



EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

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Snow is upon us

Snow and ice must be cleared by private property owners within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of a snow or ice event. A 30 inch path width along sidewalks and 5 foot radius around fire hydrants must be removed.

Winter Maintenance

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.



Public Meeting Arrangements

The Township is exploring options for the handling of public meetings during the time of the COVID-19 crisis. Please go to the Township web site, www.eastlampetertownship.org for information and instructions regarding these meetings.

Police Recognition

East Lampeter Township recognized three officers for career milestones, one officer as the Officer of the Year and another officer received a Life Saving Award.

At right (left to right): **Officer Nathan Westerman** was recognized for 25 years of Service, **Detective Joseph Edgell** was recognized for 30 years of Service and **Detective Preston Gentzler** was recognized as the 2019 Officer of The Year.

At right: Chief Stephen Zerbe presents **Officer Sam Goss** with a Life Saving Award.

Far right: **Detective Scott Eelman** was recognized for 25 years of Service.





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Walnut Street Extension and Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway Update

We've been through a lot over the past year, as a community and each of us individually. About one year ago, High Associates and East Lampeter Township provided an update on the planning efforts for the Walnut Street Extension and Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway (GLHP) at a public meeting. Those in attendance heard about the motivations for these projects, asked questions and provided valuable feedback.

Over the last year, the Board of Supervisors, East Lampeter Township staff, High Associates staff, Lancaster County Planning Commission, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation continued the planning efforts for these projects. The Board of Supervisors invites you to attend their regular meeting scheduled for Monday February 1, 2021 beginning at 7:30pm. Due to COVID-19 related meeting limitations, your attendance will have to be virtual through the use of Zoom. This virtual platform will still provide you with opportunity to see and hear the presentation, ask questions and provide feedback. The Zoom link for the meeting will be available on the Township website calendar of events.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on February 1st, but you wish to ask questions and/or provide input regarding either the Walnut Street Extension, the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway or both of these, please submit any comments, questions or concerns to the Township using the following email address: publiccomments@eltpw.org. This address can be used before, during or after the meeting.

The GLHP is proposed as a commuter and recreational route for bicyclists and pedestrians. When completed in its entirety, the pathway will traverse over 12 miles from east to west through the center of Lancaster County. The section within East Lampeter will be situated on the public lands owned by PennDOT which many call "the goat path" and will connect with the bicycle trail and lane system currently being developed in the City of Lancaster at the Route 30 and Walnut Street interchange. A trail head with parking facilities is currently planned for the area behind the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences in East Lampeter Township. The funding for this project continues to be pursued by Township and Lancaster County Planning Commission staffs.

The Walnut Street Extension has also moved forward in the planning and design stages. The roadway infrastructure consists of a one-mile extension of Walnut Street from the existing interchange at Rt. 30 to a point near the PA College of Health Sciences. The Walnut Street Extension was presented as an alternative to significant improvements to Greenfield Road which supports one of East Lampeter's critical business and employment centers and provides a great deal of tax base to the Township.

One of the reasons that the Walnut Street extension is preferred is because of the lack of disruption that construction will present while providing additional transportation system capacity. The public/private funding and project administration partnership will also provide advantages in efficiency and delivery of a project that will improve the community's public infrastructure.

East Lampeter Township's Board of Supervisors continues to support both the GLHP and the Walnut Street Extension as alternative solutions for commuters as a true multi-modal opportunity. The Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township are excited about the public benefits that these combined projects will provide our community. With a commitment to governing East Lampeter Township according to the vision put forward in the Regional Comprehensive Plans that the Township has been party to, the County Comprehensive Plan, and our local ordinances, it is with great enthusiasm that these projects move forward.



For a more detailed map visit

<https://eastlampetertownship.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/12/WSE-Project-Concept-Plan.pdf>

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Commonwealth's COVID Comeback Efforts Underway



State Representative
Keith J. Greiner, CPA

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I am proud to inform constituents that my colleagues and I are working on a pro-jobs, recovery-focused legislative package designed to achieve a better normal. The initiative, "Commonwealth's COVID Comeback," would rebound the economy by incentivizing manufacturing with no new taxes or fees. Our businesses and workers deserve a break from onerous regulations and taxes that

are impeding the investment and growth necessary to rebound our economy and bring jobs back to Pennsylvania.

The "Reshore to Restore" bill in the COVID Comeback package would allow the Commonwealth Financing Authority to designate strategic and targeted zones in the state to be used as the base of operations for manufacturing. Businesses in those zones would receive tax abatements for state and local taxes and would be eligible for targeted job creation tax credits. An early lesson of the COVID-19 pandemic was that critical supplies need to once again be "made in America." This bill seeks to put us on the path to incentivizing the creation of critical products here in the Commonwealth.

Another bill would encourage entrepreneurs and businesses to create more jobs in the Commonwealth by lowering the Corporate Net Income Tax (CNIT) from 9.99% to 5.99% by Jan. 1, 2025. Sadly, Pennsylvania entrepreneurs face an uphill battle when they want to operate here and have to compete with other businesses in the Northeast where the CNIT is lower. We currently have one of the highest CNIT rates in the country which is a major setback for our state economy.

In addition, the resolution in the package would create a committee to review opportunities for the development of new industries in the Commonwealth, including advanced manufacturing. Another bill in the package would ensure Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permitting decisions are made promptly and reliably by requiring the department to render a decision on any permit application without an affidavit within 45 days. The final bill would provide commonsense protections via limited liability to the critical suppliers, health care providers and employers operating during the pandemic.

The package of bills is also supported by Pittsburgh Works, a partnership between the business community and labor unions in the Pittsburgh area focused on job growth and economic development. I look forward to working with my colleagues on moving this legislation forward and continuing to support Pennsylvania workers and families in these trying times.

I hope you are staying healthy and safe and I encourage you to reach out to my office with any state-related concerns and questions.

Christmas Tree Recycling

From Michelle Mathason, Recycling Manager,
LCSWMA

The following are some suggested Christmas Tree Drop-Offs. All trees must be contaminant-free. No tree stands or plastic (including bags), wire, ornaments, lights, nails, tinsel, etc. may remain on the trees. No yard waste is accepted.

Lancaster County Central Park—main entrance located along Chesapeake Street, Lancaster. Call the Park Office at 717-299-8215 during regular business hours for additional information and instructions. Trees may be dropped off daily from December 26 through January 31 dawn to dusk. Mulch will be available free to the public beginning January 7 on a first come, first served basis. Persons desiring free mulch should provide their own pitchfork or shovel and a bag or trailer for transporting the mulch. There is a three (3) tree per vehicle limit and a \$1.00/tree donation is requested and appreciated to support the Dr. John Moss Native Tree Nursery in the park. Not for commercial collection.

Martin Mulch Products — located at 55 Woodcrest Drive, Ephrata. Call 717-733-1602 with questions. Trees may be dropped off Monday through Saturday between dawn and dusk. Single trees are \$2.00 each; the price varies for larger deliveries.

Many municipalities offer curbside collection of trees through their contract program; other municipalities offer drop-off locations for residents. Residents are encouraged to contact their municipal office for specific information about programs in their community.

In **East Lampeter Township**
Please contact your hauler
for Christmas tree pickup
service.





Winter Stormwater Tips

Just like any winter-time building or property, stormwater management areas still need some attention to keep working well. Here are a few winter time stormwater BMP maintenance tips to keep in mind:

- **Keep storm drains, roof gutter pipes, and road grates clear of leaves, ice, and snow** so that melt water can drain away instead of freezing over.
- **Drain out and disconnect rain-barrels** until the spring thaw to prevent damage to the rain-barrel.
- **Do not dump plowed snow, debris, fireplace ash, or Christmas trees or trimmings in or near waterways or stormwater management areas.**
- **Plowed snow should not generally be stockpiled in stormwater holding areas** due to the large amounts of salts, dirt, and roadway pollutants scraped up with the snow. Ideally, plowed snow should be stockpiled in a usually well-grassed, level, and well-draining area up above stormwater holding areas; so that as much of the pollutants can be filtered out before the stormwater holding area as possible.

Please be careful when applying sand and/or anti-skid materials around pervious or permeable paving or paver surfaces, as the anti-skid materials can badly clog the pores in the surfacing. Pervious surfacing that becomes clogged, and no longer drain rainwater, may need multiple rounds of deep cleaning with a regenerative-air sweeper/vacuum truck; or may need to be resurfaced or replaced.

Low Salt Diet for Our Waterways

Using Deicers & Water Quality-Deicing compounds are important tools against wintery weather slip and fall hazards, however they can also be a hazard to the health of fish and aquatic plants. Deicing products used in the winter-time do not just evaporate away into the air, they are instead temporarily trapped in grassy areas until slowly flushed out by rainwater in the spring and summer, and/or drain directly into our local waterways by snow and ice melt. Using the right amount of deicing product, at the right time, can help lessen polluted runoff year-round.

Tips:

Always follow the manufacturer's directions for the product, and try to use only as much product as necessary at any given time.

Consider using products that have been labeled by the EPA as "Designed for the Environment," or labeled as an EPA "Safer Choice."

Have an idea of the expected air temperature, surface temperature, and weather forecast before spreading the product, so you are only applying it when it will actually be effective.

Safety is of course priority, but try to avoid using deicing products over or near stormwater drains and management areas as reasonable.

Keep nearby storm drains clear of snow and debris so when ice and snow melt, the water drains away; instead of pooling and re-freezing.

Did You Know?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has a list of products, including deicing products, that are less toxic to humans, animals, and plants? The EPA Safer Choice program, found at www.epa.gov/saferchoice, has a searchable catalogue of Safer Choice approved products for home and commercial use, only products that meet the Safer Choice standards are allowed to display the Safer Choice logo. Even small, everyday choices about the products we use can make a great, big difference.

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Inclement Weather Closings and Cancellations

When inclement weather forces the Township to close their office or cancel meetings, we will now post the closing or cancellations on three of our local television stations and on our Township website. Please tune into the following television stations or log onto their websites for updates.

- **WGAL Channel 8**
- **WPMT Fox 43**
- **CBS 21**

Happy New Year!!