

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP
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Lititz, PA 17543

THE
ELIZABETHAN
(FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP)

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From the Board of Supervisors

As 2014 is coming to an end, the Elizabeth Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to take this opportunity to welcome any new residents to our Township.

THE ELIZABETHAN is generally published twice a year in an effort to provide up-to-date information on some of the projects and activities occurring within the Township and also to provide a schedule of Township meeting dates and times. **THE ELIZABETHAN** is published on the Township website. However, hard copies will be provided upon request. 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. It has been our pleasure to assist you in any way. We offer our appreciation for your continued support.

2015 Township Budget

As in past years, Elizabeth Township's financial picture is very healthy. The Board of Supervisors is pleased to again report that Elizabeth Township property owners will not be assessed a *municipal* real estate tax in 2015.

No major capital projects are slated for 2015. Road improvement and maintenance items are generally large ongoing budget items. Road projects will be finalized in the Spring of 2015. Other large expense items include insurance costs for health care, liability and workers compensation.

The Township also budgets funds to maintain and improve its Community Park.

Following the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on November 10th, a copy of the 2015 Budget will be available for public review at the Township Municipal Office during regular business hours.

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REMEMBER TO VOTE

NOVEMBER 4, 2014

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING

*****Located At Intersection**

Sleepy Hollow Rd. & South View Dr.

From the Road Superintendent

Like it or not, winter weather is just around the corner and Elizabeth Township will share in some part of it.

Whether it is freezing rain, snow or sleet, the Township road crew will do its best to get the roads as safe as possible as soon as conditions allow us to get out.

Every storm is different and takes on its own set of problems. If the weather forecaster misses a prediction (especially the start and stop times), it could affect the manner in which we attack the storm.

Please keep a safe distance around snow plowing equipment, especially around intersections, when the equipment is backing up or turning around. Have your headlights on when the weather is bad so that you can be seen.

As in past years, it is requested that you attempt to limit your on-street parking when snow plowing operations are in progress. Vehicles parked all over the roads make it nearly impossible for the road crew to do a safe, efficient and effective job clearing the roads for you to get where you need to be.

Submitted by Glenn L. Martin , Road Superintendent

Elizabeth Township Has Voice Mail

626-4302 Report Road Problems 626-4302

From the Pennsylvania State Police

Every motorist is reminded of their responsibility to ensure they are following the safety laws in the area of school buses and school buildings. Every motorist must stop at least ten (10) feet before reaching a school bus with flashing red signal lights. Additionally, when approaching a school bus with yellow flashing lights, motorists need to slow down and prepare to stop. Motorists who pass a school bus with flashing red lights may face a fine of \$250 and a 60-day driver's license suspension. Motorists who fail to obey posted speed limits within designated school zones when the warning lights are activated may face a fine not to exceed \$500 and the possibility of a 60-day license suspension. For the safety of the children, please pay particular attention to school buses and school related signs.

From the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

People traveling through Pennsylvania can now get better traffic information before and during a trip with PennDot's free 511PA mobile application.

This application, available for iPhone and Android devices, provides hands-free and eyes-free travel alerts for the nearly 40,000 miles of road that PennDot maintains, the Pennsylvania Turnpike and select New Jersey and West Virginia roadways. Users can also check the application before they travel to view traffic speeds, cameras and travel alerts.

In addition to providing traveler information on the go, the application helps drivers make travel decisions before they leave by linking to the 511 PA website, www.511PA.com. The site provides alerts, cameras and more for PennDOT-maintained roadways as well as the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

To download the application, visit the iTunes or Google Play stores and search for "511PA."

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 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.*

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).

TAX COLLECTION QUESTIONS ???

County Taxes – Call the Lancaster County Treasurer at 299-8222

School District Taxes – Call Warwick School District at 626-3710

PLANNING A HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ???

Contact Barry Wagner at 625-0444 or 626-4302 to learn which permits you may need before you begin any project. Depending on your project, you may need only a Zoning Permit or you may need a combined Zoning/Building Permit. You may also need to address *Stormwater Management* issues.

A Driveway Permit is required if a driveway is resurfaced.

Brickerville Ambulance Needs You!

The Brickerville Fire Company and Ambulance respond to hundreds of calls each year. Ambulance calls range from structure fires and vehicle accidents to cardiac arrests, injuries and sick persons. Serving with the ambulance can be exciting, fun, an excellent chance for meeting people, and even occasionally a bit stressful and intense -- sometimes all at the same time!

But most of all, serving with the ambulance is rewarding. You get the rare privilege of helping your friends, neighbors and community members in their most urgent times of need.

And, unlike firefighters, members of the ambulance crew sign up for specific on-call shifts. You do not need to consider yourself to be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For people who like to carefully plan their schedules, this is a real benefit.

Currently, the Brickerville Ambulance is in need of quality people to join our team of emergency medical responders. Of course, individuals with prior EMS or EMT experience are always welcome, but it is important to know that you can become a part of the ambulance team even if you have no prior experience. We will provide (and pay for) all of your training.

More than ever before, we need YOUR help to keep the ambulance in full-time service for the citizens of Elizabeth Township. The only true qualifications necessary are a good moral character and a genuine desire to help others in time of need. Imagine -- the first life you help save could be your neighbor!

Interested? Please contact Rita at 626-4302 or rita.snaveley@elizabethtownship.net to learn more.

*Please Support
Your Local Fire Department
2014 Fund Drive*

*Brickerville Fire Company
Brunnerville Fire Company
Penryn Fire Company*

Your Contributions are Needed !!

Did you know this holiday fire safety statistic? Every year, holiday fires cause approximately \$930 million in damages, and injure 2,600 people.

TIPS FOR HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

- ✓ If you use a fireplace, make sure to use a fireplace screen.
- ✓ Never burn wrapping paper, boxes or other trash in your fireplace.
- ✓ Don't leave a fire unattended; put a fire out before you go to bed.
- ✓ Make sure candles are in a stable and secure holder and keep them away from combustible materials and small children. Never leave a candle unattended.
- ✓ Place a real Christmas tree in a stable and secure stand and keep it fresh by checking the water level frequently.
- ✓ Check holiday lights for cracked or broken bulbs, frayed wires and loose plugs.
- ✓ Use only safety approved lights.
- ✓ Use lights only in their designated areas – never use “indoor only” lights outdoors.
- ✓ Follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when using generators.
- ✓ If your smoke, fire or carbon monoxide detectors go off, get everyone outside to safety. **CALL 911.**

ALWAYS use a flashlight – not a candle – for emergency lighting.

Plan Your Escape

Practice an escape plan from every room in the house with everyone living in your house. Caution everyone to stay low to the floor when escaping from fire and never to open doors that are hot. Select a location where everyone can meet after escaping the house. *Get out and then call for help.*

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
A. Thomas (Tom) Moyer, Member

Zoning Hearing Board:

Joe Pfautz, 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 & Nuisance Enforcement Officer:

Barry Wagner

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Leonard (Len) Spencer

Storm Water Engineer

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

Park Board

Tom Moyer, Chairman
Reed Means, Vice-Chairman
Ken Fillo, Secretary
Steve Garman, Member
Lisa Rothermel, Member
Carol Weaver – non-voting member

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**All Emergencies
Don't Wait Dial 911**

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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 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 2015, 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 the Spring of 2014:

- *Wenrich Family*
- *Members of Cornerstone Church*
- *Members of New Beginnings Church*
- *Employees of Elizabeth Farms*
- *Sam and Jay Burkholder*
- *Members of Brickerville Fire Company*

Elizabeth Township will again offer free Christmas tree recycling for all Township residents beginning December 26th. Only real Christmas trees are accepted. A drop-off area will be prepared for the trees.

RECYCLING MAKES SENSE

RECYCLING IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND HELPING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. RECYCLING HELPS CONSERVE RESOURCES AND ENERGY, PRESERVES VALUABLE LANDFILL SPACE AND SUPPORTS A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

THE SUCCESS OF RECYCLING DEPENDS ON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. BY PARTICIPATING, PEOPLE WILL BE REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TRASH THAT IS DISPOSED IN THE LANDFILL, ENCOURAGING THE USE OF MATERIALS MADE FROM RECYCLING PRODUCTS AND CONTINUING THE RECYCLING CIRCLE.

DID YOU KNOW ????

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

(Taken from the website of 2014 Waste Management, Inc.)

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.*

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Stormwater Management

In November 2013, PA Department of Environmental Protection approved the Lancaster County Model Stormwater Management Ordinance. The Ordinance was developed as part of the Water Resources component of the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the Ordinance is to control runoff rates associated with impervious areas of newly developed and redeveloped properties and, in addition, to improve the quality of the stormwater runoff and to promote groundwater recharge.

The main impact of the updated ordinance will apply to small projects of less than 2,000 square feet of new impervious areas. Under the ordinance, which was adopted by the Township on April 14, 2014, effective on May 7, 2014, any existing lot of record in the Township, which has undergone no impervious area additions since February 9, 2004, will be eligible for a stormwater management exemption up to a cumulative 1,000 square feet of new impervious area.

Cumulative impervious areas between 1,001 and 2,500 square feet would be eligible to use a "Small Projects" permit application. The Small Projects require the applicant to provide some stormwater analysis and controls, which can be completed by the applicant, without the need for an engineering consultant, by using the application and worksheets in the ordinance. Examples of Small Project controls are included in the Ordinance.

Projects larger than the cumulative 2,500 square feet would require the assistance of an engineering consultant to prepare plans and calculations, as they have in the past.

The Stormwater Management Ordinance, Act 167, in its entirety, is available on the Township's website: www.elizabethtownship.net

Exemption and permit application forms are available and downloadable on the website.

Any stormwater-related questions regarding the need for or process to follow to apply for an exemption or permit may be addressed to the Township zoning officer, Barry Wagner, at 717-625-0444, or the Township engineer, Bob Lynn, at 717-721-7444.

VISIT THE NEW ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT
www.elizabethtownship.net

- *"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*

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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
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday – By Appointment

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Office Hours by Appointment Only

Leonard (Len) Spencer can be reached at

717-989-8439 / 717-553-1005 (fax)
SEOSvcs@ptd.net

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Zoning Officer

Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Barry Wagner can also be reached at

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.