

# TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

*Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*

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**FALL/WINTER 2014**



## Welcome Pam!

Pamela Craddock has joined West Donegal Township as an administrative assistant. She will assist Wayne Miller, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. One of her first responsibilities will be in setting up and maintaining our new CSG Permit Manager as her position will continue to evolve from there.

Pam has resided in West Donegal Township for her entire life. The only time she did not live within the Township was while attending West Chester University for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees. Pam has a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Certificate in Urban Planning, while her Bachelor's degree is in Geography.

Pam loves to spend time with her family and friends, camping, skiing, fishing, and hiking. Pam also has a real passion for travel. She studied abroad in Dublin, Ireland during college and since then she has strived to see as much of the world as she possibly can.



As I sit at my desk writing this article the sun is shining and the temperature is 85° F. Can that mean that winter is just over the hill and we need to plan for it? Soon after you receive this newsletter you will be turning your thermostat from cool to heat. The Road Department thanks you for your cooperation and patience during 2013-2014 snow and ice events and reminds you of the following rules and guidelines.

- During snow removal operations the removal of vehicles from streets and cul-de-sacs allow safety for employees and less items to avoid during the clearing operation.
- During snow removal operations, it is unlawful to deposit snow or ice on Township roads/streets, whether or not such road/street has been plowed. Large piles of snow from driveways and sidewalks hinder snow plowing operations.
- As winter approaches, please remove trailers, campers, boats, unregistered vehicles and basketball hoops and poles that are currently on Township roads/streets. The reduction of hazards on the streets should be the goal of all residents.



## Do You Transport a Child Under Eight Years of Age in a Motor Vehicle?

The Pennsylvania Vehicle code requires that all children under eight years of age that are passengers in a "Passenger car, Class I Truck, Class II Truck, Classic Motor Vehicle, Antique Motor Vehicle or Motor Home" be properly restrained in an approved Child Safety Seat. Additionally the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggests that any child under 4' 9" in height use a Child Safety Seat of appropriate specifications to ensure that the vehicle seat belt properly fits that child.

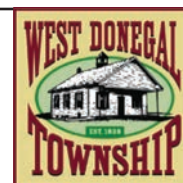
The Northwest Regional Police Department provides Child Safety Seat inspections and assistance with installations free of charge. If you have any questions regarding this issue or would like to schedule an inspection or need help with an installation please contact the Department's Certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician, Officer Michael Bryant, at 367-3382 ext. 113. The Northwest Regional Police Department does not provide Child Safety Seats, but will be able to provide contact information to an agency that may be able to provide one if needed. Thank You for helping us to keep kids safe while riding in motor vehicles!!

### WEST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP

One Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Phone (717) 367-7178

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



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## West Donegal Township Past to Present Part 2

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



In Part 1, we learned how William Penn was thrown in jail again and again because of his religious beliefs. Years later as he drew-up a frame of government for Pennsylvania, it included free and fair trial by jury, freedom of religion and freedom from unjust imprisonment.

William Penn invited all who dreamed of tolerance and who wanted a better way of life. Then William Penn did the unthinkable. He told the new settlers of Pennsylvania that they would be governed by the laws of their own making. The Scots-Irish came. The Germans and Swiss came. The English and Welsh came and many more who were strong, bold and courageous.

In the year 1691, the first settler moved to the area that would become Lancaster County. By 1729, as the population grew, a large area of Chester County broke away and became Lancaster County.

Donegal Township had already been organized in 1722 by Scott-Irish settlers. The name Donegal was derived from Donegal County, North Ireland, from which they came. Donegal Township of 1722 was very large. It included today's townships of Rapho, Mount Joy, East and West Donegal, and Conoy.

As the population grew, residents demanded that local government be closer to them. Inconvenience, trouble, and expense were incurred because of the distance residents needed to travel to attend their township meetings and elections. (A horse and wagon travels at 3 miles per hour.)

In 1741, Rapho Township broke away from Donegal. Mount Joy Township did the same in 1759. In 1838, Donegal Township divided almost in half and formed East and West Donegal. Conoy Township was formed from West Donegal Township in 1842.

So in 2013, the residents of West Donegal celebrated the Township's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you missed Part 1 of West Donegal Township Past to Present, go to the Township's website at [www.wdtwp.com](http://www.wdtwp.com), click on "About the Township" at the top of the page and then click on "Newsletters" to find copies of each newsletter in a pdf format for your perusal at any time. We also keep a small number of copies here at the Township office. (Stay tuned next edition for the next chapter.)

## Voting

- October 6: This is the last day to register to vote before the Municipal Primary. Voter registration forms must be received by the County Voter Registration Office by this date. Call 299-8293 for more information.
- October 21: Absentee ballots picked up or mailed to requested individuals.
- October 31: All absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. this day.
- November 4: Municipal Primary—polls are open continuously between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The 4 polling places (this is a change from 2013) located in West Donegal Township are as follows:

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



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

# Upcoming



# GEARS Events

live. learn. play.



## Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast

Look for treasures that will include clothing, books, bake sale, Chinese auction, food, attic trinkets and more!

Sat, Nov 15 Bazaar 7 am- 1 pm

Breakfast 7am – 11 am

GEARS Community Center

## Kids Center

We know you need a flexible childcare plan that fits your lifestyle and your budget. We offer full day, part day, and wrap around contracts at many GEARS Kids Center locations. Give us a call to learn more.



## Ryan & Friends

Join Ryan and all of his hilarious friends for a zany time of laughter. Invite your friends!

Sat, Dec 6 1 pm

Middle School Auditorium

Free; no registration required

## Fall Festival

This event is family-friendly and features a fabulous array of entertainment, food, crafts, Vendors and children's activities.

Held in conjunction with E-town College

"Into the Streets".

Sat, Oct 25 10am – 4pm

## BEARS Youth Basketball Program

Organized practices and games for children in grades 1-9. Forms for this program will be distributed in late October. Interest in coaching or officiating, please call the GEARS office.

Volunteer coaches are needed!

Draft Dates:

Nov 18, 7-8:15 pm

BOYS Grades 3-9

Nov 20, 7-8:15 pm

GIRLS Grades 3-9

Middle School Gym



## 2014 Bus Trips

Lion King, Finger Lakes Winery Tour, Radio City, NYC on your own.

## Look for some of these exciting events in 2015

Daddy Daughter Dance

Bus Trips: Wicked,  
Mohonk Mountain House,  
Eastern State Penitentiary  
Eggstravaganza

GEARS 2015 Winter/Spring Brochure

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email [GEARS@GetintoGEARS.org](mailto:GEARS@GetintoGEARS.org)



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## Solid Waste and Recycling Contract



West Donegal Township and Eagle Disposal of PA, Inc. have agreed to extend the contract of the collection of municipal waste and designated recyclable materials until December 31, 2015. The Township has been satisfied with the service provided by Eagle Disposal during the last several years and believe it is an advantage to Township residents to continue the service. As always if you have concerns or you are missed on collection day, call Wendy Cain at the Township.

Just a reminder that all multi-family units and non-residential units, i.e. commercial, industrial, institutional

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

The Township requires notification of the licensed hauler that is providing this service if you are not part of the current Township collection. If you have a private hauler all materials must be manifested through LCSWMA. We know that many of you provide the notification and we thank you for your cooperation. If you have your own hauler and they do not collect recyclables, you shall participate in the Township curbside program simply by contacting the Township office as there is no charge to participate in the recycling portion of the program. If to date you have not provided that information or have not followed the regulations we request your cooperation as in late 2014 we will be looking for compliance of this important matter.

If you have any questions, contact the Township office.

## Q & A Regarding Trash & Hazardous Household Waste

### Where can I go to find out where to recycle other items not taken by the LCSWMA?

Residents of Lancaster County who are looking to recycle materials, other than newsprint, glass, plastic bottles aluminum and steel cans, should visit <http://earth911.com> for information on and a comprehensive list of exactly what you can recycle and where.

### What should I do with my needles from insulin?

For safe disposal of sharps (needles), contact LCSWMA for a free Safe Clip™, a portable device that clips and stores up to 1500 needles. Safe Clips™ are also available at most pharmacies for purchase. Once full, the device may be placed in your regular trash.

### How should I dispose of my prescription medicine?

The [Office of National Drug Control Policy](#) has issued guidelines for the proper disposal of prescription drugs:

- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers.
- Mix prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, like used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and put them in impermeable, nondescript containers, such as empty cans with secure lids or sealable bags, to further ensure the drugs are not used or accidentally ingested by children and pets.
- Throw the repackaged drugs in the trash.
- Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet unless the label or information specifies to do so.
- The Northwest Regional Police Department also has a drop-box available for proper disposal of prescription & OTC medicines.



### Christmas Tree P/U

Christmas tree pick up will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Please place your tree curbside the night before collection. Since the trees will be recycled, they must be free of lights, tinsel, ornaments and bags. And, no artificial trees please.



## Clip & Save

### White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Saturday, October 18

All white goods and tires must be tagged and placed curbside the night before collection.

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



### Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection

Woody Waste and Yard Waste will be collected every other Tuesday from April 8 through October 7. Yard Waste needs to be placed in Kraft bags. Again, this season no tags are required and there will be **no** cost to you! You will be required to come to the Township office to sign out the number of bags that you will need with a maximum of 20 bags at a time. Any yard waste placed in plastic bags during this time will not be collected. Woody Waste should be bundled with biodegradable twine, not longer than 4' in length and not more than 6" in diameter. These items should be placed curbside the night before collection with your regular trash but will be collected by a separate recycling truck.

Remaining Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection Days are:

September 23

October 7

**Yard waste** after October 7 should be placed in with the regular trash. There is a 3-bag limit on the trash that you may place curbside each week. Extra trash tags (yellow) may be purchased for \$5.00 per strip containing four tags. Refer to the section to the right relating to **LEAVES** only.

### Leaf Pick Up (after October 7)

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

October 21

November 4

November 18

December 2

Leaves must be in brown biodegradable Kraft bags and placed curbside the night before collection. Kraft bags are available at the Township office free of charge.

### Reminder:

Trash must be in 32-gallon trash bags or cans and weigh less than 30 lbs. All recyclables should be plastics **with a neck only**. Other plastic items such as margarine tubs, take-out containers even if they have #1 or #2 on them are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash. Also recycle all glass containers, aluminum cans, newspapers, all small cardboard boxes such as cereal, shoes, etc., paper towel rolls (anything similar made out of cardboard), magazines, and junk mail. If your trash, recycling or Kraft bags are missed, call the Township office as soon as you know you have been missed, at the latest before 10 a.m. the next business day or leave a message on Wendy's voice mail after 4 p.m. the day of trash pick-up. When you leave a message, be sure to include your name, address and phone number where we can reach you and what was missed.



## White Goods/Tire Pick-Up West Donegal Township's Bi-Annual White Good/Tire Pick-up Saturday, October 18

White Good Tag \$12.00

Passenger Car or Motorcycle Tire Tag \$ 3.00

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



- Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks shall occur within 12 hours after a storm ends. A path shall be cleared at least 30 inches in width. In the event that the snow and/or ice on a sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be removed without damage to the sidewalk sand or other abrasive material shall be placed to make travel reasonably safe as soon as weather permits.
- Should the Township or State close a road based on weather conditions, we ask that all motorists follow and obey whatever we are asking you to do. The signs were put there because in this portion of the roadway there is a safety issue and we need to keep motorists off the road. If you see a road closed sign, please do **NOT** remove the sign or go around it. Find a safer route to get wherever you are going. It may be an inconvenience for you, but think safety - keep you, your family and other motorists and roadway workers safe.
- The disposal of leaves in roadside swales and ditches by residents has been brought to the Township's attention. You will note in this newsletter that leaves are to be recycled as part of the trash/recycling ordinance. Filling the roadside swales or ditches with leaves is a safety hazard holding water on the roadway creating hydroplaning or icing situation along the roadway. Please recycle the leaves from your property and keep the gutters clean.

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

1. Main Roadways
2. Secondary Roadways
3. Developments
4. Cul-de-sacs



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

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

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

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

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



## 2014 Road Work

By the time you receive this newsletter, the 2014 micro-surfacing project in Rheems and the paving of Crestview Drive will be completed. We thank you for your patience during this work. The list of 2015 projects will be developed during the budget process. If you have suggestions, please contact the Township office.

## Mandatory On-Lot Septic Pumping

On August 1, 2014, Pumping District No. 1, the area north of Turnpike Road, property owners have one year to comply with the regulations regarding the on-lot pumping and inspection of their systems. A letter and the required form were mailed to each property owner. If we missed your property or you require a form, please contact the Township

The on-lot pumping and inspection, while a part of the Act 537 Plan approval by DEP, on a regular basis will extend the life of the on-lot disposal systems. On August 1, 2015 Pumping District No. 2 will have one year to comply with the requirements. The property owners will be notified via a letter and required form. If you have any questions on this regulation, please call the Township office.





# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The National Night Out celebration sponsored by Northwest Lancaster County Police Department (NWLCPD) on August 5, 2014 was once again a success and enjoyed by children and adults.

It was a disappointment that Life Lion could not make the celebration, however, we assume it was a life-saving call.



The NWLCPD is always looking to make the celebration a success and desires any ideas you have for 2015 be submitted to them at 367-8481.



Friday, October 31, 2014 • 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.