



EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

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Police Department News

On Monday, September 10, 2018 several officers were recognized for exceptional police work at the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors Meeting. **Officer Sam Goss** received three commendations, **Officer Andy Garman** received two commendations, and **Sgt. Bryan Kondras**, **Officer Sam Sanger**, and **Officer Jon Werner** each received one commendation.



Lieutenant
Matthew Hess



Sergeant Matthew Hess was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on September 10, 2018. Lieutenant Hess will take over the responsibilities of Administrative Lieutenant.

At top: Officer Sam Goss and Officer Andy Garman
Middle: Sgt. Bryan Kondras and Officer Sam Sanger
Bottom: Officer Jon Werner



ELT Campus Basin Walkthrough

East Lampeter Township is holding an unveiling event for our completed basin retrofit project. This project was funded through a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection grant awarded in 2016 to the Township. The project is recently completed, and you are invited to learn about what has been done within the basins! The event is open to the public and will be held on Thursday October 25th at 1:00 pm at our Municipal Campus located at 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike. If you have any questions please contact Charity Quinn at cquinn@eastlampertertownship.org or 717-393-1567.

Trick or Treat Night
Wednesday
October 31
6 pm to 8 pm

Where is Your Stormwater Going?

Stormwater management falls into two categories in most of the county; areas where there is stormwater management and areas where there isn't stormwater management. Below we will breakdown where water moves and how it reaches its end destination in scenarios with and without formal stormwater infrastructure.



Swales

Swales are the least intrusive of the stormwater infrastructure. Typically after running off of an impervious surface water collects in swales. During a heavy rain-storm, swales are the first to receive the water, but also the first to drain. Swales are present in areas where there is formal stormwater infrastructure and where there is not. Swales in areas without stormwater infrastructure are simply the low spots where the water can find its way. If there is no formal stormwater management on a property this is not always where you want it to be.



Inlets

If your water does not drain into surface infrastructure such as a swale, it may go into a stormwater inlet or catch basin. These are typically located along roads and curbs or at low spots in yards. What you don't see is the pipe network that is underground that carries that water once it reaches the inlet. Inlets drain to pipes, which then drain to basins or directly to waterways. In areas without formal stormwater infrastructure, there may only be one or two inlets in an entire development, sometimes there are none! The pipes that these inlets drain to can be 12", 18", 24" 48" or 60" depending on how vast the underground

network of piping is. The useful life cycle of these pipes is anywhere from 30–50 years depending on the material.



Detention Basins

As outlined in the summer newsletter, detention basins are carefully designed areas for catching large volumes of stormwater and slowly releasing it. Detention basins prevent massive volumes of stormwater from washing out roadways, tributaries, and swales on their way to the Mill Creek, Pequea Creek, and Conestoga Rivers. Areas where there is no formal stormwater infrastructure, do not have stormwater basins to hold back and release this water slowly to creeks and streams, so these areas are often the place where water rushes through eroded channels.



Outfalls

After rain has fallen, run off impervious surfaces, made its way to swales or pipes, and been slow released from a detention basin its final destination is a local waterway. East Lampeter Township is responsible for monitoring all of the places in the Township where stormwater enters a Water of the Commonwealth. These points, known as outfalls, are where the Township monitors to make sure pollutants aren't entering waterways from that particular drainage area. This is why behaviors in your local neighborhood are so important, because eventually they trickle down into the local streams and creeks!

If you have any questions related to runoff, stormwater pollution, or where the water that flows over your property enters a local waterway please reach out to the Stormwater Coordinator via phone or email, 717-393-1567 or cquinn@eastlampetertownship.org.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month except for February, May, July, September and November when they only meet on the 2nd Monday
All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

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Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month except for November when they meet on the 1st Wednesday
All regular meetings begin at 4 pm

PARK BOARD

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm
(NO MEETINGS in November and December)

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Relay for Life

East Lampeter Township is forming our first Relay for Life Team to help fight cancer in our community!

Throughout the years our township lost several employees to cancer: Jim Sargent (Sewer Dept), Corporal Jan Fassnacht (Police Department), Bruce Herner (Roads Dept), and Elvin "Bubba" Reiff (Public Works).

Since then countless other employees, friends, family and community members have been affected by cancer. Please join our team and come walk with us in June 2019!

Sign up at: www.relayforlife.org/palancaster and look for the East Lampeter Township Team!

Issue/Election Signs

With the fall election coming up, there will be a new crop of issue/election signs being displayed. There are rules for posting elections signs in residential & commercial areas which include the following:



- The signs are NOT to be posted in the road right-of-way.
- Signs may NOT be attached to utility poles, traffic signals standards, trees or fences.
- Maximum sign size for residential is 8 square feet & for commercial 32 square feet.
- Maximum height size for residential is 6 feet above the ground to the top of the sign and 10 feet above the ground to the top of the sign for commercial.

The candidates or their representatives must obtain the land owner's permission to place signs on the property. Signs placed on your property without your permission can be removed at your discretion.

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FAQ Recycle Right

Why did the guidelines change for curbside recycling?

Curbside recycling is facing a contamination crisis. Contamination is caused when people place materials in the recycling bin that do not belong. Recycling processors have a difficult time sorting out the trash, which makes its way into the sorted/bailed material that is sold to market. For a long time, China was the largest buyer of this material from the US. And because of increasing contamination levels, China made the decision to stop importing this material. This left the U.S. with an overabundance of recyclable commodities (re: bailed material) with a lot of trash mixed in.

To address the contamination issue in Lancaster County, and ensure curbside recycling is sustainable, we went “back to the basics” with four material types that have a strong domestic market—meaning, there is a demand for this material by manufacturers in the US. We call these materials the “Big 4” and include: 1) corrugated cardboard (like shipping and packing boxes), 2) metal food and beverage cans, 3) plastic bottles and jugs with a neck, and 4) glass bottles and jars.

Why are some materials allowed in the recycling bin, while others go to a drop-off location?

In Lancaster County, we use a process called “single-stream” recycling, where residents can put all their approved recyclables into one bin. These materials are collected and taken to a materials recovery facility (MRF) where they are sorted, bailed, and sold to manufacturers, who turn them into new products. The sorting process is mostly automated, using various screens, magnets, and optical sorters to identify materials. MRFs are built to only sort certain items, so any additional materials are contaminants.

For some materials, like newsprint, plastics bags and Styrofoam, these materials can be recycled, but must be separated and taken to an approved drop-off location. Do not place these materials in your recycling bin, as the MRF cannot separate them and they may be contaminants, which are discarded as trash.

If something has the recycling symbol on it, does that mean it can go in my bin?

No. The “chasing arrows” symbol is simply a communication tool used by manufacturers. Sometimes it means a manufacturer used recycled material in the product. Other times it shares information about how the product is made. For instance, the chasing arrows symbol with a number indicates the plastic resin code—meaning the base type of plastic being used. But plastics are made in different ways, and use various additives, which give them their shape, flexibility, strength, etc. So, not all plastics with a particular number (ex: #1 PET) are the same.

Follow the Big 4 guidelines only when deciding whether something should be placed in your curbside bin. You can use the chasing arrows symbol as a guide when buying materials, as you look for items that include recycled content in the product.

Where can I take items that are recyclable but shouldn't go in my curbside bin?

Some items, like newspaper, cereal boxes, and plastic bags, can be recycled but should not go in your curbside recycling bin. If you think something could be recycled, please visit earth911.com to verify if there is a drop-off location near you. If you aren't sure, please discard the item in your trash. Placing material in the recycling bin in hopes it will be recycled is “wishful recycling” and adds to the contamination crisis.

Just focus on the BIG 4! Place only these items in your bin.

1	2	3	4
			
CORRUGATED CARDBOARD	PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS	METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS	GLASS JARS & BOTTLES
↓	↓	↓	↓
<i>Flattened</i>		<i>Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed</i>	



What happens to the items I put in the trash? Do they go to the landfill?

Fortunately, in Lancaster County, material placed in the trash does not go to a landfill. LCSWMA owns two waste-to-energy (WTE) facilities where trash is combusted and turned into renewable energy. In fact, 1 in 5 Lancaster County homes are powered by trash!

Why can't I put newspapers in my curbside bin?

In Lancaster County, we use a process called "single-stream" recycling, where residents can put all their approved recyclables into one bin. These materials are collected and taken to a materials recovery facility (MRF) where they are sorted, baled, and sold to market. Unfortunately, when newspapers are mixed with other products, they often become wet or contaminated with food residue, which makes them no longer valuable.

China bought contaminated mixed paper for a long time, but due to the contamination crisis, recently banned this material. So, we need to clean up our recycling bins in the US, and this means keeping newsprint separate so it stays clean and dry. You can take this material to an approved drop-off location. Search earth911.com for a location near you.

My municipality or trash hauler has different information than LCSWMA. Who do I listen to?

If you live in Lancaster County, please follow these guidelines. We are working to align all municipalities and trash haulers, including the information available to the public. This was a big change in our community and it will take time for all of the information to be updated.



Why aren't other communities making these changes?

The contamination crisis is a nation-wide crisis that is still unfolding. Many communities are working to understand the issue and develop a plan on how to address it in their area. In Lancaster County, we took a bold step to overhaul our program to ensure curbside recycling is sustainable for the future. Communities across the nation will be making changes as the months unfold.

Are the recent changes all about money?

Curbside recycling has always had a cost; but for a long time that cost was offset by the revenue from selling recycled materials to manufacturers—mostly located in China. Now, with the major upset in the industry, the price for recycled commodities has dropped significantly. Materials recovery facilities (MRFs) must adjust their rates to keep their operations financially viable. But most importantly, we need to clean-up what goes in the recycling bin. Reducing contamination, by putting only the Big 4 in the bin, will provide a cleaner product to the MRF, which will help lower the cost for recycling processing.

For LCSWMA, helping our community recycle right is a philosophic issue that we are passionate about. Lancaster County recycles about 35,000 tons of single-stream material each year, of which 20–40% is contaminated material. If we could lower that rate by 10%, that's only 3,500 additional tons in the waste stream (LCSWMA manages about 1 million tons of waste annually). So, it's not a significant amount, but an important step in helping our community recycle right. Lancaster County is a leader in many areas, and we want our community to also be a model for proper, sustainable curbside recycling.

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Non-Profits Receive a Boost Under New Laws

State Rep. Keith J. Greiner, CPA

Lancaster County is truly a giving community. In November, our community will have an opportunity to participate in the “Extraordinary Give” which is sponsored by the Lancaster County Community Foundation. Last November, over \$8.6 million was donated to local charities. These donations demonstrate a remarkable dedication to improving our community by providing significant financial support for non-profit organizations who work tirelessly to fulfill their missions.

While much of the attention of my work as a member of Pennsylvania’s General Assembly and the House Appropriations Committee is spent dealing with high profile issues such as budgeting, education and pension reform, meaningful work to benefit our communities is often done out of the bright media spotlight. As a certified public accountant, I not only focus my attention on legislation which deals with our Commonwealth’s complex financial issues, but also legislation dealing with the regulatory environment behind those financial issues.

Two pieces of legislation, which I sponsored this Session, were signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf and will significantly benefit Lancaster County and the Commonwealth’s non-profit community. These bills will save non-profits dollars which they work so hard to receive through contributions or grants and will protect them from unnecessary fines.

State law requires non-profit organizations to submit detailed financial statements annually to ensure that they are prudent fiscal stewards of the dollars they receive through donations. Completion of these financial statements often require the costly work of certified public accountants. The state sets thresholds which has required increasingly stringent levels of financial scrutiny applied to non-profit organizations. The most detailed level of financial statement report that a certified public accountant can provide to an organization is an audit, which often costs many thousands of dollars for an accounting firm to complete. Prior to my legislation being signed into law, if an organization received over \$300,000 in contributions in a year, it was required to file an audit report with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations. That threshold has now been increased to \$750,000.

By raising the thresholds for state reporting requirements, our non-profit organizations will still be held accountable by requiring them to provide annual financial statements to the Pennsylvania Department of State, but those organizations will now be able to complete financial statements known

as review or compilation reports at a fraction of what an audit report would cost. This is significant money saved for organizations as they attempt to minimize administrative costs to achieve their respective missions.

Having currently served with the Upper Leacock Fire Company for over twenty-five years, and as a state representative, I see how accounting fees impact many of our local fire departments. It takes quite a few chicken barbecues, dinners and breakfast fundraisers just to cover administrative costs. Our fire companies are run by dedicated volunteers who are willing to put their lives on the line to protect those in danger. No one ever wishes to have to interact with the local fire company, but when their pagers ring and the sirens blare, they arrive to serve. The reality is many of our non-profit organizations, including our volunteer fire companies, provide services to the public in a cost-effective manner that would otherwise need to be provided by the government at taxpayer expense.

My legislation which was signed into law significantly realigns those financial contribution thresholds—keeping more money in the pockets of organizations that benefit our community. These changes also bring the Commonwealth into line with federal standards. These additional savings can be used to advance their programs, purchase additional supplies, or hire additional staff. My other piece of legislation which was signed into law will protect non-profits from unnecessary fines, by changing the filing deadline for paperwork and extended the period of review for the Bureau of Charitable Contributions.

By putting additional dollars back in the hands of our non-profit organizations, we can strengthen our communities. I’m continually thankful and honored for the opportunity to serve the residents of the 43rd District.

As always, please feel free to stop by my office, located in the West Lampeter Township Building, if I can assist you with any state-related issue. You can also call (717) 464-5285 or send an email to kgreiner@pahousegop.com



Change Your Batteries

With the time change occurring on Sunday, November 4th, this is always an excellent time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Taking a moment to do this could result in saving a life.



Winter Maintenance

Fall has just arrived but before we know it winter will be here and snow will fall. When snow arrives, our Public Works Department will be busy performing snowplowing of your roadway. You will see a plow pass in front of your home at least twice in both directions. The second pass is what we refer to as widening out. What this means is we will push the snow back from curb to curb or edge of cart way to edge of cart way. This will allow us to push more snow if we would happen to get another storm. So please don't shovel your driveway until you see that your street has been plowed curb to curb. By doing this you will avoid having to clean your driveway more than once. If possible, park your vehicles in your driveway during a snowstorm. This will help us to push the snow back to open the cart way from curb to curb or the edge of the cart way.

East Lampeter Township's ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event. Snow must also be cleared for a radius of 5 feet from around any fire hydrant bordering your property. Remember that no person shall dispose of any snow or ice within the cart way of any public roadway.

When winter season is over, top soil will be placed on any yards that were affected by the plowing operations. Please call the Township office at 393-1567 and give your name, address, and phone number. Your name will be placed on a list which our Public Works Department will take care of in the spring.



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 4

It's that time of year again to fall back. Remember to turn your clocks back

one hour on Saturday night, November 3, 2018 before you go to bed. Daylight savings time officially begins at 2:00 AM on November 4, 2018.



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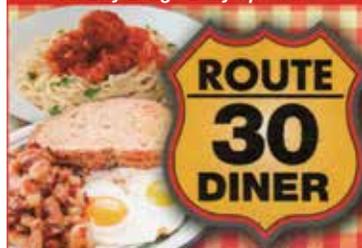
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Got Yard Waste?

It's that time again to start raking up the leaves and cleaning up the yard. Please remember that in East Lampeter Township, leaves and other yard waste are considered to be recyclable and therefore CANNOT BE BURNED. A citation can be given for not obeying this ordinance. If you wish to report any burning violations, please contact the East Lampeter Township Police Department at 717-291-4676.

So where should you go with all the leaves and other yard waste? First, you can contact your trash hauler. They are required to pick up yard waste. They usually will provide you with a yard waste tag or bag for a small fee. Contact your trash hauler for more information. You could also

compost your yard waste. If you are interested in learning about home composting, contact the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority at 717-397-9968 or www.lcswma.org for more information.



For a nominal fee, you can also take your yard waste to the Manheim Township Compost Park, located at 2775 Oregon Pike. The park is open every day, 7 am to 7 pm thru November 30. Yard waste includes all garden residues, shrubbery & tree pruning, sod, leaves & grass. If you have any questions please call Wendy Herr at 717-569-6406 ext. 1129.

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