



# West Hempfield Township

# NEWSLETTER

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## New West Hempfield Township Municipal Authority

On February 4, 2020, the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors voted to create the West Hempfield Township Municipal Authority. This newly created Authority will provide the Township additional tools to help us meet our Federal and State mandated Stormwater Management obligations in the years to come. One of the first tasks of the Authority will be to determine the best methods for funding the numerous projects the Township will be required to complete in the next several years. Funding may include stormwater fees and increased requests for grant funds. Portions of the Township are already served by existing authorities for sanitary sewer (Lancaster Area Sewer Authority) and public water (Hempfield Water Authority).

SAVE THE DATE:

## Fall Fest West

Saturday, September 19, 2020  
Fairview Park

Hempfield recCenter, West Hempfield Township and West Hempfield Fire & Rescue join together to offer this inaugural fall festival you won't want to miss! Food, interactive vendors, fire prevention activities, children's play area with a bounce house, face painting, entertainment, and to top the night off...FIREWORKS!

This event will be held at Fairview Park and will be FREE for all! Visit [hempfieldrec.com](http://hempfieldrec.com) for details and updates.

## STORMWATER POLLUTION

There has been a lot of progress made cleaning up America's lakes, rivers, and streams since the 1972 Clean Water Act was passed. Some of the worst problems have been resolved and a powerful array of resources have been focused on improving wastewater discharges from cities, factories, and other facilities. Billions of dollars have been spent on new treatment plants, inspections and permitting systems but even with all the laws and regulations, about 40 percent of the nation's waters are still too polluted for aquatic life, fishing, swimming, and other uses.

Today, polluted runoff is the source of most of the contamination in the nation's waters. Heavy rains and melting snow pick up pollutants and transport them downhill toward the nearest body of water or leach through the soil, carrying pollutants toward ground water supplies. This is called non-point source pollution.

### Runoff from an urban or suburban area is likely to contain the following:

- Fertilizer and pesticides leached from lawns
- Oil and antifreeze washed off driveways
- Bacteria and organic matter from pet and yard waste
- Sediment from landscaping and construction sites
- Road salt and road treatment products



Urban runoff is also characterized by high storm flows and increased water temperatures. Runoff from rural farms, homes, or factories can contain many of the same pollutants. Multiplied by hundreds or thousands of acres in a watershed, the cumulative effect of pollutants can be devastating to the waters downstream.

EPA and state and local governments address these challenges by focusing on some of the other major sources of water pollution (e.g., streets, parking lots, livestock farms, failing septic systems), implementing best management practices (BMPs) to reduce polluted runoff, and new initiatives to educate and motivate people to change their personal behaviors. But the problems are so widespread it requires the efforts of individuals and communities nationwide to help in the effort.

Most people don't realize that many of the things they do every day in and around their homes or work can contribute to non-point source pollution and changing individual behaviors can improve this. Making a change from pollution-generating behaviors to pollution-preventing requires knowledge, education, enlightenment, and new attitudes. When people know, understand, and change how they do things, polluted runoff problems can be solved.

## TOWNSHIP PHONE NUMBERS & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Office ..... 717-285-5554  
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## hempsfield recCenter Summer Playground Program

This summer, Hempfield recCenter will celebrate 42 years of its Summer Playground program, which encourages kids to discover the outdoors, to engage with friends and to remain active during summer vacation.



Held at four parks in the Hempfield School District including Amos Herr Park, Mountville Park, Silver Spring Park and East Petersburg Park, the eight-week, five-day program offers outdoor play, organized games, sports, and optional pool parties and field trips. It's an affordable way to guarantee your child is supervised, safe and having fun while you are at work, running errands or simply in need of some me time.

Youth members of Hempfield recCenter receive the greatest discount at \$135 while residents of Hempfield School District pay \$155, and non-residents \$190.

Open to youth ages 6-13, the program is held Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., from June 15th through August 7th. There is no maximum or minimum attendance required.

Registration opens Wednesday, April 1st and must be completed in-person, mailed or faxed to Hempfield recCenter, 950 Church Street, Landisville (no phone calls, please). Early registration ends May 22nd.

Financial assistance for this program is available through **Everyone Belongs**, Hempfield recCenter's financial aid funding program. Please visit [hempsfieldrec.com](http://hempsfieldrec.com) to download the form.

For more information and to download the registration form, visit [hempsfieldrec.com](http://hempsfieldrec.com) or email [cmaser@hempsfieldrec.com](mailto:cmaser@hempsfieldrec.com).

## STORMWATER GRANT APPROVED!

West Hempfield Township has been selected for a \$200,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to stabilize an eroded stream/drainage channel that conveys stormwater discharged from an upland developed area through to the Chiques Creek and install a stormwater bioretention/infiltration basin to reduce stormwater volume and provide water quality benefits. This project is identified in West Hempfield Township's approved Pollutant Reduction Plan and will achieve a portion of the Township's required pollutant reductions. This grant will significantly decrease the amount of local tax money needed to meet our municipal obligations.

The Township has submitted numerous other grant applications in an effort to reduce the financial burden on our taxpayers. These other applications are currently under review by various agencies.

### Hempfield recCenter to Offer FREE Yoga in Local Parks

At 9:00 a.m. on June 27, July 25 and August 22, Silver Spring Park in West Hempfield Township will be the setting for FREE Yoga in the Park classes. Participants are asked to bring their own mat or towel and water.

Each one-hour-long class is open to everyone in the community and will include yoga poses along with breathing and relaxation exercises to cultivate a calm mind while increasing strength and flexibility.

In the event of inclement weather, classes will be canceled. Check the cancellations/closing link on Hempfield recCenter's website.

### Pickleball is Coming to West Hempfield!



Pickleball lines and nets have been added to the street hockey rink at Fairview Park!

### Murry Park Grant Received!

West Hempfield Township has been awarded a \$75,000 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Grant from the Lancaster County Clean Water Fund for a stormwater project to be constructed at Murry Park later this year. Murry Park is located at Donnerville Road adjacent to Route 30, near the headwaters of the West Branch of the Little Conestoga Creek. The project will consist of a new vegetated swale, a bioretention basin, a riparian buffer, landscaping to attract pollinators and songbirds, retrofit of a dry retention basin, a nature trail, and educational signage. This project will be a great new asset to our park and will count towards the Township's Pollutant Reduction Plan obligations.

West Hempfield Township will be selling

### RAIN BARRELS!

For more information and to order visit the Township's website or

[www.rainbarrelprogram.org/westhempsfieldtownship](http://www.rainbarrelprogram.org/westhempsfieldtownship).



## 2020 Trash & Recycling Calendar

### Holiday Trash Delays:

Collection will be delayed by one day for New Year's Day, 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 totes 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 18 and October 10, 2020. October's is the second Saturday, instead of the third! \$12 Blue Tag **MUST** be purchased ahead of time at the Township Office.

### Yard Waste:

In 2020 all yard waste will be collected on the same day as your regular trash service. The first pickup in 2020 will be the second week in April and the last pickup will be mid-October 2020.

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 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 11 & 25; May 9 & 23; June 13 & 27; July 11 & 25; August 8 & 22; and September 12 & 26.

#### Wednesday

April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, and September 9.

## Recycling right doesn't have to be hard.



**FOCUS ON THE BIG 4**  
RINSE & PUT ONLY THESE ITEMS IN BIN

- 1 corrugated cardboard
- 2 plastic bottles & jugs w/ necks
- 3 metal food & beverage cans
- 4 glass jars & bottles

It's OK to throw *everything else* away. It will be turned into renewable energy.

Visit [recycle.right.lancaster.org](https://recycle.right.lancaster.org) for more tips.



Please help your community by properly recycling. Overall, Lancaster County is experiencing a 28% contamination rate in our recycling stream. This means that 28% of the items in our recycle bins are really trash! This contamination can cause the entire recycle load to be refused when taken to the recycle processing center and may all be disposed of as trash. This is bad for our environment and costly to the Township and our taxpayers.

## RISING TRASH & RECYCLING COSTS

As many of our residents are aware, our trash rates escalated significantly at the beginning of 2020. As of January 2020, the Township has had to pay for recycling due to the poor global market for recycled goods. In prior years, our trash contractor has taken our recycled goods at no cost to us. In addition, the great economy and low unemployment rate has caused labor costs to increase.

While we are currently a bit more expensive than some other municipalities, their costs will also rise as their contracts are up for bid. West Hempfield's current contract with Republic ends December 31, 2021.



## Recycling for Businesses

Pennsylvania Act 101 of 1988 requires commercial, institutional and municipal establishments to recycle high-grade office paper, corrugated paper, aluminum and leaf waste. In addition, establishments must recycle any other materials included in the municipality's recycling ordinance or regulations, which adds plastic bottles and jugs with necks, metal food and beverage containers, and glass jars and bottles to the list for businesses to recycle.

## RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER

The City of Lancaster operates a recycling Drop-Off Center at 850 New Holland Avenue. West Hempfield Township residents and businesses may take recyclables there at no cost to you! Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The Drop-Off Center accepts the following separated materials:

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

# Susquehanna Valley EMS

Join NOW and Receive the Benefits of Subscription Coverage



Susquehanna Valley EMS mailed its first round of subscription packets in late winter. If you missed seeing yours in your mailbox, don't worry you will be receiving a reminder subscription packet in the mail soon!

You will want to keep a lookout for this packet so you can join and enjoy the benefits of subscription coverage because when illness or injury occurs, and an ambulance and prehospital medical care are needed, your main concern should be about getting better, not how much is this care going to cost.

Residents who subscribe to Susquehanna Valley EMS know that should they have a medical emergency and need to call for an ambulance they will receive exceptional patient care without having to pay the full cost of the medically necessary emergency service. They take comfort in knowing that they will receive reduced-cost emergency ambulance service including both basic and advanced life support assistance.

Subscribers receive a 50% discount on out-of-pocket expenses including co-payments and deductibles related to medically necessary emergency ambulance service. They are also entitled to discounts on scheduled non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair van transports. Residents without a subscription will pay a much higher fee for the prehospital medical care they receive.

Subscriptions are especially important for seniors, people living alone, people with life-threatening conditions such as Asthma, Allergies, COPD, Diabetes, Heart Disease, and Neurological Disorders.

When you subscribe to SVEMS, not only are you protecting yourself, you are helping us to provide excellent, around-the-clock care and efficient transportation for area residents too. Your support keeps us trained in the latest forms of emergency medical care and helps our fleet of 16 ambulances stay in service. This is so important because we answered over 15,000 requests for service last year.

You can join Susquehanna Valley EMS today by going to our website [www.svems.org/subscribe-donate](http://www.svems.org/subscribe-donate). Subscriptions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

## APRIL 25TH: BLOOD DRIVE BY CENTRAL PENN BLOOD BANK

West Hempfield Fire and Rescue  
(3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster)

- 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- The entire donation process takes about 45 minutes (including registration).
- You must be 16 years of age or older to participate.
- You must weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in general good health.
- Light refreshments and awesome incentives to all donors.
- Visit [717GiveBlood.org](http://717GiveBlood.org) for more information.



## Family Nature Programs at Grubb Lake Park

Hempfield recCenter, 950 Church Street in Landisville, is happy to announce their 2020 series of outdoor nature programs aimed at providing FREE family events at Lake Grubb Nature Park in West Hempfield Township.

The purpose of this program is to engage the community, strengthen family ties and highlight the resources West Hempfield Township has to offer. Participants will discover our beautiful township parks and connect with neighbors and friends while learning about local nature.

The 2020 Family Nature Programs at Lake Grubb Nature Park are:

- **Wednesday, April 8 - 6:00 p.m.**  
*Signs of Spring*
- **Saturday, May 16 - 10:00 a.m.**  
*Nesting Birds*
- **Wednesday, June 24 - 8:00 p.m.**  
*Summer Night Hike Around the Lake*
- **Wednesday, July 15 - 7:00 p.m.**  
*Lake Grubb Fish with Fish Print Art*
- **Wednesday, August 12 - 7:00 p.m.**  
*Summer Insects*
- **Saturday, Sept 19 - 10:00 a.m.**  
*Fall Nature Hike*
- **Wednesday, October 21 - 6:00 p.m.**  
*Owl Prowl*

Nature programs are led by Lancaster County Naturalist, Lisa Sanchez and typically run for one hour. Participants should dress for the weather and walking. Registration is requested for each event. Call 717-898-3102 to register. Questions about this program should be directed to Cristine Maser, Director of Programs, at [cmaser@hempfieldrec.com](mailto:cmaser@hempfieldrec.com) or 717-898-3102, ext 139.

## Trick-or-Treat

This year, Trick-or-Treat will be Friday night, October 30, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Although Halloween falls on a Saturday, the Lancaster County municipalities have all agreed to hold it on the Friday night prior.



# Make Crime Prevention One of Your Resolutions

Being proactive can help prevent criminal activity. Reducing opportunity is the number one key to prevention. Here are some tips to assist in deterring crime:

- Install motion sensor lighting around your home and property.
- Keep garage doors closed when not in the garage or near the entrance.
- Invest in quality locks for all doors and windows.
- Identity Theft - Always shred your mail that contains personal information or account numbers.
- Always lock your vehicles. An unlocked vehicle is an invitation to a thief!
- Get your annual FREE Credit Report and review for unusual or unauthorized activity.
- Did you know you can now FREEZE your credit for FREE? You can! And your children's credit. Freezing your credit restricts access to your credit file making it harder for someone to try and open new accounts in your name. To learn more, log on to [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov).

## Keeping Electronic Devices Safe

*A message from our West Hempfield Township Police*

Tablets and cell phones provide instant communication with family and friends, as well as convenience and peace of mind, as long as you keep it safe! Remember to follow these guidelines:

- Record the serial number and keep in a safe place at home.
- Activate tracking software (many devices have this for free).
- Lock your device with a password only you know.
- Change passwords often and don't store them on your device. Never lay your hand-held electronics down when out shopping and dining, etc.
- Don't leave devices in your vehicle. Extreme temperatures can damage them and thieves frequently look inside parked cars for items to try and take.



# 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

|             |         |  |   |
|-------------|---------|--|---|
| <b>APR</b>  | Tues.   | 7.....                                 | Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Wed.    | 8.....                                 | Woody Waste Site Open – 3:30-5:30 p.m.  |
|             | Fri.    | 10.....                                | <b>Good Friday – OFFICES CLOSED</b><br><i>Trash service NOT affected</i>  |
|             | Sat.    | 11.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
|             | Sun.    | 12.....                                | <b>Easter Sunday</b>  |
|             | Tues.   | 14.....                                | Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Thurs.  | 16.....                                | Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.   |
|             | Fri.    | 17.....                                | <b>Last Day to Purchase Large Appliance P/U Blue Tags</b>   |
|             | Sat.    | 18.....                                | <b>Large Appliance &amp; Tire Pick-Up – 9:00 a.m.-noon</b>  |
|             | Sat.    | 25.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
| <b>MAY</b>  | Tues.   | 5.....                                 | Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Sat.    | 9.....                                 | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
|             | Tues.   | 12.....                                | Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Wed.    | 13.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 3:30-5:30 p.m.  |
|             | Thurs.  | 21.....                                | Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.   |
|             | Sat.    | 23.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
|             | Mon.    | 25.....                                | <b>Memorial Day – OFFICES CLOSED</b><br><i>Wed. trash customers p/u is Thurs. 28th &amp; Thurs. customers p/u is Fri. 29th</i>      |
| <b>JUNE</b> | Tues.   | 2.....                                 | Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Tues.   | 9.....                                 | Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Wed.    | 10.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 3:30-5:30 p.m.  |
|             | Sat.    | 13.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
|             | Mon.    | 15.....                                | <b>Hempfield recCenter's Summer Playground Program Begins</b>   |
|             | Thurs.  | 18.....                                | Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.   |
|             | Sat.    | 27.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
| <b>JULY</b> | Fri.    | 3.....                                 | <b>4th of July Holiday (Observed) – OFFICES CLOSED</b>  |
|             | Tues.   | 7.....                                 | Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Wed.    | 8.....                                 | Woody Waste Site Open – 3:30-5:30 p.m.  |
|             | Sat.    | 11.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
|             | Tues.   | 14.....                                | Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Thurs.  | 16.....                                | Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.   |
|             | Sat.    | 25.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
| <b>AUG</b>  | Tues.   | 4.....                                 | Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Fri.    | 7.....                                 | <b>Hempfield recCenter's Summer Playground Program Ends</b>   |
|             | Sat.    | 8.....                                 | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
|             | Tues.   | 11.....                                | Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Wed.    | 12.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 3:30-5:30 p.m.  |
|             | Thurs.  | 20.....                                | Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.   |
| Sat.        | 22..... | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon |   |
| <b>SEPT</b> | Tues.   | 1.....                                 | Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Mon.    | 7.....                                 | <b>Labor Day Holiday – OFFICES CLOSED</b><br><i>Wed. trash customers p/u is Thurs. 10th &amp; Thurs. customers p/u is Fri. 11th</i> |
|             | Tues.   | 8.....                                 | Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  |
|             | Wed.    | 9.....                                 | Woody Waste Site Open – 3:30-5:30 p.m.  |
|             | Sat.    | 12.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
|             | Thurs.  | 17.....                                | Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.   |
|             | Sat.    | 26.....                                | Woody Waste Site Open – 9:00 a.m.-noon  |
|             |         |  | <b>Woody Waste Site Closed for Season</b>   |

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## TELEPHONE CONTACTS

(AREA CODE IS 717 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

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