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News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

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FALL/WINTER 2015

Trick or Treat
Friday, October 30, 2015
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



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. 2, the area south of Turnpike Road and north of Stonemill Drive, must comply with the regulations regarding on-lot pumping and inspection by August 1, 2016.

A letter and the required form were mailed to each property owner. If you believe we missed your property or you require a form, please contact the Township.

On August 1, 2016, Pumping District No. 3 will have one year to comply with the requirements. The property owners will be notified via a letter and required form. If you have any questions on this regulation, please call the Township office.



Introductions to Our Road Department!

West Donegal Township would like to welcome four members that have joined our Road Department.

Todd Garber, Roadmaster, resides in Manheim with his wife Adrienne. They have three boys, Ethan, 14, Owen, 11, and Aidan 8. Todd was born in East Donegal Township and attended Donegal High School. He enjoys coaching baseball in Manheim. The family spends time at the beach. Todd spent 7 years with Penn Township (Lancaster County) as Road Foreman. He went to school in Tennessee for road work and had previously been in road construction and excavation for 18 years.

Troy (Butch) Montgomery, Senior Equipment Operator, resides in Manheim with his wife, Shana and their children - their son, Brooks, 9, Addison, 5, and Piper, 4. Butch has 18+ years working in excavating and construction. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and going to the mountains.

Marvin Teter, Jr., Equipment Operator, resides in West Donegal Township, with his wife, Heather and two daughters, Madison, 11 and Emma, 8. Marvin's experience includes driving truck for 10 years. He has an Associates' Degree in Arts, with an emphasis in pre-med. He also studied horticulture at Temple University. He spends his time off hunting and fishing.

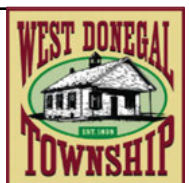
Dennis Ricedorf, Equipment Operator, grew up in West Donegal Township, spent a number of years in Maytown, and has come home to the Township. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Amy and Erin, and 3 grandchildren, Ian, 5, Analise, 5, and Reagan, 2. Dennis and his family enjoy spending time outdoors, while his personal passion is hunting. He worked part-time with the Township during the summer months and will be assisting in the snow plowing operations during the winter. He is retired from Armstrong World Industries.

WEST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP

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



West Donegal Township Past to Present Part 4

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

Scots-Irish started coming to Pennsylvania in significant numbers as early as 1719. For you to understand the importance of this immigration, here is a brief history.

The feud between the English and the Irish existed for centuries. The attempt by King Henry VIII to force his Church of England upon Ireland and stamp out Catholicism was fruitless. King James I carried out a colonization experiment on confiscated ground in Northern Ireland. This land was leased to new Scots Presbyterian settlers (circa 1610). Over the years the Scots Presbyterians and the Irish Catholic never harmoniously merged, as was hoped. With the demise of one king and the accession of another, the Scots Presbyterians eventually had to bear the cross of persecution also.

The English established church was the only one tolerated in Northern Ireland by now. The Scots Presbyterians found themselves shut out by law from all civil, military and municipal offices. They found themselves evicted from their leased land by exorbitant rent. Unable to bear the persecution of the Church of England, they looked toward the colonies.

They were determined to seek a home where the long arm of the Church of England was too short to reach them. Thirty-thousand Scots Presbyterians left Ireland for America. In America, they were known as Scots-Irish (meaning Scotlanders from Ireland). Today, in Ireland, they call themselves Ulster Scots.

They came as extended families and occasionally as a whole congregation. They moved to the frontier. (At that time the Susquehanna River was the frontier.) They organized Donegal Township in 1722, previously known as West Conestoga Township. Scots-Irish settlers changed the name to Donegal as Donegal County, North Ireland had been their home.

The Scots-Irish worked hard at clearing the land and building small log structures. However, they still held grievances directly against England. Nowhere were the views of hostility to the Crown and Parliament more devoutly sealed than in the group which encircled "The Witness Tree" at Donegal Presbyterian Church. Here they made a pledge to the sacred cause of freedom and independence. They became the backbone of the American Revolution.



Image of a mature white oak tree that could be similar to The Witness Tree. According to the Donegal Society "The original Witness Tree was a stately white oak that grew and flourished for nearly three centuries, but sadly had to be replaced. The current Witness Tree was grown from the original tree, and stands in the same spot as a proud testimonial to the preservation of the Donegal Society and the Donegal Presbyterian Church. It was around the original Witness Tree that congregants gathered in 1777 to pledge their support of the fight for independence from British rule."

Voting

- October 5: 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 27: Absentee ballots picked up or mailed to requested individuals.
- October 30: All absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. this day.
- November 3: 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.

Update Corner

2015 Road Work



During the summer/fall of 2015, the Township completed road work along Bossler Road from Bainbridge Road to Amosite Road. The work including base repairs and micro-surfacing. At the West Ridge Road bridge, west of Miller Road, work was completed to repair the wingwalls, guide rails, and abutments. In 2016, we anticipate repairing the roadway in this area. The design of a culvert replacement on Hess Road continues to develop towards obtaining the required permits.

The 2016 projects will be developed as part of the budget process. Additional details of the projects/repair work will follow in the spring/summer newsletter. If you have suggestions, please contact the Township office.

Newville Road Bridge

Work is continuing on the Newville Road Bridge. As of the development of the newsletter the concrete decks will be poured. Please note we are still awaiting official word from PennDOT as to the actual completion date. Prior to the opening of the bridge, West Donegal Township will be placing a paving wearing coating on Newville Road.

West Donegal Township wants you to recycle!

The Township participates in a single stream recycling program which enables you to place all recycled materials in one container. That is good news because that means you can recycle more materials.

Acceptable



Cartons are now acceptable!



Juice • Milk • Soy Milk
Soup and Broth • Wine
Milk • Juice • Cream
• Egg Substitutes

Be sure to remove all
caps and straws

Empty and rinse

METAL:

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

GLASS:

- Clear and colored glass food & beverage
containers

PLASTIC:

- Containers, Bottles, Jars and Jugs - These may
include shampoo bottles, liquid detergent
containers, condiment bottles, deli
containers, yogurt containers & clam shells.

PAPER, PAPERBOARD & CARDBOARD:

Recycle Any Size. Any Quantity.

*Please break down boxes as flat as possible and
put them in or out next to your recycle bin(s).*

- All sizes of cardboard boxes
- Clean pizza boxes
- Food boxes (i.e. cereal & gelatin boxes)
- EMPTY paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Paperboard packaging (i.e. tissue boxes)
- Office paper (any color)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and brochures
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Paper bags
- Phone books & other soft cover books
- Paperboard food and drink cartons

Larger boxes and a larger amounts of corrugated
cardboard should be flattened and brought to the
Township building roll off dumpster for recycling.

You may leave on
the rings and labels.



- Broken glass
- Windows, mirrors, ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Aluminum foil
- Scrap metal
- Clothing hangers (metal and plastic)
- Plastic tableware (knives, forks, spoons, etc.)
- Plastic grocery bags
- Light bulbs
- Food soiled material
- Wet papers or cardboard
- Plastic food wrappers
- Used paper towels or tissues
- Styrofoam
- Pool chemicals
- Packing peanuts
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Hose
- Christmas lights
- Diapers
- Food waste

The Covered Devices Recycling Act prohibits residents and businesses from placing their electronic waste at the curb or in their trash.

Covered devices include: desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers), televisions and e-readers that browse the Internet.



Clip & Save



NEW!! Yard Waste/ Woody Waste and Leaf Collection

This year we will be picking up the yard waste and leaves in the Kraft bags through December 1. Pick up continues to be every other Tuesday. 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 25 bags at a time. 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 Yard Waste/Woody Waste/Leaf Collection Days are:

October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 1



White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Saturday, October 17

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.



Reminder:

Trash must be in 32-gallon trash bags or cans and weigh less than 30 lbs. **New:** Check out the new and more inclusive recycling of plastics article contained within this newsletter. We ask that you cut out this article and keep it handy when figuring out what is recycled. We continue to 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.

Recycling for Non-Residential Customers

Did you know that West Donegal Township non-residential entities are required to recycle specific materials? Non-residential entities include all commercial, industrial and institutional establishments, community activities, mobile home parks, campgrounds, apartment complexes, and multi-family units.

Each non-residential entity shall provide proper collection, transportation, and disposal of recycling materials to a facility in accordance with the Township's policies and procedures and the LCSWMA rules and regulations.

Any entity not participating in the Township trash/recycling program is required to provide recycling containers at easily accessible locations for designated recycling materials. The non-residential entity is also required to provide written instructions to all persons occupying the building.



All materials that are recyclable for a residential customer are required to be recycled by a non-residential entity, including, but not limited to cardboard and yard waste. The cut-out page within this article applies to both residential contract customers and non-residential entities.

Non-residential entities are required to provide an annual report of each material recycled, its weight and the processor or market that accepted the material for recycling. Once a year, the Township provides a report form and instructions to non-residential entities for this purpose.

Everyone's efforts to recycle correctly makes an impact on the cost of trash disposal. We thank you for your efforts.

Please contact Wendy, Township trash/recycling coordinator, at 367-7178 or email her at wendy@wdtwp.com if you have questions or concerns about recycling.



Christmas Tree P/U

Christmas tree pick up will be Tuesday, January 12, 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.




Upcoming GEARS Events

19th Annual 2-Person Scramble GEARS Benefit Golf Tournament

@ Sunset Golf Course

Friday, October 2 8 am

shotgun start... \$85/player...  live. learn. play.

sponsored by Dr. Dale Treese, DDS

GEARS 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".

Saturday, October 24 10 am – 2pm @
Elizabethtown Fairgrounds

Pancake Breakfast & Bazaar @ GEARS Community Center

Saturday, November 21

All you can eat breakfast 7 am – 11 am

Bazaar 7am – 1 pm Clothing, Books,
Attic Treasures, Goodies, Raffles and
much more!!!

Breakfast sponsored by Conoy Lions
Club

BEARS Youth Basketball Program

Organized practices and games for chil-
dren in grades 1-6. Forms for this pro-
gram will be distributed in late October.
Interest in coaching or officiating,
please call the GEARS office.

Volunteer coaches are needed!

Draft Dates:

November 9, 6-7pm

BOYS Grades 3-4

November 9, 7:15-8:15pm

BOYS Grades 5-6

November 11, 6-7 pm

GIRLS Grades 3-6

Bus Trips

Potomac Eagle Train Excursion

Saturday, October 10

Eastern State Penitentiary

"Cobwebs & Cobblestones"

Saturday, October 31

Radio City Music Hall

Sunday, November 22

Biltmore Estates

Wednesday – Friday, December 2 – 4

NYC On Your Own

Saturday, December 5

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

Contact us at 717.367.0355

Website: www.GetintoGEARS.org



Elizabethtown Area Water Authority

Conserve water and save on your water bill by purchasing a rain barrel from EAWA in 2016. Look for details on EAWA's website (www.etown-water.com) later this year.

Update from Elizabethtown Public Library

Fingerprinting Services: The Library is thrilled to be a partner with 3M Cogent to provide fingerprinting services for FBI clearances. Fingerprinting services will begin on Wednesday, the 30th of September. Fingerprinting will be available during normal Library operating hours. If you need more information, please stop by or give us a call at (717) 367.7467. Get started at www.pa.cogentid.com or click through from our website.

Elizabethtown Coffee Company: After months of repairs following severe water damage we are happy to announce Elizabethtown Coffee Company is open again!

What's Going On: Visit the Library on the 9th & 10th of October when the Friends host their paperback book sale and the *Craft Show with a Small Business Flair* is going on throughout the Library. Back this holiday season are the *Train Guys' Train Display* and *Miracle on Market Street*. Please stop by the Library or check out our website for more information. Proceeds from all these endeavors support Library operations!

The ExtraOrdinary Give! Back again this year is the ExtraOrdinary Give. We give thanks to Lancaster County Community Foundation, Rodgers & Associates and the many sponsors who make this event possible. Please mark your calendar for Friday, the 20th of November and join us for some exciting community activities on that day. If you can't join us in person, please support us online at www.extragive.org.



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Educating, Empowering, Enriching the Greater Elizabethtown Area
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HELP SOLVE CRIMES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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

If you or your business has a video camera that collects images outside in the public eye we would like your assistance. It is important for us while conducting investigations to see if there are any video cameras in the area that cover the area in question. We will not publish your identity or release your videos. In fact, we won't even contact you unless a crime occurs in front of your home or business to see if your camera(s) caught the criminal act in progress. The police do not need access to the video recordings unless a video would help the investigation. If it is determined the video would help, the camera owner would be contacted to review their recording for any footage that may help.

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



Winter is Around the Corner

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 2014-2015 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.
- * 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. Starting this winter, the Township will be enforcing this regulation. Any violation will involve a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 and will include the costs of prosecution. These fines will be accrued **per day**.
- * 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.

National Night Out

The National Night Out celebration sponsored by Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Department (NWRPD) on August 4, 2015 was bigger and better than ever! Each year the NWRPD adds more activities and events to the program. This year in addition to the NWRPD officers, the Rheems Fire Department, Elizabethtown Friendship Fire & Hose No. 1, Northwest EMS, Southern Regional Police Department K-9, Red Rose Search & Rescue, we also had mounted State Police and the National Guard. There was also music by DJ Ron of the Dynamic Rockers, face painting, balloons by the Balunguy, pony rides by Ironstone Ranch, Triple J Reptile Rescue, along with numerous groups providing games for the kids and food by St. Pete's Men's Club and the Grange. As always, the Star War characters were also available to mingle with the attendees and pose for photos.



We had a special treat in store. Life Lion flew in and provided a demonstration of the services they provide throughout the entire Susquehanna Valley.



This event is a great way for the entire community to come together to learn how to interact with the police and stay safe during times of emergency.

The NWRPD is always looking for ways to improve or items to add or if your group is interested in participating, please call them at 367-8481 to offer your ideas and suggestions.

And this year for the finale we had an awesome display of fireworks provided by Schaeffer Pyrotechnics.



