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# THE ELIZABETHAN

## Elizabeth Township Newsletter

### SPRING 2015

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#### Road Improvements Planned in 2015

Projected and proposed road improvements planned for 2015 include pipe replacement on, and the widening of, Fox Road.

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

“Nova Chip” may be applied on Ironstone Drive and Augusta Drive.

Regular maintenance will be done on Township roads depending on funding availability.

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#### *A Few Reminders:*

- Basketball posts are not allowed along Township roads.
- When parking along the street, please be considerate of your neighbors.
- Please keep bushes, shrubs and trees trimmed to allow for clear sight up and down our roads.

Last, but not least, have a great summer !!!

*Glenn L. Martin  
Road Superintendent*

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

**VOTE MAY 19, 2015**  
**Primary Election Day**

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ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
423 South View Drive, Lititz, PA 17543  
(Corner of Sleepy Hollow Road and South View Drive)  
-- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. --

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

# ***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**

Due to lack of participation and attendance, the Lititz Public Library found it necessary to discontinue the monthly Preschool Story Time that was held at the Elizabeth Township Municipal Building on the *Second Friday of Each Month.*

The Board of Supervisors wishes to thank the Library and especially its Youth Librarian, Karen Payonk, for providing this program at the Township Building for several years.

Preschool Story Time continues to be held at the Lititz Public Library. If you have any questions, you may call the Library at 626-2255.

“**The Elizabethan**” is generally published in the Spring and Fall each year. This issue will be the **FINAL** printed hard copy to be mailed.

“**The Elizabethan**” will be published on the Township website [www.elizabethtownship.net](http://www.elizabethtownship.net) and for your convenience you may sign up on the website to automatically receive the newsletter by email as soon as it becomes available. A limited number of hard copies will also be printed and available at the Township Office.

# **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

## **Park Board:**

Tom Moyer, Chairman  
Reed Means, Vice-Chairman  
Ken Fillo, Secretary  
Steven Garman, Member  
Lisa Rothermel, Member  
Carol Weaver – Non-voting Member

## **Auditors:**

Loren Miller, Chairman  
Carol Rogers, Secretary  
Nicole Moody, 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

# ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

The warm weather months of 2015 are fast approaching. Consider visiting and enjoying the Elizabeth Township Community Park.

The pavilion and park facilities are available to be rented for your parties or reunions. For information on renting the pavilion and/or park facilities, you may contact *Maria Tivoli at (717) 626-5096 or refer to the Township website [www.elizabethtownship.net](http://www.elizabethtownship.net) to view the community park calendar for available dates.*

A Reminder:

Dogs must be leashed at all times. Also, please clean up after your dog and deposit the waste accordingly. There are NO trash receptacles in the park. Carry In – Carry Out.

Park Rules and Regulations are posted on a sign board at the Park.

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**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY  
PARK AND KEENER ROAD  
YARD SALE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015  
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon  
RAIN OR SHINE  
(Proceeds to Benefit Park Improvements)**

Park will open at 6:00 a.m. for vendor set up.  
Spaces in parking lot are \$10.00 each (18' x 24').  
Vendors Must Bring Tables for Parking Lot Spaces.  
Tables available in pavilion are \$10.00 each.

**Cash Only  
First Come – First Served**

**Enter at Route 322 Park entrance to be assigned a space. For information, call 717-824-5769.**

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## ***A TAIL TO TELL . . .***

“A Tail to Tell” Puppy Mill Rescue will be having its first annual Chase Your Tail 5K Run and 1 mile Woof Walk at the Elizabeth Township Community Park on April 18, 2015. The race will begin at 8:30 am and the walk will begin at 9:15 am.

A Tail to Tell Puppy Mill Rescue, Inc. is a group of dedicated and committed volunteers. The volunteers in this group work tirelessly to raise money to rescue, rehabilitate and provide outstanding veterinary care to any dog that is rescued from a puppy mill.

“A Tail to Tell” was formed over 10 years ago when a small group of people saw the need for a rescue group in Pennsylvania to rescue dogs living in substandard conditions in the puppy mills. Since its inception the group has grown, but the primary goal of this group has remained the same - to rescue, rehabilitate and provide outstanding veterinary care to any dog rescued from a puppy mill. To find out more about “A Tail to Tell”, please visit the website at [www.atailtotell.com](http://www.atailtotell.com). To find out more about the 5K Run/1 mile walk, please visit the website and click on *Events*.

Please note that “A Tail to Tell” will also be hosting a Spring Barker Bingo event at the Brickerville Fire Hall on March 15, 2015. The doors & kitchen will open at 1:00 pm with Bingo beginning at 2:00 pm. Prizes include Thirty-one Gifts, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley, Coach and many other great prizes. You can find out additional information regarding the event on the Home Page of the website of “A Tail To Tell.”

If you have any questions regarding either event, you can contact Brickerville resident, Jodi May, at 717-341-4282

## AN URGENT MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP

Dear Elizabeth Township Residents:

We are taking this opportunity to write to you personally about something that affects every one of us -- the need for volunteers at our local Ambulance and Fire Company.

Here in the Brickerville area, we have always been privileged to be helped and protected in times of emergency by volunteer firefighters and EMS providers. We have carried on a proud tradition that dates back to the very beginning of our nation, with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin among the many founding fathers who were also involved in the volunteer fire service.

To this day, the Brickerville Volunteer Fire Company consists 100% of volunteer firefighters, and our Ambulance is staffed by volunteer EMS providers except during the day when most volunteers are at work. We are, however, beginning to face a dire shortage of volunteers. As our existing members age, and as busy schedules compete for the free time of younger people, fewer and fewer individuals have been volunteering for the fire and ambulance service.

Anyone reading this letter will immediately recognize some of the potential consequences. In times of medical emergency, fire, flood or other disaster, it is imperative to the safety and welfare of our community that we have sufficient well-trained personnel to provide emergency services needed. There is, however, another less visible potential result of a volunteer shortage which affects all of us -- **TAXES**.

The Township is obligated by law to provide emergency fire protection for its citizens. While not obligated by law, the Township also chooses to make sure that there is appropriate emergency medical service. If these duties are not fulfilled by volunteers, the Township is required to contract for these safety services. It would cost the taxpayers of Elizabeth Township an estimated **1.5 MILLION DOLLARS** per year for a paid career staff of firefighters and medical personnel. That is 2 times the Township's 2014 general operating budget.

We all benefit if we get involved! By becoming a volunteer firefighter or EMT, you will play a crucial role in your community, protecting your friends and neighbors from emergencies and disasters of all kinds. You will also enjoy the fun and camaraderie of a great group of men and women dedicated to providing life-saving services to their fellow citizens.

If you are ready to volunteer (or even if you just want to learn more), call **Duane Ober at 717-626-8900, ext. 144**. There is never any cost – all training is provided. We invite you to join us!

Elizabeth Township Board of Supervisors  
and

Kurt A. Gardner, President, Brickerville Fire Company

# HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

The PA State Police encourage residents to report any suspicious activity to the Pennsylvania State Police through 911 or 717-299-7656.

## IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft occurs when someone steals another individual's personal information and then utilizes it to fraudulently establish new credit or use existing credit cards, file fraudulent tax returns, access bank accounts and commit many other crimes in someone else's name. There are several simple steps that one can take in order to protect oneself from becoming a victim of identity theft. Don't carry your social security card with you and never give your number to anyone unless absolutely necessary. Mail your bills directly from the post office. Shred all documents containing personal information before throwing them away. Don't give your credit card number over the telephone unless you initiated the call. Never leave your credit card receipts at the store. Do not put your credit card number on the internet unless it is an encrypted or secured site. Ensure you closely review your bank statement and credit card statements each month. Review your credit report annually by requesting a free copy from Trans Union (1-800-680-7289), Equifax (1-888-766-0008) or Experian (1-888-397-3742). If you find unauthorized charges on your credit card, unauthorized withdrawals from your bank account or irregularities on your credit report, contact your lender and file a complaint with the Pennsylvania State Police.

Provided by:  
Lieutenant Jeremy M. Richard  
Troop J, Lancaster

For additional information about the Pennsylvania State Police, citizens are encouraged to log onto [www.psp.state.pa.us](http://www.psp.state.pa.us) to view current initiatives, station locations or researching crime statistics in Pennsylvania.

**FOR ANY EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1**

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## 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.**

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

*Please Support  
Your Local Fire Department  
2015 Fund Drive*

*Brickerville Fire Company  
Brunnerville Fire Company  
Penryn Fire Company*

*Your Contributions are 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.**

# **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 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 Fall of 2014:*

- *Bob Tucci and Russ Hughes*
- *Bruhn Family*
- *Mike Landis*
- *Ken and Carol Weaver*
- *Gordon Wagner*
- *Tom and Fay Huber*
- *Tansy and Brandon Rodgers*

## **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 more information, call 717-626-8973.**

## **E - WASTE**

Numerous inquiries are received at the Township office with regard to the disposition of what is termed "E-Waste."

Pennsylvania has instituted a law called the **Covered Devices Recycling Act** which prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash and bans haulers from collecting these items as trash. They must be recycled at an approved facility.

Covered devices include the following items:

- ✓ Desktop computers
- ✓ Laptops
- ✓ Monitors
- ✓ Computer peripherals, including a keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ E-readers that browse the internet

Covered devices will be accepted from residents and businesses for **FREE** at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, with the following restrictions:

- ✓ Limit of 10 total covered devices per customer per day
- ✓ All electronics must be intact and will not be accepted otherwise

Additional E-Waste accepted:

- ✓ Cameras
- ✓ Cell phone peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpiece, air cards, clips, cases
- ✓ DVD and VCR players
- ✓ MP3 players and iPods
- ✓ PDA's
- ✓ Portable electronic game players and video game consoles
- ✓ Stereos and peripherals: CD players, amplifiers, turntables, speakers (no wooden material)

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603 and is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. / Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The telephone number is 717-397-9968.

## Storm Water Corner

Local municipalities across the state are seeing increased requirements from legislative mandates to control stormwater runoff, improve the quality of stormwater runoff and promote groundwater recharge. Many of these mandates are enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the federal level and down the regulatory chain through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the County agencies, such as the County Conservation District. These mandates and the designated enforcement agencies, while necessary to maintain or improve water quality, place additional regulatory and enforcement responsibilities on the local municipalities, including Elizabeth Township.

Many of you may already be aware of the new Stormwater Management Ordinance (SWMO) that took effect in the Township on May 7, 2014. The Ordinance was prepared in compliance with a Countywide Stormwater Management Plan, as mandated by the Stormwater Management Act of 1978 (Act 167). Many of you may also be aware of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements mandated and enforced by EPA and DEP. MS4 is part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. While stormwater management and MS4 are related, they have different purposes. This newsletter will focus on the new SWMO. MS4 will be reviewed in a subsequent newsletter.

The purpose of the SWMO includes the promotion of health, safety and welfare of the public through the regulation of proposed stormwater discharges related to changes in physical land use characteristics resulting from development and earth disturbance. The characteristics are not only related to the control of rate and volume of runoff, but also to the quality of runoff being discharged to the streams and local bodies of water and the recharge of groundwater which may be displaced due to construction of impervious area. One of the specific purposes includes compliance with NPDES permit requirements, which may be imposed on the Township or on an individual property owner disturbing more than one acre of land.

While the recently adopted Ordinance has provisions for exemptions of certain activities and for new impervious area up to 1,000 SF (the equivalent of about a 2 ½ car garage), provided no new impervious has been installed since 2004 (the date of the Township's previous Ordinance, which also included provisions for a similar exemption), all activities involving new impervious surfaces are regulated in some manner, including agricultural related development. The agricultural exemptions, for activity meeting specific performance standards included in the Township's 2004 Ordinance, are no longer applicable. It should also be noted that the Township no longer has sole jurisdiction over the modification of water quality or groundwater recharge requirements. Any requests for relief of water quality and groundwater recharge performance standards will be subject to some level of review and approval by DEP.

There are four (4) basic plan levels including exemption up to 1,000 SF of new impervious area, subject to previous exemptions; small projects up to 1,500 SF of new impervious area above any exemption (2,500 SF cumulative area – this application is intended to be user friendly without the need for an applicant to secure assistance from a stormwater design professional); minor plans up to 2,500 SF of new impervious area above any exemption or small project (5,000 SF cumulative area) or earth disturbance between 5,000 SF and 43,560 SF (1 acre), excluding agricultural cultivation; and, major plans exceeding 5,000 SF of new impervious area or earth disturbance greater than 1 acre, excluding agricultural cultivation. Both minor and major plans require preparation by a registered design professional.

Prior to proceeding with any project, we recommend a pre-application discussion with the Township Engineer. Contact Bob Lynn at Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. (717-721-7444).

*Submitted by:  
Robert Lynn  
Hanover Engineering*

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[www.elizabethtownship.net](http://www.elizabethtownship.net)

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- *Storm Water Management*
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**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP**

*Phone – (717) 626-4302*

*Fax – (717) 626-0102*

*email us:*

*rita.snavely@elizabethtownship.net*

*or*

*glenn.martin@elizabethtownship.net*

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday
- Planning Commission – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday
- Zoning Hearing Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)  
SEOsvc@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.***