



## 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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#### Township Administration

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#### Police Department

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School Taxes: 464-3311

#### Board of Supervisors

Barry L. Hershey,  
Chairman

Terry L. Kauffman,  
Vice Chairman

Robert E. Patterson,  
Secretary/Treasurer

Randy R. Moyer

Geoffrey E. Beers

## BOARD "OPTS OUT" ON GAMBLING EXPANSION

This past October the Commonwealth adopted legislation to allow for the expansion of gambling by permitting Category 4 gambling licensed facilities ( known as "mini casinos") to operate a specific number of slot machines, video poker and table games throughout the state. State legislators representing our municipality strongly opposed the passage of this legislation as a means to meet funding gaps in the state budget.

The law allowed for municipalities to "opt out" of the law with the passage of a resolution prior to the December 31, 2017 deadline. Township Supervisors voted unanimously on November 13, 2017 to adopt Resolution 22-2017, to opt out and prohibit a Category 4 gambling licensed facility from operating within the township boundaries.

## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES

Tree  
Lighting  
in Lampeter and  
Willow Street is scheduled  
again this year. The Lampeter tree  
lighting will take place on Thursday,  
December 7. Willow Street will have their  
ceremony on Friday, December 8. Both events  
start at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served  
at both  
events.



## Recycling Event January 6 9am - noon

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## HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS



### Legislative Update

*By State Senator Scott Martin (R-13)*



The lengthy budget process appears to have finally come to an end as the Pennsylvania Legislature completed work on a variety of budget-related bills in late October. Though I am grateful that the process is completed, I have concerns with, and ultimately voted against, several controversial measures. This included the passage of a fiscal code that allowed for borrowing \$1.5 billion against Pennsylvania's annual payments from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, as well as a new gaming expansion bill which would legalize a number of new forms of gambling, including online games, Video Gaming Terminals (VGTs) and up to 10 new satellite casinos. The reason why I voted no to these measures was because I feel that it is wrong to borrow money and expand the presence of inconsistent revenue sources that are bad for our communities in an attempt to once again bail out irresponsible and inefficient spending habits. With that said, in the aftermath of the gaming expansion legislation, I have extended an offer to help all of our municipalities to opt-out of having a satellite casino opened within their boundaries.

In other legislative news, the Senate passed Senate Bill 888, legislation I sponsored with Senator John C. Rafferty that focuses on protecting access to handicapped parking spaces. These spaces include access aisles--typically marked by blue diagonal stripes adjoining the parking space-- meant to allow disabled persons extra room to board and exit their vehicles. These access aisles provide crucial independence and access, yet current law does not provide adequate protection for these designated spaces. Sometimes disabled persons are made to wait hours with groceries in hand before being able to access their vehicle because someone decided to park their motorcycle, car, or truck inside the access aisle which may impede the operation of a wheelchair ramp.

No disabled person should be encumbered or hindered in enjoying everyday activities. Our legislation aims to address deficiencies in current law pertaining to penalties and enforcement of parking spaces for persons with disabilities. The legislation also creates parking regulations for access aisles in order to accommodate vehicles equipped with ramps, wheelchair lifts and other devices.

Another topic of focus in the legislature is the heroin and opioid epidemic. This crisis is ravaging communities across our state and affects people of all ages, genders, races, and ideologies. Our children are not only particularly vulnerable targets of these drugs, they are affected every day by the loss of loved family and dear friends who've lost their battles with these horrible drugs.

That is why the Pennsylvania Senate is partnering with the Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Association of PA in sponsoring the "Talk to Your Senator" video contest. The competition aims to involve teens in a positive and active role in the fight against this drug epidemic. We hope that by involving our 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, we may inspire novel ways of addressing alcohol and drug use among their peers and make students feel that they are not helpless or sidelined in this fight.

The competition provides prizes to be awarded through the TAP 529 Account program in the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury and will be deposited into a college savings account in the winner's name. Videos will be judged based on creativity, content and effectiveness of message delivery. More information can be found at [www.acommonwealthcrisis.com](http://www.acommonwealthcrisis.com).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at my district office in Lancaster at 717-397-1309.

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

## HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS



### Honoring Those Who Served

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



On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 the Lancaster County legislative delegation was humbled by the opportunity to host a commemorative ceremony honoring veterans for their service during the Vietnam War era. During this ceremony, the delegation honored nearly 300 veterans. Each veteran was personally recognized and presented the Vietnam Veteran lapel pin as a lasting memento of our Nation's thanks. This memento pales in comparison to our gratefulness for their commitment to the United States of America.

The lapel pin signifies and represents the courage, honor, and dedication our men and women had in service to our nation. The canton of the American flag signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice displayed by those who served. The six stars represent the six allies who served, sacrificed, and fought alongside another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and the United States. Embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer are the words, "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You."

In 2008, Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act, which authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War. This also directed the Secretary of Defense to coordinate, support and facilitate other programs commemorating veterans and their service in the Vietnam War, held by state and local governments, and other persons and community organizations.

The commemorative program served to honor and thank our veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war (POW), listed as missing in action (MIA), and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, having been killed in action (KIA). This ceremony highlighted the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and government and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces. We also, recognized the commitment and contributions made on the home front by families, friends, and the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Lancaster County legislative delegation thanks our men and women for their service and sacrifice, and extend our gratitude to the families and friends who are supportive of these veterans.

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](mailto:kgreiner@pahousegop.com). Thank you for the privilege of serving you!



Rep. Greiner with Vietnam Veteran Lonnie Burger.



## WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE

### **RIP Detective Jere “Bip” Schuler**

As many of you know, we lost a friend, colleague and brother when Detective Jere Schuler passed away Saturday 30 September after a lengthy battle with cancer. Jere was hired by West Lampeter Township in 1986, was promoted to detective in 1992 and officially retired on Friday 29 September 2017. He received numerous commendations from the Department, as well as letters of appreciation from residents and law enforcement personnel. Please visit Jere's Memorial Page at [www.TheGroffs.com](http://www.TheGroffs.com).

Those wishing to make a memorial remembrance may donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications.html](http://www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications.html). Please keep Jere's family in your thoughts and prayers. Detective Schuler was posthumously recognized at the October Board of Supervisors meeting with the below commendation.

“October 2017

Recognition of Detective Jere J. Schuler 1986 – September 2017

Jere Schuler was hired as a West Lampeter Township Police Officer in 1986, and was appointed to the position of Detective in 1992.

Detective Schuler received the “Officer of the year” award in 2009 when he was recognized for his work over the years on many cases including murder convictions and a check scam that ended when Detective Schuler caught the perpetrator in a Willow Street Bank. Ultimately the individual was charged by the FBI with numerous federal charges.

Jere was a member of the Lancaster County major crime unit where he assisted with several high-profile Lancaster County cases including the Laurie Show, Christie Mirack and Troy Martin murder cases.

Detective Schuler did not use any sick days during his entire first 20 years of service to West Lampeter Township, and until he became very ill, would respond whenever called and work cases to the end.

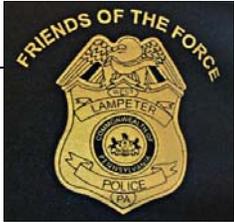
While on patrol, Jere was a very aggressive patrol officer, making DUI arrests and staying actively involved in traffic enforcement.

During his last 15 years on the force, Detective Schuler was on call 24/7 nearly every day of the year. He attended various investigator trainings, and was considered to be an expert interviewer.

When there was a need for special details or assignments, Detective Schuler was always there for the citizens of the Township, and for many years the Department came first in his life. He was always willing to help others and was committed to hold perpetrators accountable for their actions.

Detective Schuler was a recipient of the Lancaster County Human Relations Commission Award for his work in the community.

Jere was a valued member of the West Lampeter Township Police Department, and we commend him for 31 years of dedicated service to the residents of West Lampeter Township.”



## FRIENDS OF THE WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE

The West Lampeter Township and the Friends of the Force are collaborating together on the purchase of the **CODY Records Management System** for the WLTPD. Approximately \$27,000 will be paid by the township and \$15,400 by the Friends of the Force.



This Records Management System will serve as the central nerve center of the WLTPD's future information management strategy. Every piece of information, from field contacts and incident reports, to cross referenced person records, scanned documents, multimedia files, and much more will be managed, accessible and searchable from one, common efficient user friendly source, available everywhere a user needs it. The system will provide decision support, investigative and statistical analysis for patrol and line level users Force.

The FOF will also be purchasing additional Combat Application Tourniquets (pictured) and PA Policeman's Short Guides. These short guides are easily carried by the officers in the field and provide a quick reference to PA crime codes, vehicle codes, PA Game Laws and much more.



A great time was had by all at the Lampeter Fair! Visitors to the FOF table had the opportunity to handle our BAT shield and meet some of our officers. Here, Corporal Schroeder makes a new friend:

### 'Tis the Season

The Holiday season is quickly approaching and with it will come crimes of opportunity. Colder weather and longer nights mean criminals can operate with anonymity. We want to remind you to be diligent. Too often residents leave wrapped Christmas presents (or newly unwrapped Christmas presents) in plain view in vehicles. Do not leave valuable items in plain view in your vehicle. If you need to secure presents or valuable items in your vehicle, secure them in the trunk.



For those of you who shop online and get packages delivered to your home, don't forget to pay special attention to the expected delivery times and dates. If you are not going to be home when the package is delivered, ask a friend or neighbor to get the package for you. If you don't have anyone to take it off your front porch, be diligent in retrieving the package before the Grinch does.

Also, with the cold weather comes those car cold rides. So often residents will start their vehicle and leave it unattended to warm up. Resist the urge to warm up your vehicle while leaving it unattended. We all like a nice warm car when it's cold outside, including thieves!! Do not leave your keys in your vehicle while it is unattended. You worked hard to afford your vehicle. Don't just give it away.

Remember, many times these types of thefts are crimes of opportunity. Do not give thieves the opportunity by leaving your valuables in plain sight. We want you all to have a safe and Merry Christmas. Don't let the Grinch steal Christmas from you!!

As always, if you see anything suspicious, please call county radio at 717-664-1180.

## PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATION

### WINTER REMINDERS

Resident cooperation is greatly appreciated to assist in a quick and complete snow plowing.



Prior to the arrival of snow season:

- Try to remove leaves and snow from storm drains
- Reset and/or replace/strengthen mailbox posts
- Mark and shovel snow from fire hydrants near your property

During a snow emergency:

- **MOVE** vehicles off streets (mandatory)
- **DON'T** shovel or blow snow into the street after it's been plowed

Following a snow emergency:

- Report any yard or mailbox damage from plowing by calling 717-464-3731

### Creating a Healthy Family Home with the YMCA

Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA  
800 Village Road, Lancaster, PA 17602  
(717) 464-4000 / [www.lancasteryymca.org](http://www.lancasteryymca.org)



At the Lancaster Family YMCA, we believe that every family can be a healthy family. By focusing your efforts to live healthier around the YMCA's pillars of a healthy family home, your family can create a lasting healthy lifestyle.

#### The Pillars of a Healthy Family Home

**Eat Healthy**- Small steps lead to big changes. With a balanced approach, even the busiest families can discover ways to eat healthier and feel better.

**Play Every Day** - Play may be the best way to prevent childhood obesity. By putting more play into your family's day, you will soon find yourself getting the activity that will have your family feeling energized and strong.

**Get Together** - Strong relationships are one of the cornerstones of health and well-being, and few relationships are as important as those between adults and children. The time and attention that you invest now will help your children learn, grow and thrive.

**Go Outside** - Good things happen when we unplug and go outside to play together. Kids and adults benefit from contact with nature as well as unstructured play and exploration.

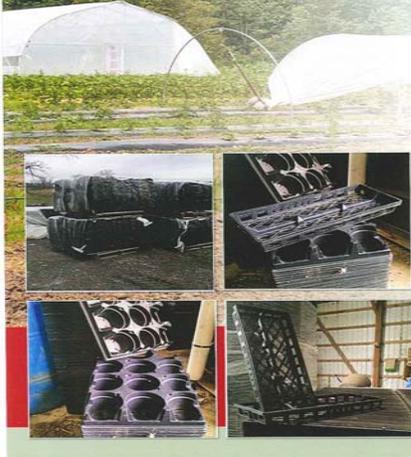
**Sleep Well**- Sleep is an essential part of healthy living. So many good things happen when our minds and bodies are resting.

For more details on creating a Healthy Family Home, visit [www.ymca.net/healthy-family-home](http://www.ymca.net/healthy-family-home)

*At the Y, we have programs to help keep all members of your family healthy, active and connected. For information about YMCA programs, visit [www.lancasteryymca.org](http://www.lancasteryymca.org) or stop by the Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA branch.*

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

**Don't burn your ag plastics.**  
There is now a recycling option.



**We recycle:**

- Greenhouse covers and plastics
- Flats, trays, pots, etc.
- Drip tape and possibly mulch film

**We also can recycle bale wrap, trench covers, baler twine and PVC.**

**Plastic must be fairly dry and clean!**

**Call us today for more information:**

West of the Susquehanna River contact **Justin Geisinger • 717-658-9660**  
East of the Susquehanna River contact **Ron Davis • 717-689-0645**

**Christmas Holiday Schedule**

No trash collection on Monday,  
December 25 & January 1  
Trash collection will be  
**ONE DAY LATER**  
both weeks.



Christmas Tree Collection  
January 8 & 9  
(on your regular collection day)

**RECYCLING EVENT**

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**  
**9AM - NOON**

The Recycling Committee will accept mixed paper, cardboard, phone books, polystyrene, used blankets and towels, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio tapes, computers, keyboards, printers and copiers, cell phones, fax machines and acid core batteries.

No TV's.



**MANY THANKS TO OUR SHREDDING EVENT SPONSORS!**

**EXIDE**  
TECHNOLOGIES  
Lampeter Plastics Exide Technologies  
829 Paramount Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17602

**GR Mitchell, Inc**  
BUILDING SUPPLIES  
14 Beaver Valley Pike  
Willow Street, PA 17584

**ARRO**  
Consulting, Inc.  
108 West Airport Road  
Lititz, PA 17543

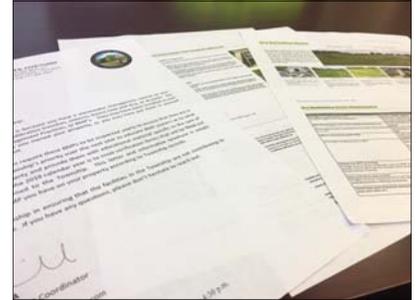
**FULL CIRCLE RECYCLING**

965 Lancaster Pike  
Quarryville, PA 17566  
702 S. Prince Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
1430 Fruitville Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601

## STORMWATER CORNER

As we are wrapping up the construction season and the raindrops will begin to turn to snowflakes, West Lampeter Township has been busy as well! See below for an update on Stormwater related happenings in the Township.

**BMP Letters:** Did you receive a letter and information that looked like the picture to the right? There are approximately 250 Stormwater Best Management Practices or BMP's, installed in the Township to date (stormwater basins, underground infiltration trenches, rain gardens, etc.). Beginning in late 2018, the Township will be asking the owners of these BMP's to return a form/checklist verifying that the BMP that they own has been maintained properly. This initial mailing is informing you that you have a BMP on your property and includes maintenance information specific to the BMP that you have. The Township is responsible for making sure that BMP's are in good working order. If you have received a packet like this or if you receive one in the next month and you have questions please call the office at 717-464-8019 and ask for Charity. Thank you for your support in maintaining your stormwater system!



**Outfall Discharge Inspections:** In accordance with our State MS4 Permit, the Township is required to inspect the points in urbanized areas which water discharges from pipes and swales into streams. Typically the Township completes inspections in October and March of each calendar year. West Lampeter Township Public Works member, Sean Alexander assists with this effort biannually which includes inspecting and categorizing the outfalls, and testing any flow exiting these points for various pollutants with the kit shown to the left. 2017's inspections revealed that there are 68 discharge points to regulated waterways, 4 to the Conestoga River, 56 to the Mill Creek, and 8 to the Pequea Creek. Approximately 22% of the Township's outfalls have wet discharge, all of which are a result of underground springs as there were no elevated action levels of pollutants in the discharges found.



**Mill Bridge Campground Project:** As noted in the Fall newsletter, the Township received a \$199,610 grant through DEP and EPA for a collaborative streambank restoration effort with East Lampeter Township and Strasburg Borough, for a section of the Pequea Creek along the Mill Bridge Campground Property in East Lampeter Township along Bachmantown Rd, pictured to the right. East Lampeter Township engineer, DM/A is began survey work on this project this week and anticipates to kick off construction in the Spring of 2018.

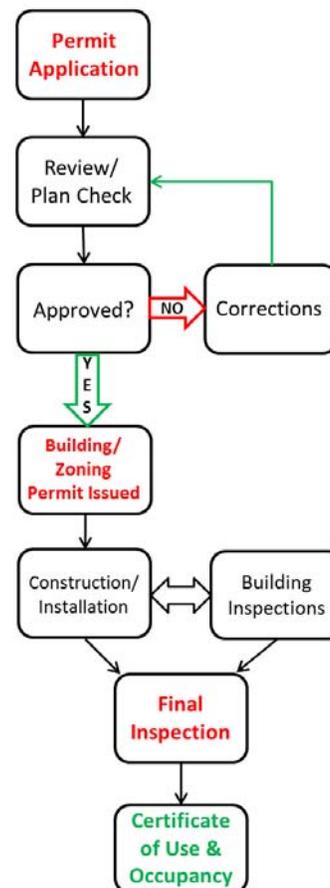


**Sinkholes:** Thank you for those of you that responded with sinkhole inquiries in response to our fall newsletter on "Spotting a Sinkhole". If you see anything that appears to be a sinkhole, please feel free to call 717-464-8019 and ask for Jim Kreider in Public Works or Charity Kadwill our Stormwater Coordinator.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **FINALIZING A BUILDING/ZONING PROJECT**

Township staff is assisting property owners with finalizing their building/zoning projects, as permits issued expire after one year. Please note that a Certificate of Use and Occupancy is required upon completion of ALL projects requiring a permit. This includes not only construction, but the installation of sheds, fences, swimming pools, and driveway and patio expansions. A certificate of use indicates, to the best knowledge of the Zoning Officer and Building Code Official that the project complies with the provisions of all current Township Ordinances and Pennsylvania Construction Code. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as the International Building Code requires that this certificate be obtained PRIOR to using the project. Please remember to final out all projects within the one year time period by calling the Township office to schedule a final inspection or apply for an extension. Contact Denise Glatfelter at 717-464-8019 for information regarding your permit.



### **UCC BUILDING PERMIT FEE INCREASED**

(from PSATS News Bulletin, November 2017)



The Pennsylvania Construction Code Act was amended to make comprehensive changes to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Review and Advisory Council, and the process used by the council to evaluate and adopt the new versions of the International Code Council manuals. The act increased the building permit fee (also known as State Mandated Education Fee) from \$4.00 to \$4.50. The amendment took effect on October 25, 2017.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on November 13, 2017 to make this change to the fee schedule, and subsequently the fee of \$4.50 will be assessed on all building permits issued by the township.

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**Kim Yepremian**  
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**Denise Glatfelter**  
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Planning Comm. Recording Secretary  
ZHB Recording Secretary  
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## **Police Department**

**Brian A. Wiczkowski**  
Chief of Police  
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General (non emergency)  
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Fax: 717-464-7271

## **Public Works**

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Fax: 717-464-5047

## **WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP**

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Lampeter, PA 17537

## **WINTER 2017-18 CALENDAR**



- December 7 - Tree Lighting - Lampeter - 7:00 p.m.
- December 8 - Tree Lighting - Willow Street - 7:00 p.m.
- December 11 - 2018 Budget Open House - 6:00 p.m.
- December 25 & 26 - OFFICES CLOSED - Christmas
- January 1 - OFFICES CLOSED - New Year's Day
- January 2 - Board of Supervisors' Reorganization Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- January 3 - Board of Elected Auditors' Annual Meeting - 2:00 p.m.
- January 6 - Community Recycling Event 9:00 a.m. - noon
- January 8 & 9 - Christmas Tree Collection Days (see page 7)
- January 18 - Planning Comm. Reorganization Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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.