Stormwater Fees Are Coming

On July 1, 2021, West Hempfield Township Authority will join numerous other central Pennsylvania municipalities in implementing an annual stormwater fee to cover the high cost of complying with State and Federal stormwater regulations which are expected to increase as water quality and climate change narratives become a primary focus of the new Federal Administration. Here are some important stormwater terms to be familiar with:

- **ERU: Equivalent Residential Unit** – This is the average impervious area for a Single-Family Residential property in West Hempfield Township calculated as 2,350 square feet.

- **Impervious Surface** – Buildings, driveways/roadways, parking, patios, walkways, and any other hard surface preventing stormwater from soaking into the ground.

- **MS4: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System** - Storm drains, inlets, pipes, swales, ditches, and basins that collect and convey stormwater runoff.

**How is the Stormwater Fee Determined?**

Stormwater fees are based on how much impervious surface exists on your property. The average impervious area for single-family properties is assessed as one (1) ERU or 2,350 square feet. The ERUs for all other properties are determined by dividing the total impervious area by 2,350 square feet as follows:

- A property with 20,000 square feet of impervious area has 8 ERUs (20,000 / 2,350 = 8.5)

The Authority has established the annual stormwater fee as $72.00 per ERU.

All landowners will pay a stormwater fee, including schools, churches, and medical facilities. However, if you own a property with less than 500 square feet of impervious surface, you will be exempt from the stormwater fee.

**Can I reduce my stormwater fee?**

Landowners who manage stormwater runoff on their property may be eligible for stormwater credits up to 50% of their total fee. Credits will be available in 2022 and can be obtained by completing a Credit Application Form. The credits are available as follows:

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Jaymi Stehman began employment with West Hempfield Township in February of 2021 as Administrative Assistant for Planning and Zoning. Jaymi was born and raised in Lancaster County and is a graduate of Penn Manor and YTI-Lancaster. Jaymi will be assisting our Planning and Zoning Office with the processing of all permit and plan submissions. Welcome Jaymi!

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Road projects for the 2021 Summer are:
- Ironville Pike from Prospect Road to the Columbia Borough Line will be getting a new asphalt overlay.
- Briarwood Blvd., Sandstone Drive, Penny Lane, Aspen Lane, Foxwood Drive will be getting a seal coat application.
- Chickies Hill Road and Airey View Drive will be getting a double application chip seal.

**Seal coat** is a layer of sprayed-on asphalt, followed by a thin layer of aggregate, particulate material that can be composed of sand, gravel, crushed stone, slag, recycled concrete or geosynthetic substances. The resulting surface is durable, flexible, and weather-resistant. A seal coat can extend the life of an existing pavement structure by sealing cracks and preventing moisture entering the underlying layers.

Although this is initially a rougher application, it will quickly improve thereafter. This is a PennDOT recommended and approved process. This process is less expensive which enables the Township to maintain more roads with the same amount of state funds. This will help our roads last longer before needing a costly replacement.

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**DOGS IN PARKS**

A reminder that dogs are permitted in all Township parks, EXCEPT Lake Grubb, which is a nature preserve owned by Mountville Borough and run jointly with the Township as a park. Please clean up after your dogs so that we can continue to allow them in our parks!

**The High Cost of Stormwater Management**
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- 25% credit for installing a riparian forest buffer along an existing stream corridor.
- 50% credit for storm restoration projects.
- Agriculture credit: 25% for a written and implemented Conservation Plan
- Agriculture credit: Reduce total ERUs to one ERU for an implemented conservation Plan and approved NPDES Permit.
TRASH COLLECTION CONTRACT OUT TO BID IN 2021

The Township’s current trash contract with Republic Services ends December 31, 2021. As such, the Township will be putting our next trash contract out to bid sometime this summer. In accordance with Pennsylvania law, we are required to award trash contracts to the lowest responsible bidder. This means our service might remain with Republic or might change to a new provider effective January 1, 2022.

The Township is currently consulting with our current provider as well as other potential providers to determine ways to increase services and either maintain or decrease our costs. One way to maintain costs is to make adjustments to our “opt-out” system. At present our ordinance allows our residents to opt-out of our municipal trash service within thirty days of moving into the Township. This opt-out creates uncertainty for our provider when they are determining their costs, as the number of customers determines the number of trucks and staff they need to devote to our Township. The cost to drive on every road in the Township is the same whether they collect trash from every customer or every other customer. Uncertainty results in higher costs to our residents. Most municipalities in central Pennsylvania which offer a municipal trash service do not permit any opt-outs, meaning all residents are required to participate. Our Board is currently considering a change which would allow a one-time opt-out prior to July 31, 2021, but none after that for the term of the contract. This will allow us to provide a definite number of customers in our bid documents so that bidders can provide better pricing with less uncertainty. This decision is expected to be voted on by our Board this spring.

The Township will post to our website updates in the progress of our trash contract and any changes to our ordinances. If the Board approves this opt-out change, information will be mailed to all residents, and posted to our website, in time to elect to opt-out prior to July 31.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

West Hempfield Township residents can drop-off the following separated recyclable materials at the Recycling Drop-Off Center, 850 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, for free, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday’s 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

- Mixed Office Paper
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Soft & Hard Cover Books
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Chipboard
- Shredded Paper
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs With a Neck
- Steel, Tin & Aluminum Cans

2021 Trash & Recycling Calendar

Holiday Trash Delays:
Collection will be delayed by one day for Memorial Day and Labor Day. Wednesday customers will be picked up on Thursday and Thursday customers on Friday. Thanksgiving, Wednesday customers will have regular pickup; Thursday customers will have one day delay to Friday. Any holidays not listed DO NOT AFFECT TRASH SERVICE.

Please place trash and recycle toters curbside the NIGHT BEFORE. Only one trash and recycle toter per household. All bags must fit in toter! All extra bags require a $2.00 Yellow Tag attached. Large items require a $5.00 Red Tag.

Large Appliance Pick-Up:
Large Appliance Pick-Up will be Saturday, April 17 and October 16, 2021. $12 Blue Tag MUST be purchased ahead of time at the Township Office.

Yard Waste:
In 2021 all yard waste will be collected on the same day as your regular trash service. The first pickup in 2021 will be the second week in April and the last pickup will be mid-October 2021. Yard waste MUST be in your own brown Kraft bags with $1.50 Green Tag. Bundles of sticks, no more than 4’ in length and 30 lbs., also require a Green Tag.

Woody Waste:
Woody waste can be dropped off on Norwood Road from April through September each year. Signs identify the site which is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
April 10 & 24; May 8 & 22; June 12 & 26; July 10 & 24; August 14 & 28; and September 11 & 25.

Wednesday
April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8.

New Facebook Page
We have a Facebook page! Search West Hempfield Township on Facebook.com or go to our website for the link. You will find up to date road closures, delays, and changes to trash schedules.
Drug Drop Box

If you are planning on disposing of a large quantity of medicine at our drop box, please call our police department to set up a drop-off time with a Detective. Large quantity being a “full” grocery bag or bigger. REMINDER: Needles, liquids, or inhalers CANNOT be disposed of at this location.
2020 POLICE AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

Presented by the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors
February 2, 2021

Each year the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors recognizes officers and citizens for actions during the previous year that are above and beyond expectations, and in some instances saved or prolonged the life of another.

For the year 2020, we wish to formally recognize the following officers and citizens for commendable acts that exceeded normal duties and responsibilities.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR:
Officer James M. Gardill

For his service to Lancaster County as the DUI Coordinator for training for over ten years. The Center for Traffic Safety described Jim as “instrumental” in making numerous DUI and unsafe driving campaigns a success across the County. We cannot measure the number of lives that were likely saved by these efforts over the years.

In addition, Jim pioneered the implementation of the Second Chance Program for the Department. This program is an asset to the Dept and community as it provides an option other than arrest for non-violent offenses where a person is struggling with addiction.

Jim was also appointed OIC for his shift early in 2020, and was nominated by his Sergeant as not only an excellent OIC, but a true asset to all patrol efforts.

LIFE SAVING AWARD:
The Life Saving Award is awarded to individuals whose actions that, if not performed, would, beyond a reasonable doubt, have resulted in the death of a person or persons.

Officer Bart L. Hollis – Responded quickly during a snow storm for a man who was unresponsive and not breathing. He was on scene without assistance from other officers or EMS. He provided CPR, utilized an AED, and delivered Narcan to the individual. The patient began breathing and EMS personnel were able to take over when they arrived and transport the man to a hospital where he was expected to fully recover.

Officer Jim Gardill – Responded to a home in the Township for a patient in cardiac arrest. He provided immediate CPR, and then AED service that resuscitated the women. EMS also recognized Officer Gardill for this life-saving treatment, as he was the only emergency responder on scene and provided the care that undoubtedly saved her life.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE:
Officer Richard C. Bowermaster Jr. – Organizing the Beards for Brothers Campaign, that raised over $17,000 for Emergency Responders or their family members who are battling cancer.

Officer Bart L. Hollis – Organizing the Toys for Tots Program, Good to Give Initiative and National Night Out collaboration (2019), that collected toys and basic necessities for local families and served our community.

Officer Gabriel Rimolo - Organizing the Pink Patch Project Campaign that raised over $11,000 for Lancaster General Hospital’s Cancer Center.

COMMENDATION AWARD – Excellence in Criminal Investigation:

Officer Karl J. Hartranft – For conducting excellent criminal investigations, one involving the kidnapping of a young girl from another state. The child was brought to safety and the suspect apprehended quickly and safely. And another investigation where a stolen vehicle was recovered and suspect also quickly apprehended due to Off. Hartranft’s tenacity and dedication.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD:
Officer John J. Schwab – For being a dependable Officer, here for every scheduled shift throughout the year.

CITIZEN COMMENDATION AWARD:
Awarded to a Township resident who provided assistance to our officers during a crisis situation involving one of his neighbors. This was a situation that involved firearms and could have easily become very harmful. All was resolved peacefully due to the citizens direct actions.

PHONE SCAMS

More than 2/3 of reported fraud attempts start with a phone call.

RECOGNIZE:
- An unsolicited call from a government agency or big company (Social Security Administration, PPL, UGI, etc.)
- Threats of harm if you don’t provide personal or financial info.
- Product or travel offers that sound to good to be true.
- Threats from Police, FBI, ATF, DTF, etc. Law Enforcement of any kind will not announce they are coming to arrest you.
- Payment in a form of gift card or visa check cards.

RESPOND:
- DON’T answer calls from unknown numbers.
- DON’T provide sensitive data to unknown callers.
- DON’T follow instructions like “Press 1 to get off call list”.

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FREE Outdoor Family Fun in West Hempfield Township Parks

Join family and friends at a West Hempfield Township Park for a nature-based program lead by Lancaster County Naturalist Lisa Sanchez. All ages. Dress for the weather and light walking, FREE! Registration requested. Call 717-898-3102.

- April 2021 – Signs of Spring / Earth Day
- May 2021 – Cavity-Nesting Animals
- June 2021 – All About Fish
- July 2021 – Fireflies

QUESTIONS? Call Cristine Maser, Hempfield recCenter Director of Programs 717-898-3102 ext 139. cmaser@hempfieldrec.com.

Silver Spring Park Kickball League - Ages 15+

Bring back the nostalgia of elementary school by playing this classic game with friends. Each team is allowed eight to 15 players. Games will take place on the baseball field at Silver Spring Park on Tuesday and/or Wednesday nights. Team captains are required to make a $100 non-refundable deposit at the time of registration. Space is limited: first-come, first-serve. The balance of the registration fee is due before the first day of play. Register by April 23.

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Fairview Park Outdoor Pickleball Games

Hempfield recCenter Members with a purchased pickleball card wishing to play at Fairview Park must reserve a time (four-hour slots) and pick up the equipment (FREE) at Hempfield recCenter. Nonmembers will incur a $20.00 rental fee plus pay $8.00 per person. Equipment must be returned to Hempfield recCenter within four hours.

Fairview Park, West Hempfield Township M–F dawn to dusk

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2020 WAS A STELLAR YEAR FOR GRANTS!

In 2020 the Township applied for numerous grants, mostly related to stormwater. As the projects involved are required to meet federal and/or state requirement, these grants would help offset costs which our taxpayers would otherwise have to pay.

Overall, we were extremely successful, with nearly $1.9 million in grant requests being awarded! The following is a brief summary of the grants:

- National Fish and Wildlife (NFWF), $200,000 for Streambank Restoration within the Chiques Creek.
- Lancaster County Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), $75,000 for Green Infrastructure Improvements at Murry Ridge Park.
- Pennsylvania Small Water & Sewer Grant, $403,948 for Stormwater Infrastructure Replacement in the Farmdale/Ferndale neighborhood.
- Growing Greener Plus, $250,000 for Streambank Stabilization and Stormwater Management BMP within the Chiques Creek.
- Growing Greener Plus, $315,000 for Streambank Stabilization and Stormwater Management BMP within the West Branch of the Little Conestoga Creek.
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 902 Grant, $251,751 for a new Leaf Collection Truck and upgrades to our Woody Waste Facility.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

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Disc Golf is Coming to Fairview Park!

In February, West Hempfield Township and the Hempfield RecCenter entered into a partnership agreement to develop an eighteen-hole disc golf course at West Hempfield Township’s Fairview Park. We will be working with the Lancaster County Disc Golf Club as well as other volunteer groups in the community to plan and build the course. The course will consist of tee pads and baskets throughout the north-west portion of the park, with several holes being within the wooded areas of the park. The final design for the course is currently being developed. We anticipate having an extremely competitive course which will bring disc golf enthusiasts from around the region as well as those wishing to pick up a new sport or hobby.
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**TELEPHONE CONTACTS**

*AREA CODE IS 717 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED*

- **Columbia Borough**: 684-2468
- **Columbia Water Company**: 684-2188
- **Comcast TV**: 1-800-266-2278
- **District Justice Miles Bixler**: 684-2761
- **East Donegal Township**: 426-3167
- **East Hempfield Township**: 898-3100
- **East Hempfield Township Police**: 898-3101
- **Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC)**: 898-3102
- **Hempfield School District Tax Office**: 898-5565
- **Hempfield Water Authority**: 898-8231
- **Lancaster Area Sewer Authority (LASA)**: 299-4843
- **Lancaster City Parks Department**: 299-8215
- **Lancaster County Property Assessment**: 299-8381
- **Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA)**: 397-9968
- **Lancaster County Tax Assessment (Spring Tax)**: 299-8222
- **Lancaster County Voter Registration**: 299-8293
- **Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds**: 299-8238
- **Mountville Borough**: 285-5547
- **Mountville Public Library**: 285-3231
- **PA Department of Health**: 1-877-724-3258
- **PA One-Call System**: 811
- **PennDOT District 8 Lancaster County**: 299-7621
- **Poison Control Center**: 1-800-722-7112
- **PPL**: 1-800-342-5775
- **Sewage Enforcement Officer**: 786-3205
- **State Representative Brett Miller**: 295-5050
- **State Representative David Hickernell**: 684-5525
- **State Senator Ryan Aument**: 627-0036
- **Susquehanna Valley EMS**: 653-6885
- **UGI**: 1-800-276-2722
- **West Hempfield Fire & Rescue**: 285-4929