

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP
423 South View Drive
Lititz, PA 17543

THE
ELIZABETHAN
(FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP)

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From the Board of Supervisors

As 2017 winds down, the Elizabeth Township Board of Supervisors is again pleased to take this opportunity to welcome any new residents to our Township.

THE ELIZABETHAN is generally published twice a year (the spring edition is mailed and the fall edition is electronic-only) in an effort to provide up-to-date information on some of the projects and activities occurring within the Township and to provide a schedule of Township meeting dates and times. **THE ELIZABETHAN** is available on the Township website. You may also sign up on the Township website (www.elizabethtownship.net) to automatically receive newsletters at your desired email address.

Elizabeth Township Supervisors and Staff would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve you.

A FEW THINGS YOU MIGHT NOTICE ...

The Route 322 bridge over Middle Creek in Clay is currently being replaced (NOTE: the traffic is alternating at this project and controlled by a red light. Please be on high alert and very aware of this site. This is an accident-prone area.)

Storm Damage:

If you have tree limbs, wood and leaf debris from a storm, we have found two local locations that will accept these materials for a fee:

Martin Mulch in Ephrata-717-733-1602

Manheim Township Mulch Park-717-569-6406

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REMEMBER TO VOTE

November 7, 2017

Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm

At the ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Located At Intersection

Sleepy Hollow Rd. & South View Dr.

Behind Brickerville Electric

**REMEMBER HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREATING IS
OCTOBER 31 FROM 6-8 PM
THIS YEAR! WATCH FOR ALL
THE LOCAL SUPERHEROES,
PRINCESSES, GHOSTS AND
PIRATES WHO MAY BE OUT
AND ABOUT THAT EVENING.**

The 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 cannot help you if they cannot find you.***

“OLDS”

Pumping is required for On-Lot Sewage Systems (OLDS) at least once every three years. Please continue to provide your proof of pumping to the Township Office. The Township requires an inspection of on-lot sewage systems at the time of pumping by the licensed contractor/hauler. Detailed information on this required inspection is available on the Township’s website under the dropdown “***Municipal Business***” / “***OLDS***”.

BURNING



General regulations on outdoor fires state that any burning in a burn pit or appropriate receptacle must be at least 20 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. The Township’s Burning Enforcement Officer is David Morrison. Call the Township Office for his contact number.***

- A Township ***Driveway Permit*** is required whenever a driveway repaving or widening project connects against a Township road. You may contact the Zoning Officer, Barry Wagner, or our own Glenn Martin, Road Superintendent, with any questions.
- ***Zoning, Building and Stormwater 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. Contact the Zoning Officer with specific questions or concerns.
- Len Spencer, Sewage Enforcement Officer, issues on-lot ***Sewage Permits***.

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
Tom Moyer, Member

Zoning Hearing Board:

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

Park Board:

Tom Moyer, Chairman
Ken Fillo, Secretary
Mike Landis, Member
Steven Garman, Member
Lisa Rothermel, Member
Carol Weaver – Non-voting Member

Auditors:

David Bingaman, Chairman (2020)
Shawn Long (Member) (2022)
Nicole Moody, Secretary (2018)

Staff:

Rita A. Snavely, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
Glenn L. Martin, Road Superintendent
Timothy R. Shreiner, Road Laborer
Loren D. Miller, Township Office Manager

Zoning Officer:

Barry Wagner 717.625.0444

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Leonard (Len) Spencer 717.989.8439

Storm Water Engineer:

Hanover Engineering Assoc., Inc.
Bob Lynn/ Jen Prunoske 717.721.7444

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

When:

The first Saturday of each month at the Township Building from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

What:

- Aluminum and Steel Cans (Food Grade) – Please Crush
- #1 thru #7 Plastic Jugs and Bottles
- Clear Glass (Rinsed – food & drink only)
- Newspaper and Inserts
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Paper – Dry & Clean (not in plastic bags)
- Junk Mail/Envelopes/File Folders
- Computer Paper
- Cardboard (broken down to newspaper size)

If you are interested in - and willing to help with - the drop-off recycling program in 2018, please call the Township Office at 717-626-4302.

The Board of Supervisors would like to express appreciation to the individuals and/or organizations who have come forward and offered assistance with the Township's voluntary monthly drop-off recycling program.

We need volunteers in 2018 for February thru December.

FUN RECYCLING FACTS

- It takes 80-100 years for an aluminum can to decompose (break down) in a landfill.
- Aluminum cans can be recycled into soda cans, pie plates, license plates, thumbtacks, aluminum foil, and many other items.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for up to three hours.
- In the year 2000, 13,500 aluminum cans were recycled every minute in California.
- Glass takes over 1,000,000 (one million) years to decompose in a landfill.
- Glass can be recycled into jars, jewelry, bottles, dishes, drinking glasses, coffee mugs and many other items.

- It can take up to 700 years for plastic to decompose (break down) in a landfill.
- PET plastic can be recycled into: clothing, fiberfill for sleeping bags, toys, stuffed animals, rulers and more.

DID YOU KNOW?

In a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times the amount of his or her weight in garbage. For example, a 150-pound adult will leave a trash legacy of 90,000 pounds!

Recycling one ton of aluminum:

- Saves 14,000 kWh of energy
- Saves 10 cubic yards of landfill space

Recycling one ton of cardboard:

- Saves 390 kWh of energy
- Saves 46 gallons of oil

Recycling one ton of glass:

- Saves 42 kWh of energy
- Saves 2 cubic yards of landfill space

Recycling one ton of paper:

- Saves 4,100 kWh of energy
- Saves 17 trees

Recycling one ton of plastic:

- Saves 5,774 kWh of energy
- Saves 30 cubic yards of landfill space

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**.

DO YOUR PART BE SEPTIC SMART

A few simple steps to protect your home, health, environment and property value . . .

DO: Have your system pumped and inspected every three years (required by Elizabeth Township).

DON'T: Overload the Commode. Do not flush non-degradable products or chemicals such as feminine hygiene products, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels.

DO: Shield your field. Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic tank location. Roots can grow into your system and clog it. Do not park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines.

DON'T: Strain your drain. Stagger the use of water-generating appliances. This can be helpful especially if your system has not been pumped in a while. Become more water efficient by fixing plumbing leaks and consider installing bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators and water-efficient products.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

Thank you to all the residents and visitors who visited and enjoyed our park in the past year. Please use our new Disc Golf Course. We look forward to seeing you there! The Pavilion will be available for rental next spring!



BE SURE TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN BOTH SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN YOUR HOME TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR YOUR FAMILY!



A Gentle Reminder:

Dogs are always welcome at the park. **PLEASE** be a considerate dog owner by cleaning up after your dog and disposing of the waste accordingly. There are **NO** trash receptacles in the park.

Carry In – Carry Out

Your family talks every day, but what about if disaster strikes? Do you have a plan to reach everyone and make sure they are safe and accounted for? If not, the Federal Emergency Management Agency suggests that you take action so that you are prepared in case of a disaster.

Shaping Active Lifestyles!

www.lititzrec.com

717-626-5096

301 West Maple Street

Lititz, PA 17543

Consider checking out the facilities at the Lititz RecCenter. There is something for everyone.

Gymnasiums – Fitness Studios – funZone

Functional Training Center – Cardio Center
Massages & Facials – Main Pool – Splash Pool
Expanded kidZone – rec Zone

Silver Sneaker and Silver & Fit Accepted

Also, stop in and tour the new facilities at Rock Lititz, called Lititz recRoc.

WINTER SNOW & SAFETY TIPS

In order to help the Road Crew do a better job of clearing the roads when the snow flies, the Township request that Township residents help in a few areas. The Township Road Crew understands that roads can be challenging in snow and ice conditions. All efforts are made to make the roads safe and clear of snow and ice as quickly as possible.

ALL CARS should be parked in driveways or off the street during a snow event to allow the Road Crew to clear the street back to the edge of the roadway.

NO CARS should be parked in a CUL-DE-SAC. Cul-de-sacs can be time consuming. Having cars on the street make it very difficult to clear and/or turn around.

During a plowing operation, snow may go into your driveway. If possible, wait until the road's been plowed before clearing driveway openings.

PLEASE DO NOT THROW OR BLOW SNOW ONTO THE STREET! This creates a hazardous and unsafe condition on an already cleared roadway. If this is done and the snow refreezes, it can become quite icy and dangerous to traffic and a potential liability to a homeowner, if an accident should occur. Remember, ice is unforgiving.

IN ADDITION TO THIS...

Stay back at least 100 feet when following trucks or equipment that are plowing or cindering and are displaying a flashing amber strobe light.

Always follow in a manner that the truck driver can see you in his side mirrors.

Turn on headlights to make your vehicle more visible.

Snow removal trucks or equipment may have to slow down, stop or back up. **BE ALERT!**

DO NOT EVER PASS A SNOWPLOW while it is in the process of plowing.

Woodstove & Chimney Fire Safety

- Woodstoves and fireplaces are a common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.
- Be sure the equipment you are purchasing is approved by the Underwriter's Laboratory or another recognized testing laboratory.
- A Building Permit is required prior to the installation of fireplaces, wood or coal burning stoves. They must be inspected by the building inspector prior to initial use as required by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code.
- Have the chimney and flue inspected by a qualified mason prior to use. Cracks in the flue or mortar joints can allow flames and heated gases to extend into your structure.
- Have your chimney flue cleaned prior to each heating season. Burn only dry, well-seasoned hardwood to reduce creosote accumulation.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- NEVER leave young children unattended near a working stove or fireplace.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent flying sparks and embers from falling out onto your floor.
- **INSTALL** and **MAINTAIN** SMOKE ALARMS and CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS to provide protection for your family.

BRICKERVILLE FIRE COMPANY

IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY:

The BV Fire Company Building is the Township's primary emergency shelter. The Township Building is the secondary shelter.

The Brickerville Fire Company social hall is available for rental for weddings, parties and other 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 717-475-0103.

Brickerville Volunteer Fire Company is on FACEBOOK. Please check this out and "like" the BVFC. It is a dynamic and interactive way for you to learn more about the organization.

*Your Local Fire Department
2018 Fund Drive
Brickerville Fire Company
Brunnerville Fire Company
Penryn Fire Company
Your Contributions are ALWAYS Needed!*

GOOD VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!!! Stop by the fire hall at 10 Hopeland Road any Monday evening and ask about the many ways you could help.

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD: Each day in Central Pennsylvania, patients at area hospitals utilize between 275 to 300 units of blood and products derived from blood. Hosting blood drives or sponsoring the blood bank helps to save and enhance the lives of these patients. Participation in the Community Commitment program also helps build a positive image for businesses, churches, schools, social and civic organizations. Donate at these locations: **AMERICAN RED CROSS, CENTRAL PA BLOOD BANK, LANCASTER GENERAL BLOOD DONOR CENTER**

LIST OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES AT ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP

- ✓ **PA Voter Registration Mail Application**
- ✓ **Lititz Rec Center Spring 2017 information**
- ✓ **LCSWMA (Lancaster Co. Solid Waste Management Auth.) Recycling Guide**
- ✓ **PA Dept. of Ag Animal Safety Awareness**
- ✓ **The Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater**
- ✓ **And many others**

Stormwater Management

Fall Tips for Protecting Our Waterways

Autumn Leaves

Autumn leaves are beautiful but they can also cause problems if they aren't collected and properly disposed of. When leaves and yard clippings are raked into the street or ditches, the vegetative debris can clog storm drains. During heavy rains, blocked storm drains and ditches can cause flooding. Leaves and grass clippings that make their way to local streams and rivers release nutrients that contribute to the accelerated growth of algae. This can be harmful to fish and other aquatic wildlife. By taking the following steps, we can reduce the threat of flooding and nutrient loading to local waterbodies.

- **Mulch:** An easy and beneficial way to deal with leaves is by mulching them back onto your lawn. Simply mow the leaves and leave them on the lawn. The mower will chop the leaves into small pieces that will decompose and provide valuable nutrients to the soil.
- **Compost:** Add autumn leaves to a compost pile or place them in planting beds or gardens to provide an inexpensive and nutrient rich fertilizer for your garden. Composting is nature's truest form of recycling.
- **Rake:** Check with your contracted waste hauler to find out if leaf collection service is available. Leaves should not be placed in the storm drain or street.

Fertilizer Tips

Fall is often the time homeowners seed and fertilize their lawn. Fertilizers are among the many common stormwater pollutants that can degrade water quality. Though fertilizers contain chemicals that are good for lawns and plants when properly used, excessive amounts applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams.

- If you've been in the habit of fertilizing more than once, consider cutting back and fertilizing just in September and also consider using a "slow release" fertilizer that is more likely to stay in the root zone rather than washing off the lawn and down the storm drain during the next rain storm.
- More is not better. Use only the amount directed.
- Check the weather forecast. Never apply fertilizers if a heavy rain is expected.

Only rain should go down the drain!

No leaves, no grass,

No butts, no trash.

Only rain should go down the drain.

Reminder: NO dumping or littering in the Township.

Elizabeth Township - Lititz Rec Summer Playground Program:

The Township is in the process of evaluating the potential offering of the Lititz recCenter's Summer Playground Program again next summer. It would be hosted at the Elizabeth Township Community Park off 322 and Keener Rd in the summer of 2018 from June to August for two or three days per week for two hours each day. Please contact the Township immediately if you would have interest for this next year...we are gauging possible interest to help in the decision process.

A few questions to answer:

- Do you have children ages 5-12 or know of families with children this age who may wish to participate
- Would you like an AM program for two hours (930-1200) or a PM program (600-830 PM)
- Would you like a 2 or 3 day per week program
- Are you aware of this program being offered in the Boro of Lititz or Warwick Township and would participate at those locations

Coming Soon! Upgrades to the Elizabeth Township Building's Tot Lot @423 Southview Drive!

We are working on a grant from PA DCED to upgrade the Township Tot Lot. Watch for changes there in 2018.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK NEWS

We are pleased to announce that our Park Disc Golf Course is finished and available for your playing pleasure. With guidance from the Park Board and Board of Supervisors and the support of local business, we were able to provide this course for you...please use the course and support those businesses who sponsored the various tees and baskets/holes. We appreciate all the community support we received. Our sponsors included Rohrer's Quarry, Elden Weaver Builders, Snavely Mills, Ward Chiropractic, Mid Atlantic Concrete, Merv Miller Builder, Flintrock Farms, Lisa Miller (Berkshire Hathaway Home Sale Realty), Balsbaugh Insurance, Hanover Engineering, May Auto Repair, Brickerville Electric, Esbenshade Greenhouses, Barry Wagner (Zoning Enforcement Services), and Musser Excavating.

VISIT THE ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

www.elizabethtownship.net

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

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Township Meetings

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

- 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 through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Office Hours by Appointment Only

Leonard (Len) Spencer: 717-989-8439 / 717-
553-1005 (fax)
SEOSvcs@ptd.net

Zoning Officer

Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Barry Wagner: (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.*

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 8-14

Homeowners Reminded to Plan and Practice Two Home Escape Routes

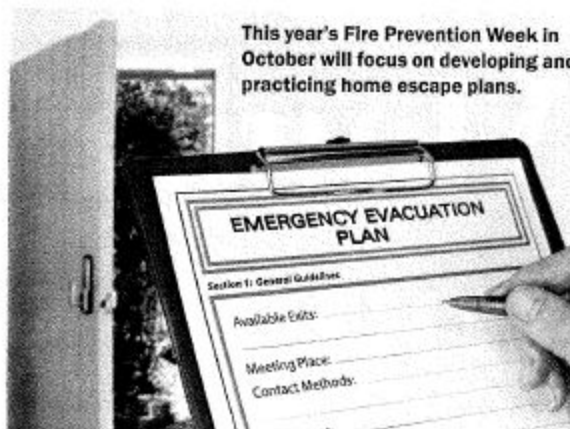
This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" reinforces the message that seconds can mean the difference between residents escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. Escape plans are key to saving lives.

Fire Prevention Week, an annual observance promoted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is October 8-14. The NFPA offers the following tips for creating a home fire escape plan:

- Involve all members of the household in drawing a map of your home showing every room and all doors and windows.
- Visit each room and find two ways outside.
- Make sure all windows and doors open easily so you can get out.
- Ensure that your home has working smoke alarms.
- Choose a place for everyone to

meet outside, ideally in front of your home.

- Review the plan with everyone in your home.
- Practice your home escape plan twice a year. Conduct one drill at night and one during the day for everyone in the home and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Close doors behind you as you leave. This may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.



This year's Fire Prevention Week in October will focus on developing and practicing home escape plans.

- Make sure the street number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.

As in previous years, the association has developed free Fire Prevention Week materials, available at www.firepreventionweek.org. The site features downloadable documents, including children's activities, fact sheets, and more. Public service announcements, communication tips, and a step-by-step media primer for fire departments are also available on the website.

The National Fire Protection Association has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 93 years and helps fire departments promote their public education efforts.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, call the National Fire Protection Association at (617) 770-3000 or go to www.firepreventionweek.org.

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EVERY SECOND COUNTS

PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 8-14, 2017

firepreventionweek.org

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