



West Hempfield Township

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MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors Meeting
1st Tues. of each month 7:30 p.m.

Township Planning Commission
3rd Thurs. of each month 7:00 p.m.

Township Zoning Board
2nd Tues. of each month 7:30 p.m.

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- Robert E. Munro
Township Supervisor
- Andrew B. Stern
Township Manager

DISCOVER, CONNECT AND BELONG AT Hempfield recCenter

On the surface, Hempfield recCenter appears to be just another fitness facility with tennis courts, swimming pools, cardio machines and basketball hoops. However, Hempfield recCenter is so much more than yoga classes and personal trainers. For five decades this non-profit organization located at 950 Church Street in Landisville has committed itself to serving the residents of West Hempfield Township and surrounding communities.

People are surprised to discover the scope and reach of Hempfield recCenter. By the numbers, in 2017:

- 19,792 children participated in youth and sports programs
- 1,498 children participated in swim lessons
- 1,075 area seniors participated in low-impact land and water classes for mature populations
- 859 children took part in supervised summer day camp and playground programs
- 392 children were enrolled in before- and after-school programs
- 387 people took training classes in CPR, water safety and lifeguarding
- 134 families received financial aid packages
- 77 discounted memberships given to first responders
- 27 free 30-day memberships given to active duty personnel on leave at home



As part of its mission, Hempfield recCenter is committed to ensuring that anyone, regardless of their financial situation, is welcome through its Everyone Belongs Campaign. The initiative provides financial aid to eligible individuals, families and children so that everyone has access to Hempfield recCenter's facilities, programs and classes.

Senior citizens is another demographic that Hempfield recCenter serves. Executive Director Jeff Book said, "Our senior members prove there is no age limit on staying active."

This summer, Hempfield recCenter in partnership with the Township is expanding its outreach by bringing new community programming to local parks. The family and nature-focused programs will include exercise classes at Grubb Lake and Silver Spring parks. For more information look for the *Hempfield Highlights* program guide mailing in April or visit hempfieldrec.com.

New Employees at the Township



Some residents may recognize Joe Ney, the newest employee in the Public Works Department. That's because Joe is also the Fire Chief for West Hempfield Fire & Rescue. Previously Joe worked for Kline's Septic Service. He is a graduate of Hempfield High School and has lived in this area practically his whole life. Joe's family includes his wife, Tara, and sons Cody and Alex.

Dwayne Steager, formerly of the Public Works Department, has assumed the duties and responsibilities as the Township's Zoning Officer. A native of Mechanicsburg, he has a background in construction and mechanics. Dwayne monitored stormwater management issues for the Township for 2 years, after 10 years in Public Works. He lives in Millersville with his wife Shari and has three grown children: Daniel, Laura and Aaron.



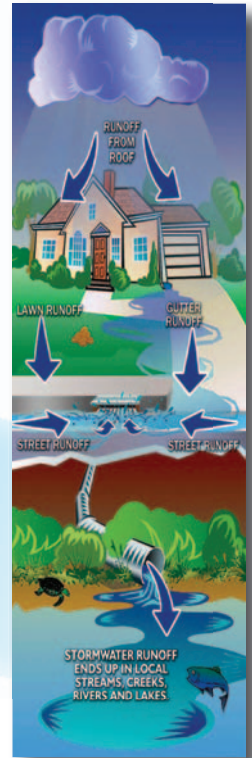
New Board Member



Robert Munro was sworn in as the newest member of the Board of Supervisors in January. He is a lifelong resident of Lancaster County and a graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School. Rob and his wife Anne Marie lived in Lancaster City when they were first married, and moved to West Hempfield in 1989. Family members include sons Andy and Eric. Munro is an area manager for Johnson Controls in the Security Products division.

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutter instead of hosing pollutants down storm drains.
2. Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
3. Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
4. Compost your yard waste.
5. Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden or rain barrel to capture water runoff.
7. Take your car to the carwash instead of washing it in the driveway or on the street. Commercial car washes utilize grey water – wastewater recycled on site.
8. Check your car for leaks and recycle motor oil.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected. In the Township, this must be done every three years.



What's Your Water Footprint?

Your water use is not limited to the amount that pours out of the tap for showers, laundry, and teeth brushing. Do you know how much water goes into your sandwich? Your gadgets? The electricity that powers them?

To find your total water footprint go to watercalculator.org. The amount is much higher than you think.

WE NOW ACCEPT MAJOR CREDIT CARDS FOR MUNICIPAL PAYMENTS

You may now pay municipal bills (trash, street light, fire hydrant) in person or by phone. A fee of 2.65% of the transaction amount or a \$3.00 minimum will be charged for each transaction. Online payments are coming soon! Our staff will be happy to assist you.



Collections & Recycling

CLIP AND SAVE AS A REMINDER

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Large Appliance & Tire Pickup Day

■ Large appliances (washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers) 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 20. The hauler usually starts the appliance pickup by 6:00 a.m. Saturday.

■ Purchase blue or yellow tags **BEFORE NOON on Friday, April 20.**

■ 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 20** to ensure pick-up.

■ If your appliance and/or tires are not picked up on Saturday, April 21, leave the items curbside and call the Township office on Monday, April 23 after 8:00 a.m. or leave a message on the Township's voicemail to report the miss.

■ The next large appliance pick-up is Saturday, October 20, 2018.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

First Day for Yard Waste Bag Pickup

■ Recycle your grass clippings, summertime leaves and green plants through our curbside trash program. These items must be placed in the brown Kraft biodegradable bags purchased at the Township office for \$1.50 each. Small twigs, branches and shrubby trimmings must also be placed in these bags during this time.

■ 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 trash. If your yard waste is not picked up, please leave the items curbside 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.



■ The weight limit for Kraft bags is 30 pounds. 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 sheets of five for \$7.50. No loose brush or woody material will be picked up.

■ 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 dropoff site as an alternative for disposing of yard waste. Your woody waste is turned

into mulch for use in the Township.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22

Curbside Leaf Collection Begins

■ The Township Public Works Crew will begin residential curbside leaf collection starting Monday, October 22.

2018 HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

■ Trash collection for Township customers **WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE DAY** after the following 2018 holidays: Memorial Day (May 28), Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (September 3).

■ Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 22. **Wednesday Customers** trash collection will not be affected. **Thursday Customers** will be delayed one day to Friday, November 24.

■ Christmas Day 2018 and New Year's Day 2019 fall on Tuesday. **Wednesday Customers** will be delayed one day to Thursday, December 27. **Thursday Customers** will be delayed one day to Friday, December 28.

■ Columbus Day (October 8) and Veterans Day (November 12) do not affect the Township's trash schedule.

WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL SITE NEWS

The Township's woody waste collection site, located off Norwood Road near Fairview Park and the Township Maintenance Building, opens Saturday, April 1, 2018. The site is open from 9:00 a.m. until noon on the second and fourth Saturdays until the end of September. Due to popular demand, the woody waste site will now be open on the second Wednesday of each month from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday drop-off dates are: April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27, June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 12 & 26 and September 9 & 23.

Wednesday drop-off dates are: April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8 and September 12.

All Township residents (not just trash customers) may use the site.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Township is pleased to announce that the following Township roads will be resurfaced this summer:

- Grace Ridge Drive
- Verdant Grove Road
- Dawn View Drive
- Druid Hill Road from Route 30 bridge to Mountville Borough line
- Malleable Road from Route 30 bridge to Columbia Borough line
- Eby Chiques Road from Prospect Road to Newcomer Road



SUMMER DETOUR NEWS

Marietta Avenue (Route 23) will be CLOSED this summer at the Chiques Creek/East Donegal Township border for bridge replacement. This is a PennDOT project and it involves a lengthy detour.

Centerville Road in East Hempfield Township will be CLOSED this summer for reconstruction between Marietta Avenue and Gloucester Street. Traffic will be detoured via Stony Battery Road and Church Street. Significant traffic delays should be expected during peak traffic times.

Check our website at www.westhempfield.org for updates.

PERMIT REMINDERS

As we welcome spring we wish to remind you of the requirements to obtain the necessary permits for any projects you may be planning. A Zoning Permit is required whenever your project involves placing, constructing, or expanding a physical structure (including driveways) or changing the use of your property. All zoning permit applications must conform with the new Storm Water Management regulations. Smaller projects of 1,000 square feet or less may be exempt; however, all new impervious areas must be documented. Larger projects must meet the requirements outlined in our Storm Water Management Ordinance.

A Construction Code Permit is required whenever your construction project will need to be reviewed and inspected to insure that it meets the standards of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC).

Visit our website at www.westhempfield.org for more information or contact the Township office with any questions you may have.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The West Hempfield Township Police Department welcomes two new officers to the force.

Officer Gabe Rimolo is a native of Union, New Jersey who spent several years living in York County. He is a veteran of both the Elkton and Baltimore City Police Departments. A graduate of the Baltimore City Police Department Training Academy, Rimolo recently moved back to Pennsylvania. He will serve as a patrolman with the department. He was joined by his wife and son at his swearing-in ceremony. Following the administering of the oath of office, Mrs. Rimolo pinned Officer Rimolo's badge on his uniform.



Officer Benjamin W. Johnson was sworn in as the Township's newest police officer during the Township's November meeting. Johnson's parents were on hand to witness the swearing-in ceremony. Following the oath, Johnson's father pinned his shield onto his uniform. Johnson will be assigned to the patrol division. Officer Johnson has lived in East Lampeter Township since 2004 and at one time was a self-employed contractor. Officer Johnson was home schooled and received his H.S. diploma in June 2003. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 2004 to 2010. He had been enrolled in Harrisburg Area Community College's Criminal Justice Program until being deployed in 2008. He recently received his Act 120 Basic Municipal Police Training from the Reading Police Academy and is currently enrolled in the Elizabethtown College Criminal Justice Program.

With the hiring of Officers Rimolo and Johnson, the Police Department will have 21 sworn officers.

STATE WARNS PUBLIC TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR *SPOTTED LANTERNFLY*



The spotted lanternfly is threatening to spread from southeastern Pennsylvania and could wreak even more havoc than last year's pest, the ash borer.

According to the Department of Agriculture, the spotted lanternfly poses a significant threat to the grape, apple, and stone fruit industries, worth nearly \$175 million, as well as the state's \$12 billion hardwood industry.

Municipalities in the quarantined counties (see below) have been asked to alert residents and post signs and information about how to recognize the spotted lanternfly. The goal is to minimize the risk of the insect leaving the quarantined area.

Given that insects don't recognize quarantines, it is a good idea to get educated about this invasive species and watch for its arrival in your community.

HOW TO IDENTIFY THE PEST

The spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive plant hopper native to China, India, and Vietnam.

The insect was first detected in Pennsylvania in Berks County in Fall 2014 and spread to Bucks, Chester, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton counties. To try to control its spread, the state extended the quarantine area to include Carbon, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Monroe, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill counties. The bug has also been seen in Delaware, New York, and Virginia.

PA Department of Agriculture says that adult lanternflies are about an inch long and a half-inch wide at rest. The lanternfly's forewing is gray with black spots, and the wingtips have a net-like appearance in black and gray. The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band between them. The legs and head are black, and the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. Immature stages, called nymphs, are first black with

white spots and then develop red patches as they grow.

Lanternflies prefer the plant called Tree of Heaven, *Ailanthus altissima* — another invasive species in PA — as their primary food source and mating and egg-laying location. However, any smooth surface, from trees to vehicles, campers, yard furniture, farm equipment, and other items stored outside can act as sites for egg laying. Adult lanternflies begin laying eggs in late September and continue through late November or early December.

WHAT TO DO

Anyone who observes spotted lanternflies beyond the quarantined counties should try to destroy them.

Because insecticides may kill beneficial insects, including pollinators, on infected trees, property owners should consider using the integrated pest management strategy that the state is using. It involves locating Tree of Heaven plants, killing all but a few to act as "trap trees" to attract the lanternflies, and then treating those with a systemic insecticide to eradicate the pests.

As an added step, Gov. Tom Wolf has created the Pennsylvania Invasive Species Council. This advisory panel of 17 state and non-governmental agencies will identify invasive species that currently or could threaten the state's natural and agricultural resources and the industries they support.

To learn more about these pests, go to the Department of Agriculture's website, www.agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly, and check out information available from the Penn State Extension at <https://extension.psu.edu/shopby/spotted-lanternfly>.

To learn how to identify Tree of Heaven, go to www.agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly, click on the "Program Information" box, and choose "Ailanthus Identification" in the list of publications on the right.

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National Police Week May 13 - 19, 2018

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. A joint resolution of Congress established National Police Week, which pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

When you see police officers, please make sure to thank them for their service and selfless sacrifice to this community.



STREET LIGHT/FIRE HYDRANT ASSESSMENT BILLS

The annual street light/fire hydrant assessment bills are mailed in March each year. Payment must be postmarked or received at our office by June 29, 2018.

When you receive the bill for 2018, please review it carefully. There are two amounts listed on each bill. Pay the lower amount (on the left side) if payment is made prior to June 29. Pay the higher amount (on the right side) if payment is made after the due date.

It is very important that you pay the exact amount due as listed on the bill. Each account must be paid in full in the exact amount billed each year. Including your payment stub with your payment is also greatly appreciated. The barcode on each bill assures accuracy in crediting each payment to the proper account.

If you have any questions about the bill you receive for 2018, please call the office at 717-285-5554.



MOVING TO NEW BUILDING

The Fire Company and Township offices will be moving sometime in July, as the construction continues on schedule and below budget. Our telephone numbers remain the same, but the new address is 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Check our website at www.westhempfield.org for updates.