

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Website: www.wdtp.com

FALL/WINTER 2022



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

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

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
Phone (717) 367-7178 • Fax (717) 367-8982
OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, October 18th – Northside of Bainbridge Rd
Wednesday, October 19th – 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.



General Election

November 8, 2022

- October 24:** Last day to register to vote before the General Election. Voter registration forms must be received at the County Voter Registration Office by this date. Call 717-299-8293 for more information. vote.pa.gov/register
- November 1:** Last day to apply for the Mail-in or Absentee ballots. Vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot
- November 8:** Voted Mail-in and Absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 8:00 PM. Vote.pa.gov/County
- November 8** General Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. vote.pa.gov/Polls

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

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

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.



Clip & Save

White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

Tuesday, October 18th – Northside of Bainbridge Rd

Wednesday, October 19th – 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 September 7th through November 30th. Then will begin again in the Spring of 2023. 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.

The Township leaf collections in the fall:

September: 7*, 8*, 20, 21 • October: 4, 5

November: 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30

December: No yard waste pickup. * due to the holiday

Yard waste will begin again in the Spring 2023

Holiday Trash Schedule

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 a 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 voicemail 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.



From the Manager's Desk - The Local Emergency Medical Services in Crisis

Emergency medical services in the northwestern portion of Lancaster County are provided by Northwest EMS, a non-profit organization that traces its roots to the merger of the Elizabethtown Fire Company Ambulance and the Northwest Advanced Life Support Unit in January 2000. Northwest EMS was recognized in 2020 as the Pennsylvania EMS Agency of the Year in 2020, awarded by the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Unfortunately, the organization's future is at risk. Why? Insufficient revenue and rising costs. NWEMS has operated at a deficit for six years. These deficits have been covered by proceeds from the organization's investments which continue to shrink. The expected deficit for 2022 is over \$500,000. Unless this crisis is addressed, Northwest EMS will be insolvent in a few years. We are not alone. This is a state-wide crisis with many rural areas of the state currently losing their EMS services or facing reductions in service and long wait times for a service that is often the difference in a life-or-death situation.

At the start of 2021, a committee of Northwest EMS leaders, volunteers and local municipal leaders began studying this situation and exploring alternatives. The committee is proposing the creation of a regional Emergency Services Authority, to address the challenges that jeopardize emergency services in our community and fulfill the statutory requirement for municipalities to provide EMS services with more fiscal stability. The bottom line: The new EMS authority would ensure that EMS services continue to be available in our community 24/7/365, potentially saving your life or the life of your loved one.

The authority will charge a reasonable and uniform annual fee, on par with today's Northwest EMS subscription rates, to property owners or the municipality (depending on the municipality's arrangement with the authority). The fee would replace municipal contributions to Northwest EMS and membership subscriptions. As a property owner, you would pay an annual fee on par with today's Northwest EMS subscription rates (between \$70-\$85), or your municipality would pay the authority (depending on your municipality's arrangement with the authority).

Municipalities that have passed resolutions indicating interest in exploring and possibly joining the regional Emergency Services Authority are Clay Township, Conewago Township, Conoy Township, East Donegal Township, Elizabethtown Borough, Elizabeth Township, Manheim Borough, Marietta Borough, Mount Joy Township, Penn Township, Rapho Township and West Donegal Township.

Visit <https://savingemsforntlancaster.org/> for more information, the proposed authority implementation timeline and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ).

John O Yoder III, RA, *Township Manager*

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, 2022, On-lot pumping for District 3, the area south of Stonemill Drive, Maytown Road, and Foreman Road, was notified that they had one year to comply with the requirements. Letters were mailed to property owners in June 2022. District 3 completion date is due no later than 06/30/2023. If you did not receive a letter along with the form and instructions, please contact the office at 717-367-7178.

Future 2023 On-Lot Septic Pumping is District 1, the area north of Turnpike Road must comply with the regulations regarding on-lot pumping and inspection during the service period of 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024.

Some signs of On-lot system trouble:

- Toilet runs sluggish.
- Sewer odors in the house and/or drinking water.
- Sponginess around septic tank, distribution box or dosing tank and absorption area.
- Surfacing raw sewage.
- Dosing pump runs constantly or not at all.
- Dosing tank alarm light is on.
- Backup of sewage into laundry tubs or other fixtures.

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/WastewaterMgmt/Act537/OnlotDisposal/Pages/OnlotSystemOperationandMaintenance.aspx>



Welcome New Staff

Board of Supervisors

Richard Gibble joined the Board of Supervisor in January 2022. Richard is retired from the Pennsylvania State Police and resides with his wife in the Township.

Public Works

Kris Bletcher joined the staff in the Public Works department in February 2022. Prior to joining West Donegal Township, he was a service technician in the transportation field for 17 years and served in the United State Army. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family, and being outdoors primarily fly fishing.

Financial Manager

Melissa Foltz joined the West Donegal Township staff in May 2022. Most recently, she worked for Susquehanna Township in Dauphin County as the Financial Assistant in the Finance Department. She has worked in accounting for 30 years. Melissa is married, with two daughters and a grandson. Her and her husband are 27-year residents in the Township. For fun, she enjoys hiking, biking, golf, and most of all spending time with her grandson.

Welcome!

Winter Weather Guidelines – 2022/2023

The West Donegal Township Road Department is fully staffed, and our subcontractors are in place, ready for ice or snowstorms that may occur this winter.

Please be aware of the following rules and guidelines that apply during winter weather events. To help our plows and drivers properly clear the Township roadways.

- Remove vehicles from streets and cul-de-sacs.
- Remove trailers, campers, boats, basketball hoops. This helps our plow drivers to plow from road edge quickly and safely.
- Do not deposit snow or ice onto the Township roads or streets.
- Clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours, following the end of the storm. A path shall be cleared at least 30 inches in width. If the snow and/or ice on a sidewalk becomes too hard to be removed without damage to the sidewalk, sand or other abrasive material shall be placed to make travel as safe as possible.
- If your mailbox is damaged by impact from Township equipment, please call the Township office for a review by management. The Township is not responsible for mailbox damage caused by snow being discharged from a plow.

Township owned roadways are plowed in the following order of priority:

1. Main Roadways (Snow Emergency Routes as defined by township ordinance)
2. Secondary Roadways & main development streets
3. Cul-de-sacs

PennDOT is responsible for plowing the State-owned roads within the Township. If you have concerns regarding winter conditions or operations on these roads, contact PennDOT at (717) 299-7621. The following State roads within the township are maintained by PennDOT:

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

A common concern is driveways plowed closed after being cleared. This cannot be avoided. The best and most labor efficient approach, is to wait until the street is completely plowed before clearing the last 4-6 feet of your driveway. Unless there is an urgent need to leave, please consider waiting until the street has been completely plowed before clearing the end of your driveway.



If you have any issues/questions regarding snow removal on Township roads, please call the Township office at (717) 367-7178. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. We appreciate your continued cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe during our winter weather operations.



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.

Zoning Ordinance Reminders

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.

Please visit <https://ecode360.com/14445333> for more details and the complete text of this ordinance

240-91 No-Impact Home Based Business

No-impact home-based businesses are permitted as a use by right in all districts, except that such permission shall not exceed any deed restriction, covenant or agreement restricting the use of the land, nor any master deed, bylaw or other document applicable to a common interest ownership community.

A “no-impact home-based business” is a business or commercial activity administered or conducted as an accessory use which is clearly secondary to the use as a residential dwelling and which involves no customer, client or patient traffic, whether vehicular or pedestrian, pickup, delivery or removal functions to or from the premises, in excess of those normally associated with residential use.

Please visit <https://ecode360.com/14445606> for more details and the complete text of this ordinance.

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. Please visit <https://ecode360.com/14445689> to review the conditions for this permitted use.
- B.** It is permitted to maintain small domestic animals up to a total of 12. 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. Please visit <https://ecode360.com/14445689> to review the conditions for this permitted use.
- C.** The ownership of large domestic animals shall not exceed 1 1/2 animal units per acre. For the purposes of this subsection, large domestic animals shall include animals of the bovine, equine, porcine (swine), and sheep families, but shall not include wild or exotic animals held in captivity. Please visit <https://ecode360.com/14445689> to review the conditions for this permitted use.
- D.** The keeping of wild or exotic animals shall be authorized only after special exception approval by the Zoning Hearing Board. The keeping of wild or exotic animals shall be limited to lots located in the Agricultural Zoning District with a minimum lot area of five acres or greater. Please visit <https://ecode360.com/14445689> to review the conditions for this permitted use.

Please visit our code of ordinances website at <https://ecode360.com/WE2498> for more information on ordinances in force in the township

NWRPD Police Officers Recognized



Officer Brad Redinger was recognized with a Lancaster County DUI Top Gun Award. The award is presented to officers in Lancaster County who excel in impaired driving enforcement.



Officer Chris Good was recognized as the Northwest Regional Police Department Officer of the Year.



*Northwest EMS ambulance visits an Amish school.
Photo courtesy of Northwest EMS*

Northwest EMS soon will be sending its annual subscription mailing. This annual appeal is especially important this year as EMS agencies face higher costs while insurance and Medicare reimbursements are not keeping pace. Besides helping Northwest EMS in this unprecedented time, our subscribers may have part or all of the balance on their bill for a 911 response forgiven after we receive insurance reimbursements. Subscriptions cost \$85 for a family, \$70 for a couple, or \$55 for a single person. See the mailer for details. If you have not received a subscription form by December 15, please call 717-361-8220, ext. 4, and ask for one.

Besides emergency medical care, Northwest EMS provides community services like Hands-Only CPR, Stop the Bleed, and First Aid classes, school visits, presentations to service clubs, and more. Please call Lori Shenk, Community Outreach Manager at 717-371-8282, for more information. When you see our ambulance at a community event, feel free to stop and talk to the crew.



Library News

Elizabethtown Public Library is pleased to announce fall hours beginning Tuesday, September 6th: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 9am-4pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm. For closures and updates check out our newly updated website (etownpubliclibrary.org) or call (717) 367-7467.

The Library is proud to serve the Greater Elizabethtown Area. Through our educational programs, services, events, and materials we lend, we seek to provide you with the opportunities to learn and grow, no matter how old you are. A highlighted, yearlong program is our World Café. Kids and adults alike can travel the world without leaving Elizabethtown! Each month we feature a region of the world with books by authors from the area or about the area, a recipe card, a craft, and a special drink in our Coffee Company. Another cornerstone program is our Storytimes for children of different ages, from Baby Time to Toddler Time and Family Time. To stimulate learning and creative thinking, there are STEM activities and LEGO Club. Adults shouldn't feel left out since there is programming for them too. A book discussion group meets monthly as well as groups for knitting and fiber artists which get together weekly. If that's not enough, you can find even more programs on our website!

While you're checking out the calendar for programs, make sure to save the date for some upcoming big events. On Friday, November 18th we will be celebrating the Library and other nonprofits in Lancaster County during the *ExtraGive!* You can donate online anytime that day, from 12am to 11:59pm. As part of the event there is a stretch pool to help raise even more money for the Library. This year the stretch pool is based on the number of unique donors who give to the organization. Therefore, the more people who give, the more the Library will receive! For more information, check out extragive.org and then join us in celebrating what makes our community EXTRAordinary!

Following soon after ExtraGive, is an event we are eager to see return. Join us as we welcome back the Train Guys and their magnificent Holiday Train Display! You definitely do not want to miss this interactive display once it is up and running in December.

Last but certainly not least for our upcoming events, is a *Taste of Western Lancaster County*. Join us on Friday, February 3 for an exciting night of food and fellowship. This is a great time and place to meet new people or catch-up with friends from the Greater Elizabethtown Area while enjoying amazing food, great beverages, and live music.

The Library has a lot going on with these programs and events, and we are here to serve you and help make your dreams come true! Are you looking to travel? We can help you get a passport. Call our passport office at (717) 367-7467,

ext. 224 to set up an appointment. Do you need to get a fingerprint background check? We can do that too! Check out the information about fingerprinting on our website or call us at (717) 367-7467, ext. 236.

Whether you're looking for something educational, entertaining, or you're coming in for an event or to use one of our services, make sure to stop by our Coffee Company. We offer freshly roasted coffee from around the world along with teas, smoothies, and other drinks for your enjoyment. You can also get a baked good or other snack. Enjoy our offerings when you visit with friends, coworkers, or stop in on your own. Your items can travel with you throughout the Library while you look for a book, shop in the Friends Bookstore, or play one of our board games. We hope to see you soon!



PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

Keeping Children Safe

PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

- ◆ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- ◆ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ◆ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

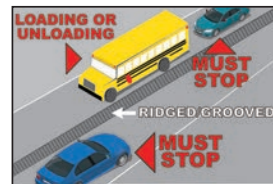
- ◆ 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- ◆ These children are transported approximately 400 million miles to school each year.
- ◆ To further promote safety, school vehicles may be equipped with a yellow flashing or revolving light.
- ◆ Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST STOP**.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.



717-367-0355

Programs & Services Available

- Child Care
- Recreation
- Senior Center
- Community Center

GetintoGEARS.org



Holiday Parade
Saturday, Dec 10
4 pm



Friday, Oct. 7 8:15 am
Dauphin Highlands
Golf Course



Saturday, Oct. 22
10 am-2 pm
E-town Fairgrounds

Senior Center

Afternoon Bingo!

Wed, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7 at 1:45 pm

Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Nov 12, 2022
7 am-1pm GEARs Community Center
717-367-7984

Kids Center

For ages 3.6-12

- Preschool
 - Kindergarten
 - Summer Camp
 - Before & After School
- 717-367-0119



EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 1, 2023
10 am @ E-town Community Park



Call or go
online for
details

West Donegal Township Past to Present –

An Ongoing Saga Of ... Games Our Grandparents Played

The one-room schools in West Donegal Township school district were a hub of activity for children. Many children left home early to walk to school and get in a game of “kick the can” before classes started.

At recess girls would go into the woods and make outlines of a house and its rooms with stones. They would make families out of corn cobs. Others would play “pig in the hole” or hitting a crushed can with a stick into a hole. Children played “duck on a rock”. This was hitting a stone target with a stone. Fox chase was two teams playing tag.

Then there was the scary “boogie lice”. Boogie lice is a category of seeds that stick to your clothing when waling through under brush. Children ran faster and hid better to avoid the student threatening to give them boogie lice.

A much loved game was “Ballie-over”. Some students called this game “anti-I-over”. In other words, who can throw the

ball over the school roof. Everyone could play. One-room schools often had grades 1 through 8. The children were divided into teams, with an attempt to have the teams equal in ability. Each team was on an opposite side of the school building. One small soft rubber ball (tennis ball size) was used.



Team A threw the ball first. If the ball did not go over on the first try, there could be any number of attempts until the ball went over the roof. Team B had to be alert not knowing where or when the ball would come. If team A threw the ball over the roof and it touch the ground before being caught, the child closest to it picked it up and threw it back. If the ball was caught, the child had an opportunity to rush around the school and try to hit an opposing team member. Being hit by an opponent meant the child was now a member of his opponent’s team. The goal of this game was to get all the children on one side.

The games were fun and full of action. The cost was minimal. In fact, if there was no bat for baseball, a broomstick was used. And the memories made lasted long after the games were no longer played.



WEST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP

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Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Phone (717) 367-7178

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

- Doug Hottenstein, *Chairman* 717.361.9829
- Roger Snyder, *Vice-Chairman* 717.367.4416
- Richard Gible, *Secretary* 717.367.7178
- Eric Kreider, *Treasurer* 717.951.1692
- Ralph Horne, *Member* 717.367.8731

TOWNSHIP OFFICE Phone: 717.367.7178 • Fax:717.367.8982

Address: 1 Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Website: www.wdtwp.com

Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/WestDonegalTwp

TOWNSHIP STAFF

- John Yoder III, *Township Manager/Asst. Zoning Officer/ RTK Officer*
- Melissa Foltz, *Financial Manager, Trash/Recycling Issues*
- Todd Garber, *Roadmaster*
- Bethany Spittler, *Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer*

ELIZABETHTOWN REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY (ERSA)

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

ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WATER AUTHORITY (EAWA)

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

NORTHWEST REGIONAL LANCASTER COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

8855 Elizabethtown Rd, Elizabethtown
Phone: 717.367.8481 • Emergency: 911

MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors:

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

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

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

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

**HALLOWEEN
Trick
or
Treat!
Night**

Monday,
October 31, 2022
6:00pm to 8:00pm

