

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Website: www.wdtp.com

FALL/WINTER 2016

Welcome Katie!

West Donegal Township would like to welcome the newest member of our Road Department.

Katie Donato has been hired as an Equipment Operator. She resides in Hershey with her family and the joy of her life her 18-month old daughter Layla. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, participating in gymnastics, and cooking.

Katie comes to us with a background which includes laborer and skid steer driver with a local quarry.



Welcome Jen!

Jennifer Rabuck has joined West Donegal Township as our Office Manager. She has worked in municipal government for the past 12 years and brings with her a wealth of knowledge pertaining to local government.

Outside of work, Jen loves to spend time with her family and four fur babies, camping, and canning. She resides in Bainbridge with her husband, two daughters, and son.



2017 Budget

Township staff and Board of Supervisors are currently working on a budget for 2017. A budget snapshot will be available on the website and for review at the Township building mid- to late-December.

Coming Soon! – New Solid Waste and Recycling Contract

Beginning January 2017, West Donegal Township has a new hauler! We will be entering into a 3-year contract with Waste Management of PA to collect municipal waste and designated recyclable materials. While the majority of the contract remains the same, there will be one major change. Collection within the Township will be completed on two consecutive days (Tuesday and Wednesday). More details will be posted to our website www.wdtp.com, in the Township office, and in other ways once the contract has been finalized.

All multi-family units and non-residential units, i.e. commercial, industrial, institutional establishments, community activities, and farms are required to participate in trash collection and recycling or to utilize a licensed hauler. All properties are required to source separate recyclable materials designated by the Township's Solid Waste Ordinance and in accordance with the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) and the state and federal regulations. This requires the separation and collection of leaves as a recyclable resource. Kraft Bags for yard waste and leaves are available at the Township office for these recyclable materials which are picked up curbside every other week through the beginning of December. We ask that each property owner utilize them. We remind you that according to state and federal regulations, the burning of any recyclable materials is prohibited.

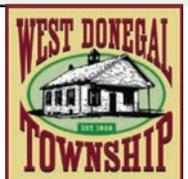
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Township office.

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OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.





Clip & Save

White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Saturday, October 22

All white goods and tires must be tagged and placed curbside the night before collection. Tags cost \$12.00 per white good and \$3.00 per passenger car or motorcycle tire and must be purchased at the Township office. If you have tires larger than a passenger car or motorcycle tire contact the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority at 397.9968 for disposal of these items.



Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection

Again this year we will be picking up the yard waste and leaves in the Kraft bags through December 6. Pick up continues to be every other Tuesday. No tags are required and there will be **no** cost to you! You do need come to the Township office to sign out the number of bags that you will need with a maximum of 25 bags at a time. Woody Waste should be bundled with biodegradable twine, not longer than 4' in length and not more than 6" in diameter. These items should be placed curbside the night before collection with your regular trash but will be collected by a separate recycling truck.

Remaining Yard Waste/Woody Waste/Leaf Collection Days are:

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| September 27 | November 8 |
| October 11 | November 22 |
| October 25 | December 6 |

Holiday Trash Schedule

Thanksgiving and Christmas - Trash and recycling pick up will be on **Tuesday** the regular scheduled day.

Reminder:

Trash must be in 32-gallon trash bags or cans and weigh less than 30 lbs. Plastic containers and bottles include water, juice and soda bottles; plastic clamshells; yogurt containers; and plastic containers and bottles. Also recycle all glass containers, aluminum cans, newspapers, all small cardboard boxes such as cereal, shoes, etc., paper towel rolls (anything similar made out of cardboard), magazines, and junk mail.

If your trash, recycling or Kraft bags are missed, call the Township office as soon as you know you have been missed, at the latest before 10 a.m. the next business day or preferably leave a message on Wendy's voice mail after 4 p.m. the day of trash pick-up. When you leave a message regarding a missed stop, be sure to include your name, address, and phone number where we can reach you and what was missed.



Christmas Tree Pick Up

Since the Township trash/recycling contract is being bid at this time, we can only anticipate the date for Christmas tree pick up as Tuesday, January 10, 2017. We will update the calendar on our website when the date has been confirmed. Please place your tree curbside **the night before** collection. Since the trees will be recycled, they must be free of lights, tinsel, ornaments and bags. And, no artificial trees.



White Goods/Tire Pick-Up West Donegal Township's Bi-Annual White Good/Tire Pick-up

Saturday, October 22

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| White Good Tag | \$12.00 |
| Passenger Car or Motorcycle Tire Tag | \$ 3.00 |

All items must be tagged and placed curbside the night before collection. Tags are available at the Township office.

Snow Operations

It is difficult to think about winter as this is being written in August when the current temperatures are hot and humid. The winter of 2015 – 2016 was one to remember with 24 to 30 inches of snow in one storm. The Road Department worked many hours and we thank you for your patience during the January storm as it was difficult keeping the main and secondary roads open. We remind you of the following rules and guidelines during the storm events.

- * During snow removal operations the removal of vehicles from streets and cul-de-sacs allow safety for employees and less items to avoid during the clearing operation.
- * During snow removal operations, it is unlawful to deposit snow or ice on Township roads/streets, whether or not such road/street has been plowed. Large piles of snow from driveways and sidewalks hinder snow plowing operations.
- * As winter approaches, please remove trailers, campers, boats, unregistered vehicles and basketball hoops and poles that are currently on Township roads/streets. The reduction of hazards on the streets should be the goal of all residents.
- * Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks shall occur within 12 hours after a storm ends. A path shall be cleared at least 30 inches in width. In the event that the snow and/or ice on a sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be removed without damage to the sidewalk sand or other abrasive material shall be placed to make travel reasonably safe as soon as weather permits. Any violation will involve a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 and will include the costs of prosecution. These fines will be accrued **per day**.
- * Should the Township or State close a road based on weather conditions, we ask that all motorists follow and obey whatever we are asking you to do. The signs were put there because in this portion of the roadway there is a safety issue and we need to keep motorists off the road. If you see a road closed sign, please do **NOT** remove the sign or go around it. Find a safer route to get wherever you are going. It may be an inconvenience for you, but think safety - keep you, your family and other motorists and roadway workers safe.
- * The disposal of leaves in roadside swales and ditches by residents has been brought to the Township's attention. You will note in this newsletter that leaves are to be recycled as part of the trash/recycling ordinance. Filling the roadside swales or ditches with leaves is a safety hazard holding water on the roadway creating hydroplaning or icing situation along the roadway. Please recycle the leaves from your property and keep the gutters clean.

With snow and ice conditions, the Road Department would like to remind residents that the Township roads are plowed in the following order:

1. Main Roadways (Snow Emergency Routes)
2. Secondary Roadways
3. Developments
4. Cul-de-sacs

If you have any issues/questions regarding snow removal on Township roads call the Township office at 367-7178.

PennDOT is responsible for plowing the State-maintained road. If you have any issues regarding winter weather conditions/operations on these roads, contact PennDOT at 299-7621 with any problems or concerns. The following roads are maintained by PennDOT:

- Anchor Road
- Maytown Road (Route 743)
- Turnpike Road
- Bainbridge Road (Route 241)
- Harrisburg Avenue
- Market Street (North & South) (Route 230)

What was that you're asking . . . what happens if a plow or truck damages my mailbox while plowing the roadways? If your mailbox is damaged by a Township plow or truck, contact the Township office. Your request will be reviewed by management. Do keep in mind that the Township is not responsible for any mailboxes damaged by snow flying off the plow.

We appreciate your continued cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe and following the protocol during our winter weather operations.



Mandatory On-Lot Septic Pumping

While part of the Act 537 Plan approval by DEP, the pumping and inspection of an on-lot disposal system on a regular basis will also help extend the life of the system. Property owners in Pumping District No. 3, the area south of Stonemill Drive, Maytown Road, and Foreman Road must comply with the regulations regarding on-lot pumping and inspection by August 1, 2017. A letter and the required form were mailed to each property owner. If you believe we missed your property or you require a form, please contact the Township. On August 1, 2017, Pumping District No. 1 will have one year to comply with the requirements. The property owners will be notified via a letter and required form. If you have any questions on this regulation, please call the Township office.

Update Corner

2016 Road Work

The reconstruction of Landis Road between Heisey Quarry Road and Bossler Road is complete.

Repairs of the West Ridge Road Bridge over Conoy Creek (west of Miller Road) were completed. This was Phase 2 of the bridge reconstruction project.

2017 Road Work

The design has been completed with a 2017 anticipated construction for the realignment and widening of the Rutts Road/Bainbridge Road intersection and the replacement of a culvert on Hess Road. Additional projects will be identified this fall for 2017 as part of the budget process.



West Donegal Township Past to Present Part 6

(An ongoing saga of West Donegal Township by Mary Conrad)

The increasing number of mills on the Conewago, Conoy, and other major streams in Lancaster County reflected the growing prosperity of the area. Wheat had become a major crop. New roads were built for easier access to mills by farmers to have their wheat ground into flour. Flour was used here and exported.

Small towns attracted tradesmen which provided services for farmers and travelers. Some of the tradesmen were coppers, saddlers, tinsmiths, wheelwrights, shoemakers, weavers, blacksmiths, and others. The population grew.

On the horizon, issues were developing between the British Parliament and the American Colonies. Men gathered at taverns to talk. They agreed that taxation without representation was tyranny. They agreed to support any measures adopted by the proposed Continental Congress. Alexander Lowrey represented Donegal in Philadelphia.

At the Continental Congress in September and October of 1774, a ruling was adopted obliging everyone in the Colonies to refuse to export or import any goods to or from Great Britain. Shortly afterward a Provincial Congress was established to arrange for the formation of militia units. If Parliament would



use force, it was the duty of the militia to resist such force to defend the rights and liberties of America. Then shots were fired at Lexington and Concord proving Parliament's intention to crush the Colonies by force.

In every township of Lancaster County there was an agreement to call for volunteers to form militia companies of 100 men each. A surge of volunteers rallied. Those who did

not volunteer to serve in the militia (for religious or hardship reasons) paid a tax to support those who did serve.

By 1777, it was evident that there was a real need for a regular militia. The Pennsylvania Assembly passed a Militia Act obliging all white males between 18 and 53 years of age to enroll. Alexander Lowrey, of Donegal, commanded a battalion made up of 8 companies. They all attended regular drills and were prepared to serve in active duty when called to do so.

They fought in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. They stood guard to defend Lancaster. Everywhere they were called to serve, they walked.

The Elizabethtown area also served as a central depot for assembling arms, equipment, and food needed by the militia until the end of the war in 1783.



Elizabethtown Area Water Authority (EAWA)

Keep an eye on EAWA's website (www.etonwn-water.com) for more information on events for 2017 - Rain Barrel Sale & Rain Garden Seminar! Contact EAWA at 717-367-7448 for questions.



717-367-0355
GetintoGEARS.org



Programs & Services Available

Recreation • Child Care • Senior Center • Community Center

GEARS Recreation offers activities for all ages in many different areas; aquatics, dance, fitness, continuing education, athletics, leagues, special events, trips and more! Call GEARS at 717.367.0355 for more information.

GEARS Kids Center offers day care for before & after school, kindergarten, preschool and summer camp for ages 3-12. Kids Center is an active, fun and a safe place for children to explore the world around them. We learn through play and connect the children's interest to the PA Learning Standards. This keeps children engaged and excited to learn. Full and part time contracts available. Call 717.367.0119 for more information.

Elizabethtown Area Senior Center offers pinochle, bridge, Wii Bowling, Bible Study, education sessions, musical entertainment, lunch and much more. Open Monday-Friday 8:30 am-3 pm, and Friday evenings 5-10 pm. Call 717.367.7984 for more information.



Consider the **GEARS Community Center** for a birthday party, baby shower, reunion or any other special event.

Call 717.367.0119 for information about room or gym rentals.



Trick or Treat

Monday,
October 31, 2016
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Voting

- October 11: This is the last day to register to vote before the General Election. Voter registration forms must be received by the County Voter Registration Office by this date. Call 299-8293 for more information.
- November 1: Absentee ballots picked up or mailed to requested individuals.
- November 4: All absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. this day.
- November 8: General Election—polls are open continuously between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The 4 polling places located in West Donegal Township are as follows:

- 1-D Rheems Fire Department
350 Anchor Road
- 2-D West Donegal Township Municipal Office
One Municipal Drive
- 3-D Masonic Village
Freemason Cultural Center
- 4-D Lifegate/Cedar Hill Community Church
5636 Bossler Road

Your voter registration card should have one of the above codes (ex. 1-D, 2-D, 3-D or 4-D) after West Donegal Township's name to designate the polling facility where you go to vote. If you are a registered voter and unsure of which polling facility to vote at please contact the Voter Registration Office at 299-8293.



Have You Heard About Project Lifesaver

The Pilot Club of Lancaster, Inc. has partnered with the West Hempfield Township Police Department to sponsor Project Lifesaver in northwest Lancaster County. The West Hempfield Township Police Department works together with other police departments including Columbia

Borough, Elizabethtown Borough, Manheim Borough, Mount Joy Borough, Northwest Regional, Susquehanna Regional, and others.

Project Lifesaver was established in April of 1999 as an initiative of the 43rd Search and Rescue Company of the Chesapeake, Virginia Sheriff's Office. Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who care for individuals with Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism, Developmental Disorders, and other brain-related challenges. There are no boundaries—no one is immune!

The Project Lifesaver program places personalized radio transmitters (watch-like) on the individual who may wander away from the safety of their homes. These transmitters assist local emergency agencies in locating the individual. Local emergency teams respond to calls resulting in an average rescue time of less than 30 minutes. Without Project Lifesaver, the search can take many hours or days at a tremendous cost and may not result in a successful recovery.

Project Lifesaver is staffed and operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week.





NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

A great time was had by all when our community joined together to Support the Blue, the 5th National Night Out hosted by NW Regional Police and held at the Township building. It was a huge success with possibly the largest crowd ever. The NW Regional Police Department was joined by the fire companies, Northwest EMS, Southern Regional K-9 unit, pony rides by Ironstone Ranch, bounce house, face painting, balloons by the Balunguy, Triple J Reptile Rescue, along with music by Dynamic Rockers, and food by the St. Peter's Men's Club, Harvey's BBQ, those famous Grange milkshakes, and many other vendors. We were also visited by more than 20 Star Wars characters. We raffled off bicycles and \$25 gift certificates from Harvey's BBQ, and a bike helmet raffled off by local chapter Pilot Club of Lancaster (Pilot International). The fireworks display was again a phenomenal way to close out the event. We would like to thank all guests, vendors, volunteers and police, fire and rescue personnel for coming together to make it another very exciting time. If you weren't able to attend this year we hope to see you in 2017!



Northwest Regional Police Department

In June the Northwest Regional Police Commission voted to hire Officer Abby Shaeffer full-time. Officer Shaeffer attended the 108th Harrisburg Area Community College Municipal Police Academy.





Never let your gun get into the wrong hands

Talking To Your Children

It is important to start a dialogue with your children about what to do if they find a gun. The following is suggested language for talking to your kids about firearms.

Guns are very serious. An accident involving a gun can hurt or even kill you or someone you know. Most adults are allowed to own a gun by law, and many have one.

This means that even if there isn't a gun in your house, you need to know what to do if you see a gun.

- If you see a gun, follow these four steps: 1. Stop. 2. Don't touch. 3. Get away. 4. Tell an adult.
- When you follow these steps, you're protecting yourself and helping to keep other people safe.

Here are some tips about what to do in specific circumstances:

- Walk away and tell a parent if your friend shows you his parent's gun.
- Tell an adult immediately if you see a gun in someone's backpack at school.
- Tell a trusted adult if you hear a girl or boy say that she or he is going to bring a gun to school.
- Follow the four steps if you find a gun in the park by your house.
- If you're not sure why a gun is dangerous, talk to a parent about it.

Tips For Talking To Parents Before Play Dates

The Center to Prevent Youth Violence has created a resource for parents who want to inquire if there are firearms where their children play. It's ASK campaign, created in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics, suggests it may be easier to open the dialogue by following these four tips.

- ASK with other questions. Include the question along with other things you might normally discuss before sending your child to someone's house — such as seat belts, animals, or allergies.
- Use the facts. Over one-third of homes with children have a gun. Many of those guns are left unlocked and loaded. That is why you are asking — you just want to make sure that your child is safe.
- Work through groups. Introduce the ASK concept through a group or community effort such as a religious organization or PTA.
- Don't be confrontational. Present your concerns in a respectful manner. You are simply trying to make sure your child is in a safe environment. Use the ASK brochure to open the dialogue.

You can learn more about the ASK campaign and how to discuss firearm safety and safe storage in homes where your child plays by visiting <http://www.cpyv.org/programs/ask/parents/what-is-the-ask-campaign/>.

The above information came from the National Crime Prevention Council





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ELIZABETHTOWN REGIONAL SEWER

AUTHORITY (ERSA) **Phone: 367-5947**
235 ERSA Drive, Elizabethtown **Fax: 367-4622**

ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WATER

AUTHORITY (EAWA) **Phone: 367-7448**
211 W. Hummelstown St, Elizabethtown **Fax: 367-7496**

NORTHWEST REGIONAL LANCASTER COUNTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT **Phone: 367-8481**
155 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown **Emergency: 911**

Board of Supervisors:

Regular Meetings – 2nd Monday @ 7 p.m.
Workshops – 4th Monday @ 7 p.m.

Planning Commission: 2nd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board: 1st Wednesday @ 7 p.m.

Northwest Regional Police Dept.: 4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Be Seen...Be Found With Reflective Address Signs

Whenever an emergency occurs, finding the correct location is an essential part in determining a successful outcome. If Fire, Police or EMS have trouble locating your house, it can impact their ability to assist you in a timely manner. Reflective address signs are the answer to this problem and are available through the Elizabethtown Fire Department. They come in either blue and white or green and white, and the numbers can be horizontal or vertical. They are \$20.00 per sign. Forms are available by contacting the Township office or by contacting the fire department by email at 911signs@etownfire.com.

