

THE ELIZABETHAN

NEWSLETTER FOR ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

From the Road Superintendent

Like it or not, winter weather is just around the corner and Elizabeth Township will share in some part of it.

Whether it is freezing rain, snow or sleet, the Township road crew will do its best to get the roads as safe as possible as soon as conditions allow us to get out.

Every storm is different and takes on its own set of problems. If the weather forecaster misses a prediction (especially the start and stop times), it could affect the manner in which we attack the storm.

Please keep a safe distance around snow plowing equipment, especially around intersections, when the equipment is backing up or turning around. Have your headlights on when the weather is bad so that you can be seen.

Again, it is requested that you attempt to limit your on-street parking when snow plowing operations are in progress. Vehicles parked all over the roads make it nearly impossible for the road crew to do a safe, efficient and effective job clearing the roads for you to get where you need to be.

Submitted by Glenn L. Martin, Road Superintendent

From the Board of Supervisors

As 2012 is coming to an end, the Elizabeth Township Board of Supervisors is 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.

This edition of **THE ELIZABETHAN** is being published on the Township website. Hard copies will be provided upon request. All residents are encouraged to attend Township meetings.

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- **Has Voice Mail: 717-626-4302**
- **Report Road Problems: 717-626-4302**

DO YOU HAVE WORKING CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE DETECTORS IN YOUR HOME ???



VOTE NOVEMBER 6TH ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

As We Go to Press, the Following is the Current Law:

Photo ID is required for November 2012 Election

ALL voters will be required to show a photo ID before voting at a polling place.

ALL photo IDs **must** contain an expiration date that is current, unless noted otherwise.

Acceptable IDs include:

- Photo IDs issued by the U.S. Federal Government or the
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
 - Pennsylvania driver's license or non-driver's license photo ID (IDs are valid for voting purposes 12 months past expiration date).
 - Valid U.S. passport.
 - U.S. Military ID - Active Duty and Retired Military (a Military or Veteran's ID must designate an expiration date or designate that the expiration date is indefinite). Military dependents' ID must contain an expiration date.
- Employee photo ID issued by Federal, PA, County or Municipal government.
- Photo ID cards from an accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning.
- Photo ID cards issued by a Pennsylvania care facility, including long-term care facilities, assisted living residences or personal care homes.

If you do not have one of these IDs and require one for voting purposes, you may be entitled to get one **FREE OF CHARGE** at a PennDOT Driver License Center. To find the Driver License Center nearest you, and learn what identification and residency documentation you will need to get a photo ID visit PennDOT's Voter ID website or call the Department of State's Voter ID Hotline at 1-877-VotesPA (1-877-868-3772).

NO ONE legally entitled to vote will be denied the right to do so. If you do not have a photo ID or are indigent and unable to obtain one without payment of a fee, you may cast a provisional ballot, and will have six days to



**LAST DAY TO
REGISTER TO
VOTE FOR THE
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012
IS TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

**WE ATTEMPT TO MAKE
YOUR TIME AT THE
POLLS AS EASY AND
PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE**

provide your photo ID and/or an affirmation to your county elections office to have your ballot count. If you have a religious objection to being photographed you can still vote by presenting a valid without-photo driver's license or a valid without-photo ID card issued by PennDOT.

If you plan on voting by Absentee Ballot in the November 6, 2012 General Election, you will need to provide proof of identification. Be sure to see what identification is required by the Voter ID Law.

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



COMMUNITY PARK

A lot of activity and accomplishments occurred at the Community Park since the Spring.

- The Pavilion and Restrooms are completed.
- The Pavilion has been rented throughout the summer months.
- The ball fields and walking path have been enjoyed by many of you.
- We have a few more trees, with more to come.

As the winter months approach, please remember there is no walking path maintenance by the Township. The bathrooms will be locked from November 1st until April 1st. No portable bathrooms will be available during that time.

The Pavilion and park facilities will again be offered for rental in the Spring of 2013.

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: Amos F. Miller II

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

THANK A VET

Beginning November 2012, Bonnie Bowman, Recorder of Deeds of the County of Lancaster will be launching a **"Thank a Vet"** Discount Program. This program will provide a photo ID FREE OF CHARGE to Lancaster County Veterans who have their DD-214 honorable discharge papers filed on record in the Recorder of Deeds office. Participating merchants will agree to honor the card by providing special discounts on purchases or services. A Poster or decal will be provided to participating merchants to proudly show their support of our Lancaster County Veterans. A listing of all participating businesses will be available on the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds website. Further information is available at www.lancasterdeeds.com or by contacting the Recorder of Deeds Office, 150 N. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA - Phone 299-8240 or email bbowman@co.lancaster.pa.us

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 in 2013, 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 Spring 2012:

- *Ken & Carol Weaver - Gordon Wagner*
- *Sam Burkholder*
- *Tansy Rogers and Helper*
- *Property Committee of Brickerville U. L. Church*
- *Members of New Beginnings Church*
- *Members of Brickerville Fire Company*
- *Sonny Ebersol Rodney D. May*

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.**

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).

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

As most of you already know, the Ephrata Barracks of the **Pennsylvania State Police** has officially closed its doors. Other than a handful of administrative staff personnel remaining for close-out operations, the staff has been assigned to other posts. Elizabeth Township Supervisors recently met with Captain William White of Troop J, Lancaster Barracks.

For the most part, the Troopers stationed at the Lancaster Barracks will be serving the Elizabeth Township area. The tentative plan is to have one Trooper assigned to this Township MOST of the time. Short staffing may occur during the midnight shift.

With increased presence of the PA State Police, there will be increased traffic enforcement activities, especially on Route 501 and Route 322. Captain White noted that when there is increased traffic enforcement in an area, such as speed checks, it's often the "locals that get nailed." Be aware of your speed. Be mindful not to coast through Stop Signs. Avoid beating the red light at the intersections.

Township residents are strongly encouraged to report incidents such as deliberately damaged mailboxes, signs or personal property or seemingly improper behavior to the PA State Police as soon as possible, regardless of how insignificant the incident may appear. The Police cannot help if they are not made aware of a problem as soon as it occurs.

CALL 717-290-1957

FOR ANY EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1

BE SAFE

- Park under a light at night.
- Walk down the center of a row of cars rather than along the bumpers, but watch for traffic.
- Ladies, keep your purse close by.
- Keep your keys in hand.
- Do activities as a group.
- Walk tall and confidently.
- Pay attention to your surroundings.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT YOUR CONTRIBUTION

*Please Support
Your Local Fire Department
2012 Fund Drive*

*Brickerville Fire Company
Brunnerville Fire Company
Penryn Fire Company*

*Your Contributions are **NEEDED!!**
Volunteers are **NEEDED!!***

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.

Holiday Traveling Tips for You (and Your Home)

- ❖ Stop your mail and newspaper or have a friend gather them daily.
- ❖ Put a few lights at home on timers.
- ❖ Let a trusted neighbor know you will be away.
- ❖ Have a friend check on your house periodically.
- ❖ Have ready access to your medical records.
- ❖ Have your medical insurance information with you.
- ❖ Make sure all your insurance covers you when and where you are traveling.
- ❖ If driving, make sure your car is in good repair.
- ❖ Keep your wallet light.

STORMWATER CORNER

From time to time, Elizabeth Township receives questions regarding stormwater management. The Township will publish stormwater-related tidbits of information based on questions received and the changes in regulations as mandated by the County, State and Federal Government.

This article will start with some basic information based on common questions.

What is a 100-year storm?

Heavy rain events over the past year have raised questions regarding what the definition of a “100-year Storm” really is. Most people believe that a 100-year storm is a rain event that should only occur once every 100 years; however, this is not the case. The magnitude of a storm, measured by the amount of rainfall in a 24-hour period, is actually

a statistic. A 100-year storm event actually refers to a storm that has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year. The logic in the translation of the statistic to return period (2-year, 25-year, 100-year, etc.) is simply that a storm that has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year will likely occur, based on the statistic, at least once every 100 years. This means that a 2-year storm has a 50% chance of occurring in any given year; a 10-year storm has a 10% chance of occurring in any given year; and, so on.

It should also be noted that the progression of storm magnitudes is not linear – a 10-year rainfall is not 10 times the amount of a 1-year rainfall. In addition, 98% of the total rainfall and runoff, on average, in a given year are the cumulative result of storms that are of a 1-year magnitude or less.

How can we reduce the potential for flooding from heavy storms?

Advances in meteorology, especially in the past 20 years, have made it possible to forecast heavy rain events well in advance of the storm. If you are aware of impending heavy storm events, here are some things you can do to protect your property and help protect the property of your downstream neighbors:

- Remove any debris (sticks, leaves, trash, etc.) you may see in or around storm inlets. An inlet half-covered with leaves or debris loses approximately 75% of its efficiency to collect runoff.
- Remove any debris you may see in or around storm pipe discharge areas. The debris at the discharge will reduce the capacity of the pipe to carry water and cause it to back up, potentially creating a surcharge and flooding at the upstream end of the pipe.
- Keep roof gutters and downspouts clean and direct downspouts to vegetated areas rather than streets and driveways. Blocked gutters and downspouts or downspouts not properly directed away from buildings are one of the primary causes of water in basements during rain events. Discharging downspouts to paved or other impervious areas results in an increased velocity of the runoff, which increases the potential for erosion and other damage downstream.
- Keep both natural and manmade drainage channels open. Avoid placing gardens, children’s play sets, lawn ornaments, patio furniture, etc., in or near drainage channels. In heavy rain events and resultant runoff events, these items may clog downstream pipes and culverts and cause more widespread flooding. Permanent fixtures such as sheds, wash posts, etc. in or near drainage channels, should also be avoided. While the permanent fixtures may not move, they may obstruct a natural flow path and cause erosion damage, damage to the fixture or flooding of adjacent areas.

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Office Hours by Appointment Only

Amos F. Miller II can be reached at 626-8769 between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. each weekday.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON !!

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)

Zoning Officer - Barry Wagner can be reached at 625-0444,
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.



Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday –
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday – By Appointment

Phone: 717.626.4302

Fax: 717.626.0102

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glenn.martin@elizabethtownship.net*

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ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT:

www.co.lancaster.pa.us/elizabethtwp for information
regarding:

- *“The Elizabethan” (Township Newsletter)*
- *Township History*
- *Township Administration*
- *Meetings*
- *Permit Information*
- *Township Book of Ordinances & Codes*
- *Roads*
- *Recycling*
- *Brickerville Fire Company*

*If you are a new resident and would like
information about Elizabeth Township,
please call: 717-626-4302.*

