

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

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SPRING/SUMMER 2025



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National Night Out is scheduled for
Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

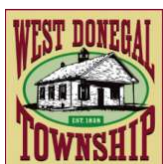
The event will be held this year at the Mount Joy Township Municipal property, 8853 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown. The event is scheduled from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

SHREDDING EVENT

West Donegal Township is, once again, partnering with East Donegal Township and Mount Joy Township to host a shredding event on Saturday, September 13th, from 8 am to 12:00 noon at East Donegal Township, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA.

This event is free of charge to all residents living in West Donegal, Mount Joy, and East Donegal Townships. Residents are allowed to bring up to four boxes or bags of paper per property to be shredded. This is a great opportunity for the community to shred sensitive documents.

We are asking those who participate in this event for donations of canned goods, boxed items, or gift cards to Giant or Weis (monetary donations also accepted). Please be generous as these donations will be given to the local food banks in our communities. Your help is deeply appreciated by those in need in our community!



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

New Employees



Alecia Hair: Alecia Hair has joined the township staff as the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Alecia was born and raised in Harrisburg, PA. Her municipal career began at East Lampeter Township as an Administrative Assistant. Hard work

along with training and educational opportunities afforded her a promotion to Assistant Zoning Officer of Commercial properties. Alecia is honored to serve the Township of West Donegal in the role of Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer. Welcome Alecia!

Scott Bair: Scott Bair has joined the township's Public Works department as an equipment operator and general laborer. Scott is a returning employee having worked for the township previously from 2000 to 2010. Scott grew up in the Elizabethtown area and lives with his wife in Mount Joy Township. In his free time Scott enjoys camping and going to car shows. Welcome Scott!



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

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

White Good Tag - \$15.00

Passenger or Motorcycle Tire Tag - \$5.00

All items must be tagged and placed curbside the night before collection. Please contact the Township office by 3:30 PM, on Friday, April 18, 2025, to purchase tags and arrange pickup.



Clip & Save

Trash and Recycling

PLACE YOUR TRASH CURBSIDE THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR COLLECTION DAY, OR before 5 AM DAY OF COLLECTION.

Trash and recycling for West Donegal Township is collected on Tuesday unless a Holiday week. There are instances when our trash hauler will begin earlier than 5 am. Waste is limited to the 96-gallon (equivalent to 3 32-gallon bags not exceeding 30 lbs. per bag per Township ordinance) container for refuse and 64-gallon container for recycling. Containers are provided by Republic Services. Please contact the Township office if you do not have one. Tags may be purchased at the Township building for any extra trash bags. Tags are \$5.00 per sheet of 4 tags. Please do NOT dispose of any ashes, such as coal and wood in your trash containers.

Oversized Refuse Items:

Oversized items can be disposed of weekly during your normal trash collection day. They require a red tag. Limit of 2 items per week. Tags are \$5.00 per tag and may be purchased and scheduled at the Township office by the Friday prior to the week of collection.

Important: If your trash, recycling, or kraft bags are missed; please call the Township office after 3:00 PM day of collection or prior to 10 a.m. the next business day. Please leave a message on the voicemail after 4 pm the day of your trash collection. When leaving a message, please include your name, service address, telephone number, and what has been missed.

White (Appliance) Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Collection day is on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025

Stop by the Township office beginning Monday, March 12, 2025, and no later than Friday, April 18, 2025, before 3:30 PM to purchase tags and schedule collection date. All white goods and tires must be tagged and placed curbside the night before your scheduled collection. Tags cost \$15.00 per white good and \$5.00 per passenger car, pickup truck, or motorcycle tire and must be purchased at the Township office. Tire limit is 4 tires. If you have tires larger than a passenger car, pickup truck, or motorcycle, contact the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) at (717) 397-9968 for disposal of these items.

Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection

Woody waste and yard waste will begin in April running every other week through the last week of November. Pick up of Yard Waste coincides with your trash collection day.

The number of Kraft yard waste bags that may be placed curbside per pick up will be limited to 20 bags per property. Yard waste bags should be placed curbside on the published pick-up days regardless of the weather forecast. They will be collected rain or shine.

Yard waste must be placed in brown biodegradable Kraft bags which are available at the Township office. There will be a charge of 5 bags for \$1.50. 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 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.

DO NOT recycle Grass clippings or clumps of dirt. The Borough of Columbia, where our yard waste is taken, does not accept grass clippings. Play it green by mulching them or they can be placed in trash bags for disposal. 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 and should not be placed in the kraft bags.

Please visit our website for the 2025 trash and recycling calendar. Go to www.wdtp.com, Services tab, Trash & Recycling, under Quick Links please click on 2025 Trash & Recycling Calendar.

Recycling

Recycling is mandatory in West Donegal Township. Recycle bins are provided by our hauler. If you do not have one, please contact our office. The recycling materials are to be placed curbside with the trash the evening before your scheduled collection day. Do not bag your recyclables items. Lancaster County recycles the following Big 4 items:

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

Other ways to help with Clean Recycling:

- 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.
- Do not dispose of pizza boxes, wires, broken glass, diapers, cat litter, plastic kids toys.
- 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. All corrugated cardboard should be flattened.
- Educate your neighbors if you see contamination in their bins.
- And **"When in doubt, throw it out"!!**

Visit earth911.com to see if something may be recyclable. Or visit www.lcswma.org for additional information. If you still would like to recycle newspaper, visit <https://www.cityoflanasterpa.gov/recycling-center/> for more information and find a Recycling Drop-off Center. This facility is open to all Lancaster County residents.

Safe Battery Disposal

Do not put Alkaline batteries in trash and recycling bins. LCSWMA provides the Township with battery bags and are free to residents. When the bag is full, place beside your trash container on your trash day. If not collected, please call the Township office. For specialty batteries visit www.Call2Recycle.org



Trash Hauler Information



West Donegal Township contracts with Republic Services to collect trash. As part of the service and no extra cost to the resident, Republic provides a 96-gallon cart for trash and a 64-gallon cart for recycling.

Please contact the Township office to arrange delivery if you are new to the township and have not received them. These carts are the property of Republic Services and most remain with the property if you sell your home or move out of the township.

If you are new to the Township, do you know that Republic Services uses separate trucks for trash and recycling? This means your trash may be serviced and then, later in the day, recycling may be serviced or vice versa. If your Trash or recycling is missed, please contact the Township office within 24 hours to report the missed collection. If you need to leave a message, please include your name, service address, and indicated which service has been missed; trash, recycling or both.

As a friendly reminder, when placing your trash and recycling carts curbside for pickup, please ensure that the carts are at least 3 feet apart and are also at least 3 feet away from any stationary objects such as mailboxes, walls, vehicles or trees. The carts should also be placed with the handles facing towards your house, so the lid opening sides are facing the roadway.



West Donegal Township's collection day is on Tuesday

each week except on Holiday delay when pickup will be delayed until Wednesday. In 2025 collection will be delayed one day for the weeks of Memorial Day (May 26th) and Labor Day (Sept 1).



Credit Card & E-Check Payments Accepted Online

Residents may pay their **Trash Bill** or **permit payment** online. Credit cards accepted are 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 flat per transaction fee of **\$1.50**. Visit our website at www.wdtp.com on the home page scroll down to the bottom righthand side and click on the credit card icons to make a payment. If you are visiting our website using a smart phone, click on the More tab and scroll to the bottom of the page to find the icons.



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 – 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603 (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.
3. Utilize the Townships Medication Disposal Box

West Donegal Township now has a Safe Medication Disposal box in the lobby where residents may dispose of expired and unused prescription drugs and over the counter medications. This box is secure and will be emptied as needed by the police department who will make sure the drugs are disposed of in the proper way.

Any prescription medications and over the counter medications will be accepted. Illegal drugs, needles, lotions or liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, thermometers and hydrogen peroxide will not be accepted. Labels should be removed from all prescription bottles before bringing them in.



From the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

With spring on the horizon, outdoor projects are on the rise. Before installing your new fence, be sure to submit a Zoning permit application! Having a new pre-made shed installed? A zoning permit application and plot plan is required. If you were building the shed yourself, a building permit *may* be required. Adding a deck or patio out back? Call the township office to confirm setback requirements as these distances differ in zoning districts. Contact the zoning officer to confirm your zoning district or with zoning questions. Additional projects that may require permits include:

- Building construction, additions, or alterations
- Fences or retaining walls
- Driveways/repaving
- Sheds and gazebos
- Decks or concrete patios
- Street openings
- All NEW construction
- Demolition
- Earth movement
- In-Ground or above-ground pools 2' or deeper

When submitting a permit application, be sure to have a plot plan that shows the distance from side, front, and rear property lines. Permits do not require up-front payment. Once a permit is ready for payment and pick-up, the applicant listed on the application will be contacted and provided fee totals. Be aware, construction may not begin on a project until a permit is issued. A permit is valid for 1 year from the permit approval date. Permit extensions/renewals are required if the project is not completed within one year. Renewal fees are ½ the original fee or a maximum of \$125. Applications should be submitted to the Township as far in advance as possible.



Egg prices are climbing and owning your own chickens may sound like an attractive option. Before scooping up a few chicks, check the requirements for owning chickens in the

West Donegal Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 240-98. This section lists the requirements for noncommercial keeping of animals. Small domestic animals (such as chickens) are permitted up to a total of 12. However, chickens must be kept in the rear yard area and be contained within a fence at least 50 feet from any lot line and not closer than 100 feet to the nearest dwelling other than that of the owner. The owner of small domestic animals 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. Keep in mind, if you are part of an HOA, the association may not permit chickens regardless of the township zoning ordinance permits.



Special Elections for 2025

Special Election for the 36th Senatorial District (Lancaster County) - March 25, 2025

Last day to register for the special election: Mar. 10, 2025

Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot for the special election: Mar. 18, 2025



Primary Election

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

May 5th: Last day to register to vote before the Primary Election. Voter registration forms must be received at the County Voter Registration Office by this date. Call 717-299-8293 for more information. vote.pa.gov/Register

May 13th: Last day to apply for a Mail-In or Absentee ballots. vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot

April 20th: Voted Mail-In and Absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 8:00 p.m. vote.pa.gov/County

May 20th: Municipal Primary Election Day. Polls are open on election days from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. vote.pa.gov/Polls

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

Board of Supervisor's Agenda

At least 24 hours prior to every Board of Supervisors meeting, the agenda is posted on our website under General Info > Meeting Minutes & Agenda. We also send the agenda to our residents who wish to receive it via email. To have your email address added to the agenda listing, please email info@wdtwp.com and ask to be added.

MESA: No Annual Fee Increase for 2025

The board of the Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County (MESA) has approved MESA's 2025 budget with no increase to annual fees.

"MESA is committed to providing the highest level of ambulance services to our participating municipalities in the most fiscally responsible manner, all with the goal of ensuring EMS is available 24/7 on a sustainable basis," said MESA Board Chair Debra Dupler. "We are pleased to maintain that commitment and exceptional service level with no increase to annual fees for 2025."

MESA charges an annual fee to property owners to fund its EMS operations and ensure 24/7 readiness to respond to EMS calls.

2025 annual fee bills will be mailed to property owners by mid-February with payment due by April 15.

Stay Steady: Preventing Falls

Falls are a serious concern, especially for older individuals. Falls can lead to broken bones (especially hips), head injuries and even death. Falls can also lead to a decline in mobility and a greater need for assistance.

Here are practical tips to help you stay steady on your feet!

- Strength Training – Regular exercise, especially strength training, improves balance and stability. Consider Tai Chi, yoga or resistance band exercises.
- Home Safety Checks – Remove tripping hazards such as clutter, loose rugs and uneven surfaces. Install grab bars in bathrooms and near stairs for extra support.
- Improve Lighting – Use brighter bulbs, nightlights and motion-activated lights.

- Vision and Hearing Checks – Schedule routine eye and hearing exams, which are critical to identify issues that can impact your ability to navigate your environment safely.
- Medication Review – Discuss potential side effects of medications with your doctor. Some medications can cause dizziness or drowsiness which can result in a fall.
- Proper Footwear – Wear shoes that fit well and provide good support. Avoid slippers with slippery soles.

If you have concerns about falling, reach out for help by talking to your doctor.

Join the MESA Team

MESA is a great place to work! The organization is actively seeking full-time paramedics and part-time EMTs to join its welcoming and family-like environment. MESA offers competitive pay, benefits and time off.

For more information about career opportunities, visit mesalancasterpa.gov.



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Promotion to Sergeant

In January 2025, Officer Seth Arnold and Officer Aaron McCoy were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Arnold joined the Northwest Regional Police Department in 2015. Sergeant McCoy joined the Northwest Regional Police Department in 2019.

Firearms Safe Storage and Suicide Prevention

The Northwest Regional Police Department has partnered with Lancaster General Health Penn Medicine in a Firearms Safe Storage and Suicide Prevention program. Gun Safety Locks are available at the Northwest Regional Police Department during general business hours 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Unwanted Prescription Medication

If you have unwanted prescription medication you can properly dispose of it in the medication drop box located in the lobby of the Township Municipal Building.

Trash Bills Can Now Be Emailed

If you would like to have your trash bill emailed to you, rather than sent via USPS mail, please email mfoltz@wdtwp.com requesting this option. Include your account number, service address and telephone number, along with the email address you want your bills sent.

Automatic Debit for Your Trash Payments



West Donegal Township offers the convenience of Automatic Draft for your quarterly trash payment. Please stop by the Township office or visit our website go to the Forms tab Under Trash click on "Automatic Draft Sign Up Form" to complete the required form. A voided check is required. You may mail the form to the Township attention Melissa Foltz or email the completed form to mfoltz@wdtwp.com with a copy of the void check.

From the Manager's Desk – Spring/Summer 2025

MS4 Update

Following is my annual update on the MS4 permit in West Donegal Township. MS4 stands for “Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System”. We were required to apply for this permit by the PA DEP. This permit allows the Township to discharge stormwater from our urbanized area (UA) into local streams and water courses which ultimately empty into the Chesapeake Bay. Late in January of this year, DEP after a long delay finally released the permit requirements for the next 5-year permit cycle. Our Township Engineer is currently reviewing these requirements and will be reporting to us soon on their findings. The focus for this next cycle appears to be on stormwater rate reduction instead of pollutant reduction. It is too early to determine how this will affect the type and scope of stormwater project we will be required to undertake as part of the next permit. I will report any future updates in this space in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Please visit the stormwater tab of our website (<http://www.wdtp.com/stormwater/ms4>) for more information.

County Property Reassessment

Lancaster, PA – Lancaster County is preparing for the 2027 property reassessment and encourages property owners within the County to do the same. Counties are required by law to conduct periodic reassessments of all properties. The County of Lancaster previously completed reassessments in 2017.

Property owners can begin checking their property record through the [Property Assessment Website](#) to ensure that all data on file is correct. Property owners who find inaccurate or missing information may complete a [Property Correction Form](#) or may contact the Property Assessment Office by emailing paquestions@lancastercountypa.gov.

A reassessment is the process used to determine accurate and fair property values within the County. The process of the assessment will begin in 2025 for the 2027 Reassessment. In 2025 and 2026, an assessor from the Lancaster County Property Assessment Office may visit your property for an outside-only inspection, including taking photos from the exterior of the property. Assessment staff will have county identification, and their vehicles clearly marked designating them to be from the Property Assessment Office.

Roadway Maintenance Projects for 2025

Our Public Works Department and roadwork contractors will be working in Rheems again this season. Current plans call for the resurfacing of all the streets located to the west of Colebrook Road and bounded by Harrisburg Avenue and Bossler Road. This will be a major project which will consume a large portion of our Liquid Fuels Budget this year. This project is currently out for bids. We anticipate that the work will be completed by Fall of this year.



The purpose of a reassessment is to ensure the fairness of taxes relative to property values, not to increase taxes. Reassessment does not generate additional revenue for the County or other real estate taxing bodies. Even though a property's assessment may increase, taxing bodies must adjust their current tax rate to remain revenue neutral, before making any other adjustments.

The property assessment office is ready to assist residents with preparation for the 2027 reassessment. For more information visit <https://www.lancastercountypa.gov/154/Property-Assessment>. <https://www.lancastercountypa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2220>

Coffee with the Manager

Many thanks to those of you have attended this event each month in 2024 and continuing in 2025. I love meeting each of you and having the chance to chat and share information in a more relaxed setting. I hope to meet more of you in 2025 and beyond. This event occurs on the 2nd Friday of each month from 7:30-9:00 am in the township meeting room. Feel free to drop in and say hello and ask a question or two. No topic is off the table. We provide the coffee, tea & water and occasionally some tasty treats. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet Manager John Yoder and increase your knowledge about the township and its administration.

Mandatory On-Lot Septic Pumping

A portion of the township's Act 537 Plan approval by DEP, requires the pumping and inspection of an on-lot disposal system on a regular basis. This helps extend the life of the system. The township is separated into three pumping districts.

District No. 2 is currently pumping. If you did not receive a letter along with the form and instructions, please contact the Township Manager at 717-367-7178. As a reminder, District No. 2 is due by June 30, 2025.

Pumping District No. 3 will begin pumping in July of 2025. Residents required to pump will receive a postcard reminder with instructions to download or visit the office for the required form. Please see the District 3 streets listed below.

Road/Street	Extent
Anchor Rd	All addresses
Bossler Rd	Numbers 197 to 3385
Brett Rd	All addresses
Foreman Rd	Odd number addresses
Garber	All addresses
Harrisburg Ave	All addresses
Haunstein	All addresses
Heisey Quarry	All addresses
Landis Rd	All addresses
Maytown Rd	Numbers 724 to 1597
Nolt Rd	All addresses
Sagerville Rd	All addresses
Stonemill Dr	Even number addresses



Please visit the On-lot Disposal section of our website (http://www.wdtp.com/zoning_permits/on_lot_disposal) for additional information and for a downloadable copy of the required pump out form.

 <p>70 S. Poplar St, Elizabethtown, PA (717) 367-0355</p> <p>Programs & Services Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Child Care • Senior Center <p>Website Instagram Facebook</p> 	<p>Camp Ladybug 2025 Mon - Fri, June 16 - July 25 9 AM - 12 Noon 6-week Special Needs Camp Theme: Under the Big Top!</p> 	<p>Summer Playground Mon - Fri, June 16 - Aug 8 9 AM - 12 Noon 8-week Summer Program</p> 
	<p>Senior Center (717) 367-7984 SeniorCenter@getintogears.org Hours: Weekdays 8:30 AM - 4 PM</p> <p>Craft Club: Join us every 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1:30 PM</p> 	<p>Kids Center NOW HIRING! (717) 367-0119 Summer Camp Child Care EH Elm. 6:30 AM - 6 PM</p> <p>GEARS Kids Center is looking for enthusiastic individuals to work with our elementary aged children this summer!</p> <p>Send resumes to wendymusser@getintogears.org</p> 
	<p>Spring Golf Tournament Fri April 25 @ 1 PM</p> <p>Fall Golf Tournament Fri October 3 @ 8 AM</p> <p><i>Dauphin Highlands Golf Course</i></p> 	<p>EGG STRAVAGANZA</p> <p>Sat April 12, 10 AM E-town Community Park 1 Ken Ln. Etown</p> 

West Donegal Township, Past to Present – Part 24

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

The Conoy Indian Nation, also called the Piscataway, lived along the Potomac River in southern Maryland. The Europeans and Native American Conoy considered each other friends. Trade developed. The Conoy began to depend on English goods such as iron pots, hoes, knives and fishhooks. For these purchases they traded beaver pelts and deerskins.

As new European settlers kept coming, they began clearing land and building cabins. Around 1717 the Conoy started moving north for better hunting. They followed the Susquehanna. Around 1719 a group of Conoy started a village where Elizabethtown is now located. They created paths to trading centers.

Three thousand miles to the east Thomas Harris, a Scots-Irishman, left Ireland and sailed to the port in Philadelphia. When he arrived in 1726 Thomas was already interested in the Indian trade. Thomas and his new wife, Mary, settled on a 230-acre tract of land on the site which would become Elizabethtown. He built a log house near the Conoy Creek. He traded with the Conoy Indians who lived close by.

As the population was growing, Chester County was divided into two counties. The western half became Lancaster County in 1729. A new county seat needed to be created. Gibson's tavern was selected, and Lancaster Town came into being. Traders wanted a road which went from Lancaster Town to the John Harris ferry. As the population grew the Conoy again moved further north.

This new road went right passed Thomas Harris' log house. He had petitioned the County Court for a license to sell cider and

beer. Now he could cater to travelers. Thomas Harris did well and in 1745 he built a large stone house he called The Black Bear Tavern to accommodate travelers, traders and drovers.

In 1751 Thomas Harris and his family sold their tavern and tract of land to Lazarus Lowrey of Maytown. Lazarus was a veteran Indian trader. But he was starting to understand the value of buying and selling land. In 1753 he sold the Black Bear Tavern and land to Barnabus Hughes. Barnabus later laid out the town and sold lots which would become Elizabethtown named after his wife.

Thomas and his family moved to the Conewago Creek and purchased a house, out buildings, gristmill and sawmill. Now he would service the growing community in a new way.

All this information is only the background for my next article. More exciting history of West Donegal Township to come.

Post Script: Elizabethtown was not incorporated into a borough until 1827. So while the town was being birthed, it was on Donegal Township land.



Black Bear Tavern built in 1745, rebuilt in 1915, located at 56 N Market Street in Elizabethtown and owned by the Borough.



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- John Rudy, *Treasurer* 717.319.0082
- Lindsay Norris, *Secretary* 717.287.9981
- Doug Hottenstein, *Member* 717.361.9829

TOWNSHIP OFFICE Phone: 717.367.7178 • Fax: 717.367.8982

Address: 1 Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Website: www.wdtp.com

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- Melissa Foltz, *Financial Manager, Trash/Recycling Issues*
- Kris Bletcher, *Roadmaster*
- Alecia Hair, *Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer*

ELIZABETHTOWN REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY (ERSA)

235 ERSA Drive, Elizabethtown
Phone: 717.367.5947 • Fax: 717.367.4622

ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WATER AUTHORITY (EAWA)

211 W. Hummelstown St, Elizabethtown
Phone: 717.367.7448 • Fax: 717.367.7496

NORTHWEST REGIONAL LANCASTER COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

8855 Elizabethtown Rd, Elizabethtown
Phone: 717.367.8481 • 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. as needed

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

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

Municipal Emergency Services Authority Board:
3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. in the Elizabethtown Borough Council Chambers

ELIZABETHTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Don't forget to check out the Elizabethtown Public Library. They offer lots of programs for all ages. The Elizabethtown Public Library also offers Copy & Fax services, Passports services, and fingerprinting. You can find them on Facebook at facebook.com/ElizabethtownPublicLibrary or their website <https://etownpubliclibrary.org>.