Share the road

- According to the National Safety Council, (www.nsc.org) most of the children who lose their lives in bus related incidents were either hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.
- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- When flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing in the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a police officer or a crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

PUT AWAY YOUR CELL PHONE!

- 1 out of every 4 car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving.
- Studies show that drivers looking out the windshield can miss seeing 50% of what's around them when talking on a cell phone.

For more information, visit www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/Safety

STORMWATER CORNER

IS THAT A SINKHOLE?

Heavy rains are not uncommon in the summer, and with those passing showers a lot of water is going into our stormwater systems and recharging the groundwater. Lancaster County is notorious for Karst and Limestone geology that contributes to the relatively easy formation of sinkholes. This article is in regards to sinkholes in and around storm piping and structures.

Storm pipe systems installed underground in the 70's and 80's are beginning to reach the end of their useful life cycles. Galvanized metal piping was the predecessor to the corrugated plastic pipe which we use today on our stormwater systems, and we all know what happens to metal after constant and long term exposure to water...

Rust! When pipes rust or concrete separates from structures or is compromised, they produce voids. When it rains or the void is exposed to water regularly it finds a way back into the ground. With the Karst Geology of the area this rapid influx of water often causes a much larger problem underground. Below are some examples of how this can happen and what to look for in your neighborhood, all of which are in West Lampeter.



This sinkhole was caused by a pipe separating from the structure and allowing water in through a void.



This sinkhole is the result of a corroded pipe which was exacerbated by hydrant flushing.



This sinkhole was a repeat, which ended up being the result of a corroded pipe as well.

The main takeaway on these and most other sinkhole cases is be aware and know what to look for. Often times the “monster” sinkholes that we hear about on the news are simply long term undiscovered sinkholes. If you suspect a sinkhole, be sure to call the Township office at (717) 464-8019.

In Other Stormwater News:

West Lampeter Township has partnered with East Lampeter Township and Strasburg Borough on a \$250,000 streambank restoration project along the Pequea Creek. Grant funding was sought through DEP and EPA's Stormwater BMP Implementation Program, in the amount of \$199,610. This money was awarded for the Mill Bridge Campground Streambank project on June 29th at a ceremony held in York County. In addition 17 other municipalities in the central PA area were awarded funds as well.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TAKE ACTION NOW TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY CONNECTED DURING A DISASTER

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Disasters don't usually strike at convenient times. That means that as you and your family members go their separate ways each day, you have to have a plan — a plan to communicate and eventually reunite.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is stressing this need throughout September, which is National Preparedness Month. The 2017 theme is: "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." FEMA is urging everyone to take action now by planning how to stay safe and in touch during the natural and manmade disasters that could affect our township. To help jump start your preparations and plans, we've included a number of helpful tips from FEMA below.

Stay 'alert'

Technology has made communication lightning fast, but even a good old-fashioned radio comes in handy during an emergency. To guarantee you know exactly what's happening around you, take the following steps:

- Confirm that your mobile device can receive Wireless Emergency Alerts, which are messages sent by authorized government authorities through your mobile carrier. These warnings can be sent to your mobile device when you may be in harm's way and don't require you to download an app or subscribe to a service.
- Sign up for text and/or email alerts from municipalities where you live, work, and send children to school and from local first responders, such as police departments, fire companies, and emergency management agencies (EMA).
- Consider purchasing a NOAA weather radio (*all hazards*), which is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office. With one of these radios, you'll be able to receive official warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If you do not have a landline, check to see if your county has options for VoIP and mobile phones to be connected to an Electronic Tracking Network (ETN), such as Reverse 911. This will help emergency responders pin down your location if you drop or need to leave your mobile phone behind in an emergency.
- Sign up for listservs and alerts for workplaces, schools, churches, and other community organizations you'll want to hear from in an emergency.
- Download relevant hazard alerts and warnings apps.
- Create a list of all the alert systems available to you and make sure everyone in the household receives the alerts as part of your household communication system.

Tips for keeping in touch

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes so you'll need to think about how you will communicate in different situations. Taking the following precautions will give you a good start:

- Complete a contact card, including daytime addresses and phone numbers, for each adult family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse, or briefcase, etc. Additionally, complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags.
- Check with your children's day care or school, which should include identification planning as part of its emergency plans.
- Identify an out-of-state contact, such as a friend or relative, whom household members should contact to notify they are safe. In certain instances, it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than a call across town. Therefore, an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to facilitate communication among separated family members.
- Be sure every family member knows the phone number of your out-of-state emergency contact and has a cell phone or a prepaid phone card to call them. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as your "in case of emergency" (ICE) contact. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings to reach someone you know. Be sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as an emergency contact.

Want more information? www.readypa.org.

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WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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FALL 2017 CALENDAR



September 4 - OFFICES CLOSED - Labor Day
(No Trash Collection)

September 5 & 6 - Trash Holiday Collection Days

September 27, 28 & 29 - West Lampeter Community Fair (see pg 7)

October 11 - 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

October 31 - Trick or Treat - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

November 7 - Election Day - Polls open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

November 11 - Recycling/Shredding Event - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

November 15 - 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

November 23 & 24 - OFFICES CLOSED - Thanksgiving

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.