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# THE ELIZABETHAN

## Elizabeth Township Newsletter

### SPRING 2016

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#### Road Improvements Planned in 2016

Projected road improvements planned for 2016 include the application of ultra-thin friction material on Clay Road from Brunnerville Road to the Township line.

The Township is also planning to finish the widening of Reifsnnyder Road, south of East Brubaker Valley Road, followed by paving.

Pumping Station Road will be paved between Route 322 and Speedwell Forge Road.

Depending on funding availability, Fox Road may be paved from Route 501 to the County Line.

Regular maintenance work will also be done on Township roads.



#### *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*

#### 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.*

#### 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.

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***VOTE April 26, 2016***  
***Primary Election Day***

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

# 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  
Ken Fillo, Secretary  
Mike Landis, Member  
Steven Garman, Member  
Lisa Rothermel, Member  
Carol Weaver – Non-voting Member

## **Auditors:**

Loren Miller, Chairman  
Nicole Moody, Secretary  
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

# COMMUNITY PARK ACTIVITIES

## **ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK YARD SALE**

**SATURDAY, April 9, 2016**

**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.**

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

“A Tail to Tell” Puppy Mill Rescue will be having its second annual Chase Your Tail 5K Run and 1 Mile Woof Walk at the Elizabeth Township Community Park on April 16, 2016. The race will begin at 8:30 am and the walk will begin at 9:15 am.

To find out more about the 5K Run/1 Mile Walk, please visit the website [www.atailtotell.com](http://www.atailtotell.com) and click on *Events*.

If you have any questions regarding the event, you may contact Brickerville resident, Jodi May, at 717-341-4282.

## **Park Clean-up & Mulch Day April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**(Rain Date April 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Help us get the park ready for spring and summer with a face lift. Neighbors, scouts, church and civic groups are encouraged to come out and help beautify your community township park.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own tools of choice, if possible, for mulching, branch, leaf and trash pick-up (wheelbarrows – rakes – pitch forks).

Volunteers are encouraged to show up and help even if you have no tools to bring.

Items Provided – Gloves, trash bags, bottled water and **LUNCH**.

Township insurance regulations require all volunteers to sign a Hold Harmless Form.

Please call 717-381-1974 with any questions.

## FIRE COMPANY AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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**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.

**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.**

*Please Support  
Your Local Fire Department  
2016 Fund Drive*

*Brickerville Fire Company  
Brunnerville Fire Company  
Penryn Fire Company*

*Your Contributions are Needed !!*

TRY YOUR LUCK AT **BINGO** WITH A FUN GROUP OF FOLKS AT BRICKERVILLE FIRE HALL EVERY TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M. KITCHEN OPENS AT 5:30 P.M.

## OUTGROWN GEAR & REBORN TOYS

DO YOU HAVE LOTS OF OUTGROWN, GENTLY USED KIDS CLOTHING AND USED TOYS? HATE TO PAY OUTRAGEOUS BIG-STORE PRICES FOR KIDS' CLOTHES AND TOYS?

THE BVFC WILL BE HOSTING A GENTLY-USED KIDS CLOTHING AND TOYS SALE ON **AUGUST 13, 2016** – JUST IN TIME FOR BACK TO SCHOOL AND EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO RENT A SPACE AT THE FIRE HALL IN ORDER TO SELL YOUR CLOTHES AND TOYS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR KIDS' CLOTHING (INFANT TO TEEN) OR TOYS AND WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A SPACE, CONTACT HEIDI GARDNER AT 538-2748. LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE SHOPPING NEWS AND LITITZ RECORD AND TOWNSHIP *FACEBOOK*.

## WEST NILE VIRUS ALERT

In 2015, some mosquito pools in Elizabeth Township were West Nile positive. There were no bird, horse or human positives reported.

The best way to avoid contracting West Nile is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Wearing long sleeves and pants, the application of an insect repellent such as DEET and removing sources of standing water from your property are the best methods for avoiding mosquito bites. Most mosquitoes are out around dusk. A discarded tire or bucket is more likely to breed mosquitoes than an abandoned pool or a wetland, which likely have a population of mosquito-eating predators. When using insect repellents or similar repellents or chemicals, be sure to read and follow label instructions.

Feel free to contact David Schmidt, West Nile Virus Coordinator for the Lancaster and Lebanon Extension Offices of Penn State. His telephone number is 717-394-6851. Mr. Schmidt can be contacted with any mosquito-related concerns.

Dear Neighbor:

We are excited to inform you of an important step-up in the level of emergency medical service coverage coming in the near future. Shortly after you read this letter, Brickerville Ambulance will merge with Northwest EMS, Inc.

Northwest EMS, Inc. was created on January 1, 2000 with the merger of the Elizabethtown Fire Co. Ambulance (started in 1947) and the Northwest Advanced Life Support Unit (started in 1980). In 2004, Bainbridge and Maytown Ambulances merged with Northwest. More recently, in October of 2013, Manheim Memorial Ambulance merged with Northwest as well. The combined organization now provides 24/7 coverage in part or all of 9 municipalities in northern and western Lancaster County. They currently have physical locations in Elizabethtown, Maytown and Manheim.

Northwest EMS responds to about 8000 emergency calls per year, with a paid staff of 65 paramedics and EMT's plus 25 volunteers. The business of Northwest EMS is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of community leaders drawn from the areas they cover. Northwest also provides community services to its coverage areas including first aid stand-by at sporting and other events, CPR and AED training, Junior Academy for students ages 14 to 20, and visits/presentations to schools and community groups.

As a result of the merger, a mobile intensive care unit, or MICU, will be stationed in Brickerville 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A MICU is an ambulance staffed by both an EMT and a paramedic. While the Brickerville Ambulance always included EMT's, when a paramedic was needed a separate unit was required to respond from further away, outside our first response area.

The new MICU will be stationed at the Brickerville Fire Hall and will utilize the existing Brickerville ambulance vehicle. Paid EMT's and paramedics will be supplied by Northwest EMS, and prior volunteers with our ambulance will also be welcome to run with the full-time 2-person paid crews. Northwest is in the process of hiring additional EMT's and paramedics to staff the new unit in Brickerville. There will also be a seat created on their Board of Directors for a member from our area.

Northwest EMS pays for its costs utilizing 3 sources -- First, reimbursement from insurance companies and Medicare. Second, they apply for a variety of grants, and they receive donations from the municipalities they serve. Third, they receive subscription memberships from private citizens and businesses. If there is a balance on a subscription holder's ambulance bill after reimbursement by insurance, they waive payment of the balance. In the fall you will receive a letter from Northwest EMS inviting you to purchase a membership for the 2017 calendar year. These memberships cost \$45 single person, \$60 couple and \$75 family. Business memberships start at \$160 for up to 25 employees.

We at the Brickerville Fire Company are proud to have arranged this merger with Northwest EMS as a way of providing increased coverage to our citizens, in a financially sustainable way, here in this age of declining volunteer staff. We look forward to having the new MICU unit provide the highest quality 24/7 care for years to come.

Kurt A. Gardner, President

Brickerville Volunteer Fire Co.

Jeff Strauss, Chief

Brickerville Volunteer Fire Co.

# 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.

## SPRING SCAMS

During the spring and summer months, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is frequently visited by transient criminals who travel great distances in search of victims for their various money-making scams. In many instances, their targets are the elderly. The most effective defense against scam artists is to employ some basic crime prevention tips. Two of the more prevalent scams perpetuated by transient criminals include:

**Home Repair Scams:** Victims are approached through door-to-door solicitation. The perpetrator offers to seal the victim's driveway, fix the roof or do some other repairs at an unusually low price. Many times the perpetrator will indicate that they are "working in the area" or they have "extra materials." Typically, they will charge less if paid in cash. Upon completion, the final price is frequently much higher than the original estimate. Additionally, the materials used are typically of an inferior quality.

**Diversion Thefts/Imposter Frauds:** In this scam, criminals approach and distract a homeowner luring them toward a particular room of the house with ploys such as feigning illness, asking for a drink of water, saying they are looking for a lost pet, etc. They might also pose as a repairman from the local utility company in an effort to gain access to the victim's house or lure the victim out of the house. They often present an identification badge and wear what appears to be a work uniform. They will try to convince the victim that they need to test the water pressure, electrical service or determine where the property line is and will advise that company regulations do not allow the employee to be on the property or in the house unaccompanied. Their intent is to distract the victim while unseen accomplices enter the residence and steal valuables, such as jewelry and cash. In some instances, the suspects communicate with hand-held radios or cellular telephones while committing these offenses. Some of the other less frequently used ploys include claims that the perpetrator works for a tree pruning service, driveway paving service or fence installation company.

### Prevention Tips:

- Always lock your doors when doing yard work, getting mail or anytime you go outside.
- Never let strangers inside your home, even if they appear to be in distress or with a young child.
- Check with your utility company by telephone if an employee requests to enter your home or wants you to come outside with them.
- Beware of unsolicited home repairmen. If you cannot verify the name, address or telephone number of the repairmen, they may not be reputable.
- Be suspicious of high pressure sales tactics.
- Be certain work is completed to your satisfaction before you make final payment.
- Write down the license plate number of any vehicles that suspicious individuals may be operating

**NEVER** be too embarrassed to report to the Police that you might have been victimized or swindled.

Provided by:  
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.

# **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 2016, 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 2015:*

- *Sonny Ebersol*
- *Bruhn Family*
- *Barry & Eileen Lieberman & Jevon Erickson*
- *Ken & Carol Weaver & Gordon Wagner*
- *Tom & Fay Huber*
- *Tansy & 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.**

# **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

### **Save Energy to Save Money**

- ❖ Set your thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer to save on heating and cooling costs.
- ❖ Replace old appliances with more efficient models.
- ❖ Defrost your freezer. The frost and ice that builds up in your freezer causes your freezer to work harder.
- ❖ Install compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) when your older incandescent bulbs burn out.
- ❖ Unplug appliances when you are not using them.
- ❖ Use a drying rack or clothesline to save energy otherwise used during machine drying.

### **Save Water to Save Money**

- ❖ Take shorter showers to reduce water use. This will lower water and heating bills.
- ❖ Install a low-flow showerhead.
- ❖ Make sure you have a faucet aerator on each faucet.

### **Uses for Everyday Objects**

- ❖ Reuse fabric softener sheets to keep drawers and luggage fresh. Wipe the lint screen of your dryer. Clean lint and pet hair off furniture. Eliminate static in skirts by rubbing on pantyhose.
- ❖ Store onions in old pantyhose or nylons.
- ❖ If your fan belt snaps, use a pair of pantyhose as a substitute. Cut to fit.
- ❖ Use old newspaper to protect car seats from muddy or wet clothing.
- ❖ Dampen and spread old newspaper over window-panes before painting.
- ❖ Use newspaper to dry and polish windows after washing.

### **Summertime Energy-Saving Tips**

- ❖ Cook in your microwave or on your grill.
- ❖ Use your dishwasher. Your dishwasher uses less water than washing by hand. Let dishes air-dry to save even more.
- ❖ Fill up the fridge. Having lots of food in your refrigerator keeps it from warming up too fast when the door is open. It won't have to work so hard to stay cool.
- ❖ Reduce the operating time of your swimming pool filter and automatic cleaning sweep and only use during off-peak hours.

**Elizabeth Township SWM Ordinance – Adopted April 14, 2014, Effective May 7, 2014**

**Impervious Surface (Impervious Area)** – Surfaces which prevent the infiltration of water into the ground. All structures, buildings, parking areas, driveways, roads, streets, sidewalks, decks and any areas of concrete, asphalt, packed stone and compacted soil shall be considered impervious surface if they prevent infiltration. In addition, other areas determined by the Township Engineer to be impervious within the meaning of this definition will also be classified as impervious surfaces.

**Agricultural Activity** – Activities associated with agriculture such as agricultural cultivation, agricultural operation and Animal Heavy Use Areas. This includes the work of producing crops and raising livestock including tillage, land clearing, plowing, disking, harrowing, planting, harvesting crops or pasteurizing and raising of livestock and installation of Conservation Practices. Construction of new buildings or impervious areas is not considered an agricultural activity.

Starting on February 9, 2004, each property in the Township was credited with a 1,000 SF exemption credit that is cumulative. With the adoption of the 2014 Stormwater Ordinance each property in the Township was also given a 1,500 SF small project credit which requires the first inch of runoff to be captured and treated.

**Exemptions (To be reviewed by Township Engineer/Zoning Officer):**

1. 1,000 square foot impervious surface (cumulative tracking per property after February 9, 2004) exemption provided criteria from Section 150-41.A.1 is met. Criteria provided on Exemption Application.
2. Agricultural Activity in conjunction with Chapter 102
3. Forest Management and Timber Operations in conjunction with Chapter 102
4. Conservation Practices in association with Conservation Plan
5. Maintenance of utility line (linear)

**Small Project (To be reviewed by Township Engineer/Zoning Officer):** Regulated activities on existing lots of record that, measured on a cumulative basis from May 7, 2014, create additional impervious areas of 1,001 square feet to 2,500 square feet (a total of 1,500 SF – cumulative) **OR** involves an Earth Disturbance Activity such as removal of ground cover, grading, filling or excavation of an area less than 5,000 square feet and does not involve the alteration of stormwater facilities or watercourses.

**Minor SWM Plan (To be reviewed by Township Engineer/Zoning Officer):**

1. Installation of new impervious or semi-impervious surface between 2,501 and 5,000 square feet; **OR**
2. Removal of ground cover, grading, filling or excavation between 5,000 square feet and an acre (43,560 square feet), except for the agricultural use of land when operated in accordance with a Farm Conservation Plan approved by the Conservation District.

**Major SWM Plan (To be reviewed by Township Engineer/Twp.):**

1. Installation of new impervious or semi-impervious surface that is either in excess of 5,001 square feet; **OR**
2. Diversion of piping of any natural or man-made watercourse; **OR**
3. Any use within the floodplain area; **OR**
4. Removal of ground cover, grading, filling or excavation in excess of one (1) acre (43,560 square feet), except for the agricultural use of land when operated in accordance with a Farm Conservation Plan approved by the Conservation District

**\*Modifications or waivers of Section 150-32 relating to water quality and volume control require processing and approval by the regional office of PADEP. Any waivers or modifications of Section 150-32 shall be provided by the applicant, in writing, to the Township for review and comment prior to being submitted to DEP.**

- Elizabeth Township Inspection Fund shall be applicable to Minor and Major SWM Plans.
- As-built Plans shall be provided for Minor and Major SWM Plans.
- Small Project Stormwater Management Agreement shall be recorded with the Recorder of Deeds.
- All documents shall be signed by all property owners.
- Roof drains and sump pumps shall be tributary to infiltration or vegetative BMPs. Sump Pumps shall not be tributary to any subsurface facility.
- Approval of a SWM Site Plan shall be valid for a period of one (1) year unless extended by the Township. Any time extensions shall not exceed four (4) additional years, for a total of five (5) years.

*Provided By: Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc.*

To Review the Stormwater Management Ordinance, visit the Township Website at [www.elizabethtownship.net](http://www.elizabethtownship.net)

VISIT THE ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT

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

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**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP**

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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 – 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)  
SEOSvcs@ptd.net

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**“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.

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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  
[brwconsultants@dejazzd.com](mailto:brwconsultants@dejazzd.com)