



# West Hempfield Township

# NEWSLETTER

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## MEET CHIEF LAYDEN



This month Lisa Layden will assume the duties as the new Chief of Police for West Hempfield Township and Lancaster County's only

woman police chief.

Layden is currently a Detective-Sergeant with the Southwestern Regional Police Department in York County, where she has served since 1996. She previously held the ranks of Patrol Officer and Patrol Sergeant. Layden is the Lead Investigator for Major Crimes, Department Supervisor for Criminal Investigation and Crime Prevention, Primary Internal Affairs Investigator, and Training Officer for Patrol and Supervisors.

"I've had the opportunity to experience so many things," Layden said. "This is just the right time for me to take this big step and pursue this opportunity." She said her first goal as West Hempfield's new Police Chief is to get to know the community – the township as well as Mountville Borough.

She is a 1995 graduate of the Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy, a 2007 graduate of York College of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science in Criminal Justice, a 2019 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a Master of Public Administration, and current student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she is completing her Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology in Administration and Leadership Studies.

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## Chief Pugliese: 35 Years of Service



Retiring Police Chief Mark G. Pugliese has been with the West Hempfield Township Police Department for 35 years, 17 of those as Chief of Police overseeing 21 full-time sworn officers and three civilian staff members.

The retiring chief was hired as an officer in June 1984 and assigned to patrol. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy's Municipal Police Officers Course in November 1984. In 1996 he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and in 1999 he was assigned to the supervisor's position of Criminal Investigations as Detective Sergeant. In 2001, he graduated with the 205th class of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy in Quantico, VA. On March 2002, he was appointed Chief of Police.

As chief, officer training has been an important part of Pugliese's philosophy. "Today's officers face more and more challenges each year. It is difficult to predict what an officer might face during their routine shift," he said. "Officers have to be prepared to be anything, from an ambassador for the Township with community policing concepts to being a combat soldier and everything in-between. We have attempted to train for all such situations."

During his tenure as chief, Pugliese was past President of Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Association, current President to Central Chiefs of Police Association, and a sitting Committee Member with Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

He is a founding Advisory Board Member to several county-wide initiatives, including Project Life Saver International and Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Hiring Consortium. Pugliese is also currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Mountville Community Services Foundation.

In his 35 year career, Pugliese has been recognized by many organizations including the Silver Spring Business Association, Hempfield Community Ambulance Association, West Hempfield Fire & Rescue, and the Pilot Club of Lancaster. He was named Officer of the Year in 1986 and 1988.

He is a life-long resident of Lancaster County and a 1979 graduate of Lancaster Catholic H.S. Following graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force. In June 1983 he was Honorably Discharged as a Staff Sergeant with the 3906 Special Security Squadron where he was the NCOIC of Plans and Projects. He and his wife of 28 years, Yvette, have two children, Emily and Mark II.

### TOWNSHIP PHONE NUMBERS & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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TDD ..... 800-654-5984  
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Andrew B. Stern ..... *Twp. Manager*

## Hempfield recCenter's Summer Playground Program

This summer, Hempfield recCenter will celebrate 41 years of its Summer Playground program, which encourages kids to discover the outdoors, engage with friends and remain active during summer vacation.

Held at four parks in the Hempfield School District (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. With one flat fee for the entirety of the eight-week program, it is 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 \$130, while residents of Hempfield School District pay \$150. The rate for non-residents is set at \$175.

Open to youth ages 6-13, the program will be held Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. from Monday, June 17 through Friday, August 9. There is no maximum or minimum attendance required.

Registration for the Summer Playground Program opens Monday, April 1 and can be completed in person, mailed or faxed (717-898-2702) to Hempfield recCenter, 950 Church Street, Landisville. No phone calls, please. Early registration ends May 24. Registration received after May 24 will be charged an additional \$10. *Everyone Belongs*, Hempfield recCenter's financial aid funding program, is available to those who qualify. For more information and to download the registration form, visit [hempfieldrec.com](http://hempfieldrec.com) or email [cmaser@hempfieldrec.com](mailto:cmaser@hempfieldrec.com).

## GRASS CLIPPINGS AND LEAF LITTER ARE STORMWATER POLLUTANTS

Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material such as shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution. When you blow your lawn waste into the street it can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding issues. Storm drains are not connected to the wastewater treatment plant. There is no treatment to remove the debris from the water before it reaches nearby lakes, streams, or waterways.

**Why are grass clippings and leaf litter harmful?** As this waste breaks down in our local waterways it adds excess nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus to the water. This leads to unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and native and non-native aquatic weeds. Algae will naturally occur in lakes and ponds, but excess nutrients can lead to high levels of algae growth. Apart from looking unsightly, excessive algae blooms can block sunlight and deplete the oxygen level in the water which can lead to fish kills.

Yard debris left in the street also contributes to stormwater runoff pollution as clippings may contain fertilizer or other chemicals not meant to be part of our ecosystem. When left on our roadways grass clipping create hazardous driving conditions, especially for motorcyclists.

Lawn clippings blown into the street and not cleaned up by the homeowner or contractor may enter the storm system and is a violation of the MS4 Ordinance.

### How to keep green waste out of storm drains

**1. RETURN TO LAWN** — It is best to leave grass clippings uncollected on the lawn so that they are recycled, contribute to soil organic matter and supply part of the fertilizer needs of the lawn. Adopt a mowing schedule to keep clippings short enough to filter through growing grass and not remain as a mat on top of the lawn. Research and experience indicate that only 1/3 of the grass length should be removed during mowing. Never allow the lawn grass to double its height between mowing. This approach eliminates clipping collection and disposal problems, and can contribute to improvement of the lawn. Clippings are not a cause of thatch in lawns.

**2. GARDEN MULCH** — Grass clippings can be used as garden mulch. Clippings can be dried in the sun for a day prior to prevent any slug growth. Clippings can be spread on garden soil to check weed growth, reduce soil spattering and crusting, moderate soil temperatures, etc. As a precaution, do not use grass clippings from herbicide-treated lawns until after two grass cuttings have been made.

**3. SOIL INCORPORATION** — Clippings are a source of organic matter for soil improvement when incorporated into the garden.

**4. BACKYARD COMPOSTING** — Grass clippings can be composted, especially when used in a backyard leaf composting pile. However, composting piles containing grass clippings can become anaerobic which can produce strong, unpleasant odors. Because of these problems, grass clippings should be mixed with composting leaves. Do not add more than 1 part fresh grass clippings to 3 parts partially composted leaves. The resulting compost can be used as a soil amendment, as mulch for gardens, flower or shrub beds, or as a potting medium.



# Collections & Recycling

CLIP AND SAVE AS A REMINDER

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27 Large Appliance & Tire Pick-up Day

- Each large appliance must be marked with a blue tag - \$12.00.
- Rimless tires must have one yellow tag attached - \$1.50.
- Tires with rims must have two yellow tags attached - \$3.00.
- Items should be placed curbside on Friday evening, April 26. Pick-up begins at 6:00 a.m. Saturday.
- Purchase your tags **BEFORE NOON on Friday, April 26.**
- If you have already purchased the necessary tag(s) and are disposing of an appliance, tires and/or rims, please register your name and address with the Township office **BEFORE NOON on Friday, April 26** to ensure pick-up.
- If your items were missed on Saturday, April 27, leave the items curbside and call the Township office on Monday, April 29 after 8:00 a.m., or leave a message on the Township's voicemail.



**The next large appliance  
pick-up is Saturday,  
October 19, 2019**

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

### First Day for Yard Waste Bag Pickup

- Recycle your grass clippings, summertime leaves and green plants through our curbside pick-up program. See related article on pg. 2.
- These items must be placed in the Kraft biodegradable bags purchased at the Township office for \$1.50 each. Small twigs, branches and shrubbery trimmings must also be placed in these bags during this time.
- There is a 30 pound weight limit for Kraft bags. Brush, larger branches and any woody material too large for the bag must be tied into 4 foot bundles no heavier than 30 pounds and tagged with a green yard waste tag, sold in a sheet of five for \$7.50.
- Bags purchased at Ace, Home Depot, Lowe's, etc. **WILL NOT BE TAKEN.** The sale of the Township bags covers the costs for the yard waste program.
- Yard waste is collected the same day as your trash pick-up. If your yard waste is not picked up, please leave the items at the end of your driveway and contact the Township office the next business morning to report the miss. Our hauler has 24 hours to return for any misses, the same as trash and recycling.
- Residents are urged to not bag grass clippings. Grass clippings left on the lawn decompose and act as a

natural organic fertilizer. Please consider using the woody waste drop-off site as an alternative for other yard waste.

- Last day for yard waste/Kraft bag pick-up by Township trash hauler is Thursday, October 17.
- Curbside leaf pick-up by Township Public Works will begin in mid-October.



- After October 17, 2019 through April 2020 small amounts of yard waste may be placed in the regular trash.
- If you have more yard waste than what fits in the toter or the three allowed containers, a yellow tag must be attached to each extra container. Yellow tags are sold in a sheet of five for \$7.50.
- No loose brush or woody material will be picked up. Woody waste must be contained in some manner or tied into bundles and weigh no more than 30 pounds. A green tag is required for each bundle. Green tags are sold in a sheet of five for \$7.50.

## 2019 WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

The Township's woody waste collection site on Norwood Road opens Wednesday, April 10.

**2nd Wednesdays - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.:** April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, and September 11

**2nd & 4th Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. - noon:** April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24, and September 14 & 28



# PUBLIC WORKS PAVING PROJECTS SUMMER 2019

## Resurfacing/Paving

- Glengreen Drive from North Donnersville to Todd Lane
- Pinewyn Circle from Glengreen Drive through cul-de-sac
- Oakglen Court from Glengreen Drive through cul-de-sac
- Prospect Road from Spooky Nook Road to Broad Street (leveling)
- Railroad, North and Holland Alleys from Main Street to end (leveling)

## Seal Coat Application

- Silver Spring Road from Marietta Avenue to Quarry Road
- Silver Spring Road from Nolt Road to Clear Spring Road
- Eby Chiques Road from Silver Spring Road to Prospect Road
- Clear Spring Road from Silver Spring Road to Eby Chiques Road
- Meadow Spring Road from Stony Battery Road to Silver Spring Road
- Montezuma Road from Nolt Road to Meadow Spring Road



## USE NEW ADDRESS OR MAIL WILL BE RETURNED



The Township continues to receive mail addressed to the old building which is now privately owned. Beginning July 2019 the Post Office will no longer forward mail addressed to 3401 Marietta Avenue to the correct address at 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601.

If you use the old address after July 2019 your mail will be returned marked "Forwarding Time Expired."

Your misaddressed envelope will cause a time delay for any payment to reach the Township office which could result in late charges on your account.

Many residents pay their Township bills using a bill-pay system set up through their bank or credit union.

Any bill-pay check mailed to 3401 Marietta Avenue will be returned to your bank because the forwarding time has expired. The Township cannot make the address change with your bank on your behalf. YOU must notify your financial institution of our new address.



## Meet Chief Layden

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"The Board of Supervisors had significant interviews with the final candidates and chose, unanimously, the best person to fill the position," said Board of Supervisors Chairman David Dumeyer. "We are looking forward to working with Lisa. I believe she is a worthy successor to our outstanding retiring

Police Chief Mark Pugliese."

Originally from Wayne County, she lives in York County with her husband Dale. They have three grown sons: Dan, Tod, and Andy. She enjoys creating mosaic art pieces and wildlife pen and inks. Layden is a runner, participates in 5Ks, and is training to run in future marathons.



## Hempfield recCenter Now Managing Township Parks

On March 5, 2019 the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement creating a new partnership with the Hempfield recCenter. For many years, Hempfield recCenter, also known as HARC, has provided recreational and fitness opportunities for residents of West and East Hempfield Townships, Mountville and East Petersburg Boroughs, and the Hempfield School District. Beginning this spring Hempfield recCenter will take control of maintaining the Township's parks, overseeing the rental of park pavilions and athletic fields, and providing new and exciting recreational and educational programming within the parks. For more information, go to [hempfieldrec.com/west-hempfield-parks](http://hempfieldrec.com/west-hempfield-parks) or contact Cristine Maser at [cmaser@hempfieldrec.com](mailto:cmaser@hempfieldrec.com) or 717-898-3102 ext 139.

### Township Parks

- Bridge Valley Park ■ Cedar Bluff Park  
Eagles View Park ■ Fairview Park  
Falcon Ridge Park ■ Ironville Park  
Murry Ridge Park ■ Silver Spring Park  
Lake Grubb Nature Park

*(Lake Grubb is owned by Mountville Borough and run jointly as a Mountville and West Hempfield Park)*

## CALL COMCAST (NOT THE TOWNSHIP)

We receive many phone calls when Comcast bills are delivered. This happens because the Township's phone number is printed on the Comcast bill. Technically, the Township is considered a franchisee that allows Comcast to run its lines as a utility in our right-of-ways. Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to answer any questions about your Comcast bill or service. Please contact Comcast Customer Service at 800-266-2278 (800-COMCAST) with your questions. Thank you!



# Lancaster County Remains in the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) General Quarantine Area

Due to the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly, the Township remains in the quarantine area for the State. The Department of Agriculture has issued guidelines regarding the quarantine.

A general quarantine over any area found to harbor the SLF means that any material or object that can spread the pest cannot be moved without taking precautions to prevent that spread. The quarantine restricts the movement of certain articles, including:

- Any living stage of the Spotted Lanternfly, including egg masses, nymphs, and adults
- Brush, debris, bark, or yard waste
- Landscaping, remodeling or construction waste
- Logs, stumps, or any tree parts
- Firewood of any species
- Grapevines for decorative purposes or as nursery stock
- Nursery stock
- Crated materials
- Outdoor household articles including recreational vehicles, lawn tractors and mowers, mower decks, grills, grill and furniture covers, tarps, mobile homes, tile, stone, deck boards, mobile fire pits, any associated equipment and trucks vehicles not stored indoors

In order to move these regulated articles, homeowners must complete a compliance checklist found at [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov) which indicates you inspected and know that no living life stage of SLF is present.

Intentional movement of the Spotted Lanternfly is expressly prohibited and is a serious offense. Violations could result in criminal or civil penalties and/or fines. Help keep this invasive pest at bay.

## STREET LIGHT BILLS

The annual street light assessment bills were mailed in March. Payment is due by June 28, 2019. The Township no longer send bills for fire hydrant assessment.



# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

<b>APR</b>	Wed.	10.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
	Sat.	13.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon
	Fri.	19.....	<b>Good Friday – OFFICES CLOSED</b> <i>Trash service NOT affected</i>
	Sun.	21.....	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	Fri.	26.....	<b>Last Day to Purchase Large Appliance P/U Blue Tags</b>
	Sat.	27.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon <b>Large Appliance &amp; Tire Pick-Up</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon
<b>MAY</b>	Tues.	7.....	<b>Board of Supervisors Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Wed.	8.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
	Sat.	11.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon
	Tues.	14.....	<b>Zoning Hearing Board Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	16.....	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m.
	Sat.	25.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon
	Mon.	27.....	<b>Memorial Day – OFFICES CLOSED</b> <i>Wed. trash customers p/u is Thurs. 27th &amp; Thurs. customers p/u is Fri. 28th</i>
<b>JUNE</b>	Tues.	4.....	<b>Board of Supervisors Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Sat.	8.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon
	Tues.	11.....	<b>Zoning Hearing Board Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Wed.	12.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
	Mon.	17.....	<b>Hempfield recCenter's Summer Playground Program Begins</b>
	Thurs.	20.....	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m.
Sat.	22.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon	
<b>JULY</b>	Tues.	2.....	<b>Board of Supervisors Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.-Fri.	4-5.....	<b>4th of July Holiday – OFFICES CLOSED</b> <i>Thurs. trash customers p/u is Fri. 5th</i>
	Tues.	9.....	<b>Zoning Hearing Board Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Wed.	10.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
	Sat.	13.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon
	Thurs.	18.....	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m.
Sat.	27.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon	
<b>AUG</b>	Tues.	6.....	<b>Board of Supervisors Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Fri.	9.....	<b>Hempfield recCenter's Summer Playground Program Ends</b>
	Sat.	10.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon
	Tues.	13.....	<b>Zoning Hearing Board Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Wed.	14.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	15.....	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m.
Sat.	24.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon	
<b>SEPT</b>	Mon.	2.....	<b>Labor Day Holiday – OFFICES CLOSED</b> <i>Wed. trash customers p/u is Thurs. 5th &amp; Thurs. customers p/u is Fri. 6th</i>
	Tues.	3.....	<b>Board of Supervisors Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	10.....	<b>Zoning Hearing Board Meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m.
	Wed.	11.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
	Sat.	14.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon
	Thurs.	19.....	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m.
	Sat.	28.....	<b>Woody Waste Site Open</b> – 9:00 a.m.-noon <b>Woody Waste Site Closed for Season</b>

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<b>Authority (LASA)</b> .....	299-4843	<b>Sewage Enforcement Officer</b> .....	786-3205
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