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423 South View Drive
Lititz, PA 17543

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- Voice Mail: 717-626-4302
- Report Road Problems: 717-626-4302

DO YOU HAVE WORKING CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE DETECTORS IN YOUR HOME?

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED IN 2013

Projected Oil and Chip Road Projects Include:

Bomberger Road	Kreider Road	Webster Hill Road
Mumma Road	Zartman Mill Road	Blantz Road
Long Lane	Weber Road	Crest Road
Lake View Drive (possibly)	Pumping Station Rd.	Loop Road

Other possible projects may include shoulder work at several problem locations on Lake View Drive, Long Lane and the lower portion of Reifsnyder Road.

The largest project that the Township is planning to undertake is the replacement of two large pipes on Fox Road through which the Furnace Run flows. To replace these pipes with a concrete culvert box will require the closing of Fox Road for an unknown period of time. The Township will do its best to make Fox Road residents aware of road closure information in a timely manner. While the road is closed, the Township road crew will attempt to replace the small cross pipes that are on Fox Road. Some shoulder work may also be done. Time and funding availability will determine the amount of the project that is completed.

Elizabeth Township Has Voice Mail

Call 626-4302 to Report Road Problems

**WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS &
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

**SAVE LIVES
CHECK YOUR BATTERIES, NOW!!!**

**CENSUS 2010
Population (estimated) 3,893
Housing (estimated) 1,293**

NEW NEW NEW NEW

If your church or organization would like to advertise an upcoming special event in the Township Newsletter, please contact the Township Office at 626-4302 for information and deadline for publication in the Fall 2011 edition of the *Elizabethan*.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

As the warm weather months of 2013 are fast approaching, consider visiting and enjoying the Elizabeth Township Community Park.

No major developments are planned in the park for 2013. The Township recently completed planting 80 trees. The purchase of those trees was funded by a Tree Vitalize Grant. Much volunteer time from several dedicated residents was involved in the project.

The Park now includes a pavilion and public bathroom facilities. The pavilion and park facilities are available to be rented for your parties or reunions. For information on renting the pavilion and/or park facilities, you may contact **Curt Strasheim at (717) 626-5096 ext 237 or www.gowtrc.com**

We do need to reinforce our rules and regulations with the suggestion that users of the park respect other users of the park so that current privileges do not become restrictions.

Rules and Regulations are posted on a sign board at the Park.

Dogs must be leashed at all times. Also, please clean up after your dog and deposit the waste accordingly. There are NO trash receptacles in the park. Carry In – Carry Out. Dogs running loose and failure to clean up after dogs have become a real problem and if the problem continues, it may become necessary to prohibit dogs in the park.

The Elizabeth Township Park Board meets at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of alternating months (January, March, May, July, September, November). Feel free to attend a meeting if you have a suggestion or idea that could improve the Park.

DO YOU NEED A PERMIT . . .

Zoning and Building Permits are required for most new construction and building addition projects. Permits may also be required for swimming pools, decks, patios, attached and detached garages and sheds. Zoning and Building Permit applications are available at the Township Office during regular office hours.

A Township **Driveway Permit** is required whenever a driveway repaving or re-widening project connects against a Township road. You may contact the Road Superintendent, Glenn Martin, with any questions.

Amos F. Miller II, Sewage Enforcement Officer, issues on-lot **Sewage Permits**.

FIRE COMPANIES

*Please Support
Your Local Fire Department
2013 Fund Drive*

*Brickerville Fire Company
Brunnerville Fire Company
Penryn Fire Company*

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED!!

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Supervisors:

Brian R. Wiker, Chairman
Jeff Burkholder, Vice-Chairman
Rodney D. May, Secretary-Treasurer

Planning Commission:

Robert Navitski, Chairman
Robert Garner, Vice-Chairman
Eileen Lieberman, Secretary
Patrick Moulds, Member
Todd Miller, Member
Carol Weaver, Member
Dick Bergey, Member

Zoning Hearing Board:

Joe Pfautz, II Chairman
Kenneth L. Weaver, Secretary
Lisa Hocker, Member

Auditors:

Loren Miller, Chairman
Carol Rogers, Secretary
Nicole Moody, Member

Staff:

Rita A. Snavely, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
Glenn L. Martin, Road Superintendent
Timothy R. Shreiner, Road Laborer

Zoning Officer:

Barry Wagner

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Amos F. Miller II

Storm Water Engineer:

Hanover Engineering Assoc., Inc.
Bob Lynn (717) 721-7444

Park Board:

Tom Moyer, Chairman
Reed Means, Vice-Chairman
Ken Fillo, Secretary
Steven Garman, Member
Lisa Rothermel, Member
Carol Weaver – Non-voting Member

USUAL REMINDERS

House Number Signs

The Board of Supervisors continues to offer Township property owners one free “green with white number” reflective house number sign. Call the Township Office if you have not received your sign. Emergency response personnel can’t help you if they can’t find you.

“OLDS”

On-Lot Sewage Systems (OLDS) must be pumped at least once every three years. Please continue to provide your proof of pumping to the Township Office.

BURNING

General regulations on outdoor fires state that any burning in a burn pit or appropriate receptacle must be at least 0 feet from any structure, building or property line and must be kept under constant supervision. If the fire cannot be confined to a receptacle or burn pit, a 50’ distance must be maintained from all structures, buildings or property lines. Burning hours are between sunrise and sunset. Except for “recreational fires, *“no outdoor burning is permitted on Sundays.*

Preschool Story Time in Elizabeth Township

The Youth Services Librarian from the Lititz Public Library continues to present a story time session with books, finger plays and simple songs at the Elizabeth Township Municipal Building on the *Second Friday of Each Month at 10:00 a.m.*

This program is *free* and is available to all *preschool age children* with their parent or caregiver. Pre-registration is not required. If you have any questions, you may call Karen Payonk at the Lititz Public Library (626-2255).

VOTE MAY 21, 2013

Primary Election Day

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
BUILDING**

Corner of Sleepy Hollow Rd. South View Drive
-- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. --

HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Members of the public are encouraged to report criminal or suspicious activity to the Pennsylvania State Police through 911 or 717-299-7656. Citizens can also provide crime tips through PA Crime Stoppers at www.pacrimestoppers.org or toll free at 1-800-4PA-TIPS. Citizens may also provide crime tips through the Lancaster County Crime Stoppers at www.lancastercrimestoppers.org or by using their cell phone by texting LANCS plus your message to 84741. Crime stopper callers can remain anonymous and could be eligible for a cash reward. For additional information about the Pennsylvania State Police, citizens are encouraged to log onto www.psp.state.pa.us to view current initiatives, station locations or researching crime statistics in Pennsylvania.

FOR ANY EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1

The fire companies that proudly serve Elizabeth Township residents and businesses are operated on a 100% volunteer basis, providing a variety of services which include fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials emergency response, some disaster mitigation, traffic control, fire prevention and community functions.

As a way to continue these services, as well as purchase equipment and supplies, the fire companies hold fundraisers throughout the year and also conduct an annual fund drive.

GOOD VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!!! Stop by your local fire hall and ask about the many ways you could help.

NEW NEW NEW NEW



Brickerville Volunteer Fire Company is now on **FACEBOOK**. Please check this out and "like" the **BVFC**. It's a dynamic and interactive way for you to learn more about the organization. Feel free to ask questions and add comments

The Brickerville Fire Company social hall is available to be rented for weddings and other parties and events. The next time you are planning to host a large gathering of family and friends, consider the Brickerville Fire Hall. For rates and booking information, you may call Dennis Strauss at 475-0103.

Be Safe –

- Install and maintain smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors;
- Plan and practice your escape in case of an emergency;
- Never leave cooking unattended;
- Store matches and lighters out of the reach of children;
- **STOP, DROP & ROLL!** If your clothes catch on fire, **STOP** where you are, **DROP** to the ground and **ROLL** to smother the fire;
- Crawl under smoke. If you must exit a dwelling that is smoke filled, get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest exit;

When in doubt, **CALL 911**. Many people who have a fire or emergency hesitate or delay. It is better to be safe than sorry.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

The Township's voluntary drop-off recycling program is held the first Saturday of each month at the Township Building from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Items accepted for recycling include:

- *Aluminum and steel cans (food grade) - please crush*
- *#1 and #2 plastic jugs and bottles (food grade) - please smash*
- *Clear, brown and green glass (rinsed)*
- *Newspaper (no shiny printed material)*

If you are interested in and willing to help with the drop-off recycling program, please call the Township Office at 626-4302.

The Board of Supervisors would like to express appreciation to the following individuals and/or organizations who have come forward and offered assistance with the Township's voluntary monthly drop-off recycling program since our last newsletter was published in October 2012:

- *Baron Stiegel Lions Club*
- *Gordon Wagner*
- *Ken and Carol Weaver*
- *Bruh Family*
- *Warwick Travel Baseball*
- *Pat and Marlin Musser*
- *Members of Brickerville Fire Company*
- *Tansy and Brandon Rodgers*

APPLIANCES ACCEPTED

- **Dull's Used Parts and Recycling** will accept – *at no cost to Elizabeth Township residents* – refrigerators, freezers, dryers, hot water heaters and all types of scrap metal each Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- No television sets and no garbage will be accepted.
- Dull's will also pick up (free of charge) junk cars on your property. A title or abandoned vehicle papers on the car must be available.
- Dull's Used Parts and Recycling is located at **144 Crest Road, Lititz, PA 17543.**

For specific information, you may call Bill Dull or Larry Dull at **717-626-8973**.

RECYCLING COVERED DEVICES

IT'S THE LAW

Did you know that Pennsylvania passed a law called the **Covered Devices Recycling Act**, which prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash? Residents and businesses may no longer place these items at the curb or throw them away as trash. These devices must be recycled. Additionally, trash haulers are prohibited from collecting these items as municipal waste.

Covered devices include desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers), televisions and e-readers that browse the internet.

The **Covered Devices Recycling Act** does NOT include cell phones, motor vehicle components, appliance components or items such as handheld calculators, PDAs, MP3 players or similar devices.

While you are required by law to recycle covered devices, the new rule prohibits manufacturers and retailers from charging customers a fee for accepting covered devices.

There are a number of ways to recycle these items free of charge. You can recycle your covered device at Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW), located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. The HHW Facility will accept a maximum of 10 units per visit, per day, from Lancaster County residents and businesses.

Visit www.lcswma.org to learn more

2013 FREE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Elizabeth Township

**Elizabeth Township (Municipal Building – 423 South View Drive)*

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

June 18 – August 8

(No program Thursday July 4th)

Age Group

5-12 year olds

Staff

The Lititz Rec Center will provide highly trained and certified staff (18 and over) in the areas of CPR and First Aid. All staff will have Criminal and Child Abuse Background Checks (Administered by the State of Pennsylvania) and will be trained in Child Abuse Prevention.

Activities

Sports, active games, arts and crafts, and themed activities.

FAQ

Do I need to register ahead of time?

No, come to the first day and a staff member will have you fill out an emergency contact form. Then time to play. It is not required that you or your family be a member of the Lititz Rec Center to participate in the summer playground program.

What if I can't make it the first day?

No problem! You can participate any day(s) it works for you. The first time you participate, the emergency form will be filled out.

What if there is bad weather?

The program will be moved indoors.

What about bathroom or water facilities?

There are bathrooms and water fountains available.

More questions?

Contact the Lititz Rec Center at 626-5096 ex 237

STORM WATER CORNER

Educational Information on Storm Water Control

Many properties in Elizabeth Township may have one of the following:

ROADSIDE SWALES – Swales and ditches are designed to collect street and property storm water, which empty into inlets, pipes and basins. Property owners shall not alter, block or fill-in swales and drainage ditches and must maintain vegetation in and around swales and inlets.

INLETS, PIPES AND OUTLETS – Surface Grate Inlet boxes collect storm water in streets or grass swales and are part of a system of pipes that convey water to outlet locations. Outlets are the open pipes which empty into the retention basins, open channels, or the streams and rivers.

Keep all inlets and outlets open and clear of debris. Do not blow grass or leaves onto the streets, which can block the grates. Do not dispose of any materials into the inlets.

RETENTION BASINS – Retention basins are designed to retain the storm water runoff and reduce flooding. Property owners with storm water retention basins and infrastructures on their deeded property must maintain these facilities.

Maintenance includes mowing, weed control, debris cleanup, sinkhole repairs, and inlet/outlet structure repairs. All the retention basin structures must be clear of any debris and vegetation.

STORMWATER SOLUTIONS PROPERTY RUNOFF – Storm water runoff from properties should be directed away from their home's foundation but not toward neighboring properties. Downspouts should direct the water onto the grass or underground seepage beds to perk back into the ground.

Rain barrels are ideal to collect water for reuse, and rain garden basins help filter contaminants naturally and reduce storm water runoff.

REMEMBER: Wash vehicles with environmentally friendly cleaners. De-chlorinate pool water and drain onto lawns. Property owners by waterways must maintain trees, fallen branches and vegetation along the stream to reduce damming and flooding.

Storm water facilities are an integral piece of public infrastructure that is a necessary part of providing a safe and healthy place in which to live and do business. The pipes, basins, swales and roadside gutters that make up this interconnected utility require continuous maintenance and improvement to stay effective. .

VISIT THE *NEW* ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT

www.co.lancaster.pa.us/elizabethtwp for information about:

- “The Elizabethan” (Township Newsletter)
- Elizabeth Township History
- Township Administration
- Meetings
- Permit Information
- Elizabeth Township Book of Ordinances & Codes
- Roads
- Recycling
- Storm Water Management
- Brickerville Fire Company

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP

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HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!

Township Meetings

All meetings are held monthly at the Township Municipal Building, 423 South View Drive, Lititz (Brickerville), PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Board of Supervisors – 2nd Monday
- Planning Commission – 1st Wednesday
- Zoning Hearing Board – 2nd Wednesday
- Park Board – 1st Thursday – January/March/May/July/September/November

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 9:30 AM. to 3:00 PM.

Wednesday – 6:00 PM. to 8:00 PM

Friday – By Appointment

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Office Hours by Appointment Only

Amos F. Miller II can be reached at 626-8769 between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. each weekday.

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Zoning Officer

Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Barry Wagner can also be reached at 717-625-0444 to schedule an appointment.

If you are new to Elizabeth Township and would like information about the Township, please call (717) 626-4302.