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THE
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(FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP)
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From the Board of Supervisors

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 annually 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. Elizabeth Township Supervisors and Staff would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve you. We are always a phone call away!

The Board of Supervisors would like to offer a warm welcome to their newly elected member, Mr. Michael S. Diehl, Sr. The Board and Township Staff offer their appreciation and thanks to Mr. Brian R. Wiker for his many years of excellent leadership and service to the Township and community!

A FEW THINGS YOU MIGHT NOTICE ...

The Township would like to welcome Mr. Harold Fox of Fox Plumbing to the Township. Mr. Fox has recently completed his new office and shop at #28 East 28th Division Highway, Lititz. Stop by and introduce yourself to him and his staff.

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Meetings:

(All held at Township Building at 7pm.)

Board of Supervisors meets every 2nd Monday

Planning Commission meets, as needed, every 1st Wed.

Zoning Hearing Board meets, as needed, every 2nd Wed.

Park Board meets every other 1st Thursday

Earth Day Park Cleanup and Community Yard Sale
at the Community Park. See page 4 for more info.

Park Pavilion Rental Info

The Pavilion at the Township Park is available for individuals and groups to rent. See page 4 for more details.

**Keep our
children safe!
Do not pass a
school bus when
its red lights are
flashing, and the
side stop sign is
displayed!**

TOWNSHIP ROAD WORK
SPRING & SUMMER 2022:

Oil and Chipping of Township Roads in the Northwest quadrant of the Township: West of Rt 501 and north of West Brubaker Valley Road and on Oak between Newport Rd and W. Brubaker Valley Rd. Also Widening of Oak Lane between Speedwell Forge Rd and W. Brubaker Valley Road and widening of Blantz Rd. between Weber Rd and W. Brubaker Valle Rd. ALL AS SUPPLY, WEATHER AND SCHEDULES PERMIT.

ROAD UPDATES AND
NEWS

Snow reminder: All residents are reminded that plowing, throwing, blowing or otherwise depositing snow from driveways, sidewalks or other surfaces onto Township and State Roads is illegal. Anyone doing so can be fined for these actions.

Reminder: The Township will not repair mailboxes damaged by Township snowplowing operations. Call the office for more information.

Storm Damage:

For limbs, wood, and leaf debris from storms, we have found a local location that will accept these materials for a fee:

***Martin Mulch in
Ephrata 717-733-1602***

Stormwater Information

After the Storm: A guide to understanding Stormwater

What is stormwater runoff? Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is stormwater runoff a problem?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

Residential Pollution Solutions

Lawn care: Don't overwater lawn. Use pesticides and fertilizer sparingly. Compost or mulch yard waste. Cover piles of dirt from landscaping projects.

Auto care: Use a commercial car wash that recycles the wash water or wash your car using biodegradable soap in your lawn so the water infiltrates into the ground. Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated recycling locations.

Pet waste: Pick up and properly dispose of waste. Flushing it is the best method.

Polluted stormwater runoff can have adverse effects on all living things, including you!

- 1. Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.*
- 2. Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.*
- 3. Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.*

4. Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts—washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.

5. Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.

6. Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

All of Elizabeth Township's residences have their own on-lot septic systems. Protect your system by keeping all F.O.G. out of it!! Prevent very expensive system repairs!!

FOG refers to Fats, Oils and Grease from food preparation and kitchen clean up. Significant sources of FOG include the following: meat fats; cooking fats; food scraps; sauces; salad dressings and mayonnaise; and dairy products – Lard & Butter.

DO: pour cooking oil into covered containers and dispose with garbage & scrape food scraps into the garbage or compost bin.

DO: Wipe dishes clean of FOG & clean grease spills with absorbent materials then dispose of it in the garbage.

DON'T: Discharge FOG down drains, sinks or storm grates.

DON'T: Scrape food scraps into the sink & run water over greasy dishes.

FIRE COMPANY FUNDRAISER

*Chicken Dinner on May 7, 2022, at the
Brickerville Fire Company
from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
Call the fire hall for more info.
Call 717.626.6711*

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, and 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 drain field. 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.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

Thank you to all the residents and visitors who visited and enjoyed our park in past years. We look forward to seeing you there again this year! The Disc Golf course is always available. The Pavilion is now available for rental. We have added a retractable curtain to the Pavilion to cut down on the effects of the wind on your event. The rental prices have remained the same for Township residents with a small increase for non-Township renters. Call 717.626.5096 x237...Ron can help you with the details.

Community Events

The annual Keener Road (and other nearby Roads) yard sale is planned for March 26th. This year a coffee and hot drink food truck is coming as well as a local bakery will be there with fresh tasty baked goods. Call 717.808.7882 or 717.419.4955 for more info!

The Annual Elizabeth Township Park yard sale is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 7th from 7:00 A.M. to noon. Park will be open at 6:00 A.M. for vendor set up. Parking lot space rental is 10.00 per space (18'x24'). Tables in the pavilion are 10.00 each. Enter off Rt. 322. ½ mile east from Rt 501 intersection. Cash only. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.** Call 717.824.5769 or 717.381.1974 for info.

Earth Day Park Cleanup

There is a cleanup event scheduled at the Park on April 23, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. til 1 P.M. Call 717.824.5769 by April 17th for more info. Rain date is April 30th.

- ✓ **Reminder: NO dumping or littering ANYWHERE in the Township.**



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



Be sure to **INSTALL** and **MAINTAIN** both **SMOKE ALARMS** and **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** in your home to provide protection for your family! "Change your clocks/change your batteries" is the best practice.

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.

Mailbox Guidelines

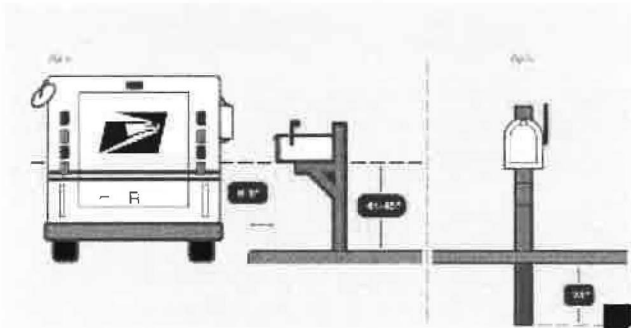
Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox:

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.
- Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.
- If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box.

The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The Federal Highway Administration recommends:

A 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.

- Avoid unyielding and potentially dangerous supports, like heavy metal pipes, concrete posts, and farm equipment (e.g., milk cans filled with concrete).
- Bury your post no more than 24" deep.



YOU CAN ANSWER THIS CALL!

YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANIES NEED VOLUNTEERS

All local fire companies need volunteers, whether as firefighters, fire police, or auxiliary members. Brickerville, Brunnerville and Penryn FC's all serve this community. Please support them with your time, SUPPORT, and finances today!

So you like country living?

Homeowners are responsible to keep tree limbs and brush trimmed back off the road. The Township will trim any limbs or bushes that protrude into the right-of-way (ROW). Clear lanes of travel need maintained to facilitate the easy and safe passage of Township Road Equipment. Also: corner properties should keep all landscaping trimmed back to allow for clear sight lines.

What? You didn't get your 2022 dog license yet?!

All dogs three months and older are required to be licensed. Annual licenses expire December 31 each year.

🐕 Don't delay, get your 2022 license today!

Pennsylvania's Dog Laws:

- If your dog is not licensed, you may be fined up to \$300 per dog. Get a license at your county treasurer's office.
- Your dog must be under control and always supervised. You are responsible for any damages caused by your dog on someone else's property.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse animals. Report suspected abuse to your local humane organization or police.
- Purposely poisoning a dog, whether it is yours or someone else's, is illegal.
- You may not abandon or attempt to abandon any dog. You could be fined \$1,000 plus court costs.
- Puppies under eight weeks old cannot be bartered, traded, sold, or transferred.
- You must have a kennel license if you keep, sell, transfer, adopt or foster at least 26 dogs in a calendar year.
 - If your dog attacks or kills a human or domestic animal without provocation, it may be considered dangerous. You may face extensive fines and restrictions.



Every day (on average across the nation) 3 responders are struck and injured at the scene of a roadside emergency that they have been dispatched to, some suffering life-long, career-ending injuries. As if those injuries are not sobering enough, through the end of 2021, 65 responders have been **struck and killed** by a passing motorist in 2021. (In 2019, 44 emergency responders were struck and killed.) As an agency that responds to hundreds of incidents that occur on roadways (traffic accidents and medical emergencies), these struck-by incidents concern us. We, like all other responders, just want to go home at the end of our shift. And we believe the key to reducing these tragedies is educating the motoring public.

On April 27, 2021, Pennsylvania's Move Over law went into effect. This law, an updated, enhanced version of an existing Steer Clear law, provides for a number of deterrent consequences that the previous law did not address, such as a directive to *move over at least one full lane of travel when passing an accident or work scene*, and to *slow down at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit*. But a law cannot truly prevent these tragedies. It is an action by the motorist that is required. Northwest EMS Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, who also serves as co-chair of the Public Education and Outreach Committee for PennTIME (Pennsylvania's Traffic Incident Management Enhancement team), has been working with responders and state and local officials across the Commonwealth on awareness and education initiatives. One of those initiatives is the production of a state-wide Public Service Announcement (PSA) to be released in advance of the law's implementation. The hope is that the PSA will promote awareness of these tragedies and encourage practical application by motorists to SLOW DOWN and MOVE OVER as they pass these working scenes.

Slow Down and Move Over is more than a slogan. It's a cry for response and a call to action. ***WE ALL JUST WANT TO GO HOME AT THE END OF OUR SHIFT. For more information contact our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, at 717-371-8282 or email lshenk@mvems86.org.***

From the PA State Police: Note on "Diversion Thefts" or Imposter Fraud

During the year, many transient criminals travel thru the State in search of victims, specifically the elderly. Here are some good defensive tips against this type of fraud or theft. Criminals often approach and distract a homeowner by luring them toward a particular part of the house by feigning illness, asking for water, looking for a "lost" pet, etc. They also may pose as a repairman to gain access to the house. They may present an I.D. badge or be dressed in what appears to be a uniform and may attempt to convince the victim that they need access to the home. While inside and being a distraction, these criminals' unseen accomplices often steal valuables such as cash or jewelry. Always lock your doors when doing yard work, getting the mail or when you go outside. Be careful who you let in your home. Verify with the company (electric, gas, water, etc) that the employee is legitimate. Write down any license plates of suspicious vehicles, as well as good physical descriptions of anyone who comes to your door. Immediately call the State Police, Troop J, Lancaster, to report any suspicious activities.

The 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***”.

- 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, or our own Glenn Martin, Road Superintendent, 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***.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

Plastics and metal recycling is no longer available at the Township; these items should go into your curbside recycling bin or can be dropped off at LCSWMA in Lancaster. NOTE: A Township resident does accept newspaper recycling at his local farm, directly across from 1804 Brunnerville Road, near the Hammer Creek Rd intersection. A small, marked shed is there where you can drop off newsprint...Look for the shed and signs saying, “Newspaper Wanted”. NO OTHER RECYCLABLES are to be dropped off here.

APPLIANCES ACCEPTED

Dull’s Used Parts and Recycling will accept – *at no cost to 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, e-waste (pc’s and phones), garbage or wood will be accepted. Pick up (free of charge) of junk cars on your property is available if a title or abandoned vehicle papers are available. Dull’s Used Parts and Recycling is located at ***144 Crest Road, Lititz, PA 17543.*** For more info, call ***717-626-8973*** or ***717-471-1495.***

NORTHWEST EMS (NWEMS):

- Provides EMS services to Elizabeth Township
- Will conduct a Reminder mailing and residents will see letters in their mailboxes in February or March.
- NWEMS provides a variety of safety and prevention education, some at no cost. See page 6 for Lori Shenk’s contact info.
- Furnishes a subscription Membership program that, when purchased according to the stated fee schedule, can help reduce out-of-pocket expenses associated with the use of an ambulance due to a 911 emergency. Subscription Memberships for 2022 are:
 - o \$50 for 1 person
 - o \$65 for two people
 - o \$80 for 3 or more
 - o Business Membership Rates start at \$175.00

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.** ***Call the Township Office for the Burning Officer’s contact number.***

The Township is in the process of updating the Zoning Ordinance that was last modified in 2003. We are looking for community members in various disciplines (engineering, building, design, real estate, small business owners, the trades, and others) to share their time and ideas on improving this Ordinance. Please watch for ongoing communications either by mail, email, or social media such as Facebook or the Township website. If interested, please call the office, and speak to Loren Miller about this opportunity.

LIST OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES AT ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP

- ✓ *PA Voter Registration Mail Application*
- ✓ *Lititz Rec Center Spring/Summer 2022 information*
- ✓ *LCSWMA (Lancaster Co. Solid Waste Management Auth.) Recycling Guide*
- ✓ *PA Dept. of Ag Animal Safety Awareness*
- ✓ *The Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater*
- ✓ *Lantern Fly Pest Info and many others*

VISIT THE ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

- *"The Elizabethan" (this Township Newsletter)*
- *Elizabeth Township History*
- *Township Administration and Meetings*
- *Permit Information and Stormwater Management*
- *Elizabeth Township Book of Ordinances & Codes*
- *Roads/Snow and Ice Control*
- *Brickerville Fire Company*

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Also "like" us on Facebook.

Volunteers needed: if you have a desire to become more involved in serving your local community, the Township is looking for residents who are interested in serving on the following Boards:

- *The ET Planning Commission*
- *The ET Zoning Hearing Board*
- *The ET Park Board*

As opportunities present themselves, the Board of Supervisors will appoint interested residents to available openings. Contact Loren Miller at the Township and add your name to the list! Thank you.