

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP
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THE
ELIZABETHAN
(FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP)
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SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER
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Township 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 (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov of 2023)

Earth Day Park Cleanup

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.

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 appointed Zoning Hearing Board member, Dell Sauder, and Audit Board member, Dane Martin.

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!

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

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

The Elizabeth Township Board of Supervisors have voted to join with 7 other Townships and Boroughs to provide EMS services to their residents, in the form of an Authority. This authority, named MESA (Municipal Emergency Services Authority) will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings at the Elizabethtown Borough office on Hanover St in Elizabethtown, PA, at 7:00 p.m. See the Twp website for more info or call the office at 717.626.4302. See page 6 for more information.

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

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 6, 2023, at the Brickerville Fire Company from 10:00 am til sold out. Drive thru pickup only. \$12.00 per meal. 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 and 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. Call 717.626.5096 x237...Ron can help you with the details.

Earth Day Park Cleanup

There is a cleanup event scheduled at the Park on April 22, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. until 12 P.M. Call 717.824.5769 by April 17th for more info. Rain date is April 29th.



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

TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) for Feral Cats

Goal: To help the community and cats through targeted TNR.

Contact: Call or text: Anita Barr @ 717-314-6977

TNR Includes:

- Spay for a Female or Neuter for a Male
- Rabies Vaccine and Distemper Vaccine
- Revolution for worms, fleas, and ticks
- Ear-tip to identify the cat has been spayed or neutered.

Cost: \$40.00 unless cat has issues like a wound, worms that revolution does not treat, or respiratory infection.

TOWNSHIP ROAD WORK **SPRING & SUMMER 2023:**

Oil and Chipping of Township Roads on the west side of Township i.e., West of Rt 501 and south of W. Brubaker Valley Rd. Possible Road work on Oak Lane between Speedwell Forge Rd and W. Newport Rd. Also, widening of Blantz Rd. between Crest Rd and W. Brubaker Valley Rd. ALL AS SUPPLY, WEATHER & SCHEDULES PERMIT.

Mailbox Guidelines

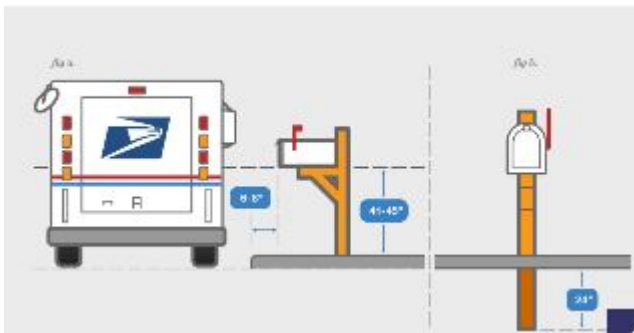
Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox:

- 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!

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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.

Note to the motoring public: Township workers may be out on Township Roads this spring to trim trees, bushes, etc. Please be aware, slow down and cautiously pass the area, watching for possible obstructions, signs, flaggers, and other vehicles.

What? You didn't get your 2023 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 2023 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.

Elizabeth Township Joins in Forming Regional Authority to Solve EMS Crisis

After a year-long cooperative process, eight municipalities in Northwest Lancaster County including Elizabeth Township have incorporated a first-of-its-kind regional municipal authority to address our local emergency medical services crisis.

The new Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County will fund, manage and provide EMS services in the eight municipalities. The founding municipalities are Conoy Township, East Donegal Township, Elizabethtown Borough, Elizabeth Township, Marietta Borough, Mount Joy Township, Penn Township and West Donegal Township.

Why was the Municipal Emergency Services Authority formed?

The path to forming the authority began in 2018, when municipalities in northwest Lancaster County were at a crossroads with the future of emergency services at risk.

Northwest EMS in northwest Lancaster County, which was recognized as Pennsylvania EMS Agency of the Year in 2020 by the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, was facing insolvency due to insufficient revenue and rising costs. Many EMS agencies across the state are also struggling to maintain services in the face of soaring costs, funding shortfalls and staffing challenges.

Elizabeth Township and other municipalities in the region needed a bold solution to continue to meet their statutory obligation to ensure EMS readiness to answer the call.

How did the municipalities arrive at this solution?

At the start of 2021, a committee of local municipal leaders began studying the situation and exploring alternatives. Upon conducting an analysis, the committee arrived at the creation of a municipal authority as the best path to fund and provide EMS readiness and services on a regional basis.

Over a period of several months, the committee engaged in municipal public meetings, additional public education initiatives and a public hearing on the proposed solution. The process culminated in eight municipalities in the region enacting ordinances to form the Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County. The authority was incorporated on February 7.

How will the authority work and what will I have to pay?

The Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County will be governed by a board consisting of a representative from each of the authority's founding municipalities. The board will be responsible for determining the authority's services and fees.

Instead of generating operating revenue through voluntary municipal and membership contributions (as Northwest EMS does today), the authority will set a reasonable and uniform annual fee to property owners, on par with Northwest EMS subscription rates. As a regional municipal entity, the authority will hold public hearings, enabling community members to have a voice regarding any changes to services or rates.

When will the authority begin operating?

The authority will begin holding board meetings in March. Meetings will be advertised. A list of meeting dates and the meeting location is also posted at SavingEMSforNWLancaster.org.

A public hearing is expected to be held in late summer on the authority's emergency services and fee structure. The authority plans to be operational and begin providing services in 2024.

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 (pcs 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, right off Rt 501 near Brickerville House.*** For more info, call ***717-471-1495 first then 717-626-8973.***

NORTHWEST EMS (NWEMS):

Soon to be MESA (SEE PAGE 2 FOR INFO)

- 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 2023 are:
 - \$55 for 1 person
 - \$70 for two people
 - \$85 for 3 or more
 - Business Membership Rates start at \$175.00 (approx. – call for details.)

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.***

LIST OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES AT ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP

- ✓ *PA Voter Registration Mail Application*
- ✓ *Lititz Rec Center Spring/Summer 2023 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*

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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 act so that you are prepared in case of a disaster.

Voting Reminder:

Primary Elections are May 16, 2023, with polls open from 7 am to 8 pm. Last day to register is May 1, 2023.

General Elections are November 7, 2023, with polls open from 7 am to 8 pm. Last day to register is Oct 23, 2023.

Make note ahead of time! Music in the Park - Free admission to all

With food available for purchase from the Lions Club Food trailer. July 22 and August 19, 2023, from 5-8 pm. Call the office for more information as the dates draw nearer. More details available later.



The WARWICK REGION JOINT STRATEGIC COMP PLAN UPDATE IS IN THE WORKS! Stay tuned for more info coming soon! The Website address is <http://www.strengtheningcommunity2030.com/>