
THE ELIZABETHAN
Elizabeth Township Newsletter
SPRING 2014

Road Improvements Planned in 2014

Projected 2014 Road Projects include Oil and Chip maintenance on Reifsnyder Road, Hershey Road, Sleepy Hollow Road, Elser Hill Road, Hammercreek Road, Hackman Road, Fox Road and a portion of Snavelly Mill Road. A portion of Evans Road and a portion of Elser Hill Road may possibly be reclaimed, followed by an application of oil and chip.

Some of our other Township roads may be considered for Oil and Chip maintenance if the winter freeze and thaw damages the roads.

The Township is also planning to widen the lower portion of Reifsnyder Road, south of East Brubaker Valley Road.

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Proper clearance should be maintained along and above every Township roadway in order to ensure the safety and welfare of the traveling public and prevent damages to Township vehicles or equipment used to maintain roads. Property owners are responsible to maintain trees and vegetation that has grown beyond the edge of the roadway.

Elizabeth Township Has Voice Mail
Call 626-4302 to Report Road Problems

***Working Smoke Detectors
and
Carbon Monoxide Detectors
Save Lives
Check Your Batteries Now !!!***

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Population (estimated)
3,893

Housing (estimated)
1,293

THOUGHTS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

Please plan to visit the Elizabeth Township Community Park this spring and summer season. The Park is easily accessed from East 28th Division Highway, approximately one-fourth of a mile east of Route 501, or from Keener Road.

Although no major changes are planned for the 2014 season, the Park has a pavilion, restroom facilities, a tot lot area, two ball fields and a Veterans' Memorial, along with growing trees and shrubs. Before too long, the Park will be coming to life with Little League baseball and Soccer games, picnics and family gatherings, as well as folks walking dogs or reading while sitting on a bench or blanket.

The Park facilities are available for rental. Visit the Township website at www.elizabethtownship.net to view the Pavilion calendar and/or for information on how to rent the facilities.

YOU AND YOUR BUDDY

- ❖ All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the County Treasurer.
- ❖ All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Besides being your best buddy, dogs are personal property and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dogs.
- ❖ Please be a responsible pet owner.

LITTERING

A few pieces of litter along the side of the road may not seem like a real problem, but it is.

- ❖ Littered roadways and properties can cost the Commonwealth and local governments millions of dollars each year in cleanup costs. Aside from the costs associated with cleanup, littering becomes a blemish upon your local community.
- ❖ Litter comes in all shapes and sizes – from a cigarette butt or candy wrapper to a car tire. It can be found on roadsides, in parks or on private property.

Many times littering may be unintentional. However, *intentional littering* is a behavioral choice based on apathy and lack of social pressure to do the right thing. Please do the right thing. Don't litter.

Keep our Township Beautiful

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:

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
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 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).

***VOTE MAY 20, 2014
Primary Election Day***

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
(Corner of Sleepy Hollow Rd. and South View Dr.)
-- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. --

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

The PA State Police have requested the Board of Supervisors to remind and urge members of the public that they 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

Brickerville Volunteer Fire Company is 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.

*Please Support
Your Local Fire Department
2014 Fund Drive*

*Brickerville Fire Company
Brunnerville Fire Company
Penryn Fire Company*

Your Contributions are Needed !!

Summertime Reminders and Safety Tips for Parents - - -

- Go over rules with your children about whose homes they may visit when you are not there;
- Discuss boundaries of where your children can and cannot go in the neighborhood;
- Be sure your children know what to do in case of an emergency, how to reach you on your cell phone or at work and how to call 9-1-1;
- Children should have a neighbor or trusted adult they can call if they are scared or if there is an emergency;
- Caution children to keep the door locked and not to open the door to anyone they do not know;
- Also, caution children to not answer the telephone. If they do, they should never tell the caller they are alone.
- Make sure you are aware of all activities and field trips offered by any camp or program.

SUMMERTIME brings DOOR to DOOR SOLICITATION. Please be cautious and ALWAYS request to see identification.

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 2013:

- Amos F. Miller II & Rodney D. May
- Gordon Wagner
- Ken and Carol Weaver
- Bruhn Family
- Tom and Fay Huber
- Reed and Sue Means
- Members of Brickerville Fire Company
- Sonny Ebersol

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.**

COMPOSTING

The Green Team

BEFORE YOU THROW AWAY THOSE FOOD SCRAPS AT THE END OF A MEAL, CONSIDER USING THEM AND OTHER ORGANIC MATERIALS FOR COMPOST. ITEMS SUCH AS LEAVES, GRASS AND VEGETABLE SCRAPS ARE BROKEN DOWN BY MICRO-ORGANISMS TO FORM A RICH SOIL-LIKE SUBSTANCE CALLED COMPOST OR HUMUS.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO HOME COMPOST?

ALL YOU NEED TO COMPOST IS ENTHUSIASM, YARD OR FOOD WASTE (EXCEPT MEAT OR DAIRY PRODUCTS) AND SOME SPACE. COMPOST PILES DO NOT NEED TO BE ENCLOSED, ALTHOUGH MANY PEOPLE USE A BIN OR SIMILAR ENCLOSURE. YOU CAN PURCHASE A COMPOST BIN OR EASILY CONSTRUCT ONE WITH COMMON MATERIALS SUCH AS CHICKEN WIRE, SNOW FENCING, LUMBER OR USED PALLETS. OTHER TOOLS THAT COME IN HANDY FOR COMPOSTING ARE A GARDEN HOSE, WHEELBARROW AND COMMON GARDEN TOOLS.

GETTING STARTED ...

A 4 x 4 x 4 FOOT AREA OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT IS IDEAL FOR YOUR COMPOST PILE. CHOOSE AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE SPOT ON A GRASS OR SOIL BASE. COMPOSTING CAN BEGIN ANY TIME OF THE YEAR, BUT MANY PEOPLE START IN THE FALL WHEN LEAVES ARE ABUNDANT. ORGANIC MATERIALS SHOULD BE MIXED, ADDING WATER AS NEEDED SO THAT THE MATERIALS FEEL LIKE A MOIST SPONGE. THE COMPOST PILE SHOULD BE TURNED AFTER A FEW WEEKS SO THAT THE OUTSIDE LAYERS ARE EXCHANGED WITH THE CENTER OF THE PILE. TURN COMPOST PILES ABOUT ONCE A MONTH, EXCEPT IN COLD WINTER CONDITIONS. WATER CAN BE ADDED DURING TURNING, IF NECESSARY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COMPOSTING, VISIT WWW.LCSWMA.ORG

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Storm Water Corner

Educational Information on Stormwater Control

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff is precipitation (rain or snowmelt) that flows across the land. Stormwater may infiltrate into soil, discharge directly into streams, water bodies, or drain inlets or evaporate back into the atmosphere.

In the natural environment, most precipitation is absorbed by trees and plants or permeates into the ground, which results in stable stream flows and good water quality.

Things are different in the built environment. Rain that falls on a roof, driveway, patio or lawn runs off the surface more rapidly, picking up pollutants as it goes. This stormwater runoff flows into streams or storm drains that discharge into waterways like the Little Conestoga Creek, the Susquehanna River and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

Why Can Stormwater Runoff be a Problem?

Poorly managed stormwater runoff can cause a host of problems. These include:

- **Flooding.** As stormwater runs off roads, driveways and lawns, large volumes quickly reach streams, causing them to rise quickly and flood, instead of a natural slow and steady water rise. When more impervious surfaces exist, flooding occurs more rapidly and can be more severe, resulting in damage to property and people.
- **Pollution.** Stormwater running over roofs, driveways, roads and lawns will pick up pollutants such as oil, fertilizers, pesticides, dirt/sediment, trash and animal waste. These pollutants “hitch a ride” with the stormwater and flow untreated into local streams, polluting our waters.
- **Stream Bank Erosion.** When stormwater flows into streams at unnaturally high volumes and speeds, the power of these flows can cause severe stream bank erosion. Eroding banks can eat away at streamside property, create dangerous situations and damage natural habitat for fish and other aquatic life. This erosion is another source of sediment pollution in streams.
- **Threats to Human Health.** Stormwater runoff can carry many toxic pollutants, such as toxic metals, organic compounds, bacteria and viruses. Polluted stormwater can contaminate drinking water supplies and hamper recreational opportunities as well as threaten fish and other aquatic life.

What Can a Homeowner Do to Help?

As a homeowner, you can help avoid the problems associated with stormwater runoff by:

- Reducing impervious areas so that the rain soaks into the ground.
- Planting native trees and plants which help infiltrate stormwater and increase evaporation and transpiration.
- Following acceptable lawn care practices.
- Managing stormwater on-site with rain gardens, rain barrels and similar practices.
- Doing many small things, you have a big impact on improving stormwater management.

Managing stormwater on your property will not only help protect local streams, but will also help clean up downstream waterways including the Chesapeake Bay.

Taken from "The Homeowners Guide to Stormwater"

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*

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 –
9:00 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)
SEOsucs@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.*