

# NEWS LETTER

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A PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP

## West Hempfield Township Boards and Commissions

There are four new people serving on the West Hempfield Township Planning Commission and one new person on our Board of Supervisors. The Zoning Hearing Board has stayed the same. Thank you to our current and new members for serving our community!

**Barry Carter** - Barry has lived in the Township for 49 years and has been serving the Township for almost as long! Before being elected to the Board of Supervisors, he served on the Planning Commission for 9 years. For 47 years he has been an active volunteer in the former Silver Spring Fire Department and the current West Hempfield Township Fire Department serving in many capacities from firefighter to chief. He is a local HVAC business owner. When Barry isn't serving his community, you can find him camping with his wife and dog or hanging out with his children and grandchildren.

**Rick Delgiorno** - Rick has lived in the Township for almost 30 years. With over 35 years of global strategic and operations experience, he brings a wealth of knowledge to the Planning Commission. When not increasing institutional footprints, centers of excellence, and producing movies, Rick likes spending time with his family and friends, volunteering to help his community, and officiating football as a certified PIAA official. By serving on the Planning Commission, he hopes to play a meaningful role in creating a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient township for generations to come.

**Donna Bushong** - Donna is a music teacher by training and pursued that until she started a family. She is married to a 3rd generation farmer on family land, and that is now her career. Since 2014, she has taken care of the bookkeeping for the family farm when she is not hands-on working with the newborn calves. Having lived in many parts of the world, her favorite things to do are to connect with friends and family near and far. Donna joined the Planning Commission because the best way to have an impact is to be involved.



Front: Jim Stuckey, John Rodman, Carl Manelius. Back: Rick Delgiorno, Susan Dicklitch-Nelson, Robert Skuya, Donna Bushong.



Front: Ciro Gambone, Gary Lintner, David Lounsbury. Back: Daryl Peck, Amanda Hood.



Left to Right: Edward Fisher, Kent Gardner, David Dumeyer, Robert Munro, Barry Carter.

**Robert Skuya** - After serving 20 years as an Air Force pilot, Robert moved to West Hempfield Township 6 years ago. Having lived in a dozen or so states, he's happy to finally be in a forever home and absolutely loves the community. The beautiful rolling hills and farms of West Hempfield make it a great place to live and raise a family. After having served the country, he felt compelled to serve once again, but this time for the community and the Planning Commission seemed like a good fit. When he's not working, he enjoys spending time with his three kids, 2 dogs, and lovely wife.

**Susan Dicklitch-Nelson** - Susan relocated to Lancaster County from Canada 27 years ago. For the past 15 years she has called West Hempfield Township home. She studied urban planning in college and is a professor of Government at Franklin & Marshall College. She is married, has two beagles, and is an avid Penn State fan. If you are looking for a pickleball competitor, she has organized a pickleball league in her neighborhood. Susan believes giving back to the community is very important and that, combined with her interest in urban planning, has led her to serve on the Planning Commission.

TOWNSHIP PHONE NUMBERS & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	
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Kent B. Gardner .....	Twp. Supervisor
Barry E. Carter .....	Twp. Supervisor
Robert M. Munro .....	Twp. Supervisor
Andrew B. Stern .....	Twp. Manager



## TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH**

### LARGE APPLIANCE / TIRE PICK-UP:

■ 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 – \$3.00.

■ Items should be placed curbside on Friday evening, April 12th.

■ Purchase your tags **before NOON on Thursday, April 11th.**

■ 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 Thursday, April 11th** to ensure pick-up.

■ If your items were missed on Saturday, April 13th, leave the items curbside and call the Township Office on Monday, April 15th after 8:00 a.m., or leave a message on the Township's voicemail.

■ After the April pick-up, the next large appliance / tire pick-up is Saturday, October 12, 2024.

### Holiday Trash Delays:

Memorial Day and Labor Day- Wednesday customers will have collection on Thursday, Thursday customers will have collection on Friday. Independence Day: No delay for Wednesday customers. Thursday customers will have collection on Friday.

### Yard Waste:

Yard waste will be collected on the same day as your regular trash service and will run from April through Early December. 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.

## TRASH & RECYCLING BILL DUE DATES & RATES:

\$72.50 per quarter

**QUARTER 1:** 1/1/24-3/31/24  
Payment Due on 3/1/24

**QUARTER 2:** 4/1/24-6/30/24  
Payment Due on 5/31/24

**QUARTER 3:** 7/1/24-9/30/24  
Payment Due on 9/3/24

**QUARTER 4:** 10/1/24-12/31/24  
Payment Due on 12/2/24



# ROAD PROJECTS FOR SUMMER 2024

## PAVING:

When the weather gets nice, our Public Works Department will be hard at work improving some of our roads. Roads receiving a face lift this year include: Oswego Drive, Oak Hollow Drive, Stone House Lane, Quarry Drive, S. 16th Street, 462-Manor, S. 18th Street, and Blue Lane.



## IMPROVEMENTS AT PROSPECT AND FAIRVIEW

As many of our residents know, there are a significant number of vehicular accidents on Prospect Road north of Route 30. This portion of Prospect Road is a state road, under the jurisdiction of PennDOT. The Township has spent the past several years petitioning PennDOT for improvements. Improvements which have been approved include:

- Elimination of trucks over 45 feet in length.
- Reduction of speed north of Ironville Pike.
- Relocation of the house at Concordia and Prospect to increase visibility.
- Surface treatment to increase friction and reduce sliding off roadway (Spring 2024).
- Additional improvements, possibly to include barriers on both sides of the curve, increased signage, and center rumble strips (Summer 2025).

Acquiring funding for projects on state roads is a long and slow process. We appreciate your patience as the Township continues to work to make our Township safer.

## WOODY WASTE OPENS APRIL 1ST

The Woody Waste Facility opens April 1st for the season. The facility will be open 7 days a week, from dawn till dusk. The site is gated and requires an access card to enter. This allows residents to enjoy greater flexibility to use the site during daylight hours.

The cost for an access card is \$15 per year and is valid from April 1st to December 31st of the calendar year. One access card may be purchased per household. If an access card is lost and needs to be replaced, there will be a replacement fee of \$20.

Invoices for the renewal of the cards in 2024 have been mailed. Payment can be made at the Township Office with cash, check, or credit card (bank convenience fee applies for credit card transactions).

## REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR WOODY WASTE ACCESS CARDS!

## Thank You to Our Winter Road Crew!

A big thank you to our road crew for putting in the extra hours this winter to clear our streets from snow and ice. We saw 3 events this winter and our new leaf collector/snow plow was a great addition to our fleet. Our crew came in early, stayed late, and dispersed about 275 tons of salt. Thanks again for your hard work!



## Septic System Maintenance

West Hempfield Township has a 3-year Septic System Pumping Cycle which is in accordance with PA DEP regulations. At the end of each year, we are required to file a year-end report with DEP.

A blue postcard was sent to residents that need to pump septic systems in 2024. Red postcards were sent to those who are past due for septic pumping. If you have received a postcard, but have already had your septic pumped, please call your septic hauler and ask them to send us the report. Many Septic Pumping companies will send the pumping report to the Township, but you can always check with us to ensure that we have received it. You can find a list of approved septic haulers on our website.

The postcard mailing isn't fool proof. It is ultimately the property owners' responsibility to ensure that their septic system is properly maintained.



## WATER LINES

In accordance with the recently revised US EPA Lead and Copper Rule, the City of Lancaster has initiated action to inventory all Water Service Lines within their service territory. This Inventory must be completed by **October 16, 2024**. If the City of Lancaster is your water service provider, you should have received a letter with your October and November utility bills asking all water customers to verify their service line material. You can find additional information about this initiative at [cityoflancasterpa.gov/lead-service-line](http://cityoflancasterpa.gov/lead-service-line).



## New Employee Spotlight



Mary Jane Gambone joined West Hempfield Township Finance Department in October 2023. She is a longtime resident of West Hempfield. Mary Jane relocated from Long Island in 1992 with her husband and children. Having retired from the insurance industry, she brings a broad range of knowledge to our team. Fun fact, MJ does NOT like cilantro!



## Rt. 462 Veterans Memorial Bridge

The Rt 462 Veterans Memorial Bridge, originally built as the Lancaster-York Intercounty Bridge, also referred to as the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge, is quite the bridge. Construction started in 1929 and it was officially opened on September 20, 1930. At 1.26 miles long, it is considered the longest concrete arch bridge in the world. Until the 1940's, when the bond was paid off, vehicles used to have to pay a \$0.25 toll to use the bridge. Most people don't realize that while 462 is a state road and PennDOT is responsible for the maintenance on the bridge, it is actually located in West Hempfield Township. And another fun fact is that it is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Currently the bridge is slated for a \$221 million project and has a 10 ton weight limit imposed until the work is completed. The purpose of the project is to ensure the structural adequacy and modern functionality of the bridge. The scope of the work for the bridge rehab includes deck and barrier replacement and strengthening and repairs to the bridge underside. There are 4 additional area enhancements that have also been identified:

1. Connecting Bike Route "S" and pedestrians to the Columbia Borough's Northwest River Trail and River Park
2. Connecting Bike Route "S" and pedestrians to Wrightsville Borough's Mason-Dixon Trail and Riverfront park
3. Construction of a roundabout at the western end of the bridge
4. Adding a traffic calming median feature at the eastern end of the bridge

The project is currently in the preliminary design phase, and work is anticipated to go to bid in 2026 and take approximately 5 years to complete.

## Hempfield High School Tour

A group of Hempfield High School students visited the Township Building in February. They learned about all the different jobs we do here at the municipal office and got a tour of the police department, public works building, and the fire department. Thanks for stopping by!





## Happenings at the Hempfield recCenter Spring 2024

Below is a list of Programs and Events that are offered by HARC in partnership with West Hempfield Township. Most are free but registration is required. For more info or to register, visit [www.hempfieldrec.com](http://www.hempfieldrec.com), call (717) 898-3102x139, or email [cmaser@hempfieldrec.com](mailto:cmaser@hempfieldrec.com).

### Nature Programs:

- **Easter Bluebird Box Program and Box Building**  
Wednesday, April 3 6:00 p.m. Lake Grubb Nature Park
- **Astronomy Program featuring Orion Nebula, Jupiter & Pleiades Star Clusters**  
Friday, April 19 8:15 p.m. Fairview Community Park
- **Earth Week Clean Up at Fairview Park**  
Friday, April 26 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS (and lunch is provided)!
- **PA Insect Exploration and Bioluminescent Fireflies**  
Wednesday, June 26 8:30 p.m. Lake Grubb Nature Park
- **NEW! Astronomy Program featuring the Perseid Meteor Showers**  
Friday, August 9 8:45 p.m. Fairview Community Park
- **PA Tree ID and Nature Walk around Lake Grubb**  
Wednesday, September 25 6:00 p.m. Lake Grubb Nature Park
- **Owl Prowl - Back by Popular Demand!**  
Wednesday, October 23 6:00 p.m. Lake Grubb Nature Park

### Summer Playground:

- **Summer Playground Program at Silver Spring Park (ages 6-12)**  
June 10 - August 2 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Fees: \$180 / Resident (early registration ends April 20)  
Closed on July 4 & 5 and every other Friday for Pool Party Days  
This supervised program offers outdoor play, organized games & sports, plus optional pool parties and field trips! For more information, please visit [www.hempfieldrec.com](http://www.hempfieldrec.com).

### Free Movie Event:

- **Special Event!! Outdoor Movie Night - Zootopia**  
Friday, June 14 Dusk Silver Spring Community Park  
Bring your family out to enjoy a beautiful summer night under the stars to watch this fun Disney Movie! Bring a blanket or chair. Food Trucks will be available prior to the movie.  
(Save the dates for fall movie nights: September 6 & October 4)

### Disc Golf and Pickleball:

- **NEW! Intro to Disc Golf with Gerry Dyson**  
Location: Fairview Community Park  
Sunday, April 7 2-4 p.m.  
Fee: \$15 M / \$18 NM
- **Sunday, May 5** 2-4 p.m.  
Fee: \$15 M / \$18 NM  
Discover the excitement of disc golf with our "Intro to Disc Golf" class, where all the equipment is provided for a hassle-free experience! Perfect for beginners, this class offers an introduction to the fundamentals of disc golf, from proper throwing techniques to navigating the course.
- 5 Pickleball Courts at Fairview Community Park
  - 5 newly painted pickleball courts
  - Outdoor Spring/Summer Pass Available
  - Hempfield Rec Ladies Pickleball League
  - Open Play on your own
- 18 Hole Disc Golf Course at Fairview Community Park
  - Free Play on your own
  - Into Classes
  - Leagues available through Lancaster County Disc Golf Club

### Community Runs:

- **Triple Crown 5Ks**  
Compete in three community 5K events. One convenient \$65 registration covers all 3 events. Memorial Day 5K @ Ephrata Rec on 5/27; Honey Run 5K @ Hempfield Rec on 8/23; Pretzel Twist 5K @ Lititz Rec on 9/21.
- **Tri for Fun (Youth Triathlon)**  
Saturday, June 15 4:00 p.m. Hempfield recCenter
- **Tri for Life**  
Sunday, June 16 6:30 a.m. Hempfield recCenter
- **Honey Run 5K**  
Saturday, August 24 7:00 a.m. Amos Herr Park

## 2024 MOUNTVILLE DAYS CARNIVAL

Members of the Mountville Fire Company No. 1 are pleased to announce the scheduling of the 2024 Mountville Days Carnival to be held at Froelich Park, 350 W Main Street, on May 15, 16, 17 and 18. This event is our largest fundraiser held annually for the all-volunteer fire company, and it has helped support the operations of the Mountville Fire Company over the years.

This year's event will benefit two Mountville organizations even more, as the Mountville Youth Athletic Association will be assisting the firefighters with parking, donation collection and various other tasks needed to support the carnival.

The Carnival will be open from 5pm to 9pm Wednesday and Thursday and 5pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday. Ride-all-night wrist bands will be available for purchase on Wednesday and Thursday nights only. More information, announcements and directions can be found on the fire company website [www.mountvillefire.com/carnival](http://www.mountvillefire.com/carnival) and on the fire company's Facebook page.



## West Hempfield Fire & Rescue

West Hempfield Fire & Rescue would like to thank you for your continued support each year with our annual fund drive. This year, we are adding the option to give online via our website, at [www.westhempfieldfire.com/donate](http://www.westhempfieldfire.com/donate).

### For 2023 we:

- responded to 592 calls
- spent 5655 responder hours on those calls
- spent 1231 hours training

### We welcome the following new members who joined us in 2023:

Firefighters Andrew Culp, Nate Moyer and Garrett Hostetter, who bring a wide variety of experience to our company.

Junior Firefighters Taylor Golomb, Samuel Kniesly, Cody Ney, Benuel Stoltzfus, and Jacob Drexler. The new Junior Firefighters join Darren Forry in the largest group of junior firefighters that we have ever fielded. They serve, adorned in bright orange helmets, in a support capacity at incidents, and participate in training. When they reach 18, they will receive additional live-fire training and be fully able to participate in any response.



Lastly, a big focus for us this year is to review and add to our store of building plans, and other information helpful to have on hand before a fire occurs. We will be reaching out to commercial and industrial occupancies in the coming months. However, if you have an immediate concern that we should know about or live in a residence that a map or other information would be beneficial, please reach out to [preplan@westhempfieldfire.com](mailto:preplan@westhempfieldfire.com).

We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2024, West Hempfield Fire & Rescue Co.

## SPEED

The Township routinely receives complaints about speeding in neighborhoods. In response, our Police schedule the road for increased patrols and speed studies based on standards set by PennDOT. These studies usually show 85% or more of drivers are compliant. Many residents seek physical improvements, such as speed bumps and rumble strips. In general, these do not resolve the problem, only increase it and make road maintenance more complicated. The Township continues to closely monitor areas of concern.

## OFFICER IS RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEERING

We see you! Officer Cameron Powers participates in the Bigs in Blue Program which pairs students with police officers for mentorship. In January, she was recognized by the Big in Blue program for her dedication as a volunteer. The coordinator, Mary Murphy, had this to say "Cameron has gone above and beyond with her Little Sister from the moment that they were paired together. Cameron has never been through a mentorship program before, and yet she has stepped into this role with open arms. She has a huge heart and truly is the absolute most deserving person when it comes to recognizing our outstanding Bigs." We love our police officers!



## POLICE RETIREMENT



West Hempfield Township is proud to announce the retirement of Detective Thomas Ziegler. Det. Ziegler is a military veteran and prior to coming to West Hempfield Township, he was a Corrections Officer for the Lancaster Prison and was also a Police Officer for Columbia Borough. He served the citizens of West Hempfield Township as a police officer since 1998. In addition to his police duties, he served as a D.A.R.E. Instructor and Evidence Technician. Detective Ziegler served on the Lancaster County Drug Task Force for many years. In January, Detective Thomas Ziegler retired after completing 25 years of police service for West Hempfield Township.

*Many thanks to Detective Ziegler!*

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**Mark your calendars!** Residents are encouraged to join the West Hempfield Township Police Department for a night of family fun. There will be games and activities, demos and giveaways, alongside plenty of food and information for attendees to enjoy. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 6, from 6-8 pm at Leisure Lanes, 3440 Columbia Ave., Lancaster. See you there!





# Stormwater and Illicit Discharge and Detection Elimination (IDDE)

Illicit discharges are defined as any type of flow found in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) that is not composed entirely of stormwater. These discharges can enter the system through illegal connections, intentional dumping, accidental spills, or through cracks in stormwater pipes. Sewage contamination, a common example of an illicit discharge, can occur when a resident or business owner makes an illegal connection of the sanitary sewer system into the stormwater system. Illicit discharges are a major source of water pollution and can be extremely toxic to stream ecosystems because the pollutant/pathogen load is not diluted by stormwater. Eliminating illicit discharges into waterways is a key component of West Hempfield Township’s strategy to improve water quality. What is an Illicit Discharge? Examples of an illicit discharge is anything entering the MS4 that is not stormwater including: trash, paint, gasoline, oil, cleaning products, sewage, soil, leaves, grass clippings and many other items.

## What Can You Do to Reduce Illicit Discharges?

- Contact the Township or County for household hazardous waste drop-off locations and times.
- Clean up spills on paved surfaces as soon as possible using cat litter or other absorbent material. And then remember to clean up the absorbent material.
- Read chemical labels and purchase non-hazardous options when possible.
- Call the Township if you observe illegal dumping or if you see someone pouring/dumping something into a storm drain, ditch, or a stream.
- Never place yard waste in a drainage swale, stormwater basin, along a stream, or in a stream.
- If you have an on-lot septic system, have it inspected regularly.

## What is the Township Doing to Identify and Reduce Illicit Discharges?

- Regularly inspects the stormwater system and pipe outfalls to detect signs of illicit discharges. A pipe outfall is the location where stormwater runoff discharges into a stream.
- Makes repairs of the stormwater system as soon as identified to reduce stormwater pollution.
- Enforces erosion and sediment control requirements for all earth disturbance activity.

## Are there any Exceptions? Yes, the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has identified the following exceptions:

- Discharges from firefighting activity.
- Discharges from waterline and fire hydrant flushing.
- Non-contaminated irrigation water, water from lawn maintenance, landscape drainage.
- Diverted stream flows and springs.
- Non-contaminated pumped ground water and water from foundation and footing drains and crawl space pumps.
- Non-contaminated HVAC condensation and water from geothermal systems.
- Residential vehicle wash water where cleaning agents are not utilized.
- Non-contaminated hydrostatic test water discharges.



As spring is right around the corner and homeowners are getting out the lawn mowers, it is important to remember the **DO's** and **DON'Ts** of grass clippings.

### DO:

- Mulch
- Let short clippings on the lawn, or
- Collect and compost clippings

### DON'T:

- Put in trash
- Blow onto roads, or
- Dump into storm sewers or streams

Short grass clippings left on the lawn act as free fertilizer for your lawn. Collected grass clippings can also be composted but they should never be placed into the trash stream. It is important to not blow grass clippings onto the roadways. This unexpected road condition, particularly concerning motorcycles, could cause a potential serious injury or fatal crash. In addition, grass clippings should not be placed into storm sewers as they are considered an illicit discharge. Storm sewers ultimately connect to a waterway. Grass clippings in our waterways contribute to nitrogen and phosphorus getting into the water. This contributes to algae growth and aquatic weeds moving downstream and into the Chesapeake Bay. Be a good neighbor to those downstream.

## Community Gardens

West Hempfield Township has been considering the addition of a community garden. Residents would be able to rent 20'x20' garden plots. Before continuing to plan such a project, we are interested in determining the level of interest from our residents. If this is something you would be interested in, please email [Lmcelhenny@westhempfield.org](mailto:Lmcelhenny@westhempfield.org).



## Twp. Roads & Right-of-Ways

Spring is the time for projects! Please keep in mind before planning your next project that you need to consider having space to store materials on your property. Although it may be a convenient area to deliver items, the storing or staging of material on the public street or right-of-way is NOT permitted. Even if it's just for a couple hours or a day or two, do NOT place dumpsters, mulch, stones, soil, or building materials in the street.

# 2024

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

**MAR**  
 Fri. 1..... Quarter 1 Trash Bills Due to West Hempfield Township  
 Tues. 5..... Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 ..... Municipal Authority Meeting to Follow BOS (as needed)  
 Tues. 12..... Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thurs. 21..... Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Fri. 29..... Good Friday – OFFICES CLOSED

**APR**  
 Tues. 2..... Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 ..... Municipal Authority Meeting to Follow BOS (as needed)  
 Tues. 9..... Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thurs. 11..... Last Day to Purchase Large Appliance & Tire Blue Tag  
 Sat. 13..... Large Appliance & Tire Pick-up – 6:00 a.m. – noon  
 Thurs. 18..... Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**MAY**  
 Tues. 7..... Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 ..... Municipal Authority Meeting to Follow BOS (as needed)  
 Tues. 14..... Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thurs. 16..... Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Mon. 27..... Memorial Day – OFFICES CLOSED  
*Wed. trash customers p/u is Thurs. May 30th & Thurs. trash customers p/u is Fri. May 31st*  
 Fri. 31..... Quarter 2 Trash Bills Due to West Hempfield Township

**JUNE**  
 Tues. 4..... Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 ..... Municipal Authority Meeting to Follow BOS (as needed)  
 Mon. 10..... Hempfield recCenter's Summer Playground Program Begins  
 Tues. 11..... Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thurs. 20..... Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**JULY**  
 Mon. 1..... Annual Street Light Bills Due to West Hempfield Township  
 Tues. 2..... Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 ..... Municipal Authority Meeting to Follow BOS (as needed)  
 Th & Fri. 4 & 5..... Independence Day – OFFICES CLOSED  
*Thurs. trash customers p/u is Fri. July 5th*  
 Tues. 9..... Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thurs. 18..... Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**AUG**  
 Fri. 2..... Hempfield recCenter's Summer Playground Program Ends  
 Thurs. 8..... Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 ..... Municipal Authority Meeting to Follow BOS (as needed)  
 Tues. 13..... Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thurs. 15..... Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**SEPT**  
 Mon. 2..... Labor Day – OFFICES CLOSED  
*Wed. trash customers p/u is Thurs. Sept. 5th & Thurs. trash customers p/u is Fri. Sept. 6th*  
 Tues. 3..... Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 ..... Municipal Authority Meeting to Follow BOS (as needed)  
 ..... Quarter 3 Trash Bills Due to West Hempfield Township  
 Tues. 10..... Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thurs. 19..... Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Mon. 30..... Annual Stormwater Bills Due to WHT Municipal Authority

June - Aug. Summer Hours: 7:00am - 5:30pm Mon.-Thurs., Closed Fridays

## Who Owns The Roads?

At the Township Office, we get asked a lot of questions about our roads. Residents will often bring to our attention safety issues and ask the Township to upgrade a road, maintain a road, install signage or speed humps, or give us “pointers” about snow plowing. Roads in the Township are either privately owned, Township owned, or state owned. The ownership of the road plays a huge role in what the Township can or cannot do. The Township has no control over plowing, maintenance, or upgrades to private or state roads. But even if the road is owned by the Township, the installation of most traffic control devices must conform to the PA Motor Vehicle Code and related publications. In many cases, changes and improvements must be supported by an engineering study or significant justification. Below are some traffic control signs and devices and what is required in order to install them.

- **Stopping, Standing, and Parking Restriction Signs:** Must show that certain conditions have been met.
- **Stop or Yield Signs:** Specific traffic volume guidelines must be met. Stop signs cannot be erected for the sole purpose of reducing speed.
- **Traffic Lights:** Must conform to PennDOT “warrants” which address such issues as traffic counts and accident history.
- **Speed Limit Signs:** Engineering and traffic studies are required.
- **Pedestrian Crossing Signs:** A pedestrian needs study must be completed.
- **Truck or Weight Restriction Signs:** Structural analysis and engineering judgement is required.

On state roads (Marietta Ave, Columbia Ave, Old Harrisburg Pike, Stony Battery Rd, Prospect Rd, Spooky Nook Rd, Rt 441), issues are even more difficult to resolve. The only traffic control devices that the Township can install, revise, or remove without PennDOT approval include:

- Street names signs
- Crosswalk markings
- Curb markings at intersections
- Parking meters
- Stopping, standing, or parking restrictions

While we want to hear from our residents about street safety, and will work towards a solution, due to the complicated rules and regulations, these things often take significant amounts of time to resolve. We thank you for your patience.



**West Hempfield Township**

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East Hempfield Township .....	898-3100
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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
Penn State Health Life Lion Ambulance .....	435-8101
Poison Control Center.....	1-800-222-1222
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
UGI.....	1-800-276-2722
West Hempfield Fire & Rescue.....	285-4929

**LAKE GRUBB NATURE PARK**

With warmer days ahead, it's the perfect time to explore the parks in West Hempfield Township and surrounding areas! As a reminder, while we love our dogs, Lake Grubb Nature Park is an environmentally sensitive area where dogs are **NOT** allowed. To allow our natural wildlife to flourish, please refrain from bringing your dogs to Lake Grubb.

**Thank you!**

