

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

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SPRING/SUMMER 2015

NEW

By using CFLs you've made a step toward becoming more energy efficient at home and helping the environment. CFLs use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs and can last 10 times longer.

Have a used CFL bulb? Bring it to the Township office for free and easy recycling!

You know West Donegal Township is always looking for ways to save energy and increase recycling awareness. We have partnered with PPL by participating in their free CFL recycling program. Simply bring your CFL bulbs here to the Township building and we will take care of recycling them for you. There are no charges to the Township or the residents to participate in this program.



NEW - Home Compost Workshop Scheduled

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) is partnering with West Donegal Township and Penn State Master Gardeners of Lancaster County to a conduct home compost

workshop where residents

will learn how to recycle organic waste from their kitchens and gardens instead of putting it in the trash. Composting is an excellent way to recycle vegetable scraps, grass clippings, leaves, and other organic materials and turn them into a useful and valuable soil amendment.

Workshop attendees will also learn how to build effective, yet inexpensive home compost bins to meet their needs. Each household in attendance will be eligible to receive a free kitchen scrap collection bucket courtesy of LCSWMA.

On June 6, West Donegal Township will host their first ever compost workshop from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. No fee is required, but pre-registration is recommended. To pre-register or for more information, please contact Wendy at (717) 367-7178 or email wendy@wdtwp.com.

For information on other workshops, please go to LCSWMA's website for additional dates and locations.



CFL Recycling

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

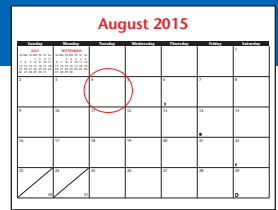
The Northwest Regional Police Department will be hosting their 4th annual National Night Out (NNO) event at the West Donegal Township Municipal Building, Tuesday, August 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Northwest Regional Police Department encourages everyone to come out and meet the officers and enjoy the festivities.

Each year we attempt to add new and exciting events and activities so we continue to provide a night filled with fun activities for everyone. We anticipate that the Rheems and Elizabethtown Fire Departments will team together to provide rescue scenarios and demonstrations. And we hope our one and only Star Wars characters will make their appearance. We can hope that Life Lion may be able to make an appearance. Music for the young and young at heart will be provided by D.J. Ron. We definitely don't want to leave out the non-stop dedication of the horse and pony from Ironstone Ranch; the skills of the Balunguy and the face-painters; and delicious food provided by the St. Peter's Catholic Church Men's Club along with those scrumptious milkshakes by Elizabethtown Area Grange 2067.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all participants, sponsors and volunteers who continue to offer their services and assistance throughout the NNO event preparation and activities. It is only with their help that this event continues to be a huge success.

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

We hope we will see you again this year. This event is open for everyone. So for those of you who have not attended in the past, we hope you'll join us this year. And bring your family, friends, and neighbors with you!!



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.



West Donegal Township Past to Present Part 3

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

In 1681 King Charles II gave William Penn a large tract of land in the new world, which was named Pennsylvania. William Penn drew up a framework of government for an ethical society who dreamed of tolerance and a better way of life. Settlers came. They came to a land of dense forests stretching out as far as the eye could see. There existed a few narrow paths that led through the miles of forests created by the native population traveling to hunting grounds. These brave new settlers endured hardships while clearing land of dense forests, preparing the soil to raise crops, and building their houses of rough-hewn logs using crude tools.

These settlers also had to be watchful for assaults by the Native Americans who were becoming angry because their hunting grounds were disappearing. There were other hardships caused by accidents and disease. Settler's stories are filled deeds of courage, sacrifices, and untold suffering.

Trading posts also sprung up. Men set up businesses to trade iron pots, hoes, knives, fish hooks, and sometimes rum for beaver pelts and deer skins. The furs brought a lot of money when sold in Europe. One such trading post still sits at the corner of Turnpike Road and Harrison Street in Newville. It is believed to have been built around 1732. Trading took place with a clan of Conoy Indians who lived nearby.

Missionaries were also among the first pioneers. They came to preach and attend to the spiritual needs of the inhabitants of the sparsely settled communities in the early days. As early as 1727 Peter Blasser erected a small House of Worship on his 132-acre farm (along the now Maytown Road) for the use of these traveling missionaries. Even though this log structure is long gone, a small cemetery still remains.

Good roads were crucial for businessmen shipping goods and farmers bringing produce to market. But the new nation lacked capital to build roads. Private enterprise stepped in. Companies sold stock to raise enough money to build roads. Investments were recovered by charging tolls for using roads and bridges.

When the western part of Chester County became Lancaster County in 1729, the site for the new court house and county seat became Lancaster town. Roads had to be cut from settlements to the new town. Settlers and traders who used the John Harris Ferry wanted a road to Lancaster also. The "Great Road" from Harris Ferry to Lancaster opened in 1738 (now Harrisburg Pike). This road was laid through Donegal Township. The new turnpike brought goods and services and helped the area flourish.

If you missed Parts 1 and 2 of West Donegal Township Past to Present, go to the Township's website at 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.)

Municipal Primary Voting

April 20: 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 12: Absentee ballots picked up or mailed to requested individuals.

May 15: All absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. this day.

May 19: Municipal Primary—polls are open continuously between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The **4 polling places** located in West Donegal Township are as follows:

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

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



From Elizabethtown Area Water Authority Rain Barrel Sale & Seminar

Interested in utilizing free water for your lawn or flowers? Purchase your rain barrel from EAWA at www.etown-water.com prior to April 20, 2015 for a discounted price of \$80 (retail price \$169). Interested in learning about rain barrels, rain gardens, native plants, and more? Register for free seminar on May 2, 2015 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am by calling 367-7448. Space is limited!

Lancaster County Commissioners' Meeting

Come join us for an informative meeting with the Lancaster County Commissioners on June 10, 2015. The meeting will be held at the West Donegal Township Municipal Building at 7 p.m. Please attend and bring your questions and concerns.

What's Happening Highlights

Newville Road Bridge

The winter weather has slowed construction; however, footers and pier construction is underway. Warmer weather will allow the construction activity to increase with a bridge opening later this year.

Zeager Road

The roadway widening work on Zeager Road in support of the Nordstrom project is close to completion. Some final details and construction will occur in the spring. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter the signal will be active.

Summer Road Construction Projects

Normally we provide a projected list of street and roadway projects for the summer; however, the severe weather has damaged certain streets that last fall didn't appear to require consideration. An inspection of the roadways after the snow and ice is gone will determine the 2015 construction priorities.

Township Road Crew

To provide safety for the Township Road Crew, please abide by their direction at any construction project and give a wide berth of any work site. Working together we can keep everyone safe.



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 will also help extend the life of the system. Property owners in Pumping District No. 1, the area north of Turnpike Road, must comply with the regulations regarding on-lot pumping and inspection by August 1, 2015.

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.

From the Code Enforcement Officer

Driveway

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

Pools and Hot Tub/Spas

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

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

Certificate of Occupancy for Zoning and UCC Permits

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

Uniform Construction Codes (UCC) – Residential Construction

UCC permits are required for 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.



3rd Annual Covered Device Recycling Event

Our 3rd annual covered device recycling event will be held Saturday, September 12 from 8 a.m. through 12 noon. This year Egreen from Ephrata will be the company providing the services to the Township. The drop off event will be held here at the Township building similar to last year. It is open to residents and businesses within the Township.

Egreen offers a free, safe, reliable and hassle-free way to dispose of your e-waste. Their specialty is properly recycling your unnecessary and unhealthy electronic waste.

These are the types of covered devices that we will be accepting at the event:

- Computers
- Laptops
- Printers
- Scanners
- CRT Monitors
- LCD Monitors
- Keyboards
- Televisions
- Household Electronics
- Household Items with a Cord
- Medical Equipment
- Office Machines
- Fax machines
- Cell Phones
- Cameras
- DVD Players



There is no charge for the residents/businesses to dispose of these items at the event with the exception of televisions (both flat screen and others) and computer monitors for which there will be a \$10.00 charge per item (cash only). This is because it costs Egreen to dispose of these items safely due to the lead and CRT's in them. As with the shredding portion of this event, we will be asking for donations for our local food bank.

Egreen understands that keeping your confidential information thoroughly protected is of utmost importance. Because of this, Egreen crushes all hard drives and complies with GLB act and HIPAA mandates for hard drive disposal and also gives a document of destruction upon request. You can be confident that all private information will be destroyed before all recycling procedures begin. One more way that you can be assured that Egreen is recycling the proper way.

6th Annual Shredding Event

This year's shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Township building located at One Municipal Drive. As in previous years, services and equipment will be provided by Nexcut, a bonded and certified company who focuses on security, customer services and green business. You can watch while your paper is shredded into 3/8" confetti by bonded personnel and equipment.

This event is free of charge to all residents/businesses that live in the Elizabethtown/ Mount Joy/Maytown area. Again this year, as it our wish to help others within our community, 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 Conoy Brethren in Christ Food Bank. Last year we donated more than 14 boxes of donated food/supplies. 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!

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY • Saturday, May 9, 2015

The West Donegal Township Spring Clean Up will take place on Saturday, May 9 between the hours of 7:00 am through 12 Noon. Unwanted items may be brought to the Township Garage Building, 7 West Ridge Road, Elizabethtown. Proof of residency in the Township will be required. No builders, contractors or commercial establishments will be permitted to discard unwanted items. The first standard pick-up size loads (or the equivalent) will be free. No larger sized trucks will be accepted. Due to continued increases in dumping fees and clean-up costs, additional pick up truckloads will be charged a fee of \$30.00.

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

Fees **will also** be charged for the following items:

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

The following items will NOT be accepted:

Covered Devices – This includes TV's, computers, laptops, keyboards, monitors, printers, cell phones, etc. See separate article on our Covered Device event scheduled for September along with our shredding event.

Hazardous Waste - This includes auto fluids, cleaners, paint, pesticides, kerosene, etc.

Building Materials -This includes dry wall, concrete, shingles, siding, etc.

Oversized Items - This includes boats, canoes, campers, etc.

Yard Waste – This includes wood, stumps, leaves, branches, etc.

If you have any questions regarding what will be accepted, call the Township office @ 367-7178. You may dispose of the non-acceptable materials at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority in Lancaster. For more information call them at 397-9968.

Please No Early Birds or Dropping Off of Items

No Exceptions

~NOTE: This is the only Township clean up this year~



Clip & Save



White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Saturday, April 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 397.9968 for disposal of these items. There will also be a White Goods & Tire pick up on October 17.

Spring Cleanup

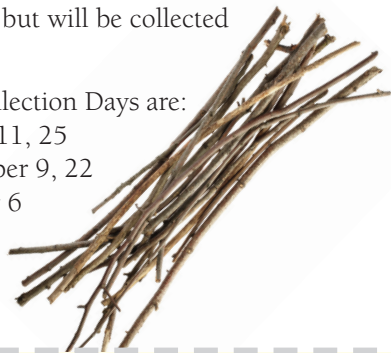
Saturday, May 9 from 7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are associated fees for this year's pick up for more than one truckload of items. See the enclosed newsletter article for details.

Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection

Woody Waste and Yard Waste will be collected every other Tuesday from April 7 through October 6. 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.

Woody Waste and Yard Waste Collection Days are:

April 7, 21	August 11, 25
May 5, 19	September 9, 22
June 2, 16, 30	October 6
July 14, 28	



NEW FOR 2015: Yard Waste/Leaf Pick Up (after October 6)

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

October 20	November 17
November 3	December 1

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

Holiday Trash Schedule

Memorial Day – Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, May 27, 4th of July** – Trash and recycling will be on **Tuesday, July 7**, on its regular schedule.

Labor Day- Trash and recycling pick up will be **Wednesday, September 9**.

Reminder:

Trash must be in 32-gallon trash bags or cans and weigh less than 30 lbs. Plastic containers and bottles include water, juice and soda bottles; plastic clamshells; yogurt containers; and plastic containers and bottles #1 through #7. 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, 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.**

Waste is a Resource

For the majority of the United States, trash is sent to a landfill where it is buried and forgotten...but not in Lancaster County! Here, municipal solid waste (MSW) and recyclable materials are managed by the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) through an innovative, multi-step process called an Integrated System.

With an aggressive, county-wide recycling program and a free, drive-through Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 43% of the Lancaster County's MSW is removed upfront; after which 55% of the remaining waste is burned at LCSWMA's WTE Facility in Conoy Township. The WTE Facility not only reduces the volume of the waste it processes by 90%, it also generates enough electricity to *power one in six Lancaster County homes*. The final 2% of MSW, mainly non-combustible material and ash from the WTE Facility, is disposed of at the Frey Farm Landfill in Manor Township.

To compare these numbers with the rest of the county, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that on average the nation recycles only 34% of MSW, combusts just 12% for energy recovery, and landfills a whopping 54% of waste. *It's easy to see the exceptional resource we have in Lancaster County that diverts 98% of MSW from our landfill.*

Doing Your Part

In order to continue achieving these excellent results, residents play a pivotal role. LCSWMA offers the following tips and reminders when disposing of waste:

- **Recycle more!** It begins with the bin. Materials that should be placed inside your recycling bin include:

1. **Cardboard:** standard boxes, pizza boxes, food boxes, other cardboard packaging
2. **Paper:** newspapers, magazines, office paper
3. **Plastic containers and bottles:** water, juice and soda bottles, plastic clamshells, yogurt containers, plastic containers and bottles #1 - #7
4. **Metal and aluminum:** aluminum cans, steel cans and food containers, empty aerosol and paint cans
5. **Glass:** food and beverage glass containers

Remember to rinse containers to remove food or product residue. Remove plastic caps or lids. Labels do not need to be removed from containers. Bundle loose paper and cardboard. Check the weather, and if the forecast calls for high winds or precipitation, keep your recyclables inside until the next scheduled pick-up day.

- **Computers, electronic waste, paint and more...** LCSWMA offers FREE disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) at its HHW Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike. Materials accepted include: adhesives, automotive and household batteries, chemistry sets, cooking and frying oils, covered devices (computers and televisions), other electronic waste (cameras, cell phones, DVD players, game consoles, etc.), fire extinguishers, floor and furniture polish, fuel, household cleaners, lawn treatments, mercury-containing items, paint and pool chemicals. The HHW Facility is open Monday – Friday from 7am to 4pm and Saturdays from 8am to 12pm.



- **Household batteries...** Use an orange battery bag, available at the Township office or by contacting LCSWMA, for safe disposal of household batteries and cell phones. When the bag is full, place it next to your recycle bin. You can also dispose of batteries at our municipal building or take them directly to LCSWMA's HHW Facility.
- **Construction/demolition (C/D) waste...** Based on trash fees, our hauler is limited in the amount of C/D waste that can be collected curbside. Materials such as brick, concrete and lumber longer than six feet must be delivered to LCSWMA's Frey Farm Landfill for a fee.
- **Appliances...** Appliances (with and without Freon) are accepted at LCSWMA's three Lancaster facilities for a nominal fee. Any ozone damaging gases are safely removed and the metal is recycled.
- **Tires...** Car, truck and motorcycle tires (with or without rims) are accepted at LCSWMA's three Lancaster facilities for a nominal fee. The rubber and metal is then recycled.
- **Asbestos...** All asbestos-containing material must be delivered directly to LCSWMA's Frey Farm Landfill for a fee. Friable asbestos must be wetted and double-bagged prior to delivery.
- **Medical waste...** Small amounts of in-home medical waste should be placed in a sealable plastic container and disposed of as regular trash. For large volumes of medical waste, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).
- **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 in an attached receptacle. 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.
- **Grass clippings...** The most environmentally beneficial way to dispose of grass clippings is to leave them on your lawn to decompose, which acts as natural fertilizer. If you choose not to recycle your grass clippings, the Township asks that you follow our yard waste recycling program (refer to the Clip Free section of the newsletter).



To Learn More

If you have any questions regarding LCSWMA's Integrated System, facility location and operating hours, rates for materials delivered, or to request a free Safe Clip or battery bag, contact LCSWMA at 717-397-9968 or info@lcswma.org. Additional information about LCSWMA's renewable energy projects, community engagement activities and more can be found online at www.lcswma.org.

Upcoming GEARS Events

April 24 "Spring Mix" Golf Tournament @ Sunset Golf Course
1 p.m. (shotgun start) \$80/player.
Sponsored by Dr. Dale Treese, DDS.

May 2 Mother/Son Golf Outing (Saturday) 11 am – 2 pm @ Adventure Sports

Compete with your son in a day of fun at Adventure Sports! The day will include a miniature golf tournament, pizza lunch, arts & crafts, and giveaways for contest winners. \$35/couple

May 8 Mother/Daughter Tea (Friday) 6:30 pm – 8pm @ Masonic Village Dining Room

Mothers and daughters, enjoy a special night of fun! Bring your grandmother, aunt, older sister or favorite family friend. The evening will include crafts, music and refreshments. \$35/couple

June 15 – July 30 Summer Playground (Mon-Thurs) 9 am – 12 noon @ E-town Park & Rheems Elementary. 7 weeks of organized FUN where your child can have fun with other kids right in your own neighborhood park or elementary school.

June 15 – July 24 Camp Ladybug (Mon-Friday) 9 am – 12 noon @ E-town Park – This camp is for individuals who have mental and/or physical challenges. Registration is required.

June – August starting at dusk....

Movies in the Park @ E-town Park Amphitheater. Showings to be announced.

Bus Trips

April 11 (Saturday)

Washington DC Cherry Blossoms

May 9 (Saturday)

Mohonk Mountain House

May 31 (Sunday)

NASCAR at Dover Speedway

June 20 (Saturday)

Naval Academy Tall Ships

July 11 (Saturday)

Watkins Glen Wine Festival

****Registration for the Kids Center Summer Program begins in February 2015!****

For more information about any of our programs, events or bus trips

Contact us at 717.367.0355

Website: www.GetintoGEARS.org



Northwest EMS – Did You Know?

Summer Play and Concussion Awareness



Your child falls off a swing. You find her lying on the ground, dazed and not sure of where she is. Would you know what to do? Would you know how serious this is?

Northwest EMS recently participated in a video production with the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC) to raise awareness of the dangers of traumatic brain injuries. The video is aimed at educating parents and the public

on how to recognize that a concussion might have occurred, as well as information on when to seek emergency medical care for a possible concussion.

Concussions are serious brain injuries and should never be dismissed without seeking appropriate medical intervention. Recognizing that a concussion may have occurred and respond promptly and appropriately directly impacts the patient's recovery and outcome.

You can view the video at <http://bit.ly/1zcHseR>.

Free CPR Classes

Northwest EMS holds free, "Hands Only" CPR classes once a month at the Northwest EMS headquarters, 380 West Bainbridge St., Elizabethtown. We also offer expanded CPR classes leading to certification for youth organizations, businesses and churches. If you want to know the date of the next free CPR class, want an ambulance to visit your school for a demonstration, or want a certified CPR class taught at your location, call Northwest EMS at 361-8220, ext. 1.



Officer Bryan Ressler

On 18 January 2015, Officer Bryan Ressler retired from the Northwest Lancaster County Regional Police Department. Officer Ressler started his law enforcement career in Marietta Borough in 1987. In September of 1990 Officer Ressler was hired as a police officer in Mount Joy Township. In 2003 Mount Joy Township Police Department and West Donegal Township Police Department became the Northwest Regional Police Department. During Officer Ressler's career he worked as a Police K-9 Officer, worked with the Lancaster County Drug Task Force, was a member of the Northwest Accident Crash Team. Officer Ressler served the community with pride and the officers of the Northwest Regional Police Department were honored to work with him.

On January 27th, 2015, Officer Seth Arnold was hired as a police officer with Northwest Regional Police Department. Officer Arnold previously worked as a police officer at the Harrisburg International Airport. Officer Arnold has a degree from Bloomsburg University and completed his Municipal Police Officer and Education Training Academy in 2013.



Officer Seth Arnold

