



West Hempfield Township

NEWSLETTER

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You are Invited to the

New Municipal Building
3476 Marietta Avenue

Saturday, November 3
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tour the new 33,000 square foot facility and new offices for the police, fire company and administration

TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

Wednesday, October 31
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Be safe & Have Fun!



Township Twitter

Follow the Township Twitter feed @WHempfieldTwp for updates on current road closures, trash delays, volunteer opportunities, weather emergencies, and many other time-sensitive matters. If you are unable to follow us directly on Twitter, we also post our feeds on the bottom left side of our Township website homepage at www.westhempfield.org.



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WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING & FIRE STATION



West Hempfield Township's new Municipal Building and Fire Station officially opened for business on Monday, July 30, 2018. The new building is home to the Township's administrative offices, Police Station, Board Meeting Room, and West Hempfield Township Fire and Rescue – Station 76. The building will also house Susquehanna Valley EMS ambulance and crew. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 7, 2018. The building was completed on schedule and significantly under budget.



This project came after many years of planning. A municipal building shared with a volunteer fire station is unique and will hopefully keep our volunteer department strong for many years to come.

Our old municipal building and any remaining contents will be sold by public auction on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

An Open House with tours of the new building will be held on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Look for details on our Township website and Twitter feed.



Rain Rain Go Away!

Remember back in June when it hadn't rained in a while and the corn was starting to curl? Since then it seems like it has done nothing but rain! We have already accumulated over 46 inches of rain so far this year, which is what we typically get annually. And it doesn't show any sign of stopping. The ground is saturated with water and rain has nowhere to go. As a result, you might be seeing water in your basement, ponding on your property and filling up those large grass detention basins. If you didn't know what those grass swales and large basins were designed for, now you probably do.

Grass swales, inlets, and pipes are designed to collect and convey stormwater runoff away from roads and buildings and to the nearest stream. However, directing water to the nearest stream causes water levels to rise and can make downstream flooding much worse. Detention basins are designed to collect and store excess stormwater for up to 24 or 36 hours which gives the water levels a chance to subside. The problem right now is we are getting more rain than these facilities have been designed for. Many pipes and swales are sized to handle storms that create no more than 6 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. This year we've been seeing those totals in less than 4 hours at times.

What can you do? The most important thing is to make sure that stormwater facilities are free of obstructions so that water can move freely. During heavy rains, tree limbs and debris can get stuck in an inlet grate or pipe and act like a dam. This can cause flooding upstream. During periods of dry weather, inspect the stormwater facilities around your property, keep inlet grates clear of grass clippings and debris, and remove structures such as swing sets and lawn furniture from swales and detention basins.

And remember do not attempt to venture into flooded areas during storm events – stay safe!

Keep In Mind

- Landscape waste in the storm drain system is considered littering.
- What you put on your landscape does not necessarily stay there, especially during rain events.
- Use "Kraft" bags purchased from the Township to dispose of yard waste from April to October.

RECYCLING

Confusion Continues



Earlier this year the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWMA) unveiled new recycling guidelines for Lancaster County in response to a collapse in the U.S. recycling markets. LCSWMA is now encouraging residents to keep recycling to the "Big Four": metal food and beverage containers, plastic bottles and jugs with a neck, glass bottles and jars, and corrugated cardboard.

However, West Hempfield Township, as well as several other Lancaster municipalities, have contracts in place with haulers. Our contract is with Republic Services and dictates the Township's responsibilities and obligations for recycling. Furthermore, we have ordinances in place relevant to recycling. West Hempfield Township must continue to follow our old recycling guidelines in accordance with our contract and ordinances until our contract expires or until the Township and Republic mutually agree to any changes.

As a result, many of our residents remain confused about what should or should not be recycled. **For now we ask that our residents continue recycling as they had prior to the release of the new LCSWMA guidelines.** If and when this changes, the Township will post new information on our Township website, Twitter feed, and through inserts included with your trash bill.



LARGE APPLIANCE & TIRE PICK-UP

Large appliance and tire pick-up for Township trash customers will take place on Saturday, October 20.

Items should be placed curbside on Friday evening, October 19. Tags are required and must be purchased at the Township Office **BEFORE NOON on Friday, October 19.**



Christmas Tree Recycling

Township residents may drop off Christmas trees for recycling at the Fairview Park parking lot on Fairview Road at any time weekdays or weekends from Tuesday, January 1 to Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Please make sure to remove bags and decorations from the tree before leaving it on the pile. The trees are ground into mulch for use at Township parks.



POLICE DEPARTMENT PUTS EYES IN THE SKY

West Hempfield Township Police Aviation Unit? Helicopters? Planes? Well, not exactly. The Police Department did create a **small Unmanned Aerial Systems** or sUAS Program, more commonly known as drones. sUAS have been finding their niche in law enforcement for the last 10 years. Smaller law enforcement agencies like ours are finding sUAS are an airborne resource that previously had been out of reach due to financial reasons.

The Police Department has researched the use of sUAS in law enforcement for the past three years. At the Board of Supervisors meeting in May, Chief Mark Pugliese submitted the program proposal to the Board, which it approved unanimously. As part of the program, the Department is required to follow the guidelines established by the Federal Aviation Administration.

All sUAS weighing between .5 lbs. and less than 55 lbs. must be registered whether their use is recreational or commercial. The Pilot In Control (PIC) of a commercially used sUAS is further required to obtain a Remote Pilot Certification.

In August 2018 five police officers received two days of training from ALARIS Unmanned Systems, owned by a retired naval aviator. Besides instructing the officers on flying sUAS, ALARIS is assisting the Department in policies, manuals, National Air Space regulations, checklists and more.

According to Chief Pugliese, "We want to make sure we get this right the first time." Two officers have since received their sUAS certifications with the FAA while the other three continue to study.

Before officers can fly a "mission" they are required to demonstrate that their knowledge and abilities are up to standards as well as completing the minimum required flight time. The West Hempfield Township Police Department plans on the program being functional before the end of 2018.



Officer Ryan McKernan receives instructions as he prepares for a flight of an sUAS. Chief Mark Pugliese is acting as visual observer.



Sergeant George Brace prepares for flight with Officer Ben Johnson as his visual observer. Officer Ryan McKernan's sUAS is already in flight with Corporal Ryan Draper as his observer.

sUAS have become a significant asset to agencies across the nation. Law enforcement applications can include but not be limited to:

- Search & Rescue
- Surveillance
- Aerial Searches
- Active Shooter Response/Barricade Situations
- Accident Investigation/Reconstruction
- Crowd Monitoring/Event Security
- Hazardous Area Surveillance
- Evidence Collection
- Crime Scene Analysis



THERE'S A HUMVEE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE

The Police Department recently acquired a military surplus HUMVEE transport vehicle from the Defense Logistics Agency's Law Enforcement Surplus Property Program. In essence this is a HUMVEE pick-up truck. There was no cost in the acquisition of the vehicle although any mechanical and cosmetic repairs will be at the Township's expense. Many law enforcement agencies in the state have already acquired these types of vehicles. Some uses for the Township HUMVEE would be during storms and inclement weather and for public relations as both youths and adults like to see these types of vehicles. The Police Department will be looking for corporate and public donations to help pay for standard maintenance and cosmetic repairs required for the vehicle to look like a West Hempfield Township police vehicle. Any individuals or corporations interested in making a donation specifically for this purpose should contact Chief Mark G. Pugliese at 717-285-5191.



Dogs Are Now Permitted in Designated Township Parks

On August 7, 2018 the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance amendment allowing dogs in Township Parks authorized through Resolution. Subsequent resolutions designated that dogs would be permitted in ALL Township parks, except for Lake Grubb Nature Preserve. While allowing dogs in these designated parks, the Board also set new rules:

- Dogs shall be currently licensed and vaccinated.
- There shall be a limit of two dogs per adult.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted to be brought onto any Township property.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times, and the leash must not be longer than six feet unless the Township has developed an enclosed area for dogs to be allowed off leash and such area is posted to state that dogs may be allowed off leash.
- No person shall allow a dog to be on any playground area, court or sports field, or inside a building, concession stand or picnic pavilion.
- Any person bringing any dog or other animal, whether legally or illegally, onto any Township property is responsible for the immediate removal and proper disposal of any fecal matter deposited by the animal.
- Any person bringing any animal, whether legally or illegally, onto Township property shall be responsible for any injuries inflicted by such animal on any person or any other animal or any damage to property.
- No person shall bring any animal onto any Township property other than a service animal or a dog where the Township has posted the Township property to state that dogs are specifically authorized.

Service animals, including but not limited to guide dogs, are permitted on any Township property when engaged in assisting a person with a handicap requiring such assistance. Any service animal shall be on a leash and under the control of the person it is assisting.

The Board of Supervisors will monitor how these new rules are working and make any adjustments needed as necessary, either to the rules or to the list of designated parks where dogs are permitted.



2018-2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

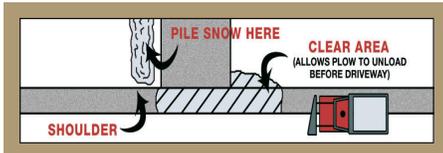
OCT	Tues.	2	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Mon.	8	Columbus Day – OFFICES OPEN <i>Trash service not affected</i>
	Tues.	9	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	18	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
	Fri.	19	Last Day to Buy Large Appliance Tags – 12:00 noon
	Sat.	20	Large Appliance & Tire Pick-Up
	Mid-		Curbside Leaf Pick-up Begins
	Wed.	31	Halloween Trick-or-Treat – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
NOV	Tues.	6	Election Day
	Thurs.	8	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Mon.	12	Veterans' Day Observed – OFFICES OPEN <i>Trash service not affected</i>
	Tues.	13	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	15	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
	Th.-Fri.	22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday – OFFICES CLOSED <i>Thurs. trash customers will be picked up Fri. 23rd</i>
	Fri.	30	Trash Payment Due
DEC	Tues.	4	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	11	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Mid-		Curbside Leaf Pick-up Ends
	Thurs.	20	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
	M-T	24-25	Christmas Holiday – OFFICES CLOSED <i>Wed. trash customers will be picked up Thurs. 27th & Thurs. customers Fri. 28th</i>
JAN	Tues.	1	New Year's Day – OFFICES CLOSED <i>Wed. trash customers will be picked up Thurs. 3rd & Thurs. customers Fri. 4th</i>
			Christmas Tree Drop-off at Fairview Park Begins
	Wed.	2	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	8	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	17	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
	Thurs.	31	Christmas Tree Drop-off at Fairview Park Ends
FEB	Tues.	5	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	12	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Mon.	18	Presidents' Day – OFFICES OPEN <i>Trash service not affected</i>
	Thurs.	21	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
MAR	Fri.	1	Trash Payment Due <i>Last day for discount rate for yearly trash payment</i>
	Tues.	5	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	12	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	21	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
APR	Sat.	13	Large Appliance & Tire Pick-up
	Fri.	19	Good Friday – OFFICES CLOSED <i>Trash service not affected</i>

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

As winter approaches, please remember the following tips to help our Public Works Crew be as efficient as possible as they work to help keep our roadways safe and passable:

Vehicles: When possible, park vehicles off the roadway in your driveway, so our crews do not need to navigate around them.

Driveways: Pile snow to the side of your driveway, away from on-coming traffic. This allows the plow to “unload” before reaching it and avoid the bulk of the snow to be pushed back onto your driveway. Abide by the following diagram to help make snow removal easier, safer and more effective for all:



Roadways: Do not push or throw snow or ice onto public roads at anytime. This creates hazardous

driving conditions and is a violation of both State and Township law.

Mailboxes: Please make sure your mailbox and post are secure and in good condition. Damage caused by plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility.



Fire Hydrants: For both you and your neighbor's protection, please remember to clear the snow away from fire hydrants located on or near your property.

Sidewalks: Make sure a path of at least 3 feet in width the entire length of your sidewalk is cleared of all snow and ice within 24 hours after snow has ceased to fall.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL REGULATIONS

In 2001, West Hempfield Township adopted an amendment to the Township Code concerning the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks throughout the Township. The Ordinance places the responsibility for this removal on the owner and/or occupant of any property that fronts a street with a sidewalk.

Chapter 12, Article III requires:

1 Within 24 hours after the snow has ceased to fall or ice has ceased to form, there shall be a clear walk along the entire length of sidewalk of at least three (3) feet in width.

2 In the event that the snow or ice on a sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be removed without the likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the responsible party shall cause enough sand or other abrasive to be placed on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe, and shall, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause to be cleared a path in the sidewalk of at least three (3) feet in width.

3 Every responsible party shall remove and clear away any accumulation of snow and ice on a building or other structure which is liable to fall on any sidewalk, roadway, or public way within 24 hours after the cessation of any snow, sleet, or freezing rain.

4 Every responsible party shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, any accumulation of snow or ice surrounding a fire hydrant located along the frontage of the property of the responsible party within 24 hours after cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain.

5 Depositing of snow or ice on a fire hydrant, sidewalk, travel lanes of a street or loading/unloading areas of a public transportation system by property owners/occupants is prohibited.

SEASONAL CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP mid-October through December

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP POLICY

- A separate truck will come around, weather permitting.
- Do not mix twigs or any other yard waste in with leaves.
- Do not park on leaf piles.
- Once the season end, bag leaves and dispose of with your household trash.

APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE

Week of October 15

East and West Sides of Prospect Road

Weeks of October 29, November 12 & November 26

East Side of Prospect Road

Weeks of November 5, November 19 & December 3

West Side of Prospect Road

Schedule subject to change due to unforeseen conditions

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TELEPHONE CONTACTS

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Columbia Water Company	684-2188	Voter Registration	299-8293
Comcast	1-800-934-6489	Lancaster County	
District Justice Miles Bixler	684-2761	Recorder of Deeds	299-8238
East Donegal Township	426-3167	Mountville Borough	285-5547
East Hempfield Township	898-3100	Mountville Public Library	285-3231
East Hempfield Township Police	898-3101	PA Department of Health	787-8092
Hempfield Area Recreation		PA One-Call System	811
Commission (HARC)	898-3102	PennDOT District 8	
Hempfield School District Tax Office	898-5565	Lancaster County	299-7621
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Lancaster County Parks Department	299-8215	State Representative Brett Miller	295-5050
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Property Assessment	299-8381	State Senator Ryan Aument	627-0036
Lancaster County Solid Waste		Susquehanna Valley EMS	435-8101
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