



# The Township Times

## WINTER 2023



Especially when it comes to the year 2022, the negatives can seem to overshadow the positives in our lives – both personally and as a community. Inflation is arguably the biggest challenge that we face as a municipality, reflected in cost increases for road projects, pressures from the labor market, and other ripple effects. These big picture issues affect all of you significantly, so maintaining the current residential trash and recycling fee, municipal property tax rate (2.04 mills), and fire protection tax (0.70 mills) in 2023 is critical. On a side note, we ask that you become engaged in our region’s ongoing discussions about the future of local EMS services by visiting <https://savingemsformwlancaaster.org/>. Your feedback is essential.

In light of these fiscal challenges, we are pleased to have completed the Harvest Road reconstruction project. Our Public Works crew will keep chipping away at the difficult Trail Road North widening and repair project while a second segment of this road is repaved next summer. This keeps us on track to complete the Trail Road North project in 2024 and Hereford Road next year. With price uncertainty for road materials in the near future our resources will be directed toward more labor-intensive repairs across Mount Joy Township’s road system throughout the course of 2023.

September marked a long-awaited step forward in the Conoy Creek Restoration at Green Meadows as site work recently began. This project accounts for a considerable portion of the required water quality improvements that Mount Joy Township is responsible for. The rest of our pollution reduction allocation will be satisfied by a similar, but larger, project taking place on the Conewago Creek. Big thanks go out to our neighbor and partner Londonderry Township for spearheading this multi-phase restoration project, Lancaster Conservancy for their key role in site acquisition, and multiple funding sources like the Lancaster County Commissioners and Lancaster Clean Water Partners.



Third and final segment of Trail Road North improvements underway

— Happy Holidays from the Staff and Board of Supervisors of Mount Joy Township



Officer Brad Redinger



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

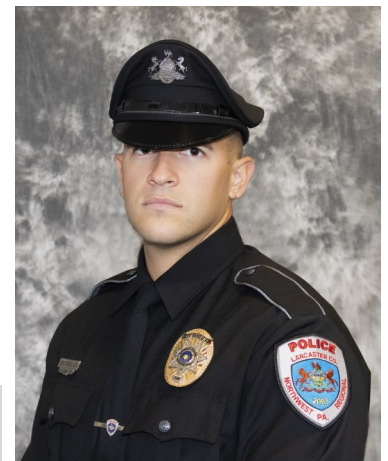
Congratulations to Officer Chris Good who was recognized as the Northwest Regional Police Officer of the Year.

8855 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown

Phone: 717-367-8481

8 AM - 4 PM

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



Officer Chris Good

## Mount Joy Township Boards

7:00 PM Mount Joy Township Meeting Room

### Board of Supervisors 3rd Monday

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



### 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

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

### Park & Recreation 2nd Tuesday

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

### Police Commission 4th Tuesday

Debra E. Dupler— Chairperson  
Eric W. Kreider—Vice Chairperson  
Douglas Hottenstein  
Kevin M. Baker  
David W. Sweigart  
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

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

Monday, October 31

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Sunday, November 6

## Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

**BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!**

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

**Heating Equipment Smarts**

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

**FACT**

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

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

Fire Safety Tips brought to you by Mount Joy Fire Department, Fire Prevention

Sam Yoder, Troop #51 of Elizabethtown, completed his Eagle Scout project in July at Old Trolley Line Park. Sam researched the trolley line that ran from Hershey through Elizabethtown. With this information he created a history board explaining the trolley line including a map of the various routes. The former trolley line was instrumental in determining the name of the park.



# 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.



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



## 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.
- ◆ Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



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

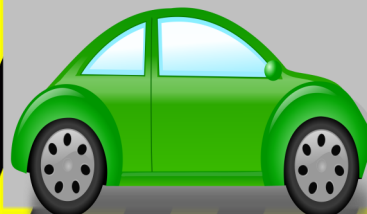


You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST STOP**.



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

***Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.***



Please keep in mind that when making an online trash or rental payment at [mtjoytwp.org](http://mtjoytwp.org), your balance will not automatically generate. MuniPAY will show a zero balance. You will need to enter the dollar amount you want to pay.



## White Goods & Tire Pickup Saturday, March 25, 2023



\*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, March 23rd**

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

## For Penn Waste Recycling Pickups: Only Recycle the BIG 4

- ◆ Corrugated cardboard
- ◆ Plastic bottles and jugs with necks
- ◆ Metal food & beverage cans
- ◆ Glass jars & bottles

It's okay to throw everything else away.

*1 IN 5 AREA HOMES ARE POWERED BY TRASH.*

Lancaster County has an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy, powering local homes and businesses and helping to reduce our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. So, **when in doubt, throw it out.**



Learn more at [recyclerightlancaster.org](http://recyclerightlancaster.org)

Powered by LCSWMA

Kraft bags are available for free at the Township building!



## FALL LEAF PICKUPS 2022

Saturday, November 5 & 19

Saturday, December 3 & 17

### City of Lancaster's Recycling Center

850 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster  
717-735-6257 M-F 7 AM - 3 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



# ETOWN

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

# LECTURE SERIES

2022-2023



November 2, 2022  
**ANTHONY  
RAY HINTON**  
Leffler Lecture



March 29, 2023  
**STEVE  
WOZNAK**  
High Center Forum



February 16, 2023  
**SEKOU  
KAALUND**  
Carper Lecture



April 13, 2023  
**VALERIE  
JARRETT**  
Ware Lecture

JOIN US!

[etown.edu/lectures](http://etown.edu/lectures)



**GEARS**  
live. learn. play.

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

## Fall and Winter Reminders:

- \* Do not place leaves on Township roads, in drainage ditches or over storm drains. If you have a storm drain in front of your property, please keep it clear of leaves and all debris.
- \* If you have a basketball net that hangs over any portion of a Township road, please remove it. It is a hazard for any passing vehicles, including garbage trucks, delivery trucks and, especially, snow plows that need to get close to the curbing.
- \* When snow falls, please be patient. We will do our best to get a plow truck to your street as quickly as possible. Plowing main arteries will be our first priority, followed by secondary roads and then developments.
- \* If you clear your driveway before the street is plowed, do not throw snow into the street. When the plow truck comes by, the snow will inevitably end up back on your property. It is NOT the responsibility of the Township to clear the end of your driveway once the plow has passed through.
- \* When a snowstorm is forecast, please remove all vehicles from Township roads so the entire road can be plowed.
- \* Sidewalks and fire hydrants must be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event.



### 2023 Rental License

Invoices for the **2023** rental licenses are being sent to property owners in October, 2022. Rental license applications are due to the Township by December 31, 2022. The application can be completed online at [www.mtjoytwp.org](http://www.mtjoytwp.org) or sent by US mail to 8853 Elizabethtown Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Applications can also be dropped off at our office between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday or placed in an exterior secure drop box in front of the office 24 hours a day.

If you have any questions about the 2023 rental license process, please call 717-367-8917.

LCSWMA

## Resident Disposal Checklist

### 1 Determine the material type, so you know where to take it:

- Recycling: We accept the Big 4 at our drop-off containers, which includes 1) corrugated cardboard, 2) plastics with necks, 3) metal food and beverage cans, and 4) glass bottles and jars. Any illegal dumping will be prosecuted.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): We accept household chemicals, batteries, televisions, computers, and related items **ONLY** at our HHW Facility. Please visit our website for a complete list of materials.
- Trash: We accept all forms of household trash, large items, appliances, and tires. See the list below for special instructions related to certain types of waste.

### 2 Determine if you have waste that needs special handling:

- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) materials, including televisions and computers, must be taken to the HHW Facility on Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster.
- Asbestos must be delivered directly to the Frey Farm Landfill. Please contact LCSWMA to make arrangements for delivery and disposal.
- Yard Waste is only accepted at the Frey Farm Landfill in Conestoga.
- Sharps must be stored in container (ex: Safe Clip or detergent bottle) and sealed to protect workers. Dispose in your regular trash.

### 3 Determine which site to deliver the material:

All LCSWMA facilities accept recycling, trash, remodeling/construction material, appliances, tires, and large items.

- Household Hazardous Waste Facility  
1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster  
Lancaster County residents only
- Transfer Station Complex  
1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster
- Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility  
1911 River Road, Bainbridge
- Frey Farm Landfill  
3049 River Road, Conestoga
- Susquehanna Resource Management Complex  
1670 South 19th Street, Harrisburg

### 4 Other considerations

- Have you verified the operating hours? Each facility offers different hours. Additionally, due to large projects and holidays, times may vary, so it's important to confirm ahead of your visit (717-397-9968 or [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)).
- Do you have proper payment ready? We accept **ONLY** credit cards and prepaid cards, not cash or checks.
- Is your truck or trailer tarped?
- Are you prepared to unload your material?
- Are you wearing proper footwear and attire to unload your material? We recommend closed toed shoes and proper clothing to protect yourself during the unloading process.

Questions? Call 717-397-9968 or visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)

**Milanof-Schock Library**  
1184 Anderson Ferry Road  
Mount Joy  
www.mslibrary.org



#### Hours

Sept through May, the Library's hours are:  
Mon-Thurs 10a-8p, Fridays & Sundays Closed,  
Saturdays Open 9-4

Book Donations: Gently-used/new books may be  
donated at the Library's self-service shed  
Tues-Thurs 10-8 and Saturdays 9-noon.

This year's Cash Appeal at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Auction was for the replacement of sagging bookshelves in the Children's Area of the Library. Auction attendees were asked to donate cash toward this specific cause, and the Library Board and Staff were touched by the monetary donations made at the event. If you would like to participate in this Appeal and make a donation to be used for the shelving project, please contact Kim Beach at [kbeach@mountjoy.lib.pa.us](mailto:kbeach@mountjoy.lib.pa.us) or call the Library at 717-653-1510.

This year's 20<sup>th</sup> Benefit Auction "The Roaring 20<sup>th</sup>" earned more than \$22,000 including generous sponsorships and monetary bids toward donated merchandise. Hershey Heating and Air Conditioning was the Library's first-ever Platinum Event Sponsor, donating \$1000 toward their event sponsorship. An Auction Recap can be found in the Library News section of the Library's website.

#### Library Courtyard Project

The only reason the Library is nearing completion of the new Library Courtyard is because the community believed in the idea and came together to make it happen, from folks who donated at the 2021 Library Benefit Auction, to the volunteers who helped by building furniture. Thank you to Rick Trumper from GCM Inc. who took our idea and made it happen. Rick brought in a team of folks, including John Snavely from the mulá Group, to make the drawings, and Rhino Excavating to do the [careful not to cut the electrical wires and waterpipes] digging. I am so thankful to them for sharing their expertise, their hard work, and support.

Like the Library itself, the Library Courtyard was made possible because of our terrific community. So many people came together to help make it happen, and there is still time for the public to be involved in this community project.

The library is offering the purchase of engraved bricks that will be inlaid around the concrete courtyard as a permanent addition. Stop by the library, or call us to ask about our Courtyard Legacy Brick program."

#### -Library eNews

To stay in-the-know, sign up to receive a monthly Library eNewsletter at [info@mountjoy.lib.pa.us](mailto:info@mountjoy.lib.pa.us)



#### -Summer Reading Numbers

638 children completed this year's Summer Reading Program!

**Elizabethtown Public Library is pleased to announce longer open hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 9am-4pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm. For closures and updates check out our newly updated website ([etownpubliclibrary.org](http://etownpubliclibrary.org)) or call (717) 367-7467.**

**Elizabethtown Public Library Update**  
10 South Market Street  
Elizabethtown, PA 717.367.7467  
[information@etownpubliclibrary.org](mailto:information@etownpubliclibrary.org)

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, year long 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://extragive.org) and then join us in celebrating what makes our community EXTRAordinary!

Mount Joy Township  
 8853 Elizabethtown Road  
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022



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 ELIZABETHTOWN, PA  
 PERMIT NO. 48

**Mount Joy Township**  
 8853 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown  
 8 AM—4 PM  
 Phone 717-367-8917    www.mtjoytp.org



Trash billed: December 1st  
 Payment due: January 3rd  
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 Payments not submitted online, or in our office or drop box before January 3rd will be considered late.

Twp. Manager/Zoning:	Justin Evans	ext. 207	justin@mtjoytp.org
Secretary/Asst. Zoning:	Patricia Bailey	ext. 204	patricia@mtjoytp.org
Treasurer:	Sherri Minnich	ext. 205	sherri@mtjoytp.org
Codes Compliance Official:	Dan Ford	ext. 206	dan@mtjoytp.org
Recycling Coordinator:	Cristy Becker	ext. 200	cristy@mtjoytp.org
Roadmaster:	Ken Ebersole	ext. 211	ken@mtjoytp.org
Public Works Foreman:	Ashley Martin		
Public Works Crew:	Clayton Fidler		
	Adam Hetter		

There will be no changes to trash pickup for the holidays.



**Christmas Tree Pickup**  
**Saturday, January 14**

**Happy Holidays**

**Mount Joy Township Holidays**

Thanksgiving - November 24 & 25 : Closed  
 Christmas - December 23 & 26 : Closed  
 New Years - January 2: Closed

NO: Tinsel  
 Ornaments  
 Stands  
 Bags

