



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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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! (from "Township's Today", Second Quarter 2018)

Across the state, local fire companies are struggling. Volunteers are dwindling. Costs are soaring. Training requirements have intensified. With donations and volunteers harder to come by, the future of the local fire company, long intertwined in the fabric of a community, looks grim. Without real, viable solutions to address this volunteer shortage, many local stations may be forced to close their doors.

Consider these sobering facts:

- Volunteers at fire companies across Pennsylvania have dropped from 300,000 strong in the 1960s and '70s to below 50,000 today.
- At least 75 percent of fire companies are struggling with manpower at a time when the state's population is aging. The average age of a firefighter is 50-something, and people are busier today than they were decades ago.
- Communities would have to raise taxes almost \$10 billion a year to switch to a paid model for fire service, according to the office of the state fire commissioner.

(See "*Volunteers*" on page 6)

NEFF'S MILL BRIDGE TO BE CLOSED FOR REHABILITATION

Lancaster County is planning a full rehabilitation of the Neff's Mill Covered Bridge (Penn Grant Road) that links West Lampeter Township with Strasburg Township. The County bid out the project in April and awarded it to J. D. Eckman, Inc. from Atglen, PA. Neff's Mill Bridge, known as Pequea #7, is over 140 years old and in critical need of rehabilitation.

The project is expected to begin in early June 2018 and last for approximately six months making the bridge out of service during most of the construction. Please be prepared to use an alternate route or follow detours as marked.



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HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS

Bills Aim to Make Our Schools, Highways and Communities Safer

By State Senator Scott Martin (R-13)



School shootings in communities throughout the country have spurred a national debate on school safety, and there is broad agreement that something must be done in order to prevent similar tragedies. In Harrisburg, lawmakers are already taking steps to help create safeguards to better protect students against school violence in Pennsylvania.

The Senate Education Committee recently passed a bill I sponsored along with both Republican and Democrat colleagues to create a new school threat monitoring system to help keep children safer. The Safe2Say Program would allow any member of the community to report threats regarding unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities in schools. The program is patterned after the Safe2Tell program that was created in Colorado in 1999 after the school shooting at Columbine.

I also introduced a resolution which would require the Joint State Government Commission to complete a comprehensive review of school safety in Pennsylvania. The study would include an assessment of safety measures that are currently in place and help determine what steps schools can take in the future to evaluate and improve school safety. In addition, the school safety practices in other states would be examined to determine if those strategies would work in Pennsylvania.

In addition, I recently announced plans to introduce another bill that would ensure a juvenile who is charged with making terroristic threats must be detained and not released until they receive a mental health evaluation and risk assessment. The legislation stems from a recent incident in which a local high school student made threats to harm other students and school personnel, but was released just a few hours later. The situation created a great deal of concern and confusion for students, parents, teachers and administrators.

Improving school safety is not the only way to create safer communities. Over the past several years, we have seen a troubling number of tragic injuries and deaths caused by repeat DUI offenders. These irresponsible individuals create a serious and unnecessary danger to other motorists, and they should face stiffer punishments when they make the selfish decision to drink and drive.

The Senate recently passed a proposal I authored that would hold the worst offenders accountable for their actions. My plan would create a felony offense for any person convicted of three or more DUIs with a BAC of .16 or higher, or any individual convicted of four or more DUI offenses. Pennsylvania is one of just four states that does not have a felony charge for DUI. The bill also creates tougher punishments for repeat DUI offenders who cause the death of another person.

The legislation was inspired in part by the memory of Meredith Demko, a West Lampeter resident who was killed in a 2014 traffic accident involving a repeat DUI offender who was under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the crash.

All of these bills represent a strong start toward promoting safer communities, but there is always more work to be done. I encourage community residents to contact my district office if they have thoughts or suggestions they would like to share.

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

HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS

Update on 2018-2019 State Budget

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



Following Gov. Tom Wolf's annual budget address to a joint session of the General Assembly in February, both the House Appropriations Committee, on which I serve, and the Senate Appropriations Committee conducted several weeks of hearings with state departments and agencies that rely on state funding.

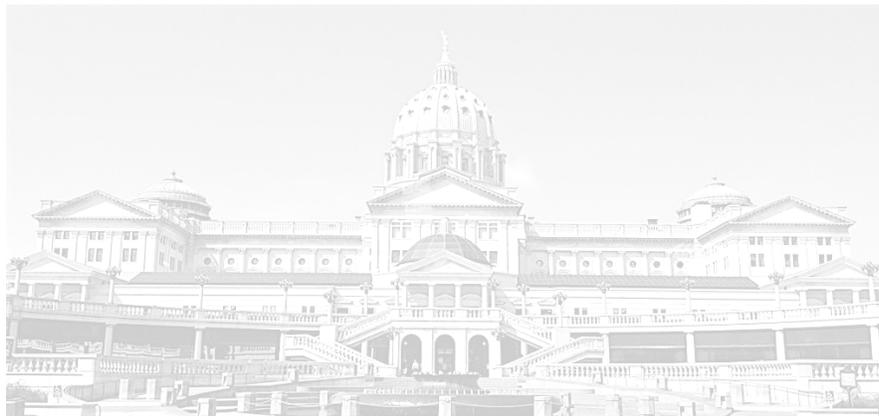
While the governor's election year budget contains no broad-based sales or income tax increases and appears to be far more modest than those he offered in the previous three years, his plan proposes to spend more than \$33 billion or about \$1 billion more than the current year. Despite that, it is evident that the governor's plan is artificially lower than he expects it to be. It does not include funding for a number of programs critical to the departments of Health and Agriculture, among others. The governor is apparently leaving it to the General Assembly to bring those crucial items back, and take responsibility for inflating the budget. This is the kind of gamesmanship we have grown accustomed to at budget time. It is also indicative of the deep-rooted systemic problems we have in our budgeting process, which many of my colleagues and I have been working tirelessly to change.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I continue to be a strong advocate for holding the line on state spending while also developing job and economic opportunities, as well as protecting families and our communities. By holding the line on taxes, we are able to save Pennsylvania taxpayers millions of dollars and work toward turning our economy around.

Budget negotiations among leaders of the House and Senate and the governor will soon be heating up. As they move toward the June 30 deadline for completion of the 2018-19 state budget, I am hopeful they will remember that state government – like Pennsylvania citizens – must attempt to live within its means and not spend more than it takes in.

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018

Please come out and join us at the Lampeter Fairgrounds for National Night Out on Tuesday August 7th from 6:00 - 9:00 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 officers from West Lampeter, Strasburg and Southern Regional as well as the Lancaster County Special Emergency Response Team, Lampeter Fire Department, Willow Street Fire Department, Lancaster Emergency Medical Service Agency, and several other organizations. A disaster response vehicle will give a demonstration as well as the Lancaster County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. We look forward to seeing you there!

POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

In order to better accommodate the public, the Police Department Administrative office will be open for extended hours Monday through Friday (7am to 5:30pm) from June 4th through August 31st.



SCHOOL WILL SOON BE OUT - PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!



FRIENDS OF THE WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE

The Friends of the West Lampeter Township Police Department was very happy to collaborate with West Lampeter Township and the WLTPD on the purchase of the **CODY Records Management System** for the police Department. This new system will serve as the central nerve center for the WLTPD's future information management strategy. This system provides enhanced software and data management, integration, and allows for the better exchanging of solutions for public safety and law enforcement. CODY will facilitate better management, information sharing, and analysis of the gathered information for better resource allocation. Together this will improve crime prevention, and the safety of citizens and police officers alike.



Update on School Resource Officer



West Lampeter Township and the Lampeter Strasburg School District are planning on moving forward with the implementation of their first School Resource Officer (SRO) beginning January 1, 2019. The Friends of the Force voted unanimously to pay for the necessary training of the School Resource Officer. The closest site for the SRO training is in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The Friends of the Force will continue to support and facilitate this new position in the future.

PUBLIC WORKS

SUMMER PAVING PROJECTS

- **Shiprock Road** - Roadway will be widened, reclaimed and paved from Otsu Road to Penn Grant Road.
- **Dennis Drive, Golf Road, Kipling and Milton** roads will be paved.



Traffic control will be done by flaggers or through street closure. Street closures and detours will be posted at least two days before work is to begin. Please use caution when passing by road work and obey flaggers' directions.



Road bank mowing will also take place during the summer months. Use caution when you drive past mowers.

SUMMER DRIVING TIPS

BEFORE YOU GO
SAFETY FIRST
ON THE ROAD
SUMMER SAFETY

Keep Kids Safe In the Car

Heatstroke can occur when a child is left unattended in a parked vehicle. Remember:

- Never leave a child alone in a parked car, even with the windows rolled down, or air conditioning on. Children's body temperature can heat up 3 to 5 times faster than adults.
- Always look in both the front and back of the vehicle before locking the door and walking away.
- Heatstroke can occur in temperatures as low as 57 degrees. On an 80-degree day, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in 10 minutes.
- Always lock your vehicle doors and trunk and keep the keys out of a child's reach.
- Learn more at safercar.gov/heatstroke.

Graphic courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

COMMUNITY

L I V E S T R O N G[®] AT THE YMCA

Supporting Cancer Recovery at the YMCA

Lampeter-Strasburg Y now offering LIVESTRONG[®] at the YMCA

One of the Key Mission Priorities at the Lancaster Family YMCA is Chronic Disease Prevention and Recovery. The Y is committed to offering the programs and support that help people reduce their risk for developing chronic diseases and regain good health and wellness following illness.

As part of that focus, we are excited to announce the launch of LIVESTRONG at the YMCA at our Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA, City Center YMCA and YMCA at New Holland branches.

In 2011, the Y launched the Cancer Rehabilitation Exercise (CaRE) program run in partnership with Penn Medicine/Lancaster General Health as a way to help cancer survivors move past the physical and emotional effects of treatments. This program was offered at no cost to participants and incorporated educational components to help cancer survivors develop coping skills, understand proper nutrition and learn fatigue management techniques, while also offering a supportive environment where they can share their stories and motivate each other.

In May, we transitioned from offering the CaRE program to offering LIVESTRONG at the YMCA. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is a research-based physical activity and well-being initiative that helps people affected by cancer safely and gradually rebuild functional strength and endurance and restore their ability to perform activities with increased energy and mobility. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA offers a holistic curriculum very much like the CaRE program and will run in 12-week sessions at no cost to cancer survivors. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA provides access to a national network of resources to support cancer survivors, and we are pleased to continue working with Penn Medicine/Lancaster General Health as LIVESTRONG at the YMCA will be offered with their support.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in becoming a LIVESTRONG at the YMCA participant, please contact: communityhealth@lancasterymca.org or 717-393-9622, ext.1102.

Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA
800 Village Road, Lancaster, PA 17602
(717) 464-4000 /
www.lancasterymca.org



(“*Volunteers*” from page 1)

Our volunteer fire companies are simply too important to lose.
Won't you consider volunteering?

Lampeter Fire Company
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Lampeter, PA 17537
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Willow Street Fire Company
2901 Willow Street Pike
Willow Street, PA 17584
www.wsfc512.com



COMMUNITY

Books on the Go! - Library System of Lancaster County

The Library System proudly unveiled the arrival of their brand new Bookmobile – The Possibility Machine – on Sunday, April 8th at a special donor appreciation event held at the Manheim Township Public Library. Purchase of the new vehicle was made possible by the generous support of foundations, local businesses, Extra Give donations, the System Board, and individual contributions from the community at large. The funds of \$165,000, acquired during the year-long Capital Campaign, will pay for the bookmobile, vehicle graphics, and special book carts. The campaign goal was reached in time for the March delivery date.



The new Bookmobile has been in production for the past several months and will replace the current bookmobile that has served Lancaster County residents for the past 17 years.

In 2016 the Bookmobile celebrated its 75th anniversary. During those many years, the Bookmobile provided library services to persons who have trouble accessing libraries. The acquisition of the new bookmobile will insure that this valuable service will continue and it will be delivered more efficiently. The new vehicle is a smaller, more-efficient model that has better fuel efficiency, as well as being more reliable with less downtime and maintenance costs.

Commissioner Dennis Stuckey was very pleased to learn that the capital campaign goal was met, "On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I thank all who donated towards the new Bookmobile. Congratulations to the Library System and Executive Director Bonnie Young for taking on the task of raising the funds. Well done!"

Ed Miller, Bookmobile and Special Services Manager for the Library System, is delighted with the expanded capabilities of the new Bookmobile. "The new design will allow the capability of taking our collection, which will be on book carts, inside of the facilities that we visit." In the past, patrons would have to come aboard the Bookmobile, either climbing steps or riding a wheelchair lift, making for precarious situations for seniors and cramped story times for younger patrons.

Summer Concert Series at Village Park

Bring the lawn chairs, kids and blankets! There will be music in the air at Village Park this summer! Three Sunday evening concerts are scheduled:

- June 3 - Lampeter-Strasburg Community Band & Flipside
- July 15 - Twin Roses Band
- August 19 - Flipside

All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at the pavilion band shell, Village Park, 800 Village Road, Lampeter.



TRASH & RECYCLING

BULK ITEM REMINDERS

Bulk items are those trash items larger and separate from normal household waste. A bulk item requires an extra service refuse tag, RED in color, at a cost of \$4.25 per tag. For large items to be acceptable, they must be able to be lifted into a truck by two people. Loose piles will not be accepted. TVs are NOT accepted at any time.

Accepted items:

(examples only - not a complete list)

- Microwave/toaster oven
- Carpet (48" maximum length, rolled & tied)
- Furniture
- Mattress and/or Box Spring
- Lawn Mower (empty of all gas & oil)
- Bicycle
- Grill (no tank)
- Patio Chair
- Scrap Metal (48" maximum length)
- Large outdoor toys

If you do not see the item you wish to have picked up on the list, please call the office BEFORE you put it out.



Trash Holiday

No trash collection will take place on Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day).

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



YARD WASTE* COLLECTION

*(i.e., weeds, leaves, garden debris, small twigs, grass)



Continues through the summer!

Collected weekly on regular trash collection days.

Grass in bags must not weigh more than 30lbs.

Yard waste must be placed in brown Kraft bags.

Bags will be available at the township office M-F 8am-4:30pm



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Recycling News You Can Use



Recycle Carts

Please remember that your green and yellow recycle cart is the property of the township and should remain at the residence to which it was delivered. Residents who move to a new location should not take their carts with them, even if they really, really want to. Carts should not be painted or defaced in any way.

On trash collection days, please place your recycle cart at the end of the driveway with the front of the cart facing the street. This allows the trucks that have automatic arms to lift the carts and empty their contents into the truck. When a cart is not positioned in this manner, the driver has to exit the truck, reposition the cart, reenter the truck, and then operate the automatic arm.

It can be difficult to remember what items can be recycled and what cannot. If you are unsure whether an article you are about to place in the cart can be recycled, take a look at the handy dandy guide on the lid of your recycle cart. A more detailed list of items acceptable for recycling can be found on the Penn Waste website (<http://pennwaste.com/municipalities/west-lampeter-township>) and in printed form at the township office.

Yard Waste

The township started its spring collection of yard waste in April. You can place yard waste in Kraft paper bags and put them out for collection on your regular trash day. This includes grass clippings, weeds, leaves, and small twigs. Paper bags are available for purchase at the township office at a cost of 50 cents each. Please limit each bag to no more than 30 lbs. Also, please do not place yard waste in plastic trash bags, as these bags are picked up by a trash truck. In addition to being bad for the environment, the township pays a tipping fee for each ton of trash it disposes of, and yard waste, as we all know, can be quite heavy.



Adam Lawrence
Recycle Committee

FREE “WASTE TO ENERGY” TOUR JULY 17

Lancaster County Solid Waste Municipal Authority hosts free tour events of the various waste facilities throughout the year. You can attend a FREE tour of the Waste-to-Energy plant on July 17.



Located at 1911 River Road, Bainbridge in Conoy Township, the Lancaster Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Facility reduces the volume of waste by 90% through burning non-hazardous material. This process not only saves significant landfill space, but also produces enough electricity to power the equivalent of 30,000 area homes. In addition to reducing waste volume and producing renewable energy, the WTE Facility also recovers metals and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by eliminating the creation of methane had the waste been landfilled. During the tour, guests will visit the tipping floor where an overhead crane mixes waste in the storage pit, the Control Room where the plant is monitored by a trained technician 24/7 and ash storage building where ash is transferred for metal recovery and temporary storage. It is requested that participants wear appropriate clothing for an industrial environment. The FREE tour lasts approximately 60 minutes.

For more information, register for this or other free tours, visit the LCSWMA website at <http://www.lcswma.org/tours/>.

STORMWATER CORNER

Maintaining a Dry Stormwater Detention Basin

Stormwater management facilities are designed to minimize flooding. Making sure they function as designed protects against property damage and protects water quality. If a stormwater management facility is located on your property, then you must maintain it in good working condition. The Township is beginning a five-year effort to inspect and recommend maintenance to stormwater facility owners, and this article details the maintenance required for a dry detention basin.



Figure 1: Heatherfield Basin

What is a detention basin?

Detention basins (Figure 1) provide temporary storage for stormwater runoff from upstream areas. During rain events, water enters the basin through a pipe or swale and exits through an outlet structure. If it rains hard enough, water will flow into the basin faster than it is released, and water will begin to pond. Detention basins are designed to drain within 24-48 hours after a storm has ended. If there is water ponding in the basin after three days, then it is not functioning properly and needs maintenance.



Figure 2: Sediment buildup

How does a basin work?

Stormwater may flow into a detention basin through a series of stormwater inlets and pipes, or can flow naturally over the ground. The basin acts as a holding area for the water and slowly releases a controlled amount which has been designed for that particular project. The outlet structure (Figure 1) is typically concrete with a metal plate and a grated top for emergency overflow. Dry extended detention basins are designed to drain within 24-48 hours and if there is water ponding for more than three days, something is wrong with the functionality of the basin.



Figure 3: Structure in the Basin

How do I maintain my detention basin?

Detention basins and all associated structures should be inspected at least four times per year, as well as after every storm greater than one inch. Structures to be inspected include pipes, basin bottoms and embankments, trash racks, inlet & outlet structures, and rip-rap aprons. Common areas of impairment include clogging, bare spots in the vegetation, and excessive debris and sediment accumulation (Figure 2). Below is a list of the most common maintenance items that should be addressed in your detention basin:

- Detention basins must be kept free of all structures (Figure 3). During storm events, these structures can become dislodged, block the flow of water, and cause property damage.
- If accumulated sediment deposits (Figure 2) are preventing drainage, then the sediment should be removed. Work should be performed under dry conditions. The disturbed area must be seeded and stabilized immediately so that new vegetation will protect the soil surface from erosion.
- Mowing and/or trimming of vegetation should be performed as necessary to sustain proper function of the basin. All trash and debris must be removed in a timely manner.
- All bare spots should be re-seeded, stabilized, and covered with vegetation in order to protect the soil surface and minimize erosion.

This is a very basic overview of routine dry detention basin maintenance. If you have any more interest or specific questions on maintenance requirements please contact Charity at 717-464-8019 or

Charity@westlampeter.com .

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



It's that time of year again where residents are cleaning up their yards and gearing up for summer fun. However, this is also the time of year that the Zoning Office receives many calls about the parking and storage of boats, campers and RVs in the Township. In order to promote aesthetics and safety in our community, West Lampeter Township has ordinances that regulate the parking and storage of such vehicles. A recreational vehicle or boat with a

length of 24 feet or greater may not be parked in the front of a dwelling for more than two days in any seven-day period. The Township also has an ordinance that prohibits the parking of any non-motorized vehicle or recreational vehicle such as campers, boats, motor homes, or trailers on any Township street for more than 72 continuous hours. It is also unlawful to move the trailer or vehicle to another street location in order to avoid the time limitation.



Additionally, we receive a lot of questions and complaints about the storage and accumulation of items in yards. The Township has zoning ordinances that limit what is allowed to be stored in the yards of residential properties. No outdoor overnight storage is allowed in the front yard of a dwelling, except for firewood, and outdoor storage of items in other areas of the yard is limited to 90 days. No outdoor storage of trash is allowed in the front yard unless the trash is awaiting imminent pickup on that day.

Parking and storage ordinances help keep yards free from clutter that can attract weeds, rodents and other unwanted visitors. Your cooperation with the regulations will help maintain higher property values as well as happy neighbors!

The Township's Code of Ordinances is available for online viewing on our website at www.westlampeter.com.

TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES ONLINE ON GENERAL CODE

The township has had their ordinances online with General Code since 2004. Use the link from the township website (left-hand side marked "Code of Ordinances" at www.westlampeter.com.)

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Lancaster County

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SUMMER 2018 CALENDAR

- May 28 - OFFICES CLOSED - Memorial Day (no trash collection)
- May 29 & 30 - Holiday Schedule for Trash/Recycling Collection
- June 3 - Summer Concert at Village Park - 6:30 p.m. (see page 7)
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 17 - Father's Day
- July 4 - OFFICES CLOSED - Independence Day
- July 15 - Summer Concert at Village Park - 6:30 p.m. (see page 7)
- August 7 - National Night Out - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- August 19 - Summer Concert at Village Park - 6:30 p.m. (see page 7)

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.