

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Website: www.wdtp.com

SPRING/SUMMER 2020

From the Manager's Desk - 2020

Spring and summer are just around the corner and with the change of seasons come thoughts of spring showers and summer thunderstorms. Rain means stormwater and stormwater now means MS4 in West Donegal Township. MS4 stands for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" (M for Municipal and S4 for the 4 "S" words that follow). West Donegal Township is now in the first year of a five-year permit cycle with the PA Department of Environmental Protection and has become an official 'MS4'. We were required to apply for this permit as a result of the population density within our urbanized area (Rheems, other housing developments and the Conewago Industrial Park). This permit allows the Township to discharge stormwater from our urbanized area (UA) into local streams and water courses (also known as "Waters of the Commonwealth") which ultimately empty into the Chesapeake Bay.

Part of our responsibility under this permit is to reduce the Township's levels of sediment and nutrient (nitrogen & phosphorus) load which enter our streams from stormwater runoff. This aspect of the permit is called a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). Our plan includes several stream bank restoration projects, one of which must be completed during this five-year permit cycle to remain in compliance. In addition to completing

this project, we are also required to make regular reports and do water quality testing on selected stormwater outlets that discharge stormwater from our UA, directly into local streams.

So, what can you do to help? Identifying and correcting illicit discharges from your property is a good first step. Illicit discharges include things like septic tank drainage, laundry wash water, paint, oil, grease, gasoline and other chemicals and petroleum products. All these items should never be allowed to enter the storm sewer system or any other waterway. You can also help by making sure grass clippings from your yard never end up in the storm sewer system. Mulch your grass clippings whenever possible and never blow them into the street or on to the sidewalk. Grass clippings from the street clog our underground stormwater piping system and release excess nitrogen and phosphorous into stormwater and streams as the clippings decompose.

As we proceed through this initial five-year permit cycle, we will continue to update our residents on the status of our efforts and what additional steps homeowners can take to help the Township reach our pollution reduction goals. For more information on MS4 and what you can do to help, please visit the MS4 section of our website at www.wdtp.com/stormwater/ms4.

General Primary Voting

- April 13: This is the last day to register to vote before the General Primary. Voter registration forms must be received at the County Voter Registration Office by this date. Call 717-299-8293 for more information.
- April 21: Absentee ballots picked up or mailed to requested individuals.
- April 28: All absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 8:00 p.m. this day.
- April 28: General 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.



WEST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP
One Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Phone (717) 367-7178 • Fax (717) 367-8982
OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.





Clip & Save



White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Saturday, April 25

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 17.

Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection

Woody Waste and Yard Waste will be collected every other Tuesday beginning April 7 through October 7. 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: DO NOT recycle Grass clippings! Play it green by mulching them or they can be placed in trash bags for disposal (3 trash-bag limit still applies. Extra bags of trash will need a neon yellow tag). Disposing of fruit or vegetables from a garden is NOT considered yard waste (it is food). However, fruit from trees may be included in the Kraft bags.

Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection Days are:

April 7, 8, 21, 22	August 11, 12, 25, 26
May 5, 6, 19, 20	September 9, 10, 22, 23
June 2, 3, 16, 17, 30	October 6, 7
July 1, 14, 15, 28, 29	

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

October 20, 21
 November 3, 4
 November 17, 18
 December 1, 2

Holiday Trash Schedule

Memorial Day – Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, May 27 & Thursday, May 28.**

4th of July – No change in services.

Labor Day- Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, September 9 & Thursday, September 10.**

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.

For oversized items (any item that can be disposed of curbside but doesn't fit into a trash bag), contact the Township office. Many of these items can be disposed of curbside with a \$4.00 red tag. There are also strips of four neon yellow tags that can be purchased for \$5.00 per strip for extra bags of trash.

Recycling the Big 4

Refer to article on next page.

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.



SHREDDING EVENT

West Donegal Township is partnering with East Donegal Township and Mount Joy Township to host a shredding event on Saturday, September 19th from 8 am to 12:00 noon at the East Donegal Township municipal building located at 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA.

This event will be free of charge to all residents living in West Donegal Township, Mount Joy Township, and East Donegal Township. We will be limiting the amount of shredding to four boxes or bags of paper per property to be shredded.

As it our wish to help others within our community, again this year we are asking those participating in this event for donations of canned goods and boxed items (monetary donations also accepted). Please be generous as these donations will be given to the local food banks. Their greatest needs include canned meats, juice, canned/boxed pasta, jams/jellies, cereals, pancake mixes and syrup, and paper products. Baby food and formula will also be accepted. Please no perishable items. Donations should be non-expired, non-breakable, and all items should be in unopened containers. Glass, frozen food, fresh produce/meats or home-made food will not be accepted. Your help is truly appreciated by those in need in our community!

How to Recycle the Right Way

Knowing how to recycle right is important for reducing contamination in your curbside recycling bin. This article will highlight the importance of recycling right. A short time ago, Lancaster County began recycling only the Big 4, which includes the following recyclables:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastic bottles and jugs with a neck
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Glass bottles and jars

The important thing to remember is that these items need to be CLEAN. Empty all food from the containers and rinse them out. LSCWMA has recently conducted a 5-day sample program of sorting through the recyclables that transfer through their facility in Lancaster. What they found were contaminations such as pizza slices left in pizza boxes, pickles and juice in a jar, wires, broken glass, diapers, cat litter, a plastic child's guitar, to only name a few. These items are NOT recyclable and along with wet corrugated boxes contaminate the bins. A study conducted by LSCWMA indicates a contamination rate of 28%. What can we do? Understand the importance of recycling right and how contamination affects the recycling process.

To recap on how you can help:

- Recycle ONLY the Big 4
- Clean out all items before placing them in the bin.
- Not ALL plastics are recyclable, only those with a neck.
- Hold off placing corrugated cardboard in the bin if there is precipitation in the forecast. Or bring the corrugated cardboard to our roll-off container on the right side of the Township's municipal building parking area. All corrugated cardboard should be flattened.
- Educate your neighbors if you see contamination in their bins.
- And **"When in doubt, throw it out"!!**

Our curbside education program on how to recycle right is evolving and will continue with new ideas and concepts so stay tuned for future articles. You can also go to LSCWMA's website for additional information and/or log onto Earth 911 to find other recycling options. If you still would like to recycle newspaper, check out the City of Lancaster's website for information on their Drop-Off Recycling Center. This facility is open to all Lancaster County residents.



White Goods/ Tire Pick-up

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

Saturday, April 25

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.

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

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CORRUGATED
CARDBOARD

Flattened

2



PLASTIC BOTTLES
& JUGS WITH NECKS

Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed

3



METAL FOOD &
BEVERAGE CANS

4



GLASS JARS
& BOTTLES

<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>MotherDaughter Craft Night</p> <p>Fri, May 8 6:30-8 pm GEARS Community Center</p>	<p>"Spring Mix" golf tournament</p> <p>Fri, April 24 at 1 pm Sunset Golf Course</p>
	<p>MOVIES IN THE PARK</p> <p>Tue, June-Aug E-town Park Amphitheater</p>	<p>Senior Center</p> <p>Basket Bingo Sat, Sept 19 at 2 pm</p> <p>Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast Sat, Nov 14 from 7 am-1 pm GEARS Community Center</p>
	<p>fall festival</p> <p>Sat, Oct 24 10 am-2 pm E-town Fairgrounds</p>	<p>Holiday PARADE</p> <p>Sat, Dec 5 4 pm Market Street, E-town</p>

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. This permit is required for properties that are along Township roads. The permit and inspection allow 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 installing a pool to help keep you cool in the hot summer months. A UCC and zoning permit are 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 any 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.

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.





Roadway and Bridge Projects for 2020

Spring and summer are just around the corner. Our road department will shift their focus from salting roads and plowing snow to our roadway construction and maintenance projects for the 2020 season.

The timber bridge over the Conoy Creek on West Ridge Road, located just west of Miller Road will be closed for several weeks this summer for maintenance work. The exact timing of this closure has not yet been determined. We are also planning a major storm sewer pipe replacement project on Stonemill Drive between Rutts Road and Garber Road. This work will require closure of the roadway during business hours only over the course of the project. Motorists should expect rough roadway where pipe trenches cross the road until the project is complete and all trenches have been final paved.

The exact timing of both projects has not yet been determined. These projects will not occur at the same time. Please watch the Township's website and Facebook page for closure and detour information as it becomes available. As with all our roadway projects, dates and times are weather dependent and subject to change.

The Township is planning maintenance work on the following roads:

- Rutts Road from Bainbridge Road to Olde Forge Drive, paving overlay.
- Cedar Road, Black Hawk Lane and Creek Court in their entirety, oil and chip.
- Angela Drive, Fisher Circle and Garilee Lane in their entirety, oil and chip.
- Blue Jay Circle and Locust Drive in their entirety, oil and chip.
- Persimmon Lane, Woodview Drive, Sassafras Lane and Spruce Lane 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 50 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.



Doing Your Part

Residents and non-residents play a pivotal role of recycling and properly disposing of waste. LCSWMA offers suggestions for disposal/recycling of these items:

- **Computers, electronic waste, paint and more...** FREE disposal of these items at the HHW facility (go to www/lcswma.org for a complete list).

- **Household batteries...**

Use an orange battery bag, available at the Township office for safe disposal of household batteries and cell phones. When the bag is full, place it curbside with your trash.



- **Sharps...** For the safe management of sharps, LCSWMA provides residents with a complimentary Safe Clip. This device holds 1,500 needles and safely stores them. When full, Safe Clips can be disposed of as regular trash.

- **Prescription drugs...** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration advises residents to first take advantage of any local drug take-back programs available to the public. Visit www.lcswma.org for more details. If no disposal instructions are given on the prescription drug label, medication may be disposed of in your household trash using these steps:

1. Remove them from their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter (this makes the drug less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through the trash seeking drugs).
2. Place the mixture in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the drug from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.



Northwest Regional Police Department

In January 2020 Lieutenant Carl Steinhart and Sergeant Daniel George retired from the Northwest Regional Police Department.



Lieutenant Carl Steinhart started working for Mount Joy Township Police Department in August 1985. He was promoted to Lieutenant when the Northwest Regional Police Department was formed in October 2003.

Sergeant Dan George started working for West Donegal Township Police Department in December 1992. He was promoted to Sergeant in April 2016 becoming the first Sergeant promoted with the Northwest Regional Police Department.



Officer Daniel Gordon was hired as a patrol officer for the Northwest Regional Police Department in February. Officer Daniel Gordon previously worked for Mount Joy Borough Police Department. Officer Gordon graduated from the Temple Police Academy in March 2013.



Learn How to Save Lives



Would you know what to do if you witnessed someone collapse in Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

Would you know what to do to help someone who has suffered a traumatic injury? *The day after* the tragedy is not the day to learn the simple skills that can help save a life until an ambulance arrives! At Northwest EMS, we want to be more than your ambulance provider. We want to teach *everyone* the simple life-saving skills that can help save a life. We want to be your go-to resource for education and prevention information.

We can provide a variety of education services such as CPR and first aid training, home safety information, Hands Only CPR®, Stop The Bleed® training, prevention education, and presentations on a variety of other topics.

Contact our Community Outreach Manager at lshenk@nwems86.org or call 717-371-8282 for more information. You can also visit our website at <https://nwems86.org/> or our Facebook Page to learn more. We host several Save A Life events throughout the year that are FREE to attend and we'd be happy to schedule training or a presentation specifically for your business, church, school or other group. And remember that our Subscription Membership program is a great way to support us while receiving the benefit of reduced out-of-pocket charges for emergency ambulance services. Contact us today to learn more.

Northwest Regional Police Department Needs Your Help

The Northwest Regional Police Department would like the help of the residents in helping solve crimes that may have occurred in or near their neighborhoods.

Detective Frank H Ember Jr. and Officer Frank Jones are hoping to create a directory of West Donegal Township residents who have outside recording surveillance cameras. This would provide detectives and officers with a reference directory of locations with outside cameras in the event a crime occurred nearby and may have captured footage on video. The department would then be able to contact the resident with the camera and ask the owner to check the camera has recorded any video which would help with an investigation.

The Police department will not have any direct access to any cameras. The owner would be contacted and asked to check for possible video footage if something would happen in the area. This will significantly increase the ability to solve crimes by locating area cameras quickly, with recorded footage beneficial to an investigation.

Residents are asked to email Officer Frank Jones at FJones@nwrpd.org with their name, phone number and email address, along with the location of the camera.



SAVE THE DATE
100th Year Celebration
May 16, 2020 • 3:00-9:00 PM

100
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West Donegal Township Past to Present Part 14 – Masonic Homes – The Legacy Begins

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



From the 1800's to the Social Security Act of 1935 the only aid available for the poor, elderly, disabled, widowed, or orphans came from local authorities who administered the "Poor Laws". Local officials called them "Overseers of the Poor" and they judged whether you were deserving of minimal aid or residing in a poor house. Many poor houses were dilapidated, and care was shoddy. It was hoped that pathetic facilities would motivate people to not rely on public assistance.

This shameful situation motivated the Pennsylvania Freemasons to consider creating a safe haven for aging Masons and their families. They wanted the elderly and disabled to be treated with dignity and brotherly love.

In December 1908, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania approved an idea to create a home for indigent Masons, their aged wives, widows and orphaned children. A committee was appointed to search for a location in Pennsylvania for the home. In 1909 the committee visited 33 communities in central and western Pennsylvania looking for obtainable rich farmland in close to a railroad, telegraph office, and good water supply, and including

building and land for improvements. The Masons were looking for a beautiful location which had about 1,000 acres available for purchase.

The Elizabethtown area was chosen. It was the best decision. It was only 87 miles west of Philadelphia and between Harrisburg and Lancaster. Elizabethtown was located along the Pennsylvania Railroad and 50,00 members of the Masonic Fraternity lived within a 3-hour train ride.

Forty separate land purchases were made on the west side of Elizabethtown. There were eight sets of farm buildings and several private residences. The settlement date for the purchases was April 1, 1910. The amount paid for the entire tract was \$135,297.92. On May 25, 1910 there was a flag raising ceremony which officially began the Masonic Home's Legacy in Pennsylvania. Some existing homes on the property were renovated to immediately accept guests whose need was especially great. But the biggest event was the construction of the Grand Lodge Hall which began on June 12, 1911. It would become the administrative headquarters and residence for 175 people. An estimated 8,000 Masons and visitors attended the cornerstone laying ceremonies.

This was only the beginning. The architect's design planned for 20 smaller cottages for individuals to fan out from the Grand Lodge Hall. Several dozen other dwellings were planned for couples. A chapel, school, hospital and power plant completed the design to create a village. And so, the building began.

For more information on the Masonic Village, the book *Masonic Village 100th Anniversary* can still be purchased at the Grand Lodge gift shop.

From the Rheems Fire Department

The Rheems Fire Department would like to emphasize the importance of every home having working smoke/ fire detectors. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. There are numerous types of smoke detection technologies in the market that include ionization and photoelectric smoke detection.

Ionization smoke alarms are generally more responsive to flaming fires. Ionization-type smoke alarms have a small amount of radioactive material between two electrically charged plates, which ionizes the air and causes current to flow between the plates. When smoke enters the chamber, it disrupts the flow of ions, thus reducing the flow of current and activating the alarm.

Photoelectric smoke alarms are generally more responsive to fires that begin with a long period of smoldering (called "smoldering fires"). Photoelectric-type alarms aim a light source into a sensing chamber at an angle away from the sensor. Smoke enters the chamber, reflecting light onto the light sensor; triggering the alarm.

The ideal solution is to install "Dual Sensor" detectors to ensure that you and your family are safe from fire. They are available fully encapsulated with a 10-year battery-life so you never need to worry about changing batteries.

It's important to have enough smoke alarms in your home. Fire research has demonstrated that with today's modern furnishings, fires can spread much more rapidly than in the past when more natural materials were used. Because of this, having a sufficient number of properly located smoke alarms is



essential to maximize the amount of available escape time. For many years the National Fire Protection Association, has required as a minimum that smoke alarms be installed inside every sleep room (even for existing homes) in addition to requiring them outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. (Additional smoke alarms are required for larger homes.) Homes built to earlier standards often don't meet these minimum requirements. Homeowners should recognize that detection needs have changed over the years and take proactive steps make sure that every home has a sufficient complement of smoke alarms.

Be informed and be safe. #firesafety #smokealarmssavelives #rheemsfire



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Bethany Spitler, *Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer*

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.

Join Us for National Night Out

National Night Out is planned for Tuesday, August 4, 2020. 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 to 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 to see you again this year. For those who have not attended before, we hope you will stop by to enjoy the activities and food this year. We ask that everyone bring their family, friends, and neighbors along too!

