

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

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SPRING/SUMMER 2022



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is scheduled for, Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

The event will be held at the West Donegal Township Municipal property, 1 Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown.

The event is scheduled from 6pm to 9pm. So come out for food, fun, games, raffles & more!



Shredding Event

West Donegal Township is partnering with East Donegal Township and Mount Joy Township to host a shredding event on Saturday, September 17th from 8 am to 12:00 noon at the East Donegal Township municipal building located at 190 Rock Road, Marietta, PA.

This event will be 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.

We are asking those who participate in this event for donations of canned goods and boxed items (monetary donations also accepted). Please be generous as these donations will be given to the local food banks in our communities. Their greatest needs include *canned pineapple, *pears, sauerkraut, beets, yams, potatoes, carrots, *spam, kidney beans, *ketchup, *mayo, *relish, *pickles, *olives, *salad dressing, ramen soup cups, hamburger helpers, oatmeal, *crackers, *white & brown rice, cookies, popcorn, snacks, cooking oil & spray, flour, sugar (brown & confectioner), salt, coffee, tea, *shelf stable juice, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, women's deodorant, feminine supplies, toothpaste, paper towels, laundry detergent (pods preferred), cleaning supplies, dish soap, Ziploc bags, foil & plastic wrap, *Weis gift cards. (*denotes most needed) Glass, frozen food, fresh produce/meats or home-made food cannot be accepted. Your help is deeply appreciated by those in need in our community!



West Donegal Township's Bi-Annual White Good/Tire Pick-up
Tuesday, April 19th – Northside of Bainbridge Rd
Wednesday, April 20th – Southside of Bainbridge Rd



White Good Tag - \$15.00

Passenger or Motorcycle Tire Tag - \$5.00

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

If you have tags from a prior year, please call the office by 2:30 pm the day before your scheduled pick up to be placed on the list.

Credit Card & E-Check Payments Accepted Online

Residents have the option of paying their Trash Bill or permit payment from the comfort of your home using our online payment service. Credit cards accepted: 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 - just click the option on the payment page to change your payment method.



WEST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP

One Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
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OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Tuesday, April 19th – Northside of Bainbridge Rd
Wednesday, April 20th – Southside of Bainbridge Rd

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. 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 be collected every other week beginning April 5th through October 6th. Pick up of Yard Waste coincides with your trash collection day (Tuesday for the Northside of Bainbridge Road and Wednesday for the Southside of Bainbridge Road).

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 \$1.00 and 10 bags for \$2.00. We ask that you keep the Kraft bags protected from the weather elements until the day they are placed curbside. The Kraft bags should be placed curbside the night before collection with your regular trash but will be collected by a separate recycling truck. Any yard waste placed in plastic bags during this time will not be collected. Woody Waste should be bundled with biodegradable twine. Branches should be no longer than 4' in length and not more than 6" in diameter.

DO NOT recycle Grass clippings! 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 (3 trash-bag limit and 30 lb weight limit still applies. Extra bags of trash will need a neon yellow tag). Disposing of fruit or vegetables from a garden is NOT considered yard waste, it is food and should not be placed in the kraft bags.

- April 5, 6, 19, 20
- May 3, 4, 17, 18
- June 1*, 2*, 14, 15, 28, 29
- July 12, 13, 26, 27
- August 9, 10, 23, 24
- September 7*, 8*, 20, 21
- October 4, 5
- * due to the holiday

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

- October 18, 19
- November 1, 2
- November 15, 16
- November 29, 30

Holiday Trash Schedule

Memorial Day – Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, June 1st & Thursday, June 2nd.**

4th of July – Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, July 6th & Thursday, July 7th.**

Labor Day – Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day and collection will occur on **Wednesday, September 7th & Thursday, September 8th.**

How to Recycle the Right Way

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

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

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

To recap on how you can help:

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

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

Reminders

WE URGE YOU TO PLACE YOUR TRASH CURBSIDE THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR PICK UP. There are instances when our trash hauler will begin earlier than 5 am. Trash must be in **32-gallon trash bags or cans that weigh less than 30 lbs.** Please be sure **all trash is bagged even if the bags are in trash cans** and actual trash cans are used - no barrels or other containers. **All ashes, coal and wood, must be bagged.**

For oversized items, any item that can be disposed of curbside but doesn't fit into a trash bag, please contact the Township office. Many items can be disposed of curbside with a \$4.00 red tag which must be purchased prior to 2:30 pm the day before your scheduled pick up. The Township also sells extra bag tags in a strip of four for \$5.00

Important: If your trash, recycling, or Kraft bags are missed, please call the Township office prior to 10 a.m. the next business day or leave a message on the voice mail after 4 p.m. the day of trash pick-up. When you leave a message regarding a missed stop, be sure to include your name, address, phone number where we can reach you, and what was missed.

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.



2022 Earth Day Festival

What?: Music, Food, Fun, Arts & Environmental Education for ALL ages!

Where?: The E-Town Fairgrounds!
900 East High Street
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

When?: Saturday April 23rd, 2022
10AM-4PM Rain or Shine!

2022 Community Cleanup

Our cleanup will start at 9AM at the fairgrounds on April 23rd. Participants 16 years & older can register as an individual or as a team using this link: <https://forms.gle/y6Ag2fQ9gvGxS7Fw7>
Children ages 5-15 are welcome to participate when accompanied by an adult.
Each group will be given supplies and assigned to a local area to clean up trash and recyclable items.

Find us on Facebook to learn more!
Interested in being a sponsor or vendor?
Email us at earth2etown@gmail.com

Board of Supervisor's Agenda

24 hours prior to every Board of Supervisors meeting, the agenda is posted on our website under General Info > Meeting Minutes & Agenda. However, 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.

Trash Bills Can Now Be Emailed

If you would like to have your trash bill emailed to you, rather than sent USPS mail, please send an email to info@wdtwp.com requesting this option.

Automatic Debit for Your Trash Payments

West Donegal Township now offers the convenience of Automatic Draft for your quarterly trash payment. Please stop by the Township office to complete the required form; a voided check is required. Or email info@wdtwp.com and a form can be emailed to you.

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>.

240-78 Parking and storage of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers.

Motor vehicles without current license plates and current inspection stickers shall not be parked or stored in any zoning district other than in a completely enclosed building. Recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, or other similar vehicles shall not be parked or stored in any zoning district other than in a rear yard or in a garage. All such storage shall meet the same setback requirements as for accessory structures. If insufficient rear yard area exists to meet the requirements of this subsection, the Zoning Officer may permit the storage of a motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat, or trailer within the side yard setback, provided that such storage is located behind the building setback line, and the setback requirements for an accessory structure will be met. The requirements of this section shall not be applicable to farm implements and other farm vehicles not normally used as a means of conveyance on public highways. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the parking or storage of any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat or trailer in any zoning district unless such motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat or trailer is an accessory use to the present use of the property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this section, in and of itself, shall not be interpreted to prevent the unenclosed storage of motor vehicles without current license plates or inspection stickers if such storage is performed in conjunction with the legal operation of a motor vehicle sales establishment, a motor vehicle service or repair establishment, or junkyard.

240-98 Noncommercial keeping of animals.

The following standards shall apply within all zoning districts for the keeping of animals. However, these standards shall not be interpreted as applying to animal hospitals, veterinary clinics, kennels, riding clubs and riding stables, or normal farming operations.

A. It is permitted to maintain up to three each of dogs and cats and litters of puppies or kittens up to six months in age as domestic animals, provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) Maintaining dogs and cats shall be on a noncommercial basis.
- (2) The area on which a shelter and/or exercise pen is maintained must be suitably enclosed and located in the rear yard at least 10 feet from any lot line and is not closer than 50 feet to the nearest dwelling other than that of the owner.
- (3) The area around which a shelter and/or exercise pen is maintained shall be kept in suitable grass cover and shall not be allowed to degrade to an erodible condition.
- (4) The owner of the 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.

B. It is permitted to maintain small domestic animals up to a total of 12, provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) Maintaining small domestic animals shall be within the rear yard area.
- (2) Maintaining small domestic animals shall be on a noncommercial basis and be strictly as an incidental use.
- (3) The area within which small domestic

animals are kept shall be enclosed by a fence designed for containment.

(4) Such fence shall be at least 50 feet from any lot line and not closer than 100 feet to the nearest dwelling other than that of the owner.

(5) The area within which small domestic animals are maintained shall be kept in a suitable grass cover and shall not be allowed to degrade to an erodible condition.

(6) The owner of the 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.

(7) For the purposes of this subsection, small domestic animals shall include animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, and chinchilla, and fowl such as chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, and pigeons, but shall not include wild or exotic animals held in captivity.

82-5 Control of burning and unattended fires.

A. No fire shall be allowed to burn without a responsible adult being present at all times and without readily available fire extinguishing apparatus, such as a water hose. Sand or dirt may also be considered, provided an ample supply is available or shovels and rakes are on hand.

B. No fire shall be permitted to burn whenever drought or extreme weather conditions exist or when a ban on burning has been placed into effect by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or other competent governmental body. The Board of Supervisors may prohibit any and/or all outdoor fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

C. No fire shall be set that results in the uncontrolled burning of vegetation or property.

D. All fires shall be confined in a noncombustible container, covered with a wire screen or mesh of no greater than one-half-inch openings, with the exception of leaf, brush, recreational, ceremonial or cooking fires.

Property Maintenance

The Township will continue conducting surveys of properties to determine compliance with the IPMC (International Property Maintenance Code) which regulates things such as yard and grounds maintenance, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles, building (structural) maintenance and general building repair, trash, refuse or discarded building material accumulation, swimming pools and spas, etc. Failure to acquire required permits or properly maintain your property in accordance with the minimum requirements will lead to notice of violations, fines and/ or condemnation proceedings. The Township expects voluntary cooperation from the residents for these basic maintenance issues and welcomes the chance to talk with the residents about ways to enhance the overall appearance, function, and safety of the properties within the Township.

Building Permits

In 2004, West Donegal Township adopted the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) established under Act 45 of 1999. The purpose of the UCC is to protect the public health, ensure safety of building occupants and protect property from failure and destruction. Plans/drawings along with a Construction Code Permit Application is required to be submitted under the UCC. Projects include but not limited to: Buildings over 1,000 sq ft, new construction,

sprinkler systems, attached carports, attached garage, decks over 30", any pool 24" and over, hot tubs/spas, enclosed patios, solar panels, and geothermal systems.

Zoning Permits

A Zoning Permit is issued for compliance with the West Donegal Township Zoning Ordinance. Projects include but not limited to sheds, fences, decks below 30", patios/pavers, walkways, gazebos, retaining wall less than 4' and unattached carports.

Stormwater Permits

In 2014, West Donegal Township adopted the Stormwater Management (SWM) Ordinance designed to manage stormwater from the construction of new or additional impervious surfaces. The SWM Ordinance requires that an owner or authorized agent who intends to add impervious coverage must submit a Stormwater Management Plan, unless exempt within the guidelines of the ordinance.

FAQ's:

Am I allowed to have chickens?

Yes. Maintaining small domestic animals shall be within the rear yard area, must be kept in a fence, fence must be at least 50' away from any lot line and not closer than 100" to the nearest dwelling unit other than that of the owner, area must be kept maintained and animals shall not be a nuisance in terms of excessive noise, dirt, or odor. Ordinance 240-98 B.

Do I need a permit to replace my driveway?

Yes. The Driveway Maintenance Permit can be found on our website or obtained at the Township.

What is the setback for a fence?

Fences may be placed on property lines if you know where the property pins are located. Fences in the front yard are limited to 4' and must be out of the Township right-of-way. If you are uncertain, it is recommended you hire a surveyor. Fences may not interfere with the flow of stormwater.

When are Zoning Hearing Board Meetings and when are the deadlines to submit application?

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. The deadline to submit is 3 weeks before the scheduled hearing. The application fee is \$650 for residential and \$750 for business.

My project has been completed but I didn't receive a Certificate of Occupancy.

Where do I get a copy for my records?

After your project has received the final inspection from Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, the Township will issue you a Certificate of Occupancy.

Do I need a permit for a swimming pool?

Yes. Any body of water more than 24" deep is considered a pool and must meet safety standards.

How long is a permit good for?

One year
Still have a question about a certain ordinance or permit? Please feel free to call Bethany Spitzer, West Donegal Township's Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer, at 717-367-7178.



The Northwest Regional Police Department would like to remind residents to be alert for potential Scams. Here are a few tips to help our residents identify a scam.

FOUR SIGNS THAT IT'S A SCAM

1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.

Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So, the name and number you see might not be real.

2. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.

They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.

3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.

Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.

They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back.

Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

What You Can Do to Avoid a Scam

Block unwanted calls and text messages.

Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.

Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers.

Resist the pressure to act immediately.

Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.

Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.

Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone – a friend, a family member, a neighbor – what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

Report Scams to the FTC

If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

Municipal Primary

May 2: This is the last day to register to vote before the Municipal Primary. Voter registration forms must be received at the County Voter Registration Office by this date. Call 717-299-8293 for more information.

May 10: Absentee ballots picked up or mailed to requested individuals.

May 17: All absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 8:00 p.m. this day.

May 17: General Primary - polls are open continuously between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Your voter registration card should have one of the above codes (ex. 1-D, 2-D, 3-D or 4-D) after West Donegal Township's name to designate the polling facility where you go to vote. If you are a registered voter and unsure of which polling facility to vote at, please contact the Voter Registration Office at 717-299-8293.

Northwest EMS News

CPR is a life-saving skill you can learn through Northwest EMS.

We are now offering classes in the communities we serve: Elizabethtown, Manheim, Maytown, Brickerville and surrounding areas. To find a class that meets your needs, whether it is CPR/AED certification for employment, or Hands-Only CPR for citizens, call Lori Shenk, Community Outreach Manager, at 717-371-8282. We also provide first-aid classes, bike-safety awareness, and other programs.

If you are considering a career or volunteer service with an ambulance, Northwest EMS offers two options.

High school students in Elizabethtown and Donegal school districts can contact their guidance counselor about enrolling in an EMT course leading to certification through the National Registry of EMTs. During 2021, 38 students were certified, including 26 as EMTs and 12 as Advanced EMTs.

Other area residents can sign up for EMT classes co-hosted by Northwest EMS and the ETOWN EDGE community education program at Elizabethtown College. Look for the course at edge.etown.edu.

If you have not yet sent your annual ambulance subscription for Northwest EMS, you can still pay online at nwems86.org/services/. Click on Pay Online. A voluntary subscription benefits you by covering the deductible or co-pay part of your ambulance bill from an emergency response. It also helps the community by providing funds for ambulance equipment and crew training. Call 717-361-8220, ext. 4, for subscription information.



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 helps extend the life of the system.

Beginning July 1, 2021, Pumping District No. 2 was notified that they had one year to comply with the requirements. Letters were mailed to property owners in June 2021. If you did not receive a letter along with the form and instructions, please contact the office at 717-367-7178. As a reminder, District No. 2 is due by June 30, 2022.

Letters will be mailed to property owners in Pumping District No. 3, the area south of Stonemill Drive, Maytown Road, and Foreman Road, in June 2022 when their District is due to begin pumping.

There are many signs of a failing septic system; backup of sewage in your drains or toilets, decreased flushing of your toilets, decreased drain flow from showers and sinks and unpleasant odors in your home. Issues with your tank could present as an over-flowing or near over-flowing of your septic tank and high solids accumulation in your septic tank. Water accumulation and wet patches in your drain field can also be a sign of a failing septic system. Be careful of what you dispose of in your toilet or down your drains. Never put plastics or any other nondegradable items into your septic tank including wipes. It is also imperative that the toilet paper you use be septic friendly; many brands will state septic safe on their packaging. By properly managing your on-lot septic system you are helping to extend the life of your system by alerting you of potential failures. It's important to take the time to educate everyone in your household about the importance of practicing good on-lot septic system management habits.

From the Manager's Desk – 2022

MS4 Update

Last year at this time I updated you 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 because of the population density within our urbanized area (Rheems, other housing developments and the Conewago Industrial Park). This permit allows the Township to discharge stormwater from our urbanized area (UA) into local streams and water courses (a.k.a. "Waters of the Commonwealth") which ultimately empty into the Chesapeake Bay.

Last year we talked about the BMP (stormwater basin, rain garden, and infiltration bed) inspections that the township is required to do as part of our MS4 permit responsibilities. We have completed well over half of those inspections to date and this work will continue throughout 2022. These inspections have gone very well so far with most BMP's requiring little if any work to remain in compliance with current stormwater regulations and management practices.

Another area of township responsibility under this permit is to propose and complete a Pollution Reduction Plan or PRP. The PRP is designed to help the township reach the sediment and nutrient runoff reduction targets established for us under the terms of our current MS4 permit. Our main task for 2022 will be to finalize the design and permitting of the actual project to be completed which will include improvements to the Conoy Creek, starting where it flows under West Ridge Road and proceeding south for approximately 3,000 feet. The goal of the project will be to reduce the amount of stream bank erosion that occurs along this stretch of the creek. We anticipate that the construction of this project will occur during the second and third quarters of 2023 and will be funded using proceeds from the ARPA funding received from the State as part of the Federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please visit the stormwater tab of our website (<http://www.wdtp.com/stormwater/ms4>) for more information as we move through the PRP project design and prepare for its expected construction in 2023.

Federal COVID Relief and Recovery Funding

As part of the COVID-19 pandemic response from the Federal Government, West Donegal Township has received recovery funding from Washington by way of both the State and County governments. In 2021, we received \$109,282 from Lancaster County as part of the CARES Act. We used this money to offset some of the costs incurred from our membership in the Northwest Regional Police Department.

In addition to the CARES Act money received from the County, West Donegal Township has also received American Recovery Plan Act money from the State. We will be receiving a total of \$948,617 in ARPA funding from the Federal government, through the State of PA. We received the first installment of this funding in June of 2021 and will receive the second and final installment of this money in June of this year (2022). This money can be used for stormwater and infrastructure projects. We plan to spend a portion of it on the MS4 PRP project mentioned earlier in this article. We also have other stormwater infrastructure needs around the township and plan to use this funding to address these items as well.

Lower Level of the Township Office Building

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the Township has signed a long-term lease with the Lancaster County District Court System to provide the un-used lower level of our office building as the new home for the Elizabethtown Magisterial District Court. Design and construction of the required renovations are underway, and we hope to have Judge Miller and his staff installed in their new home, early in the third quarter of this year.

This arrangement will provide improved safety, a new, larger courtroom, improved office space and facilities as well as additional parking for the court. It will also provide an additional revenue stream for the Township as we will now have a tenant in our lower level which has been vacant since the sewer authority moved to their own building a few years ago. Both the Court and the Township are excited about this arrangement and see it as a win for both parties and the region.

Roadway Maintenance Projects for 2022

Spring is upon us, and summer is just around the corner. Our road department has shifted their focus from snow removal to our roadway maintenance projects for the 2022 season.

The Township is planning maintenance work on the following roadways:

- Stonemill Drive from Rutts Road to township line – Nova Chip hot mix overlay.
- Foreman Road from Maytown Road to Anchor Road – Nova Chip hot mix overlay.
- Garber Road from Stonemill Drive to Bossler Road - Oil and chip seal coat.
- West Ridge Road from Miller Road to Bossler Road - Oil and chip seal coat.
- Hunter and Brooke Drives in their entirety - Oil and chip seal coat.
- Oak, Buttonwood, Crestview Drives & Conoy Circle in their entirety- Oil and chip seal coat.

These projects are paid for using "Liquid Fuels Funds" which we receive every year from the state. These funds are a portion of the gasoline tax you pay every time you fill up your tank.

The projects listed above are currently out for bid. The exact dates for this work have not yet been set. Please watch the township's website and Facebook page for updates on project start dates and travel restrictions as we roll into the summer months.

Every year, we get some form of the following question: "Why does the township keep messing up our roads with that oil and chip stuff, why don't they just pave it?" Oil and chip is a very cost effective and PennDOT approved way for the township to keep the roads in good shape. Paving is very expensive, up to 10 times more expensive per square yard. With over 50 miles of township road to maintain, we need to make every dollar we receive in roadway maintenance funds from the state stretch as far as possible.

Oil and chip seals the road surface and keeps it from breaking apart, prolonging its life. We use this application if the road still has profile (a crown in the center with good drainage both left and right and no ruts) to refresh the oils in the road, seal it, lengthen its life and improve traction. It typically takes 3-7 days for the oil to fully cure, depending on weather conditions following application. Once the oil has cured, our contractor comes back to sweep up any loose stone chips that remain.

Here are some tips for driving on roads that have been freshly oiled and chipped:

- 1) Drive SLOWLY - if you can hear the chips hitting your car, you're going too fast. You can avoid getting stone chips and tar on your car by driving SLOWLY.
- 2) Never drive between the oil truck and the stone truck.
- 3) Follow all directions given by the road crew and flaggers if you need to travel on a road that has an oil and chip operation in progress.



717-367-0355

Programs & Services Available

- Recreation
- Child Care
- Senior Center
- Community Center

GetintoGEARS.org



Holiday Parade
Saturday, Dec 10
4 pm

Spring & Fall Golf Tournaments

Fri. April 29 1 pm
Fri. Oct. 7 8:30 am
Dauphin Highlands Golf Course



Saturday, October 22
10 am-2 pm
E-town Fairgrounds

Senior Center

Afternoon Bingos
Wednesday, June 1, Sept. 7, Dec. 7
1:30 pm

Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Nov 12
7 am - 1pm GEARS Community Center
717-367-7984

Kids Center

For ages 3-12
• Preschool
• Kindergarten
• Summer Camp
• Before & After School
717-367-0119



EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 9
10 am @ E-town Community Park



Call or go online for details

West Donegal Township Past to Present Part 18 –

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

In 1864, the Martin Sweigart Family provided 0.2 acres of land for a new one room schoolhouse to be built on Bossler Road one mile north of Turnpike Road. It was called Cedar Hill School.

Janet Wolfe remembers walking two miles to school every day. The children were greeted by a warm room heated by a cast iron coal stove. The stove was a place where the children could place hats and mittens that had gotten wet during the long walk.

Two children were given the task to walk to the spring in the woods and bring back a bucket of water to place in the cooler. Of course, there was an outhouse; one door for boys and one door for girls.

Everyone brought a lunch packed at home. It was often a bologna and cheese sandwich or a potato to bake on the cast iron stove. Each grade had four or five students and each one room school had grades 1 through 8 taught by 1 teacher.

Janet fondly remembers recess. She remembers playing in the woods. Charlie Zeager remembers making trails in the

woods. He also recalled a spelling bee and a bake sale to raise money for a school trip to Philadelphia.

Arlene Becker said students from Cedar Hill would walk to Stevens Hill School (a distance of 4 miles) just to play baseball. She recalled a baseball field across the street from Cedar Hill. The most fun occurred when the teacher joined in the game.

In 1935, Goods Mennonite Church started a mission outpost at the Cedar Hill School. Sunday School and Vacation Bible School were held at Cedar Hill as well as summer revival meetings.

In the mid 1950's, when schools were being consolidated and one room schools were being auctioned off, Goods Church bought Cedar Hill School. It remained a mission outpost. In 1970, a committee was formed to determine if a church should be built to serve the Cedar Hill community. The answer was yes. Tom Zeager remembered the old Zeager Sawmill property was donated

for the new church to be built. The new Cedar Hill Mennonite Church was built with the blessings of Goods Church. Over the years, this church evolved into an independent church called LifeGate.

When the new church was up and running, the school "outpost" was no longer needed. It was sold and became a private residence. But the one room school still lives on in the memories of all its students. Verna Kratzenberg says that her time as a student in a one room school holds the best memories of her youth.





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MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors:

Regular Meetings – 2nd Monday @ 7 p.m.
Workshops (as needed) – 4th Monday @ 7 p.m.

Planning Commission: 2nd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

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

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