

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

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SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Join Us for National Night Out

National Night Out is planned for Tuesday, August 6th, 2019. The event will be held at the West Donegal Township Municipal property, 1 Municipal Drive, from 6 pm to 9 pm. It's a night 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 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!!



**NNO
Aug. 6
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Welcome Bethany!

Bethany Spittler joined the West Donegal Township team on February 4th. She will be working in the Zoning/Codes Enforcement Office as a Zoning Administrative Assistant as she trains under Wayne Miller's tutelage. She comes to the Township with over 15 years in the commercial and residential land development industry.

She grew up in Elizabethtown and now resides in Middletown. She enjoys gardening, cooking and the beach.

Welcome

Credit Card & E-Check Payments Now Accepted Online

Residents now have the option of paying their **Trash Bill** or **permit payment** from the comfort of your home using our online payment service. Credit cards accepted: MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Visa. A per transaction service fee of **2.65% or \$3.00** minimum will be charged by the payment processing company for this service. E-checks are also accepted online with a per transaction fee of **\$1.50** - just click the option on the payment page to change your payment method.



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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, April 27

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 717.397.9968 for disposal of these items. There will also be a White Goods and Tire pick up on Saturday, October 19.

Spring Cleanup

There will be **NO** spring clean-up this year. Oversized items (any items that do not fit into a trash bag) may be placed curbside with red \$4.00 tag(s) depending on the size of the item. Contact the Township office for additional details and to let us know when/what you are placing curbside with your trash/recycling. Also note that items may be taken to the LSCWMA waste-to-energy facility at 1911 River Road, Bainbridge. Contact them for details and additional information at 717.397.9968 or for a ton of information on how LSCWMA can help you with trash/recycling services. Also, we encourage you to visit them online at their new website at www.lcswma.org.



Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection

Woody Waste and Yard Waste will be collected every other Tuesday beginning April 9 through October 9. Yard Waste needs to be placed in brown biodegradable Kraft bags which are available at the Township office. There will be a charge of 5 bags for \$1.00 and 10 bags for \$2.00. We ask that you keep the Kraft bags protected from the weather elements until the day they are placed curbside. The Kraft bags should be placed curbside the night before collection with your regular trash but will be collected by a separate recycling truck. Any yard waste placed in plastic bags during this time will not be collected. Woody Waste should be bundled with biodegradable twine. Branches should be no longer than 4' in length and not more than 6" in diameter.



Reminder: Grass clippings are NOT recyclable! They should be mulched or placed in trash bags for disposal (3 trash-bag limit still applies. Extra bags would need a neon yellow tag). Also disposing of fruit or vegetables from a garden is NOT considered yard waste (it is food).

Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection Days are:

April 9, 10, 23, 24	August 13, 14, 27, 28
May 7, 8, 21, 22	September 10, 11, 24, 25
June 4, 5, 18, 19	October 8, 9
July 2, 3, 16, 17, 30, 31	

The Township will be offering four (4) leaf collections in the fall:

October 22, 23	November 19, 20
November 5, 6	December 3, 4

Holiday Trash Schedule

Memorial Day – Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, May 29 & Thursday, May 30.**

4th of July – No change in services.

Labor Day- Trash and recycling pick up will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, September 4 & Thursday, September 5.**

Shredding Event

We plan on hosting a shredding event in September (specific date to be determined) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at a location also to be determined. We will post the date and additional details on our website, Facebook page, and email blast, and will provide a press release to the Merchandiser.

This event will be free of charge to all residents/businesses that live in the Elizabethtown/ Mount Joy/Maytown and surrounding areas. We will be limiting the amount of shredding to four boxes or bags of paper per property to be shredded.

Reminder:

All trash/recycling must be curbside no later than **5 am** the day of pick up. Trash must be in 32-gallon trash bags or cans that weigh less than 30 lbs. Please be sure **all trash is bagged** even if the bags are in **trash cans** and actual trash cans are used (no barrels or other containers). All ashes, i.e. coal and wood, must also be bagged.



Recycling right doesn't have to be hard.



JUST FOCUS ON THE **BIG 4!** PLACE **ONLY** THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.

1



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Flattened

2



PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS

Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed

3



METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS

4



GLASS JARS & BOTTLES

The Big 4

Maybe you have heard the news on radio or TV commercials or seen advertisements on sides of buses. The Big 4 is the new Recycle Right Lancaster updated recycling program for all residents. Only these big 4 items belong in the recycling bin:

Corrugated Boxes

- Only corrugated boxes.

Flatten them & place in them in the recycling bin. If they do not fit into the recycling bin we ask that you bring them to the township and put them in the roll off cardboard dumpster to the right of the building along the edge of the grass on the left hand side of the parking lot. Open 24/7 except for an hour or so on a Monday when it is taken to be emptied.

This does NOT include boxes containing sodas or cereal type boxes which are paperboard not corrugated cardboard.



Metal:

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

Glass:

- Clear and colored glass jars and bottles'

Plastic:

- Plastic bottles and jars and jugs with a neck.

Note: Empty, rinse, and remove lids on all metal, plastic and glass recyclable items.

All other items, such as those below, **do not** belong in your recycling bin.



It's okay to throw **everything else** away. It will be turned into energy.

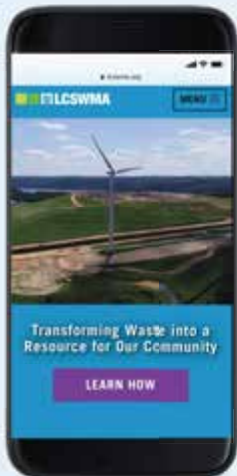
Lancaster County has an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy, powering local homes and businesses and helping to reduce our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. So, when in doubt, throw it out.



It's okay to throw everything else away. 1 in 5 area homes are powered by trash. Lancaster County's advanced waste-to-energy facility converts all materials into renewable energy in the form of electricity. If you place items that are no longer recyclable into curbside recycling bins you are actually negatively impacting the recycling program. It may take effort on each other's part; however, train yourself that "when in doubt, throw it out". For more information, go to www.recyclerightlancaster.org or www.lcswma.org. To learn more on where to go to recycling other items go to www.earth911.com.

Important: 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.

New LCSWMA Website!



We are excited to share that LCSWMA has launched their new website! We hope you'll find this site easier to navigate and more engaging. On the home page, you can quickly find answers to questions like: "What are your hours?" and "What can I bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility?" You will also find the new site is optimized for mobile use. Job seekers will enjoy the convenience of applying for open positions directly on the careers page. Educators will appreciate the library of downloadable resources. And so much more. Visit lcswma.org to explore now.

NEW LCSWMA Blog Post about Going Green: <https://www.lcswma.org/news-blog/going-green-in-the-new-year/>

White Goods/Tire Pick-up

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



Saturday, April 27

White Good Tag \$12.00

Passenger 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.

What's New from Chief Mayberry NW Regional Police



I would like to mention the retirement of Officer Randy Aument (February 2019). Officer Aument started with West Donegal Township Police Department in July 1993. He was responsible for Defense Tactics Training and OC/Baton Training for the department. Officer Aument was the Northwest Regional Police Department 2011 Officer of the Year. Officer Aument served the department with honor and integrity.

We also hired Officer Brad Redinger and Officer Aaron McCoy (starting March 4th). Both Officer Redinger and Officer McCoy were previously employed by Manheim Township Police Department.

Officer Brad Redinger is a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).



Aaron McCoy

Officer Aaron McCoy is a certified Accident Reconstructionist. Both officers will be excellent additions to the Northwest Regional Police Department.



Brad Redinger



HELP SOLVE CRIMES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Northwest Regional Police Department is asking residents and businesses to assist the police with investigations and catching criminals. We are attempting to create a video camera user contact list. We are aware that many residents and businesses have video cameras installed in their homes and businesses. We are also aware these video cameras may be gathering information on public roadways and streets.

If you or your business has a video camera that collects images outside in the public eye we would like your assistance. It is important for us while conducting investigations to see if there are any video cameras in the area that cover the area in question. We will not publish your identity or release your videos. In fact, we won't even contact you unless a crime occurs in front of your home or business to see if your camera(s) caught the criminal act in progress.

The police do not need access to the video recordings unless a video would help the investigation. If it is determined the video would help, the camera owner would be contacted to review their recording for any footage that may help.

Many Police departments in the country are developing these contact lists to help police due to the increasing use of surveillance cameras by the public. Please Email Det Frank Ember at FEmber@NWRPD.org with the location of the cameras and the person to contact if an incident occurs in that area. Det Ember can also be contacted at 717-367-3382 Ext 111.

Northwest EMS Fund-Raiser



Pictured is a demonstrator-model ambulance with 3,500 miles on it that Northwest EMS will be purchasing at a discount this year. It will replace a nine-year-old ambulance that has 151,000 miles on it. Older, high-mileage ambulances experience more maintenance problems.

Northwest EMS will hold a fundraising drive this summer to help with the replacement cost. As a non-profit organization, we rely on three sources

of funds to operate – insurance reimbursements, grants, and donations from the public. We appreciate the generous support from residents in our service area, most recently to buy bullet-resistant vests to protect our crew members.

You will receive a letter in June asking you to give to this ambulance fund. Thank you in advance for your donations.

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. This permit is required for properties that are along Township roads. 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. The pool must have a 4-foot height clearance at least 3 feet out the whole way around the pool.
- 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.wdtp.com or by contacting the Code Enforcement Officer.

Chickens

You are permitted to maintain small domestic animals up to a total of 12. As defined in the Township ordinance, small domestic animals shall include animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, and chinchilla, and fowl such as chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, and pigeons, but shall not include wild or exotic animals held in captivity. You may keep small domestic animals provided the following conditions are met:

1. Maintaining small domestic animals shall be within the rear yard area.
2. Maintaining small domestic animals shall be on a noncommercial basis and be strictly as an incidental use.
3. The area within which small domestic animals are kept shall be enclosed by a fence designated for containment.
4. Such fence shall be at least 50 feet from any lot line and not closer than 100 feet to the nearest dwelling other than that of the owner.
5. The area in which small domestic animals are maintained shall be kept in a suitable grass cover and shall not be allowed to degrade to an erodible condition.
6. The owner shall exercise suitable control over the animals and shall not allow a nuisance condition to be created in terms of excessive noise, dirt, or odor.





New Township Alert System

West Donegal Township has implemented a cellular, text-based alert system for residents of the township. This system is similar to what the Elizabethtown Area School District and other organizations and municipalities use to inform residents, in a timely manner, regarding late breaking and emergency information.

If you are interested in joining this system, please text "YES" to (208) 252-4718 from your cellular device.

Additional message and data rates may apply. West Donegal Township is not liable for any additional charges you may incur from your cellular service provider for messages received from this system.

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 helps extend the life of the system. Property owners in Pumping District No. 2, the area south of Turnpike Road and north of Stonemill Drive, must comply with the regulations regarding on-lot pumping and inspection by June 30, 2019. A letter and the required form were mailed to each property owner last year. If you did not receive the information, please contact the office.

On July 1, 2019, Pumping District No. 3 will have one year to comply with the requirements. The property owners will be notified via a letter and required form in June.



Roadway and Bridge Projects for 2019

Spring and summer are just around the corner. Our road department is beginning to shift their focus from salting roads and plowing snow to our list of roadway maintenance projects for the 2019 season.

The bridge over the Conoy Creek on Stonemill Drive, located between Miller Road and Field Crest Drive will be replaced this spring/summer. This bridge, built in 1964 is owned by Lancaster County and has been identified by PennDOT as needing repair/replacement. The County is responsible for this work and anticipates starting the construction process sometime during the month of April. Residents should expect this section of Stonemill Drive to be closed beginning in April and continuing until the end of August. Please watch the Township's website and Facebook page for updates and detour information as we get closer to the actual closure date.

The Township is planning maintenance work on the following roads:

- West Ridge Road from Rutts Road to Maytown Road, paving overlay.
- Rutts Road from Bainbridge Road to Stonemill Drive, paving overlay.
- Stonemill Drive from Maytown Road to Rutts Road, paving overlay.
- Valerie Drive and Steve Drive in their entirety, oil and chip.
- Briar Rose Trail and Bullrush Landing in their entirety, oil and chip.
- Marion Road, Hilltop View Way, Theora Drive, and Julie Avenue in their entirety, oil and chip.



This work is currently in the bidding phase. Please watch the Township's website and Facebook page for updates as dates for this work and the resulting travel restrictions become available.

Every year, we get some form of the following question: "Why does the township keep messing up our roads with that oil and chip stuff, why don't they just pave it?" Oil and chip is a very cost-effective way for the township to keep the roads in good shape. Paving is very expensive, up to 10 times costlier per square yard. With just over 48 miles of township road to maintain, we need to make every dollar we receive in roadway maintenance funds from the state stretch as far as possible.

Oil and chip seals the road surface and keeps it from breaking apart, prolonging its life. We use this application if the road still has profile (a crown in the center with good drainage both left and right and no ruts) to refresh the oils in the road, seal it, lengthen its life, and improve traction. It typically takes 3-7 days for the oil to fully cure, depending on weather conditions following application. Once the oil has cured, our contractor comes back to sweep up any loose stone chips that remain.

Here are some tips for driving on roads that have been freshly oiled and chipped:

- 1) Drive SLOWLY - if you can hear the chips hitting your car, you're going too fast. You can avoid getting stone chips and tar on your car by driving SLOWLY.
- 2) Never drive between the oil truck and the stone truck.
- 3) Follow all directions given by the road crew and flaggers if you need to travel on a road that has an oil and chip operation in progress.

West Donegal Township Past to Present Part II – The Story of Rheems *(the story continues)*

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

Winfield L. Heisey was born June 12, 1862 near the Rheem homestead. Though he was the son of a farmer, Winfield dreamed of owning a mercantile business. Due to his limited knowledge in this type of business, he decided he could not compete. He contemplated a plan to establish a town where he would be able to open a mercantile store without competition.

In the meantime, Winfield devoted himself to study and became a teacher. Later, with limited means he purchased the Rheem homestead in 1894 after the passing of Jacob Rheem who was 98. Winfield immediately began building a residence in which he at once opened a mercantile store. He employed surveyors and began laying out building lots. He advertised a public sale and sold lots to prospective builders.

While this building was going on he established various enterprises to insure the success of his town. He developed a coal yard, gristmill, stone quarry, limekilns, and a large agricultural implement business. Scores of new residents came. This little town, situated next to the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Harrisburg-Lancaster Turnpike, began attracting investors.



Lime kilns were loaded with limestone rocks and fuel. The resulting heat transformed the stone into lime powder which was then spread on the fields.

Knowing the advantages of a good education, Winfield made sure that a school was part of the original plan for the new town. He convinced the township school directors to erect a schoolhouse on land donated by him. He felt that educational advantages were core to the success of a town.

Winfield worked hard to create the thriving town of Rheems. His limestone quarries and lime kilns established a vast lime trade and created many jobs.

He saw to the needs of the town's people by providing a school and park. Although he was a member of the Donegal Presbyterian Church, he encouraged the organization of the Rheems Church of the Brethren. He knew the keys to a successful community were good jobs, good education, and God-loving people.

During this same time period, Ben Greider moved to the town of Rheems when he married Alida Wealand. In the next newsletter find out how Ben also played a big part in the growth of Rheems.

(To be continued)



Municipal Primary Voting

- April 22: 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 14: Absentee ballots picked up or mailed to requested individuals.
- May 17: All absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. this day.
- May 21: 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 717.299.8293.

<p>717-367-0355</p> <p>Programs & Services Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Child Care • Senior Center • Community Center <p>GetintoGEARS.org</p>	<p>EGGSTRAVAGANZA Sat, April 13 @ 10 am E-town Community Park</p>	<p>"Spring Mix" Golf Tournament Fri, April 26 at 1 pm Sunset Golf Course</p>
	<p>SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK Tue, June-Aug E-town Park Amphitheater</p>	<p>Senior Center Basket Bingo Sat, Sept 21 at 2 pm</p> <p>Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast Sat, Nov 9 from 7 am-1 pm GEARS Community Center</p>
	<p>FALL FESTIVAL Sat, Oct 26 10 am-2 pm E-town Fairgrounds</p>	<p>ELIZABETHTOWN Holiday PARADE Sat, Dec 7 4 pm</p>



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John Martin II, *Member* 717.367.8731

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Bethany Spitler, *Zoning Administrative Assistant*

ELIZABETHTOWN REGIONAL SEWER

AUTHORITY (ERSA) Phone: 717.367.5947
235 ERSA Drive, Elizabethtown Fax: 717.367.4622

ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WATER

AUTHORITY (EAWA) Phone: 717.367.7448
211 W. Hummelstown St, Elizabethtown Fax: 717.367.7496

NORTHWEST REGIONAL LANCASTER COUNTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT Phone: 717.367.8481
8855 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown Emergency: 911

MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors:

Regular Meetings – 2nd Monday @ 7 p.m.
Workshops (**as needed**) – 4th Monday @ 7 p.m.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: 1st Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Do You Live in West Donegal Township?

Well, if you are receiving this newsletter you do. But does your homeowner's insurance policy show you do? Addresses in West Donegal Township utilize an Elizabethtown and Mount Joy zip code due to the location of the postal processing facility. All insurance companies not located in the state of Pennsylvania pay money to the state Fireman's Relief Association. This money is distributed, by the state of Pennsylvania, to the appropriate fire companies where you live to help oversee the cost of fire protection. The fire companies use this money to purchase firefighting equipment and pay for training classes. If your policy does not show you live in West Donegal Township, your money from the PA Fireman's Relief is going to other fire companies. This is important money for our volunteers and an easy way for you to make a donation to YOUR local fire company. Just call your homeowner's insurance agent and make sure your policy states that you live in West Donegal Township.