

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

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SPRING/SUMMER 2017

Join Us for National Night Out

National Night Out is planned for Tuesday, August 1st, 2017. The event will be held at the West Donegal Township Municipal property, 1 Municipal Drive, from 6 pm to 9 pm. It's a fun-filled night where children can meet the police officers and understand that they are always there to help them. It's also an opportunity to support your blue. This event is open for everyone.

Keep your eyes posted to the Township website and a press release in the Merchandiser for additional details on this year's event.

If you've supported us in the past, we hope you'll join us again this year. For those who have not been here before, we hope you will come enjoy the activities and food this year. And we ask that everyone bring your family, friends, and neighbors with you too!!



West Donegal Township Past to Present Part 7

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

Just fourteen years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Pennsylvania state constitution was signed. Those in leadership positions wanted free public education so all residents could learn English. Everyone was needed to establish our new nation. According to the 1790 census, Pennsylvania was the "Most foreign" of all thirteen colonies.

The "Free School Act of 1834" was passed by the Pennsylvania Assembly in order to assist the vision of a free nation. The earliest schools were supported by churches. Later locally elected school board directors had the power to levy taxes to build and supply schools.

In 1953 former pupils of the Rutt one-room school decided to hold a reunion for the school's century of service. At this centennial J.N. Olweiler said the he believed Rutt school was the first school in the West Donegal Township School District. From hearsay in his youth it was reported that a log schoolhouse existed on the site before 1853.



The little red one-room schoolhouse called Rutt, once stood at the corner of Bainbridge and Rutt Roads. It was so named

because the small lot on which the school was built was carved out of Peter Rutt's farm (spelled Roodt in the 1784 Atlas). The one-room school house was taken down in 1970 because of disrepair.

As time passed there were eventually seven one-room schoolhouses in the West Donegal Township School District. Each had a coal stove to warm the children and dry their clothes. Sometimes the coal stove was used to bake potatoes for lunch.

Older students were sent with buckets from school to a neighboring farm to bring back well water. The water was dumped into a 5-gallon crock with a spigot at the bottom. This provided drinks throughout the day. Anyone who wanted a drink only had to raise one finger. Those who drank too much would raise two fingers then take a walk to the outhouse behind the school.

Most one-room schoolhouses had grades 1 through 8. Forty to fifty students attended. They were taught by one teacher. Often children would get to school early to get in a game of "Kick the Wickie" before class started. One-room schools were consolidated in 1957 into modern multi-room schools which included Fairview, Mill Road and Rheems.

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



Road Projects

West Donegal Township anticipates work on a number of road projects in 2017. These projects include:

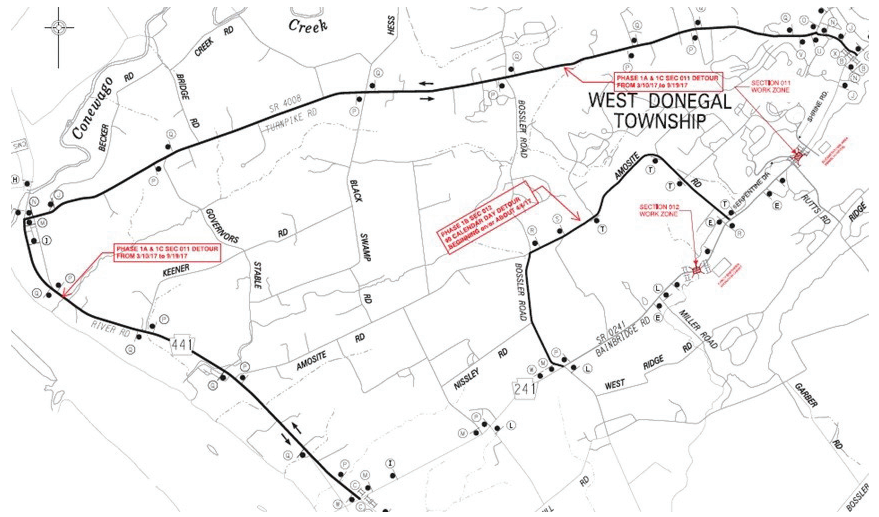
-  **Landis Road** – Bossler Road to Foreman Road – asphalt overlay of roadway.
-  **Hess Road** – Replace the culvert south of Furnace Hill Road.
-  **Bossler Road** – Widening a portion of the road from Maytown Road east to a point east of Landis Road.
-  **Amosite Road** – Base repair and oil and chip seal from Bainbridge Road to Bossler Road.
-  **Bossler Road** – Base repair and oil and chip seal from Amosite Road to Township line.
-  **Hauenstein Road** – Crack sealing and asphalt overlay from Bossler Road south to the Township line.
-  **Bossler Road** – Crack sealing and oil and chip seal from Bainbridge Road to Maytown Road.



When schedules of these improvements are known, information will be available on the Township website, Facebook page, and sent to our email friends. Please take caution in any work areas that you enter this summer. We wish to keep workers, pedestrians, and fellow drivers safe to go home or travel to their destination.

Bainbridge Road (S.R. 241) Bridge Closures

Penn DOT is completing two separate bridge construction projects on Bainbridge Road between Shrine Road and Miller Road in West Donegal Township. Construction for the bridge between Shrine Road and Rutts Road began around March 10th. The detour is scheduled to remain in effect until September 19th. Construction for the bridge between Amosite Road and Miller Road is scheduled to begin around May 5th and the detour for this bridge is scheduled to remain in effect for 90 calendar days. Access to the residents and or businesses in these areas can be reached by using the detours posted. Thank you for your patience while Penn DOT replaces these two bridges.



Is Your Sidewalk in Compliance?

Sidewalks are something that not many homeowners think about. However, they need maintenance just like the rest of a home. Last summer, letters about sidewalk compliance were sent to many residents throughout the Township. Many of those sidewalks needed to be ground down or replaced to meet ADA requirements. To help ease the financial burden of the maintenance costs, West Donegal Township will continue to waive the \$40 inspection fee until Labor Day of 2017. If any sidewalks are not brought into compliance by that date, the inspection fee and maintenance requirements will be enforced. Please contact the Township office if you have any questions about the sidewalks on your property.

Municipal Primary Voting

- April 17: This is the last day to register to vote before the Municipal Primary. Voter registration forms must be received the County Voter Registration Office by this date. Call 299-8293 for more information.
- May 9: Absentee ballots picked up or mailed to requested individuals.
- May 12: All absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. this day.
- May 16: Municipal Primary—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.



FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Driveways

Summer will be here soon and you may have considered reconstructing or overlaying your driveway. If driveway work is in your plans be advised that a **permit is required** prior to the start of work. The permit and inspection allows the Township to review the connection at the road, the review of any swale areas, and sealing along edges. Any increase in driveway area on any lot will require approval under the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Pools and Hot Tub/Spas

Another popular seasonal project is putting in a pool to help keep you cool in the hot summer months. A UCC and zoning permit is required prior to the start of work on any pools greater than 24 inches in depth. Pools must follow UCC Building and zoning requirements, which are as follows:

- ◆ The swimming pool must be enclosed in a fence with a self-closing, self-locking gate, unless the pool is greater than 4 feet high.
- ◆ No water may be placed in the pool before the required fencing is in place.
- ◆ The pool must be in the rear or side yard of the property. It also must be set back 10 ft. from property line.
- ◆ Any swimming pool which has more than two feet depth needs to have a filtration system.
- ◆ Hot tubs/Spas are considered swimming pools.
All pool regulations apply.



Certificate of Occupancy for Zoning and UCC Permits

A Certificate of Occupancy is required for all zoning and UCC permits. No building or structure can be used until the building code official or zoning officer has issued a certificate of occupancy. Inspections by the building code official or zoning officer must be completed before the certificate of occupancy will be issued.

Uniform Construction Codes (UCC) – Residential Construction

UCC permits are required for non-residential sheds, residential sheds over 1,000 square feet, fences over 6 feet high, exterior retaining walls over 4 feet high, changes to egresses, in-ground or aboveground swimming pools 2 feet or deeper in depth, uncovered decks more than 30 inches above grade, hardscaping or patios, and utility piping or electric replacement. A UCC permit is also required for repairs that involve cutting away a load-bearing wall, partition or portion of a wall, or removal or cutting of any structural beam or load bearing support.

UCC permits are not required for roof replacements, installation of swing sets, replacement of windows or doors, installation of an uncovered deck less than 30 inches above grade, and interior or exterior painting.

Zoning Permits

A Zoning Permit is required for the following:

1. Erection, construction, alteration, extension, replacement, relocation, or conversion of any building or structure or the commencement of excavation or grading for construction of any building or structure.
2. Change in use of any building, structure and/or land other than a change in accessory use.

No Zoning Permit is required for repairs to or maintenance of any building, structure or land provided such repairs do not change the use, alter the exterior dimensions of the building or structure, or otherwise violate the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Additional information on the UCC and Zoning permits and forms can be found on the Township's website at www.wdtwp.com or by contacting the Code Enforcement Officer.



GEARS
live. learn. play.

717-367-0355
GetintoGEARS.org



Programs & Services Available

Recreation • Child Care • Senior Center • Community Center

"Spring Mix"
Golf Tournament
Friday, April 28
1 pm
Sunset Golf Course

Movies at the Center
Tuesdays, June-August
GEARS Community Ctr
Movies & Times TBA



FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 28
10 am-2 pm
E-town Fairgrounds



Senior Center

Basket Bingo

Saturday, September 9

2 pm GEARS Community Center

Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Nov 11

7 am - 1pm GEARS Community Center
717-367-7984

Kids Center

For ages 3-12

- Preschool
 - Kindergarten
 - Summer Camp
 - Before & After School
- 717-367-0119



EGGSTRAVAGANZA

E-town Community Park
Saturday, April 8
10 am



Call or go
online for
details

Spring into Sustainability with LCSWMA

Spring is a time for renewal, so this year, help renew your community and environment with these tips from the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA).

- 🌱 **Figure out what items belong in your recycling bin.** While each municipality in Lancaster County handles recycling differently, the following materials are accepted by *all* garbage haulers: glass bottles and jars (any color), steel and tin cans, plastic bottles such as water, soda or juice bottles, detergent containers and milk jugs and paper, including newspaper and inserts, phone books, junk mail and magazines. If you have specific questions about what can be placed in your recycle bin, contact your municipality or garbage hauler directly.
- 🌱 **Organize a cleanup or beautification event in your community** as part of the Great American Cleanup of PA (GAC), happening March 1 through May 31. During the GAC, residents from across the state gather together to clean up litter and trash along roadsides, streams, beaches, parks, forests and neighborhoods. In addition to litter pickups, groups can also hold recycling drives or plant trees and flowers. Register a cleanup event at www.gacofpa.org in order to receive supplies and equipment, free of charge. Contact Allison Vollmer, who coordinates the Keep Lancaster County Beautiful program (an initiative of LCSWMA), at 717-397-9968 prior to a cleanup event for information on free disposal of litter at any one of LCSWMA's facilities.
- 🌱 **Take advantage of free disposal programs.** LCSWMA accepts household hazardous waste (HHW), such as paint, electronics, fluorescent lightbulbs and more, from Lancaster County residents for FREE at its HHW Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. This permanent drive-through facility is open 6 days per week: Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 717-397-9968 or visit www.lcswma.org for more information. By utilizing the HHW Facility, you are helping to keep household hazardous materials out of the waste stream, thus helping to build a more sustainable future for our community.
- 🌱 **Commit to composting.** Composting is an excellent way to recycle vegetable scraps, grass clippings, leaves and other organics, turning those materials into a useful and valuable product to naturally improve the soil. Not sure where to begin? LCSWMA is offering FREE Home Compost Workshops on the following dates: April 19 at the City of Lancaster's Recycling Drop-Off Center at 6 p.m., May 20 at the East Donegal Township Municipal Building at 10 a.m. and June 7 at the Manheim Farm Show building at 6 p.m. Call 717-397-9968 for more information or to sign up for one of the workshops.

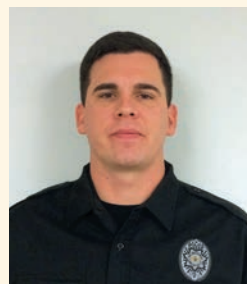
In the News - Northwest Regional Police Commission



On January 24th, 2017, the Northwest Regional Police Commission promoted Officer Mike Bryant to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Bryant has been a police officer since 2000. Sergeant Bryant is a National Rifle Association certified Firearms Instructor, certified Accident Reconstructionist, who also serves on the Northwest Crash Team, and certified to conduct Child Safety Seat inspections.

Officer Mike Bryant

In January 2017, the Northwest Regional Police Department and Northwest Regional Police Commission hired Officer Frank Jones. Officer Jones is a graduate of the 108th Municipal Police Academy. Officer Jones also graduated from Millersville University and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corp after serving four years.



Officer Frank Jones

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2017


The West Donegal Township Spring Clean Up will take place on Saturday, May 13 between the hours of 7:00 am through 12 Noon. Unwanted items may be brought to the Township Garage Building, 7 West Ridge Road, Elizabethtown. Proof of residency in the Township will be required. No builders, contractors or commercial establishments will be permitted to discard unwanted items. The first standard pick-up size loads (or the equivalent) will be free. Larger sized trucks/utility trailers will be accepted with a fee of \$30.00. Due to continued increases in dumping fees and clean-up costs, additional pick up truckloads will also be charged a fee of \$30.00.

NOTE: This event is NOT part of our contracted trash/recycling costs; therefore, if you want the Township to continue this event, PLEASE make a donation to ensure the continuation of the event.

Fees will also be charged for the following items:

Passenger car tires w/o rims	\$ 3
Passenger car tires w/ rims	\$ 5
Light truck tires w/o rims	\$10
Light truck tires w/ rims	\$13
Tractor/Tractor Trailer Tires	\$20

The following items will NOT be accepted:

- **Covered Devices** – This includes TV's, computers, laptops, keyboards, monitors, printers, cell phones, etc. 
- **Hazardous Waste** - This includes auto fluids, cleaners, paint, pesticides, kerosene, etc.
- **Building Materials** - This includes dry wall, concrete, shingles, siding, etc.
- **Oversized Items** - This includes boats, canoes, campers, etc.
- **Yard Waste** – This includes wood, stumps, leaves, branches, etc.

If you have any questions regarding what will be accepted, call the Township office @ 367-7178. You may dispose of the non-acceptable materials (no yard waste) at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority in Lancaster. For more information call them at 397-9968.

Please No Early Birds or Dropping Off of Items - NO EXCEPTIONS

NOTE: This is the only Township clean up this year

Clip & Save



White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Saturday, April 8

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. There will also be a White Goods & Tire pick up on October 14.

Spring Cleanup

Saturday, May 13 from 7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are associated fees for this year's pick up for more than one truckload of items. See the enclosed newsletter article for details.



Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection

Woody Waste and Yard Waste will be collected every other Tuesday or Wednesday from April 11 through October 11 with four collections in the fall through December 6. Yard Waste/leaves need to be placed in Kraft bags. Again, this season no tags are required and there will be **no** cost to you! You will be required to come to the Township office to sign out the number of bags that you will need with a maximum of 20 bags at a time. Any yard waste/leaves placed in plastic bags during this time will not be collected. 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.

Woody Waste/Yard Waste/Leaf Collection Days are:

April 11 & 12, 25 & 26 August 1 & 2, 15 & 16, 29 & 30
May 9 & 10, 23 & 24 September 12 & 13, 26 & 27
June 6 & 7, 20 & 21 October 10 & 11
July 5* & 6*, 18 & 19

The Township will be offering four (4) yard/woody waste/leaf collections in the fall:

October 24 & 25 November 21 & 22
November 7 & 8 December 5 & 6

The Township will continue to pick up yard waste along with leaves. Again, all items must be in brown biodegradable Kraft bags and placed curbside the night before collection.

Holiday Trash Schedule

Memorial Day – Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, May 31 & Thursday, June 1.**

4th of July – Trash and recycling will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, July 5 & Thursday, July 6.**

Labor Day- Trash and recycling pick up will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, September 6 & Thursday, September 7.**

Reminder:

Trash must be in 32-gallon trash bags or cans and weigh less than 30 lbs. You are allowed the equivalent of three bags or containers. Extra tags (a strip of four tags for \$5.00) are available at the Township office for additional bags of trash.

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), books, 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.



White Goods/ Tire Pick-up

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

Saturday, April 8

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.



West Donegal Township wants you to recycle!

The Township participates in a single stream recycling program which enables you to place all recycled materials in one container. That is good news because that means you can recycle more materials.

Acceptable



Cartons are now acceptable!



Juice • Milk • Soy Milk
Soup and Broth • Wine
Milk • Juice • Cream
• Egg Substitutes

Be sure to remove all
caps and straws

Empty and rinse

METAL:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Steel food & beverage cans, aerosol cans, paint cans

GLASS:

- Clear and colored glass food & beverage containers

PLASTIC:

- Containers, Bottles, Jars and Jugs - These may include shampoo bottles, liquid detergent containers, condiment bottles, deli containers, yogurt containers & clam shells.

PAPER, PAPERBOARD & CARDBOARD:

Recycle Any Size. Any Quantity.

Please break down small boxes as flat as possible and put them in or out next to your recycle bin(s).

- All sizes of cardboard boxes
- Clean pizza boxes
- Food boxes (i.e. cereal & gelatin boxes)
- EMPTY paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Paperboard packaging (i.e. tissue boxes)
- Office paper (any color)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and brochures
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Paper bags
- Phone books & other soft cover books
- Paperboard food and drink cartons

Larger boxes and a larger amounts of corrugated cardboard should be flattened and brought to the Township building roll off dumpster for recycling.

Shredded paper is NOT recyclable & any plastic bags of shredded paper or shredded paper shall be placed in the trash.

Welcome Waste Management

Waste Management won the 3-year contract as the Township's trash & recycling hauler. They are providing a 2-day pick up for trash/recycling services. For some residents your pick up day will remain Tuesday. For others your pick up day will be Wednesday. The Township has been split as follows:

- **Tuesday** - North side of Bainbridge Road (including Masonic Village, Timber Villa, Turnpike Road, Newville Road, and North Market Street areas, etc.)
- **Wednesday** - South side of Bainbridge Road (including area surrounding the Township Building, Maytown Road, West Ridge Road, and Rheems area, etc.)

Waste Management will be using a split-body truck which means that one truck will collect both recycling and trash. The hopper is divided with one side for recycling and the other side of the hopper is for the trash. Below are photos of a front end loader type of truck; however, they also have a rear-end loader that they use too.



There are a few other changes:

- For those residents with coal or wood ash, the ashes must be dumped in plastic bags when cool and the bags set out curbside with the trash. Loose ash in a can is not acceptable. This is due to the disposal method of the ashes into the truck and the protection of the health and welfare of the Waste Management crew and environment. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to this disposal method.
- Large oversized items will be picked up with a separate truck.

As always be sure to collect batteries in the designated orange bags available at the Township office.

In partnership with PPL, CFL light bulbs are now accepted at the Township office.

As with any new contracts, there will be a transition period and a few glitches to be worked out. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Township's trash/recycling program, please call the Township at 717.367.7178.



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211 W. Hummelstown St, ElizabethtownFax: 367-7496

NORTHWEST REGIONAL LANCASTER COUNTY

POLICE DEPARTMENTPhone: 367-8481
155 Merts Drive, ElizabethtownEmergency: 911

MEETING DATES

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.

Elizabethtown Area Water Authority (EAWA) Rain Garden Seminar & | Planting of EAWA's Rain Garden

– What is a Rain Garden? Why are they important? How can we implement them into our landscapes? Find the answers to these questions and more by registering for the free seminar on April 1st from 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Cornerstone Youth Center. **Help!** EAWA needs volunteers to assist with the mulching and planting of EAWA's Rain Garden on April 29th (Rain date: May 13th) from 8:00 am - ? at 211 W Hummelstown St, Elizabethtown. To register for the seminar or volunteer for the planting, call 717-367-7448 by March 27th (seminar) or by April 24th (planting).

