

# The Township Times



SUMMER 2022  
Volume 44



At the end of January, we said goodbye to our receptionist and trash and recycling program coordinator, Kristina Kirchner. Kristina was with us for over two years before relocating out of state. She is dearly missed but we are happy to welcome Cristy Becker to the Mount Joy Township office staff. If you call or visit us, most likely it will be Cristy you are talking to. Give her a big welcome next time you stop in!

Spring is here and so is road work season. Some of you have already seen our public works crew begin long-awaited improvements to Hereford Road at the end of March. The road widening stage of the project went well and further repairs to the existing road will be ongoing throughout the summer. We will also continue repairs on the lower section of Trail Road North and start widening the upper section – a challenging area with tough ironstone alongside this narrow stretch. Last, but not least, a summer paving overlay marks the completion of our three-year Harvest Road reconstruction project.

Planning for future road projects is a critical part of balancing Township resources with the key responsibility of maintaining public infrastructure. We will soon begin our bi-annual update of the five-year Road Improvement Plan that evaluates outstanding road work and pavement management needs for the years ahead. This process involves assessing conditions in the field, estimating costs for repairs and/or maintenance, and aligning priorities with budget constraints.

The current version of the Road Improvement Plan (2021-2025) can be found on our website at [www.mtjoytwp.org/township-roads](http://www.mtjoytwp.org/township-roads) along with 2022's planned activities. We've made significant headway in recent years but the progress cannot stop – because the wear and tear on our local roadways doesn't either. Don't hesitate to contact me with any comments, complaints, or suggestions as the 2023 budget season will be here before we know it! Safe travels this summer.

-- Justin Evans, Township Manager ([justin@mtjoytwp.org](mailto:justin@mtjoytwp.org))

## ARE YOU ENROLLED IN ONLINE BILLPAY THROUGH YOUR BANK?

If you pay your Mount Joy Township trash bill this way, be sure to update your banking instructions. Here's a few reasons why: 1) The amount that you previously designated may not match your current invoice. 2) Make sure to give your bank enough time to submit payment to us. Keep in mind that most banks mail us a paper check through the USPS and it may be batched with other customers' checks – so providing a few extra days to make it here in time is not a bad idea. 3) Double check that you have our newest address at 8853 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Thanks for your cooperation!

## Mount Joy Township Boards



7:00 PM

Mount Joy Township Meeting Room

### Board of Supervisors 3rd Monday

Kevin M. Baker—Chairman  
David W. Sweigart, III—Vice Chairman  
Gerald G. Cole  
Lisa S. Heilner  
Debra E. Dupler

### Zoning Hearing Board 1st Wednesday

Thomas N. Campbell—Chairman  
James E. Hershey—Vice Chairman  
Gregory R. Hitz, Sr.—Secretary  
Robert F. Newton, Jr.—Alternate

### Planning Commission 4th Monday

Kevin M. Baker—Chairman  
Michael G. McKinne—Vice Chairman  
Rodney Boll—Secretary  
Lisa S. Heilner  
John W. Dice  
Delmar Oberholtzer  
Arlen Mummau

### Park & Recreation 2nd Tuesday

Karen Boyer—Chairperson  
John L. Felix, Jr.—Vice Chairman  
Andrew Treese - Secretary  
William Duncan  
Adam Reed

### Police Commission 4th Tuesday

Douglas Hottenstein—Chairman  
Debra E. Dupler—Vice Chairperson  
David W. Sweigart, III  
Ralph Horne  
Eric W. Kreider  
Mark Mayberry—Chief of Police

### Elizabethtown Area Water Authority

2nd Monday 6:30 PM

EAWA Building

C. Dale Treese—Chairman  
Keith Murphy—Vice Chairman  
Jeff McCloud—Secretary  
Richard A. Erb—Assistant Secretary  
Richard Sheidy—Treasurer  
Charles A. Brewer—Assistant Treasurer  
John O'Connell—Community Relations

### Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority

2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM

ERSA Building

Richard A. Erb—Chairman  
P. Allen Sollenberger—Secretary  
Roger Snyder—Assistant Secretary  
Kenneth Shaffer—Treasurer  
David W. Sweigart, III—Assistant Treasurer  
John O'Connell—Member

# Shredding Event at East Donegal Township



190 Rock Point Road, Marietta

Saturday, September 17

8 AM - 12 PM

East Donegal Township is again partnering with Mount Joy Township and West Donegal Township for a shredding event. This event will be free of charge to all residents living in East Donegal Township, Mount Joy Township, and West Donegal Township. Shredding is limited to four boxes or bags of paper per property. We are asking those participating in this event for donations of canned goods and boxed items (monetary donations are also accepted). Please be generous, as these donations will be given to the local food banks. Their greatest needs include canned meats, juice, canned/boxed pasta, jams/jellies, cereals, pancake mixes and syrup, and paper products. Baby food and formula will also be accepted. No perishable items, please. Donations should be non-expired, non-breakable, and all items should be in unopened containers. Glass, frozen food, fresh produce/meats or home-made food will not be accepted. Your help is truly appreciated by those in need in our community!

# Northwest EMS



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](http://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/](http://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.

*380 West Bainbridge Street, Elizabethtown Phone: 717-361-8220*

## **BURNING ORDINANCE**

At this time of year, we begin to get questions about the Township burning ordinance and specifically burning pits. Burning pits are allowed in Mt Joy Township if they are done within safety guidelines.

- A burning pit cannot be greater than 3 feet across
- It should have a wire mesh screen, with openings or two inches or less over the flame to prevent embers from rising into the air.
- No household trash, recyclables, leaves or yard waste shall be burned.
- The pit shall be located at least 15 feet away from a building, structure or other flammable material
- A responsible adult must be present at all times when burning
- A pit fire must be extinguished immediately after use and not left to "burn out."
- A pit fire, or any fire, shall not be used in dry drought conditions or high winds.

Questions can be referred to Dan Ford, Code Compliance Officer, at 717-367-8917 ext. 206



## White Goods & Tire Pickup Saturday, September 24, 2022



\*Put items out Friday evening to be picked up on Saturday.



Tire Tag: \$3.00

Limit 10 tires per address  
(on or off the rim )  
No commercial tires

White Goods Tag: \$12.00

Including, but not limited  
to appliances, treadmills,  
and large metal items.

Questions? Call the number below or email [Cristy@mtjoytwp.org](mailto:Cristy@mtjoytwp.org).

**Tags must be purchased by Thursday, September 22.**

**Have a tag? Call 717-367-8917 to be placed on the list.**

## 2022 Woody Yard Waste Pickups

April 11, 12, 13 \* 25, 26, 27

May 9, 10, 11 \* 23, 24, 25

June 6, 7, 8 \* 20, 21, 22

July 5, 6, 7 \* 18, 19, 20

August 1, 2, 3 \* 15, 16, 17 \* 29, 20, 31

September 12, 13, 14 \* 26, 27, 28

October 10, 11, 12 \* 24, 25, 26

***WYW is picked up  
on your trash day.***

*Kraft bags are available  
free of charge at the  
Township building.*



## City of Lancaster's Recycling Center

850 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster

717-735-6257 M-F 7 AM - 4 PM

All visitors must wear a mask and pre-sort materials.



~Mixed office paper

~Newspaper

~Magazines

~Shredded paper

~Chipboard

~Soft cover and hard cover books



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

# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

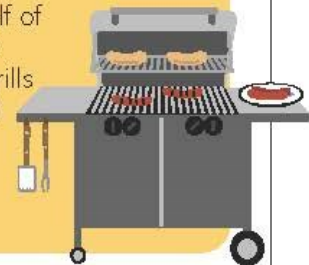
## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

These safety tips are brought to you by Fire Department Mount Joy. Thanks for your support!





8855 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown

Phone: 717-367-8481

8 AM - 4 PM

[www.nwrpd.org](http://www.nwrpd.org)

### 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 say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.** They might say you're in trouble with the government, you owe money, someone in your family had an emergency, or there is 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), then tell you to deposit it and 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. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.

**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. 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.

*From the Desk of Chief Mark Mayberry*

**National Night Out**

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

6 PM - 9 PM

West Donegal Township, 1 Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown



**Saturday, May 7, 2022**  
**7 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Community  
Yard Sale!**

**This year we'll have food trucks onsite!**

**Milanof-Schock Library**  
**1184 Anderson Ferry Rd**  
**Mount Joy**  
(located in back of the Library)

**15 X 10 Spaces Available @ \$15/each**

**Registration Forms available at the Library.**  
**Completed Forms can be left at the Library and**  
**paid in advance with cash, check, or credit.**  
Have questions? Call the Library and leave a message  
for Marilyn 717-653-1510

Sale Sponsored by the  
**Friends of Milanof-Schock Library**

**Elizabethtown Public Library Update**  
**10 South Market Street,**  
**Elizabethtown, PA**  
**717.367.7467,**  
**information@etownpubliclibrary.org**

**Thank you for supporting the Library!** We are grateful to be serving the Greater Elizabethtown Area and appreciate the ongoing support from the community. *You* make it possible for us to offer fun and educational programming for all! Keep reading for some highlights to look forward to this summer.

**Youth Programming:** We are teaming up with the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania to bring 5 unique programs about trains to our community. These programs are a mixture of interactive and informative sessions and are available for all age groups; they are on Fridays, June 10, 17, 24, July 22, and Aug. 5. You also won't want to miss the Center for Aquatic Sciences (June 9), Mlanjeni Magical Theatre (June 21), Talewise STEM Program (July 13), and the Forgotten Friends Reptile Rescue (Aug. 1) among other available programs. Weekly Storytimes are continuing to happen on Monday (Baby Time), Wednesday (Toddler Time), and Thursday (Family Time) starting at 10:30am. For information about these and other programs and events, check out our website.

**Summer Reading Program:** This summer dive on into the ocean with the Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities! Join us, starting June 4, as we read, learn, and explore.

**World Café:** Come travel the world without leaving Elizabethtown! Get your World Café Passport and earn prizes throughout the year as you learn about different cultures. Each month the Library features a region of the world with books, special drinks, recipes, and activities. This summer features Arizona, Guatemala, Washington, D.C., and the Atlantic Ocean, and Malabar.

For updates on Library hours, closures, programs, events, and services please visit our website at [www.etownpubliclibrary.org](http://www.etownpubliclibrary.org) and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ElizabethtownPublicLibrary/>.

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### Mount Joy Township

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 8 AM—4 PM  
 Phone 717-367-8917    www.mtjoytwp.org



Trash billed: June 1st  
 Payment due: July 1st  
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 Payments not submitted online, or in our office or drop box **before** July 2nd will be considered late.


Twp. Manager/Zoning:	Justin Evans	ext. 207	justin@mtjoytwp.org
Secretary/Asst. Zoning:	Patricia Bailey	ext. 204	patricia@mtjoytwp.org
Treasurer:	Sherri Minnich	ext. 205	sherri@mtjoytwp.org
Codes Compliance Official:	Dan Ford	ext. 206	dan@mtjoytwp.org
Recycling Coordinator:	Cristy Becker	ext. 200	cristy@mtjoytwp.org
Roadmaster:	Ken Ebersole	ext. 211	ken@mtjoytwp.org
Public Works Foreman:	Robert Ansell		
Public Works Crew:	Bryan Range, Jr.		
	Richard Wagner, II		
	Clayton Fidler		
	Ashley Martin		

**Changes to Trash Pickup**

**Memorial Day (May 30):**  
 Monday goes Tuesday  
 Tuesday goes Wednesday  
 Wednesday goes Thursday

**Independence Day (July 4):**  
 Monday goes Tuesday  
 Tuesday goes Wednesday  
 Wednesday goes Thursday

**Labor Day (September 5):**  
 Monday goes Tuesday  
 Tuesday goes Wednesday  
 Wednesday goes Thursday



Mount Joy Township Holidays

Memorial Day, May 30: Closed  
 Independence Day, July 4: Closed  
 Labor Day, September 5: Closed

