

NEWSLETTER

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Top 5 Things You Can Do to Protect Ponds & Lakes

1



Adopt a Storm Drain

Keep leaves, grass clippings and other debris off the street and storm drain in front of your house. Debris can clog storm drains or end up as pollution in your neighborhood pond.

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Stop the Drops

Increase the number of raindrops that soak into the ground by installing a rain barrel (and using the water for your garden) or by directing drainspouts onto your lawn or into a rain garden.

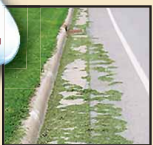
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Walk Your Dog, Bring a Bag

Clean up your dog's droppings so they don't wash down a storm drain. Not only is it gross to step in, but it harbors harmful bacteria and boosts algae growth in ponds.

4



Don't Feed the Storm Drains

Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the street so rain doesn't wash them into a storm drain. Also, never dump motor oil or paint down a storm drain.

5



Fertilize Your Lawn... Not the Street

Fertilizer that ends up on hard surfaces will likely be washed into a storm drain and sent into neighborhood pond. In a pond fertilizer causes an explosion of algae growth.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

An Interview with Township Manager Andrew Stern

How have new stormwater regulations affected West Hempfield Township?

Increasing federal and state regulations to clean and reduce the stormwater leaving our Township have significantly increased requirements and their associated costs to the Township. The state recently approved the Township's required Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) which is expected to cost the Township upwards of one million dollars over the next several years. The Township will seek grants to help, but ultimately the Township's taxpayers will be paying to comply with these requirements.

Why won't the Township fix my stormwater problem?

Many of the Township's residential neighborhoods have private stormwater systems, meaning the stormwater management facilities in these areas are completely private. These systems are not in the Township's right-of-way. They are not owned or maintained by the Township, but rather are owned and maintained by the property owners whose properties the facilities are located on. In the event of a problem with these private systems, the Township will remind the property owners of their obligations.

Why can't the Township fix all the flooding problems in the Township?

The Township's geography lends itself to localized flooding during significant rain and storm events. In many cases, a permanent fix is not possible. In other cases, resolution may cost millions of dollars, which would not be practical. We continuously evaluate problem areas to find viable solutions. Due to engineering and funding requirements, these solutions may take many years to come to fruition.

We've seen other Townships enacting new stormwater fees. Is West Hempfield considering new fees?

Pennsylvania law allows us to charge a stormwater fee for all properties in the Township, including tax-exempt properties. At this time, West Hempfield Township has not begun the process to enact these fees. We currently use general fund money generated from tax revenues. However, as federal and state unfunded mandates continue to increase our costs, the Township may at some point need to consider new ways to fund our stormwater projects.

TOWNSHIP PHONE NUMBERS & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Office 717-285-5554
Police 717-285-5191
Emergencies  911
TDD 800-654-5984
FAX 717-285-2879

David M. Dumeyer *Chairman*
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Naomi G. Martin *Twp. Supervisor*
Robert M. Munro *Twp. Supervisor*
Andrew B. Stern *Twp. Manager*

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TRASH AND RECYCLING FEES FOR 2020

In 2020 trash and recycling rates will be increasing. The final amount will be set during the 2020 budgeting process and will be publicized on our website and in the January billing. The increase is mostly due to changes in the world's recycling market. Many years ago, recycled materials had a value to them and municipalities did not have to pay to have them collected. However, the market for these items is now limited and we must pay to have them collected. In addition, rising fuel and labor costs have led to increases in our prices.

The Township does not profit from our trash and recycling program. The quarterly billing rates are established to offset our costs.



Christmas Tree Disposal and Recycling

JANUARY 1 - 31, 2020

- West Hempfield Township residents may drop off Christmas trees for recycling at the Fairview Park parking lot on Fairview Road. Please note: This location is different from the Township's woody waste drop-off site.
- Trees may be dropped off any time weekdays or weekends.
- Remove bags and decorations from the tree before leaving it on the pile.
- The trees are ground into mulch for use at Township parks.
- Please consider recycling your tree this year. Trees disposed of in trash are not recycled.
- To be disposed of as trash, the tree must have a red tag (\$4.00) attached and must be shorter than six (6) feet.
- No trees will be picked up after March 31, 2020.



SEASONAL CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP mid-October through November

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 ends, bag leaves and dispose of with your household trash.

APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE

Weeks of October 13, October 27 & November 10
East Side of Prospect Road

Weeks of October 20, November 3 & November 17
West Side of Prospect Road

Week of November 24
Both Sides as Needed

Schedule subject to change based on weather and emergencies

2020 YARD WASTE INFORMATION

At present, the Township sells brown kraft paper yard waste bags which we require for curbside yard waste collection.

For 2020 we will discontinue the sale of bags and instead sell green yard waste stickers which you will affix to your own yard waste bags which can be purchased at most home improvement stores. We will continue to sell our current inventory of bags until depleted.



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/neck

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 for more tips.



Traffic Safety Tips for Parents from the Police Department

- Young children need adult help in the street environment and regular opportunities to develop and practice skills together with adults.
- Children learn street safety habits by watching and copying others, so always set a good example.
- Talk with your children about streets, signs, traffic, and how and where we cross the street safely.
- Check that your child always 'stops, looks, listens and thinks' when crossing the street. Ask them to explain to you what they are doing and why to ensure they understand the safest way to cross.
- Discuss traffic safety when going for regular walks and rides with your child.
- Plan with your child the safest routes to school and to other places your child may visit.
- Make sure your child wears bright colors that can be easily seen by motorists.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

- Make sure costumes are the correct size to prevent trips and falls.
- Use face paint instead of masks for better visibility.
- Use reflective tape, stickers, glow sticks, and flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Save all treats until you get home and toss out any open, damaged or home-made treats, unless you know the giver. Report suspicious treats to police.

TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

Thursday, October 31, 2019
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



How Do I Know When I Should CALL 9-1-1?

Knowing what to do in a medical emergency can help save a life. A medical emergency is a sudden injury or serious illness that, if not treated right away, could cause death or serious harm to you or someone you care for.

If you or a loved one are experiencing any of the following call 9-1-1 immediately.

Severe difficulty breathing, especially that does not improve with rest

- Chest pain
- A fast heartbeat (more than 120-150) at rest, especially if associated with shortness of breath or feeling faint
- You witness someone faint/pass out or someone is unresponsive (comatose)
- Difficulty speaking, numbness, or weakness of any part of the body
- Sudden dizziness, weakness or mental changes (confusion, very odd behavior, difficulty walking)
- Sudden blindness or vision changes
- Heavy bleeding from your mouth or nose
- Bleeding from any wound that won't stop with direct pressure
- Broken leg or bones visible through an open wound
- Drowning
- Choking
- Severe burns
- Allergic reaction, especially if there is any difficulty breathing
- Extremely hot or cold to the touch
- Poisoning or drug overdose
- Severe headache that won't go away
- Sudden intense severe pain
- Someone is threatening to hurt or kill themselves or someone else

Call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing a medical emergency and are alone. DO NOT drive yourself to the hospital. Paramedics and EMTs can deliver lifesaving care to you while in route to the hospital. They are highly trained to administer the medical treatment you need and communicate with physicians in the Emergency Department about your condition so the necessary hospital services will be ready when you arrive.

If you are not sure whether the situation is truly an emergency, call 9-1-1 and let the dispatcher decide whether you need emergency help. This is a better choice than not getting help to someone who really needs it very quickly.

Information provided by Susquehanna Valley EMS who provides emergency and non-emergency care to the residents of Lancaster County.





WEST HEMPFIELD FIRE & RESCUE EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE via Central Penn Blood Bank Saturday, November 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Donation process (45 mins) is safe and easy
- Must be 16 years of age or older to donate
- Must weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in general good health
- Refreshments and incentive goodie bags to all donors
- Email Tara.Ney@yahoo.com for more information

PANCAKE BREAKFAST with SANTA Saturday, December 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- Cost by donation – recommendation \$5.00 per person
- Seating is on a first come basis beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- Bring your own camera for photos with Santa

CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- In conjunction with Breakfast with Santa
- Over 40 tables to shop for something for everyone
- No entrance fee



Visit New York City and enjoy the lights, shows and shopping during the holiday season. Drop off and pick up is at the Winter Garden Theatre. Bus leaves the Hempfield recCenter's Church Street parking lot at 6:00 a.m., returning at 11:00 p.m. This is an on-your-own trip. \$65.00 per person. To register call 717-898-3102.

2019-2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

NOV	Thurs.	7.....	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Meeting will be held on Thurs. 7th due to Election Day Tues. 5th</i>
	Mon.	11.....	Veterans' Day Observed – OFFICES OPEN <i>Trash service not affected</i>
	Tues.	12.....	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	21.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
	Th.-Fr.	28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday – OFFICES CLOSED <i>Wed. trash customers not affected. Thurs. customers will be picked up Fri. 29th</i>
	Fri.	29.....	Trash Payment Due
DEC	Tues.	3.....	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	10.....	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Mid-	Curbside Leaf Pick-up Ends
	Thurs.	19.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
	Wed.	25.....	Christmas Day – OFFICES CLOSED <i>Wed. trash customers will be picked up Thurs. 26th & Thurs. customers Fri. 27th</i>
JAN	Wed.	1.....	New Year's Day – OFFICES CLOSED <i>Wed. trash customers will be picked up Thurs. 2nd & Thurs. customers Fri. 3rd</i>
			Christmas Tree Drop-off at Fairview Park Begins
	Tues.	7.....	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	14.....	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	16.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
	Fri.	31.....	Christmas Tree Drop-off at Fairview Park Ends
FEB	Tues.	4.....	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	11.....	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	20.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
MAR	Tues.	3.....	Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Tues.	10.....	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs.	19.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
APR	Fri.	10.....	Good Friday – OFFICES CLOSED <i>Trash service not affected</i>
	Sun.	12.....	Easter Sunday
	Sat.	18	Large Appliance & Tire Pick-up – 6:00 a.m. - noon



POLICE PROMOTION

On October 1, 2019, the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors promoted Corporal Doug Ober to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Ober has been with our Township for over 17 years. Prior to joining our department he worked for Manheim Township and Manheim Borough for ten years. Sergeant Ober has also been a volunteer firefighter and driver for the Manheim Fire Company for 30 years. We wish Sergeant Ober the best in his new role with the Township.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

Follow these guidelines to help the Township's Public Works Crew perform their duties efficiently.

Cars: Park vehicles off the roadway in the driveway, if possible. This allows the plow drivers to navigate more easily.

Driveways: Pile snow to the side of the driveway, away from oncoming traffic. This allows the plow to unload and prevents the bulk of the snow being pushed back into the driveway. Use the graphic below as a guide.



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

Chapter 12 Article III of the Township Ordinance requires all property owners to:

1. Sidewalks: Within 24 hours after snow or ice has stopped falling, residents must shovel a path at least 3 feet wide for the entire length of their sidewalk.

2. Ice: If snow or ice on a sidewalk is so hard that it cannot be removed without damage to the sidewalk, use sand or some other abrasive to make travel reasonably safe.

3. Fire hydrants: Clear snow away from fire hydrants located on or near your property. This is for everyone's safety.

4. Roadways: Do not push or throw snow or ice onto public roads at any time. This creates hazardous driving conditions and is a violation of state and township laws.



SOLICITING PERMITS

West Hempfield Township requires permits for peddling and soliciting. Businesses or individuals can make an application to the Police Department for a permit to solicit. The Police Department does a brief investigation to ensure the person has a "good business and/or moral character." Persons can, and have been, denied a permit.

Once the solicitation permit is issued, it is good for thirty days, unless an application is made to extend it. Persons receiving permits are required to carry the permit and present it upon request. If you encounter a solicitor without a permit or if you feel the person is conducting themselves unprofessionally, please contact the West Hempfield Township Police Department at 717-285-5191. Permits may be revoked based on justified complaints.

ON-STREET PARKING DURING SNOW EVENTS

Please be reminded to avoid parking your vehicle on the street during snow events. Parked vehicles slow our ability to properly and efficiently plow our streets. Along narrower streets and cul-de-sacs, parked cars can completely eliminate our ability to clear snow. Our plows need room to maneuver and to push accumulated snow. There are 111 miles of state and Township streets to plow in West Hempfield Township and delays can severely affect our ability to complete the job in a timely manner.



NOVEMBER 3, 2019 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

When local daylight time is about to reach 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 3, 2019, clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 1:00 a.m. local standard time instead.

A Safer, More Efficient Left Turn Signal

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is implementing a new type of traffic signal to provide a safer, more efficient left turn for motorists.

The flashing yellow arrow is a new type of signal placed over the left turn lane at a signalized intersection. A flashing yellow arrow means YIELD to oncoming traffic and pedestrians and then proceed with caution.

Steady Red Arrow: Must stop and wait.

Steady Yellow Arrow: Prepare to Stop.

Flashing Yellow Arrow: Proceed after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Steady Green Arrow: Proceed with left turn.



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Columbia Borough	684-2467	Lancaster County	
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
Hempfield Water Authority	898-8231	Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
Lancaster Area Sewer		PPL	1-800-342-5775
Authority (LASA)	299-4843	Sewage Enforcement Officer	786-3205
Lancaster County Parks Department	299-8215	State Representative Brett Miller	295-5050
Lancaster County		State Representative David Hickernell	684-5525
Property Assessment	299-8381	State Senator Ryan Aument	627-0036
Lancaster County Solid Waste		Susquehanna Valley EMS	435-8101
Management Authority (LCSWMA)	397-9968	UGI	1-800-276-2722
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