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**WEST
LAMPETER
TOWNSHIP**

852 Village Road
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2011 WINTER EVENTS:



- December 10 - Last Leaf Collection on Lampeter side
- December 17 - Last Leaf Collection on Willow Street side
- December 23 & 26 - OFFICES CLOSED - Christmas Holiday
- January 2 - OFFICES CLOSED - New Year's Holiday
- January 3 - Board of Supervisors - Reorganization Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- January 4 - Board of Elected Auditors' Annual Meeting - 2:00 p.m.
- January 7 - Community Recycling Event - 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

Please refer to our website at www.westlampeter.com for a complete list of meeting dates for the Township's various boards and commissions. Copies of the meeting schedule can also be obtained by calling the Township office at 464-3731.



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**Township Meeting
Schedule**

Board of Supervisors
meets the 2nd Monday of
each month (except
January) at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
meets the 3rd Thursday of
each month at 7:30 p.m.

Park & Recreation Board
meets the 1st Wednesday at
8:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board
meets the 2nd Tuesday at
7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the
Township Office Building
located at 852 Village Rd.
Check the website for
agendas and minutes.

General Information:

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Police Department
Non-Emergency: 464-2421

Real Estate Taxes: 299-8222
School Taxes: 464-3311

Board of Supervisors

- Barry L. Hershey,
Chairman
- James M. Kalenich,
Vice Chairman
- Robert E. Patterson,
Secretary/Treasurer
- Randy R. Moyer
- John R. Baker

LAMPTER SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE

The installation of sidewalks along the west side of Lampeter Road between Stayman Avenue and Village Road has been ongoing over the last month. Doug Lamb Construction won the bid earlier this year, and construction should be complete by the end of 2011, weather permitting.

The goal of this project is to allow safe and convenient access for all citizens and therefore, make the Village of Lampeter a more pedestrian-friendly place to live and work.

The Township received a grant in the amount of \$42,625 from the County of Lancaster's Urban Enhancement Fund Program to help to complete this project.

**Budget Open House December 12 -
Adoption Slated for December 19**

Township Supervisors will hold their Annual Budget Open House at 6:00 p.m., an hour prior to the start of their regular monthly meeting, on Monday, December 12 to present the draft 2012 Budget. Supervisors and Department Heads will be on hand to answer questions from the public regarding next year's financial projections. The regular monthly meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. following the Open House.

Budget Adoption is scheduled for the following Monday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

These meetings are open to the public, and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Board of Supervisors
Reorganization Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

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Harrisburg Highlights from State Representative Scott Boyd

State Spending Database Will Allow Taxpayers Easier Access

They're nice buzzwords to hear about government: "openness," "transparency," and the like. But they're not often ones that truly get taken seriously in Harrisburg. A big step forward to make these words more viable in our Capitol came when legislation authorizing the new PennWATCH database was signed into law in July.

What is it?

Act 18 of 2011 establishes an online, searchable database of all state government expenditures, known as Pennsylvania Web Accountability, Transparency and Contract Hub or PennWATCH.

What's the timeline for availability?

By the end of 2012, PennWATCH must provide the following information regarding each funding action or expenditure paid to a Commonwealth agency or other entity from federal or state funds:

- The name and address of the agency or other entity receiving funding.
- The amount of the funding action or expenditure.
- The agency initiating the funding action or expenditure.
- The appropriation from which the funding action or expenditure is paid.
- A counter to show the number of visitors to the site.
- The funding source.

In addition, the website must show at the end of each month all federal and state revenue received and deposited in the State Treasury during the previous month. PennWATCH must also include a link to each agency's website, where available.

In years 2013 and 2014, additional detailed information about state expenditures will be available on the site.

Why does it matter?

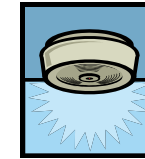
Once fully operational, the PennWATCH website will list all state government expenditures within the Commonwealth and the public can search the site at no cost. It might seem like a lengthy process, but in the end, the amount of information built into this database should be very comprehensive.

In its journey through the House and Senate, this legislation received unanimous support from every lawmaker, and ultimately garnered Gov. Corbett's signature.

There's certainly more things that can be done to promote accountability in our state Capitol, but it's a huge first start to bring state spending into the light. Any taxpayer, with a few clicks of their computer keyboard, will be able to see where their tax dollars are being spent. It's an important victory for all Pennsylvanians.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

A Fire Safety Reminder....

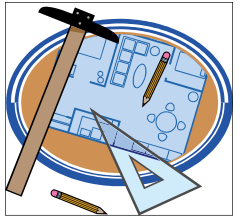
As this heating and holiday season begins, we enter a season when residential fire risks typically are at an increased level. Please take time to change your smoke detector batteries and to make sure that at a minimum you have a U/L Listed smoke detector on each level of the dwelling including the basement, and immediately outside each sleeping area. Install smoke detectors in accordance with the installation instructions. New homes also require one in each sleeping room. Even 110 volt, interconnected smoke detectors have battery backup which requires changing. If you have a system that was installed by a security company, have them inspect and test your system annually to make sure it is operational.

Carbon monoxide detectors, while not mandated by the Building or Fire Codes, if installed, should be installed per the manufacturer's installation instructions.

And lastly, please be sure that your street address is clearly posted with at least 3 inch numbers in a visible location. This helps emergency services locate you when needed during any emergency.

No Open Burning

West Lampeter Township follows Section F-403.1 of the Fire Prevention Code, which states that no open burning is to occur in the Township unless otherwise stated in the code (e.g. campfires, bar-be-que, chiminea type fires, ceremonial bon fires or farming activities). Further, Section 12 of the Municipal Waste and Recycling Ordinance states that regulated municipal waste and recyclables (e.g. construction debris, leaves, yard waste, etc) may only be disposed of at an approved facility or picked-up curbside, if applicable. The purpose of these ordinances is not only for fire prevention purposes, but to prevent a public nuisance by way of smoke generation and odors which can negatively affect air quality and easily irritate those in the neighborhood with respiratory problems.



Scavenging – Against the Law!

Did you know scavenging through other people's trash and recycle containers is against the law? It is!

Taking recyclable materials and trash out of containers and bags placed curbside for collection is becoming a frequent activity for some people during these difficult economic times. The practice is on the rise and is illegal. Chapter 224, Section 28 of the West Lampeter Township Code prohibits this activity, with the exception of a licensed trash hauler contracted to collect the trash. The benefits and rebates the Township receives keep the cost of collection down. The taking of recyclable materials and trash is actually stealing money from the Township in the form of recycling benefits and rebates received based on the tonnage collected and reported, which help offset the cost the Township charges YOU.

Should you witness anyone going through your trash or recycle container, please contact the Police Department at 464-2421 immediately.



Soliciting and Canvassing – Permits Required

“Knock-knock!” Who’s there? If it happens to be the Avon Lady or Fuller Brush Man knocking on the door, they better have a permit!

Township Supervisors in August of this year adopted an ordinance requiring the registration of anyone soliciting or canvassing the neighborhoods of the Township. The new ordinance states,

No person shall engage in solicitation peddling distribution of handbills and/or canvassing for the purpose of soliciting, orders, sales, or subscriptions, for any goods wares or merchandise or for the purposes of soliciting or obtaining any business, or commercial information without first having registered with and obtained a permit from the Township (§222.5).

Those wishing to solicit or canvas must first obtain a permit from the Police Department office located inside the Township building at 852 Village Road, Lampeter. Solicitors and canvassers must also present homeowners and residents identification and a copy of the official permit when going door-to-door. Homeowners and residents are encouraged to contact the Police Department (717) 464-2421 to verify the person is registered and the canvassing activity is legitimate.

Exceptions to this requirement include government employees when on official business (federal, state or township); charitable, religious or non-profit groups and organizations with approved tax-exempt status from the IRS; children under 18 delivering newspapers, or soliciting as part of an organizational fund raising project; and, representatives of political organizations.

The entire ordinance is available on the Township’s website www.westlampeter.com under “WLT Code of Ordinances” (Ordinance 226).



On Tuesday, November 15, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and Commissioners from other Counties unveiled South Central Alert. This is an eight County regional mass notification system to be used to notify the public of serious emergencies. It will enable Emergency Management officials to get disaster information to the general public in many cases.

The system currently has residential and business phone numbers from the white and yellow pages. If a resident or business has an unlisted number, Voice over IP service such as Vonage, or does not have a wired line phone, they must register and enter the phone numbers into the system.

Lancaster County Citizens are urged to register their cell phones, texting devices and other communication methods in the secure system. To do so, citizens should go to <https://www.sctfpa.org/scalert> and click on the link to sign up for alerts. You can list up to five locations for which you want to be notified and up to 10 different methods for contacting them. A video has been developed explaining the system and can be seen on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6wZUu6fQZE>.

The system will provide early warnings and information, but does have some limitation. For example, a county wide warning such as a Tornado, may take over 90 minutes for messages to be sent out due to the sheer number of calls, however, a local emergency warning can go out in a matter of seconds. The system is another tool to convey clear, accurate information to our citizens in an emergency.

POLICE NEWS

“FRIENDS OF THE FORCE” DONATES SPEED TIMING TRAILER

Members of the first graduating class of the West Lampeter Township Police Department Citizens Police Academy were so impressed with the outstanding work and the excellent service provided by the police department to the West Lampeter community the class members suggested the formation of an organization to support the West Lampeter Township Police Department and to provide the officers, the department and the residents of the community with equipment and resources to provide increased safety for the officers and community residents as well.



Since their formation in 2008, the West Lampeter Township Police Department Friends of the Force have raised funds and received donations for the purchase of a number of items for the police department and the community. The most recent purchase of equipment by the West Lampeter Township Friends of the Force is an \$8,500.00 radar speed timing/display trailer, which the police department has begun to set up in various areas of the township with very favorable results in calming speed and gathering vehicle speeds and vehicle information in specific areas of the township. Since the delivery of the speed trailer two months ago, numerous requests for deployment of the mobile trailer have been received by several

neighborhoods, school areas and major roadways of the Township. Chief Jim Walsh of the WLTPD stated that the speed trailer is already slowing vehicles noticeably and providing the police with valuable speed timing information for speed checks and enforcement activity. Walsh said, “the trailer reminds drivers of the posted speed they are passing through, gives the driver his or her immediate speed and records each vehicle and speed in an area for reference.” Walsh, Township Supervisors and other officers of the department have expressed sincere appreciation for the work of the Friends of the Force and their purchase of this obviously effective traffic safety tool as well as other police/community safety equipment items.

Friends of the Force Board Member, Jim Kulp would like to express the Friends of the Force organization’s sincere appreciation to all the residents of the Township for their generous donations and continued support of the police department and the Friends of the Force. All contributions go towards the purchase of equipment that will help our police department continue to keep West Lampeter safe for our families and businesses. “2011 was a very successful year for our non-profit organization. We were able to provide the department with the portable speed timing device, two Baker Batshield® protective shields and four Glock semiautomatic training pistols. Since our inception, the response from our neighbors and businesses has been outstanding. Thank you once again.”

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FALL & WINTER REMINDERS



Snow Removal Reminders

Please remember it is **MANDATORY** that all vehicles be removed from all Township streets and roadways during a snow event (after the start of snowfall, until the snow has stopped falling and been completely plowed the full width of the street). The Public Works Department can get the roads cleared more safely and easily with everyone’s cooperation and compliance with this ordinance requirement. Please be aware it is also **MANDATORY**, and is the homeowners’ responsibility, to clear all **SIDEWALKS** of snow and/or ice within 24 hours following a snow event. Homeowners clearing driveways and sidewalks are also reminded **not to throw or blow snow onto already-plowed roads**. This activity can create serious and hazardous driving conditions.

Storm Drains and Fire Hydrants

Clear storm drains of any leaves, debris and/or snow that accumulates and covers storm drains. Mark and shovel snow around fire hydrants near you.

Damage from Snow Plowing

Any yard or mailbox damage occurring along Township roads following snow plowing should be called into the Township office at (717) 464-3731. Yard damage on Township roads during snow plowing will be repaired by the Public Works Department in early spring. Also, please inspect your mail box and post mounts before snow plow season begins. A rotten or loose post will not be repaired by the Township if knocked down during snow plowing.

NOTE: For PennDOT/state road issues, please contact the local PennDOT office at (717) 299-7621.



Christmas Tree Collection

January 10 & 11, 2012

Place tree (no decorations or bags, please!) curbside on your respective trash collection day.



Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle: Why Recycling Makes Sense (and Cents)

There was a time many years ago when I thought: “What’s all this fuss about recycling, anyway?” It seemed like a lot of trouble, and I really couldn’t think of any direct, tangible benefits that resulted from recycling. But I was uninformed. I have since learned that there are a number of good, commonsense reasons why it is in our individual and collective interest to recycle.



- **Environmental benefits-** Recycling reduces the need to expand landfill sites, it prevents pollution caused by manufacturing of products from virgin materials, it decreases emissions of greenhouse gases, and it conserves natural resources, such as timber, water, and minerals.
- **Energy savings-** Not everyone is persuaded by environmental arguments alone. What might be more convincing to some are the very substantial energy savings that result from recycling. In essence, recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources. For example, recycling a single 12 ounce aluminum beverage can, rather than land-filling it, saves enough energy to operate a 60W incandescent light bulb for 4.3 hours, and the equivalent compact fluorescent bulb (CFL) for 20 hours.
- **Financial Incentives-** Here in West Lampeter Township, recycling saves money. Simply put, it costs the Township nothing to dispose of recyclables. The “tipping fee” – that is the cost per ton of trash - is \$78. How does this affect us? Well, active participation in recycling—recycling more and throwing away less—has helped to minimize the costs the Township has to pay for trash removal, and has enabled residents’ trash collection fees to remain relatively stable over the past several years.

Submitted by Adam Lawrence, West Lampeter Township Recycling Committee Volunteer



FINAL LEAF COLLECTION

Final Saturdays for leaf collection:

Lampeter Side

Willow Street Side

December 10

December 17

Leaves put out for collection after December 17 will be treated as trash. Extra service tags will be required if you put out more than the maximum three (3) 30-gallon bags.

NO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE!

There will be **no change** in the trash collection schedule the weeks following the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

Trash will be collected on regular pickup days.



TAXES



The Township does not collect taxes in the Township’s offices. Other agencies handle the billing and collection of Township taxes.

If you have billing and payment questions about your real estate taxes, please contact the following:

- County Treasurer’s office 299-8222 for County and Township tax questions (spring tax).
- Lampeter-Strasburg School District 464-3311 for school and per capita tax questions (fall tax).

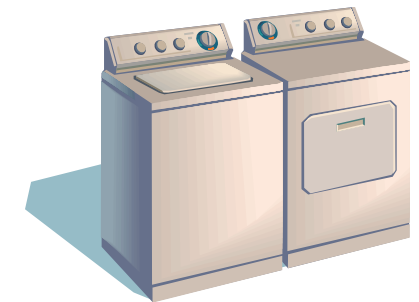
Property Assessment questions should be addressed by calling the County Tax Assessment Office at 299-8381.

Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax questions should be directed to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau at 569-4521.



APPLIANCE & TIRE COLLECTION

Save the date!



MARCH 27 & 28
(on your regular trash day)

Tags are required.

DOGS



Township ordinances require dog owners to leash their dogs at all times when not on your own property. If your dog is caught running at large and turned into the Humane League, the Township will impose a \$125 fee to recover the costs incurred.

Dogs must be licensed. Licenses can be obtained from the County Treasurer’s Office via online payment or through use of a printable form at www.co.lancaster.pa.us. Look for “Treasurer” under “Offices and Departments.”

ALSO: When taking your dog for a walk, please remember to clean up after the dog.