



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 7:00 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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SGT. WILSON RETIRES

Sgt. Billy Wilson retired June 2018 in his 35th year of policing in West Lampeter Township. He spent many years serving this community, demonstrating leadership qualities and mentoring the younger officers on the force.

When Billy Wilson began as a patrolman for West Lampeter Township in 1984 Chief James Daecher was at the helm of the department. There were only two patrol cars in the fleet and less than 10,000 residents in the Township governed by three Supervisors on the Board.

Much has changed over the years, but Sgt. Wilson always remained a positive constant on the force. He will be missed.

At their July meeting, the Board of Supervisors presented Sgt. Wilson with an engraved commemorative clock. They thanked him for the many, many years of humble and outstanding public safety service to the community and the Department, and wished him well in his retirement.



Sgt. Billy Wilson (center) receives a commemorative clock from Chairman Barry Hershey (right) for his many years of service to the township as Chief Brian Wiczowski (left) looks on.

BUDGET DATES ANNOUNCED

Supervisors are set to begin budget workshop meetings this fall for the coming year of 2019. Dates and times scheduled:

- October 10 (Wed.) at 7:00 p.m.
- November 14 (Wed.) at 7:00 p.m.
- December 10 (Mon.) with Open House at 6:00 p.m. and anticipated Budget Adoption during the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. (If needed, budget adoption could be held on December 17.)

These meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. Meetings are held in the meeting room of the municipal building at 852 Village Road in Lampeter.

WEST LAMPETER COMMUNITY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 26 - 28, 2018



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HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS

Pediatric Cancer Research Bill Signed Into Law; Other Measures Move Forward

By State Senator Scott Martin (R-13)



Each June typically brings a flurry of legislative activity as lawmakers work to enact the state budget and other bills that are critical to Pennsylvania communities. As June drew to a close, two noteworthy measures I introduced both moved forward in the Senate, including one bill that was signed into law to improve pediatric cancer research.

Act 73 of 2018 – which I authored – will help generate private donations to support pediatric cancer research by allowing Pennsylvanians to voluntarily donate \$5 to the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund when electronically renewing a driver’s license, photo identification card or vehicle registration.

Pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children nationwide. I am extremely grateful that my colleagues and I were able to provide this new resource to help improve diagnosis, treatment and prevention strategies for children and families who are afflicted by this devastating disease.

In addition, the Senate Local Government Committee approved a bill I introduced that would streamline local tax collection services by giving many counties, municipalities and school districts more options on how to collect property taxes. In certain cases, locally elected tax collectors have failed to do their jobs, creating serious consequences for many taxpayers.

The bill would allow local governing bodies to collect property taxes through the most effective means possible, including eliminating the office of Tax Collector and utilizing the County Treasurer for tax collection services. The legislation would not mandate that municipal or school district tax collector positions be eliminated; it would only give municipalities the option to eliminate these positions if property taxes can be collected more efficiently and effectively through other means.

In recent months, the Senate has also passed a number of proposals I introduced that are awaiting action in the House of Representatives, including:

- Senate Bill 961, which includes a measure I sponsored to enact tougher penalties for repeat DUI offenders, including a felony offense for the most dangerous habitual offenders. The bill would be a critical step toward protecting innocent lives from being lost to dangerous and irresponsible drivers who repeatedly drink and drive.
- Senate Bill 888, a proposal that would improve accessibility of parking spaces for persons with disabilities and strengthen enforcement measures against motorists who use or block these spaces illegally.
- Senate Bill 1015, a bill that would help off-duty police officers who serve on Special Emergency Response Teams respond to incidents quicker and more safely by allowing them to use flashing lights and sirens when using their private vehicles to respond to incidents.

(“Pediatric Cancer Research Bill” continued on page 6)

HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS

Strengthening Pennsylvania Agriculture

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



Lancaster County continues to be the number one agricultural county in the Commonwealth. The 43rd District is key to this distinction. The 2018-19 state budget made several critical investments to address the most pressing challenges in Pennsylvania's agriculture industry.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, my colleagues and I worked toward a budget that ultimately restored, and even increased, several agriculture line items covering various programs and research initiatives.

Dairy farming supports 52,000 Pennsylvania jobs and contributes \$14.7 billion to the state's economy, but today, dairy farmers are facing a changing market. To counteract this, \$5 million has been designated to help dairy farmers with research and development programs and grants for sustaining the viability of their operations.

Another \$3 million will be directed to help combat the spotted lanternfly, which unfortunately has been found in Lancaster County. The inch-long black, red and white spotted insect, which is native to Southeast Asia, threatens to destroy \$18 billion worth of agricultural commodities, mainly apples, grapes and hardwoods. The funding will help increase detection and control efforts, and coordinate multi-agency response, outreach and training. For details on this year's state budget, visit the home page of my website at www.RepGreiner.com and click on the budget block.

This is a busy time of year in the agriculture community. With just six months until the 2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show, the industry is active throughout the state at various agricultural fairs and festivals, including our own Lampeter Fair. If you are looking to visit one, download a copy of **the 2018 Pennsylvania Fair Guide, now available on my website.**

Published by the Department of Agriculture, the guide lists the dates, locations and contact persons for more than 100 agriculture fairs and events scheduled this year. The guide also highlights the 16 Pennsylvania fairs that offer live harness racing. Pennsylvania has one of the nation's leading fair-racing programs.

Each year, in mid-August, the agriculture industry's focus is in the State College area, where Penn State University's College of Agricultural Sciences sponsors Ag Progress Days. Located at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center in Pennsylvania Furnace, PA, this annual event attracts about 45,000 people and features educational exhibits focused on the science and business of agriculture production. Admission and parking are FREE. For more information on Ag Progress Days, visit www.RepGreiner.com.

Pennsylvania agriculture is thriving and deserves our continued support. Whether a local fair, such as our local Lampeter Fair in September, Ag Progress Days in August, or the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January, I encourage you to take the time to participate and enjoy our agricultural heritage. I'm continually thankful and honored for the opportunity to serve the residents of the 43rd District.

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 issues. You can also call (717) 464-5285 or send an email at kgreiner@pahousegop.com.



WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE

RECENT PROMOTIONS & HIRES

With the retirement of Sgt. Billy Wilson from the department at the end of June, Corporal Jeremy Schroeder was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. To fill the rank left by Corporal Schroeder, Officer Matt Neidinger was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Shawn Powell was hired as the newest officer.

He has five years experience working with the Southern Regional Police Department.

It was announced at the Supervisors' July meeting that the L-S School District has joined with West Lampeter Township to fund a School Resource Officer for the L-S campus. Officer Dave Covey was named as the new School



Officer Dave Covey

Resource Officer. Officer Covey will begin his assignment in January of 2019. To compensate for Officer Covey's assignment to the school campus, West Lampeter Township will hire another officer. It is important to note that Officer Covey will remain a police officer with West Lampeter Township Police; he will just be assigned to the school campus.



From left: Officer Shawn Powell, Sgt. (Ret.) Billy Wilson, Sgt. Jeremy Schroeder, and Corporal Matthew Neidinger.

SHUBROOKS & NEIDINGER HONORED

At the July meeting Corporal Matthew Neidinger and Officer Evan Shubrooks were presented with lifesaving commendations for actions they took in May 2018.

The officers were dispatched to a cardiac arrest call. Upon arrival, the officers used an automated external defibrillator (AED) and CPR on Mr. James Carpenter. They, along with two medics who also arrived, were able to revive Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter and his wife attended the July board meeting to show their appreciation to the officers and medics.



From left, Officer Shubrooks, James Carpenter, LEMSAs medics, and Corporal Neidinger.

Thank You!

A big "THANK YOU" to all who came out to attend this year's National Night Out!

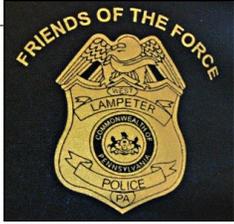
A good time had by all!

Thanks to the Friends of the Force, sponsors, police department and public works staff for their help in planning the event.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

FRIENDS OF THE FORCE



RECENT TRAINING PROVIDED TO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The FOF renewed another year of online, credited, and certified training for all West Lampeter Township police officers. This ongoing, high quality, cost-effective training provides flexibility for the officers by allowing the individual to complete the courses at times that fit into their varied work schedules. Their progress can also be monitored. The courses are approved by the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission. Examples of some of the topics covered include: importance of communication in law enforcement, recognizing emotional and psychological disorders, responding to people with mental illness, active shooter situations, narcotics enforcement, terrorism, campus patrolling, tactical first aid, crowd control, and gang situations.

The Friends of the Force Seeking New Volunteers

Become part of our volunteer organization that directly supports the West Lampeter Township Police Department (WLTPD)

We accomplish this by:

- Promoting civic spirit in support of public safety within West Lampeter Township.
- Enhancing public awareness of safety issues that affect our citizens and community such as **Project Lifesaver**.
- Working along with the Township, we assist in providing needed equipment and training - allowing the WLTPD to work more safely and effectively.

**If interested or if you would like more information please contact
Jim Kulp at 717-917-2184.**

Visit us online at www.friendsoftheforce.com

Our Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/WLTPDFFF



COMMUNITY

The YMCA Helps Keep Kids Safe Around Water Offering Adaptive Swim Lessons For Children With Special Needs.

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Learning to swim isn't a luxury for children; it's a necessity. Fatal drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1 to 14 years old. Teaching children how to swim and be safe around water is a mission priority for the Lancaster Family YMCA. Our swimming lessons equip kids with the skills they need to be confident in the water and enjoy all the benefits that come with swimming.

To ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn swimming and water safety skills, our Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA branch now offers group Adaptive Swimming Lessons for children with special needs, including neurological, physical and social challenges. These classes will be taught by a certified recreation therapist and will focus on safety, water acclimation, self-confidence and swimming skills. Private lessons are also available and can be catered to the participant's needs and goals.

The Y also offers year-round group swimming lessons for youth ages 6 months–age 12 as well as private and semi-private swim lessons for children and adults. Visit www.lancasterymca.org to learn more about our swim lessons and what classes match your child's skills and needs. Class registration is available online through our website or at our branch Welcome Desks.



As a non-profit, charitable organization, the Lancaster Family YMCA is accessible to all people and financial assistance is available towards memberships and programs.

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All of these bills enjoyed broad, bipartisan support in the Senate and await consideration in the House of Representatives. The House is scheduled to be in session for several weeks this fall before the end of the 2017-18 Legislative Session, and I am hopeful that these bills will be considered then – before the entire process must begin again at the outset of the new two-year session in January.

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

COMMUNITY

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2018

As Fire Prevention Week approaches, the Lampeter & Willow Street Fire Departments encourage residents to “Look. Listen. Learn.”



What does that mean?

Today’s home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

This year's Fire Prevention campaign “Look. Listen. Learn.” highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- Look** for places fire could start.
- Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Learn** two ways out of every home.

While NFPA and fire departments are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere. Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go, according to the NFPA website. No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.

Fire Prevention Week is October 7 - 13. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit <http://www.firepreventionweek.org/>.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Pennsylvania's School 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.
- 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.
- Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

School is back in session. Please drive with caution, obey school bus stop regulations and watch for children crossing the streets!



TRASH & RECYCLING



The Recycling Myth by Lancaster County Solid Waste Municipal Authority (LCSWMA)

A common misconception people have about recycling is they think it means placing items in their recycling bin - often, as much as possible. However, recycling is actually a system of collecting and processing used materials that still have value in order to transform them into new products. This means not everything is recyclable. And just because a product has a recycling symbol on the bottom does not mean it's recyclable. So, why is it important to debunk the recycling myth? Though most of us are well-intentioned, when we put materials in the bin that don't belong, we're actually contaminating the recycling stream, which negatively impacts our environment and economy. We need your help to "Recycle Right!"

What Can Be Recycled?

West Lampeter Township municipal contract customers are subject to the new regulations. Only the following materials can be recycled. Think of them as the "Big 4". Everything else should be placed in your trash. If you aren't sure, remember this phrase: "When in doubt, throw it out!" LCSWMA will transform discarded waste into renewable energy.

1. CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:

This includes any size material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping boxes, packing boxes, CLEAN pizza boxes (no grease or food remnants), etc. Flatten all boxes and remove packaging, including Styrofoam, peanuts, bubble wrap and plastic liners. Do NOT put paperboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes), newsprint or junk mail in the bin.

2. PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS:

This includes plastic bottles, jars, jugs and anything else with a neck. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. All other plastic material is considered trash. Ignore the numbers! They don't indicate if something is recyclable. Do NOT put plastic bags, toys, buckets, packaging, Styrofoam, hosing, furniture, or other plastic items in the bin.

3. METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS:

This includes all food and beverage cans made from aluminum or steel. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans or other scrap metal like foil and pie plates in the bin.

4. GLASS:

This includes clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass, vases or any other glass material in the bin.

Trash Holiday

No trash collection will take place on Monday, September 3 (Labor Day).

Trash will be **ONE DAY LATER** due to the holiday. Please pass it on!

Appliance & Tire Collection

On your regular collection day, September 24 & 25, 2018 - Appliances - \$12 / Tires - \$1.75

TRASH & RECYCLING

NEW RULES!

Recycling right doesn't have to be hard.



JUST FOCUS ON THE **BIG 4!** PLACE **ONLY** THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.

1



**CORRUGATED
CARDBOARD**

Flattened

2



**PLASTIC BOTTLES
& JUGS WITH NECKS**

Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed

3



**METAL FOOD &
BEVERAGE CANS**

4



**GLASS JARS
& BOTTLES**

All other items, such as those below, **do not** belong in your recycling bin.



It's okay to throw *everything else* away. It will be turned into energy.

Lancaster County has an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy, powering local homes and businesses and helping to reduce our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. So, when in doubt, throw it out.

Visit recyclerightlancaster.org for more tips.



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STORMWATER CORNER

WHERE IS YOUR STORMWATER GOING?

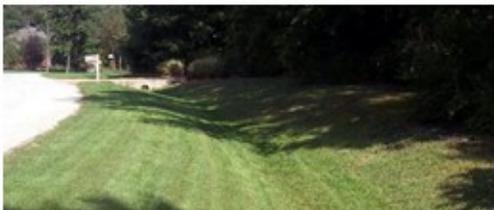
Stormwater management falls into two categories in most of the county; areas where there is stormwater management and areas where there isn't stormwater management. Below we will break down where water moves and how it reaches its end destination in scenarios with and without formal stormwater infrastructure.

Swales (Image 1)

Swales are the least intrusive of the stormwater infrastructure. Typically after running off of an impervious surface water collects in swales. During a heavy rainstorm, swales are the first to receive the water, but also the first to drain. Swales are present in areas where there is formal stormwater infrastructure and where there is not. Swales in areas without stormwater infrastructure are simply the low spots where the water can find its way. If there is no formal stormwater management on a property this is not always where you want it to be.

Inlets (Image 2)

If your water does not drain into surface infrastructure such as a swale, it may go into a stormwater inlet or catch basin. These are typically located along roads and curbs or at low spots in yards. What you don't see is the pipe network which is underground and carries water once it reaches the inlet. Inlets drain to pipes, which then drain to basins or directly to waterways. In areas without formal stormwater infrastructure, there may only be one or two inlets in an entire development, sometimes there are none! The pipes that these inlets drain to can be 12", 18", 24", 48" or 60" depending on how vast the underground network of piping is. The useful life cycle of these pipes is anywhere from 30-50 years depending on the material.



1



2



3



4

Detention Basins (Image 3)

As outlined in the summer newsletter, detention basins are carefully designed areas for catching large volumes of stormwater and slowly releasing it. Detention basins prevent massive volumes of stormwater from washing out roadways, tributaries, and swales on their way to the Mill Creek, Pequea Creek, and Conestoga Rivers. Areas where there is no formal stormwater infrastructure do not have stormwater basins to hold back and release this water slowly to creeks and streams. These areas are often the place where water rushes through eroded channels.

Outfalls (Image 4)

The final destination after rain has fallen, caused runoff from impervious surfaces, made its way to swales or pipes, and slowly released from a detention basin is a local waterway. West Lampeter Township is responsible for monitoring all of the places in the Township where stormwater enters a Water of the Commonwealth. These points, known as outfalls, are where the Township monitors to make sure pollutants aren't entering waterways from that particular drainage area. This is why behaviors in your local neighborhood are so important, because eventually they trickle down into the local streams and creeks!

If you have any questions related to runoff, stormwater pollution, or where the water that flows over your property enters a local waterway please reach out to Charity Quinn, Stormwater Management Coordinator via phone or email, (717) 464-8019 or charity@westlampeter.com.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

LADDER SAFETY - ONE RUNG AT A TIME

When working on home improvement or maintenance projects, it's important to always remember "SAFETY FIRST!" Home repairs can be especially dangerous if caution is not observed when using a ladder or stepstool. When people use ladders frequently at work or at home, they can run the risk of becoming complacent.



Here are some important tips provided by the National Safety Council:

Consider the Conditions

- Do not use extension ladders in windy or inclement weather.
- If bad weather arises, climb down immediately and wait for it to pass.

Start with a Firm Foundation

- Place the base on a firm, solid surface and avoid slippery, wet or soft surfaces. (If you must put the ladder on a soft surface, place a board under the ladder's feet.)
- Never place a ladder on a box, barrel or other object to gain additional height.
- Never lean a straight or extension ladder against a window pane or other unstable surface.
- A straight or extension ladder should be placed one foot away from the surface it's resting on for every four feet of the ladder's height.
- Make sure step ladders are open completely before climbing.
- Guard doorways near any type of ladder so no one can open it and knock you off.

Climb with Care

- Face the ladder and always grip the rungs, not the side rails.
- Always keep three points of contact with the ladder: two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand.
- Don't lean or overreach; reposition the ladder instead. And, never get off a ladder from the side.
- Do not stand higher than the third rung from the top; don't climb while carrying tools - use a tool belt.
- Wear slip-resistant shoes.
- Never have someone climb up to bring you something; only one person should be on a ladder at a time.

Remember to make safety "priority one!" with your home improvement or maintenance projects.

PUBLIC WORKS

PROJECTS

- Paving projects (Dennis Drive, Golf Road, Kipling Drive, Milton Road and Shiprock Road) are complete.
- Center lines and crosswalks will be painted during the month of August.
- Stormwater projects this fall will take place on Gypsy Hill Road and West Willow Road.



FALL REMINDERS

- **PLEASE** don't rake leaves into the street!!! Wet leaves can become slick and cause a serious driving hazard. Plus, leaves end up clogging the storm drains
- Remember to check the mailbox post to be sure it is secure and in good condition before the winter sets in. The heavy snow pushed by the plows will easily knock down a mailbox if the post is rotted or rusted. This is important for homes on township and state roads.



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FALL 2018 CALENDAR

- September 3 - OFFICES CLOSED - Labor Day (no trash collection)
- September 4 & 5 - Holiday Schedule for Trash/Recycling Collection
- September 24 & 25 - Appliance & Tire Collection (see pg. 8)
- September 26 - 28 - West Lampeter Community Fair
- October 10 - Budget Workshop Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- October 31 - Trick or Treat - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- November 6 - General Election - Polls Open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- November 14 - Budget Workshop Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- November 22 & 23 - OFFICES CLOSED - Thanksgiving Holiday

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 717-464-3731.