
THE ELIZABETHAN

Elizabeth Township Newsletter

FALL 2016

From the Board of Supervisors

As 2016 is coming to an end, 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 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, a limited number of hard copies will be available at the Township Office. 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 ...

A Bridge Reconstruction Project is tentatively scheduled for the Fall of 2016. It will be on Speedwell Forge Road, between Mountain Road and Long Lane, going over Hammer Creek. There will be an 8.5 mile detour associated with this project.

The Bridge on Route 322 over Middle Creek, at East Brubaker Valley Road, is tentatively scheduled for replacement beginning mid-November 2016. The construction will be done in stages. There will be traffic delays.

PPL will be starting a state-approved project to install new meters for all 1.4 million of its customers, beginning late in 2016 and continuing through 2019. The meters will enable new energy-saving technologies and will help PPL more quickly detect power outages to improve reliability and will also help detect energy theft and fraud to reduce costs. The project should not have any negative impact on customers

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*** *Insert – Fire Company*
Insert - Ambulance

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REMEMBER TO VOTE
NOVEMBER 8, 2016
Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm
ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Located At Intersection
Sleepy Hollow Rd. & South View Dr.

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. Beginning in January 2016, the Township required 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.*

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

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Tom Moyer, Member

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Michael Miller, Alternate Member

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Mike Landis, Member
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Lisa Rothermel, Member
Carol Weaver – Non-voting Member

Auditors:

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Shawn Long, Member

Staff:

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

Zoning Officer:

Barry Wagner

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Leonard (Len) Spencer

Storm Water Engineer:

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

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. Don't 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. Don't 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.

*Please Support
Your Local Fire Department
2016 Fund Drive*

*Brickerville Fire Company
Northwest EMS
Brunnerville Fire Company
Penryn Fire Company*

Your Contributions are Needed !!

THE BRICKERVILLE FIRE COMPANY ALWAYS NEEDS AND WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS. STOP BY THE FIRE HALL AT 10 HOPELAND ROAD ANY MONDAY EVENING AND ASK ABOUT THE MANY WAYS YOU COULD HELP.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

OCTOBER 31ST
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

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 new expanded 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

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

Thank you to all the residents and visitors who visited and enjoyed our park this past spring and summer season. The pavilion was rented and used most weekends. We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

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.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

Seven out of ten firefighters and emergency responders are volunteers, and the Brickerville community needs more volunteers like you.

If you've got the heart to serve your community in ways few can, we've got volunteer opportunities for you.



**READY TO
LEARN MORE?**

Brickerville Fire Company
(717) 626-8900 *144
dober@warwicktownship.org

**YOUR COMMUNITY
IS CALLING**

MakeMeaFirefighter.org



Dear Elizabeth Township Resident:

You may have heard that Northwest EMS is now the primary ambulance service in your neighborhood. We are excited to be serving your community and at this time we would like to take this opportunity to share with you a little about our services.

Northwest EMS is headquartered in Elizabethtown. We operate from four stations; Elizabethtown, Maytown, Manheim and Brickerville (housed in the Brickerville Fire Company). We serve 15 municipalities in Lancaster, Lebanon and Dauphin County and respond to approximately 9,000 calls per year. We are a not-for-profit 501C3 corporation, meaning that any financial support you give to us can be tax-deductible.

We are licensed by the PA Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) service and are certified at the EMS for Children Master Level, meaning our providers have undergone additional training in pediatric care and that we carry a few extra equipment items for the care and treatment of children. Each of our 4 stations is staffed with at least one Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) that is in service 24/7. During peak hours, we place additional units in service. Typically we have 6 - 7 units in service 16 hours per day.

Beginning on May 1, 2016, we began serving Elizabeth Township and portions of Clay Township from the Brickerville Fire Station. In the first 4 months of service we have been dispatched to 86 emergencies and we have had 72 patient encounters in Elizabeth Township.

Northwest EMS offers a Subscription Membership to offset the expenses associated with 911 emergency responses. Our Membership Year is a calendar year, January through December. You can expect to receive your 2017 Membership Application before the end of September, 2016. If you complete the application and return it to us before January, we will add those few months or weeks of 2016 for free. Additionally, we are honoring any current membership that the Brickerville Ambulance had extended to you, until December 31, 2016.

Thank you for welcoming us to your community. We trust that if you have used our services you were impressed with our prompt response and professional care. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can visit our website at www.nwems86.org, visit our Facebook Page (please 'Like' our page so you receive our posts in your newsfeed) or contact Lori Shenk, Community Outreach Manager at 665-2904 or 371-8282.

Submitted: by Lori Shenk

WINTER SNOW & SAFETY TIPS

In order to help the Road Crew do a better job of clearing the roads when the snow flies, it is requested that Township residents help out 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.

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- **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 is 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.
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AND SOME WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS . . .

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 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.**

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 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 2017, 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 2016:

- Rodney D. May
- Tom Furlow
- Hubert Stephen Family
- Members of New Beginnings Church
- Sonny Ebersol
- Members of Brickerville Fire Company
- Mike Landis

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.

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.**

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Stormwater Management

Seasonal 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.

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*
- *Snow and Ice Control*
- *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.

Visit Elizabeth Township on Facebook

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