

TOWNSHIP TIMES

News and Information for Residents of West Donegal

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Website: www.wdtwp.com

FALL/WINTER 2023

Municipal Election Information

November 7, 2023

- October 23:** 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
- October 31:** Last day to apply for the Mail-in or Absentee ballots. Vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot
- November 7:** 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 7:** 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.

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Christmas trees pick up will be Monday, January 8th, 2024, and Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 respectively, depending on your scheduled pick up day. 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.

No artificial trees accepted. For artificial trees disposal, please contact the Township for a red tag (oversize item) and to coordinate pick up.



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

Monday, October 16th – Southside of Bainbridge Rd
Tuesday, October 17th – Northside 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 and will be on sale **beginning**

Monday, September 11, 2023.

Final sale date is Thursday, October 13, 2023

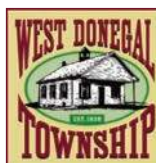


SHREDDING EVENT

West Donegal Township is, once again, partnering with East Donegal Township and Mount Joy Township to host a shredding event on Saturday, September 16th, from 8 am to 12:00 noon at the Mount Joy Township municipal building located at 8853 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown, 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!



WEST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP

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OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County

Municipal-led, Locally Controlled, Dedicated 911 EMS Service

Seven municipalities in Northwest Lancaster County including your municipality have incorporated the Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County (MESA) to fund, manage and provide EMS services. The seven municipalities are the townships of Conoy, East Donegal, Elizabeth, Mount Joy and West Donegal and the boroughs of Elizabethtown and Marietta.

Why was the Municipal Emergency Services Authority formed?

MESA was formed because the municipalities recognized that the future of emergency services is at risk. Locally, Northwest EMS (like EMS agencies across the state) is facing insolvency due to funding shortfalls and soaring costs. The municipalities needed a bold solution to meet their statutory obligation to provide EMS services.

How will the Authority work?

MESA is governed by a board of representatives from each founding municipality. Instead of generating revenue through voluntary municipal and membership contributions (as Northwest EMS does today), MESA will charge a reasonable, uniform annual fee to property owners.

When will the Authority begin operating?

MESA plans to transition EMS services from Northwest EMS and begin operating in 2024. While MESA is a new entity, it will have the same Northwest EMS people, benefits and services!

You are invited to attend a public hearing on MESA's annual estimated fees:

September 28, 2023, 7-9 pm
Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church
996 East High Street, Elizabethtown, PA

The hearing is being held and will be conducted in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act. MESA has prepared an estimated budget in conjunction with a local CPA firm to provide EMS services. The estimated operating budget is \$5,605,594.00 for 2024. The method of assessment of estimated fees was calculated using Northwest EMS call volume by occupancy classification; county parcel and tax data, and individual municipal data.

Occupancy Classifications	Billing Units	Annual Fee / Unit	Total Fee / Group	% of Calls
Residential Occupancies				
Standard Dwelling Units (Single, Duplex, Towns, Apts)	20,247	\$85.00	\$1,720,995.00	74.42%
Assisted Living Residents	304	\$470.00	\$142,880.00	6.03%
Commercial/Business				
Number of FTE employees	25,724	\$10.00	\$257,240.00	8.84%
Institutional/Educational				
Acute care nursing beds	347	\$295.00	\$102,365.00	4.31%
Resident student	1,900	\$15.00	\$28,500.00	1.11%
Public Assembly				
Event Venue Occupancy	1,990	\$5.00	\$9,950.00	0.41%
Special Municipal & Other				
Miles of Road (auto accidents)	405	\$290.00	\$117,450.00	4.89%
Total Fee Generated by All Billing Units			\$2,379,380.00	100.00%

Winter Weather Guidelines – 2023/2024

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, please do the following:

- Remove all vehicles and trailers from streets and cul-de-sacs. This helps our plow drivers to plow to the road edge quickly and safely.
- Do not deposit snow or ice from your sidewalk or driveway onto Township roadways. This creates a safety issue and is against township ordinances.
- 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. Your best 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. Please note that multiple plowing passes may be required to fully clear your street.



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. FDA advises residents to first take advantage of any local drug take-back programs available to the public. Please DO NOT flush drugs down the toilet. The sewer plant is not capable of removing this contamination from sewage and the drugs will end up in the Susquehanna River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. 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.





Clip & Save

White Goods & Tire Curbside Pick Up

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Tuesday, October 17th – Northside of Bainbridge Rd

Sale of White Good & Tire tags will begin on September 11, 2023. 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 and will run through November 28th. Collection will begin again in the Spring of 2023. Pick up of Yard Waste coincides with your trash collection day (Monday for the Southside of Bainbridge Road and Tuesday for the Northside 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: 5*, 6*, 18, 19

Office closed Monday 09/04/2023 for Labor Day

October: 2, 3, 16, 17, 30, 31

November: 13, 14, 27, 28

December: No yard waste pickup.

* due to the holiday

NOTE: 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 **Tuesday, September 5th & Wednesday, September 6th**

How to Recycle the Right Way

Knowing how to recycle right is important for reducing contamination in your curbside recycling bin. Do not bag your recyclables items. Lancaster County recycles the following Big 4 items:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastic bottles and jugs with a neck ONLY

- Metal food and beverage cans
- Glass bottles and jars

Remember 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. 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.

Ways to help Clean Recycling:

- 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.
- Do not dispose of pizza boxes, wires, broken glass, diapers, cat litter, plastic kids toys.
- 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. 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 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 COLLECTION DAY.

There are instances when our trash hauler will begin earlier than 5 am. Trash 96-gallon trash and recycling container are provided by Republic Services. Please contact the Township office if you do not have one. Bag all trash that are in the trash containers. Please do NOT dispose of any ashes, coal and wood in your trash containers. 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 the Thursday, prior to the week of collection schedule 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 your trash collection. When leaving a message, please include your name, address, telephone number, and what has been missed.



Zoning/Code Minute - Can I Run a Business Out of My Home

240-90 **Home occupation regulations.** All home occupations are subject to the following:

- A. The person conducting a home occupation shall be a resident of the dwelling.
- B. No more than two persons not in residence in the dwelling shall be employed in such occupation.
- C. No more than 25% of the floor area of the dwelling shall be devoted to the home occupation.
- D. No displays or change in the building facade shall indicate from the exterior that the dwelling is being used for any purpose other than as a dwelling.
- E. One sign is permitted for a home occupation. The area of the sign shall not exceed six square feet.
- F. No more than one home occupation shall be permitted in any dwelling unit.
- G. A minimum of three off-street parking spaces shall be provided in addition to the parking required for the residential use.
- H. No business, occupation or service shall be conducted within a private garage, nor shall space within such private garage for more than one vehicle be leased to a nonoccupant of the premises.
- I. Home occupations shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the residential use of the dwelling, shall be conducted by the occupants of the dwelling, shall be conducted within the dwelling only, and shall not be permitted to be conducted within accessory buildings or structures on the lot.

240-91 **No-impact home-based businesses.** 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. 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.

- B. The business or commercial activity must satisfy the following requirements:
 - (1) The business activity shall be compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses.
 - (2) The business shall employ no employees other than family members residing in the dwelling.
 - (3) There shall be no display or sale of retail goods and no stockpiling or inventory of a substantial nature.
 - (4) There shall be no outside appearance of a business use, including but not limited to parking, signs or lights.

- (5) The business activity may not use any equipment or process which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical or electronic interference, including interference with radio or television reception, which is detectable in the neighborhood.
- (6) The business activity may not generate any solid waste or sewage discharge, in volume or type, which is not normally associated with residential use in the neighborhood.
- (7) The business activity shall be conducted only within the dwelling and may not occupy more than 25% of the habitable floor area.
- (8) The business may not involve any illegal activity.



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.



From the Manager's Desk Fall/Winter 2023

MS4 Update

MS4 stands for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System". We were required to apply for this 5-year permit from the PA DEP because of the population size and density within our township. This permit allows the Township to discharge stormwater from our urbanized area (UA) into local streams and water courses which ultimately empty into the Chesapeake Bay.

After some delays and a revision, our MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) project began in the month of August and should be completed by mid-October at the latest. This project covers approximately 1,000 feet of streambank on the Conoy Creek and fulfills our pollution reduction requirements for the current MS4 permit cycle. DEP has informed us that the current permit cycle will be extended by 2 years as they have been unable to finalize the pollution reduction targets for the cycle that was to begin in 2024.

Please visit the stormwater tab of our website (<http://www.wdtpw.com/stormwater/ms4>) for more information.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

The township has received approximately \$1,000,000 in ARPA funding from the Federal Government as part of their COVID-19 recovery response. Approximately \$450,000 of these funds will be used to cover the MS4 PRP project mentioned above. The remainder will be used for various other stormwater improvement and capital projects around the township. This money must be expended by December 31st of 2026.

Municipal Emergency Services Authority - MESA

The Board of the new intermunicipal authority which will take over the provision of emergency medical services from Northwest EMS sometime early in 2024 has been meeting through the summer and is ready to present its proposed property owner fee structure to the public. This is a requirement of the PA Municipal Authorities Act. This public hearing will occur on September 28th at 7:00 pm at the EBIC Church, located 996 East High Street, adjacent to the Etown Fairgrounds. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for additional information.

Coffee with the Manager

Do you have a question or two about the township or township administration that you're just dying to ask? In January we started "Coffee with the Manager". This event occurs on the 2nd Friday of each month from 7:30-9:00 am in the township meeting room. Please feel free to drop in and say hello and ask a question or two or three. No topic is off the table. We provide the coffee, tea and water as well and occasionally some pastry treats. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet me and increase your knowledge about the township and its administration.

Mandatory On-Lot Septic Pumping

Part of the Township's Act 537 Plan approval by DEP requires the pumping and inspection of on-lot disposal systems on a regular basis. Regular pumping helps to extend the life of your on-lot system. This required pump-out occurs every three years.

Property owners in Pumping District No. 1, the area north of Turnpike Road, must comply with the regulations regarding on-lot pumping and inspection for year beginning July 1, 2023, ending June 30, 2024. If you did not receive a letter along with the form and instructions, please contact the office at 717-367-7178.

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.

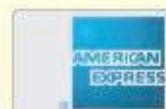


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Credit Card & E-Check Payments Accepted Online

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.



 <p>GEARS live. learn. play.</p> <p>717-367-0355</p>	 <p>Holiday Parade Saturday, Dec 9 4 pm Market Street</p>	<p>GOLF TOURNAMENT</p> <p>4-Person Scramble Friday, Oct. 6, 8:15 am Dauphin Highlands Golf Course</p>	 <p>Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 21 10 am-2 pm E-town Fairgrounds</p>
<p>Programs & Services Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Childcare • Senior Center • Community Center 	<p>Senior Center Afternoon Bingo! Wed, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6 at 1:45 pm Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Nov 11, 2023 7 am-1pm GEARS Community Center 717-367-7984</p>		<p>Kids Center For ages 3.6-11 -Preschool -Kindergarten -Summer Camp -Before & After School 717-367-0119</p> 
<p>GetintoGEARS.org</p>    	<p>Mother/Son Fall Ball Friday, Oct. 6, 6:30-8 pm GEARS Community Center Registration deadline 9/29</p> 	<p>Eggstravaganza Saturday, March 23, 2024 10 am @ E-town Community Park</p> 	

West Donegal Township, Past to Present – Part 2 I

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

The story of growth of the Masonic Village continues from our last Township Newsletter.

The fall of the New York Stock Market in 1929 left Americans in distress, as the Great Depression ensued, admissions to the Masonic Homes also found itself in an unprecedented situation. By 1932 the Homes had reached full occupancy. The Homes decided to establish itself as a last resort residence. If an applicant had adult children with the ability to help, that applicant was not accepted.

The third floor of the Grand Lodge Hall was divided into separate spaces which added thirty-two more rooms. The Lodges of Pennsylvania pledged to help its members survive the difficult times. And still applicants had to be turned away. A rigorous application process was developed. In 1936 the Masons allotted limited funds to experiment with a home assistance program which helped keep applicants in their home.

The farm setting at the Masonic Homes provided the means to survive the Depression. A fruit storage building was built to house orchard equipment and

refrigerate twenty thousand bushels of apples. A cannery was built to can vegetables and fruits. A meat processing plant was also built. With the need for more employees some guests and boys from Patton School volunteered to help when they could.

When the Depression ended, the Masonic Homes focused on expansion which had been on hold. There was a need for employee housing so the Nurses Memorial Home was built. This building contained quarters for sixty nurses. Six cottages were built and other properties bought for employees. The hospital was enlarged as the number of patients continued to rise. The power plant was modernized in 1946. By 1955 the Masonic Homes projected electrical needs for the future. And they decided to buy electricity from the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company.

The Masons recognized that entertainment and recreation were as important as medicine. By 1952 a modern swimming pool was complete. The Masonic Temple and Recreation Building was dedicated in 1958. Many clubs and activities were developed.



By the 1960's the Masons were saying, "We can make our Masonic Homes a wonderful place to grow old." Growth continued through independent living apartments, cottages, townhouses, and renovations of older buildings. To better reflect their vast services, the Masonic Homes was renamed to "Masonic Village" in 2004. Guests now number close to two thousand and there is a waiting list to live on this beautiful fourteen-hundred acre campus in Central Pennsylvania. The Campus will continue to grow as the need grows. And it all started as an act of "Brotherly Love."

Caption for photo: For more information the Masonic Village, the book "Masonic Village 100th Anniversary" can still be purchased at the Grand Lodge gift shop.



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 Ralph Horne, *Member (term ends 12/31/23)* 717.367.3266

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Address: 1 Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Website: www.wdtp.com

Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/WestDonegalTwp

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 Todd Garber, *Roadmaster*
 Bethany Spitler, *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.

Municipal Emergency Services Authority Board: 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. in the Elizabethtown Borough Council Chambers

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

