

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 starts, 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 ...

There are several road projects on tap for this year in the Township.

PennDot has Route 322 slated for resurfacing from the Route 501 intersection up to the Lebanon County Line.

In addition, Route 501 will be resurfaced from Wynfield Dr. in Warwick Township (at Keller Bros Dodge and CVS) up to Brubaker Valley Rd in Elizabeth Township as well as the Route 322 bridge over Middle Creek in Clay is in line to be replaced (NOTE: the traffic will be alternating at this project and controlled by a red light.) Road projects for the Township include oil and chip on all or part of the following roads: Dead End Rd, Pumping Station Rd, Penryn Rd, Oak Lance, Lake View Dr, Long Lane, Blantz Rd, Crest Rd and Weber Rd.

Also, the Poplar Grove subdivision streets. There will possibly be improvements made to Old Pike and Evans Rds

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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Insert – Fire Company

Insert – New Staff / Blood Donors

REMEMBER TO VOTE

May 16, 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

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 Office 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, 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
Nicole Moody, Secretary
Shawn Long

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

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Leonard (Len) Spencer

Storm Water Engineer:

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

Stormwater Management

Tips for Protecting Our Waterways

Stormwater, rain that runs off hard surfaces and eventually into local waterways, is a major and fast growing source of pollution that affects every watershed. This runoff may carry sediment, nutrients from lawns, waste from farms and pets, oil and litter from streets, and other contaminants into streams or storm drains. To cover the costs of managing stormwater's impact on the environment, some local governments have recently established programs that impose fees on property owners, who play a crucial role in limiting water pollution right in their own yards. "When you add up the combined efforts of thousands of individual homeowners, the cumulative improvement on stormwater runoff and water quality can be quite substantial," says Al Todd, Executive Director of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, "but it can be hard to find the right information to get started." The following lawn and garden tips will help property owners partner with their community to manage stormwater and battle water pollution.

Getting a start in your own back yard A "stormwater-friendly" lawn is one that can absorb rainwater and does not harm local streams due to the over-application of chemicals. Likewise, a "stormwater-friendly" garden is one that uses organic compost as fertilizer to amend soil and minimizes or eliminates the use of chemicals. Reducing chemical applications and encouraging infiltration will help stabilize local water flows and also maintain natural nutrient levels in streams. Stormwater-friendly lawns and gardens will help you save money on fertilizers and time on upkeep once they become established.

A stormwater-friendly lawn Following the steps below will not only help protect local streams and rivers but can result in direct and substantial cost savings to you, the homeowner.

- Set mower height to 3 inches or higher. Taller grass slows the rate of runoff and produces a deeper, denser root system, which will absorb more water, prevent erosion, and suppress weeds. Deeper roots also have access to more water stored in the ground and can reduce the need for irrigation during droughts.
 - Retain grass clippings and chopped leaves onsite. A mulch-mower is ideal for retaining and spreading clippings on your lawn. The clippings decompose quickly, provide important nutrients for your lawn, and settle to create an organic layer on the soil that encourages stormwater infiltration. This technique can significantly reduce or eliminate the need for nitrogen fertilizers.
 - Also by spreading grass clippings on your lawn, you can reduce the amount of fertilizer needed. • Keep clippings and chopped leaves out of streams, off the street, and out of storm drains. If mulching is not possible, bag the clippings and store them in a compost area where the organic material can be used as a fertilizer later. Blowing them onto a street or into storm drains deposits the clippings directly into local streams, where they decompose and become major pollutants by increasing nitrogen to unsafe levels for fish and other aquatic life.
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• Fertilizers for your lawn...do you need them? If so, what, where, when, and how much? Many lawns do not need fertilizer because they are already fertile or you have carried out the previously discussed practices. Using no fertilizer is ideal for the bay's health, but if your lawn is thin or has bare spots, you should consider fertilizing it. • A dense vegetated cover is the most "stormwaterfriendly" lawn so take the following steps to determine if fertilizer is necessary for your property: 1) Test your soil or consult a local professional or certified applicator. There is no "one size fits all" when it comes to fertilizer. Needs vary drastically based on soil texture, pH levels, and nutrient levels. In fact, soil tests can reveal that lawns may be suffering from micronutrient deficiency, and standard chemical fertilizers may not alleviate the problem. Identifying these needs will reduce unnecessary applications, create a healthier lawn faster, and reduce your long-term costs. 2) Maximize the slow-release nitrogen in your fertilizer. Typically called "water insoluble nitrogen," or WIN, on fertilizer bags, slow-release nitrogen limits nutrient runoff and exportation. This should be applied in the spring, not autumn, to provide a steady source of nutrients throughout the growing season. 3) Start with low amounts or fewer applications: Your lawn may achieve its ideal coverage and growth with reduced amounts of fertilizer, saving time and money. 4) Apply only during the growing season and check the weather. Wait until the grass begins growing in March to fertilize and avoid fertilizing after October. Fertilizing during a lawn's dormant season increases the risk of the chemicals running off into streams or leaching into your water table because root systems are less active. Additionally, do not fertilize before it rains since most of it will wash off your lawn. 5) Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream and use riparian specific herbicides, if necessary. Maintaining this distance will help keep chemicals out of the stream. Also, consider establishing a natural riparian buffer, instead. 6) Sweep any granulated chemicals off hard surfaces and back onto your lawn immediately: Your walkway, driveway, patio, or road is often a quick route to drainage pipes that discharge into local streams so make sure they are kept clean of chemicals.

► **A stormwater-friendly garden** Home gardens can contribute a considerable amount of nutrients and other pollution to streams and other water bodies if not cared for in a responsible way. This mainly applies to fertilizers and pesticides so here are some options: • Garden fertilizers: Organic alternatives to chemicals include compost or manure. Compost can be created in your own back yard, is free, and contains the many nutrients needed for your vegetables. Also, be sure to apply organic fertilizers before planting to prevent runoff. • Pesticides: When it comes to pesticides, identify the pest and research your options. Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. If there is a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have. Consult an expert because there are many nonchemical alternatives to controlling pests. Pesticides can infiltrate the ground water, contaminate drinking supplies, and severely harm downstream ecosystems if applied incorrectly or unnecessarily. In the long run, little actions, such as taking a stormwater-friendly approach to your garden and lawn, will have a big impact as all of us work together

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 2017, please call the Township Office at 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 additional volunteers in 2017 May thru October.

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.



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

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 in past years. Spring is upon us. To rent pavilion, call Lititz Rec at 717.626.5096 and ask for Maria. We look forward to seeing you there!



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**

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 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.

- 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 thru 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.*

BRICKERVILLE FIRE COMPANY

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. You can find the BVFC on FACEBOOK, too. Please check them out and "like" them.

Your Local Fire Department 2017 Fund Drive
Brickerville Fire Company
Brunnerville Fire Company
Penryn Fire Company
Your Contributions are Needed!

IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY:
The BV Fire Company Building is the Township's primary emergency shelter. The Township Building is the secondary shelter.

Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Launch County-wide
Volunteer Recruitment Campaign
Could YOU Be Our Next Volunteer?

Lancaster County, PA...To attract more volunteers to its 67 fire companies, the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association has launched a multi-pronged recruitment campaign with the theme, "Put out the fire, ignite the passion to protect Lancaster County."

Connections can be made through Facebook. The website www.BecomeaFirefighter.org serves as an online hub for prospective volunteers to learn more or sign up to volunteer. Those who prefer can instead call 888-914-JOIN. Connections can also be made through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/becomeafirefighter.org/>

Volunteers of all experience levels and most ages are welcome. The fire companies cover members' training costs. This training allows volunteers to fight fires and rescue people who need help. Senior firefighters must be at least 18 years old. Additionally, many Lancaster County fire companies have junior or cadet programs for teenage volunteers. There are also important roles for people who want to join the fire company without entering a burning building or provide aid at an accident scene. Fire police are needed to direct traffic and manage incident scenes. Other volunteers are needed to help teach fire safety and prevention to children and adults, assist with community programs, assist with fundraising or handle administrative or maintenance-related tasks.

The need for more volunteer firefighters is national, but very acute close to home. Here in Pennsylvania, 97.1 percent of fire companies were all- or mostly volunteer last year, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. While the state boasted about 300,000 volunteers in 1977, that number has dwindled to around 50,000 today. Lancaster County has experienced a similar decline over recent years. The Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association is confident that once word of the tremendous need for more volunteers gets out, the men and women who live here will step forward to help.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your community, visit www.BecomeaFirefighter.org or call 888-914-JOIN

NEW STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

The Elizabeth Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the recent addition of Loren D. Miller to the Township staff as Township Office Manager. He is excited for this opportunity to use his accounting and office management experience to serve the community and was in the midst of his second term as Township auditor when he joined the Township staff. Loren and his wife, Lisa, a local Realtor and his sons Nathaniel (a sophomore at Messiah College), Nicolas (a senior at Warwick H.S.) and Noah (a sophomore at Warwick H.S.) are Township residents and enjoy living in and serving the community. Feel free to stop by and meet him and the staff at the Township building at 423 South View Drive Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-12pm.

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.

- ***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***