



# The Township Times

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## Finishing Touches for Old Trolley Line Park

Get ready for big plans at the township's newest public park, Old Trolley Line Park (475 Beverly Road)! Development of Phase 1 began several years ago and 2020 capped off a lot of work with finish-paving of the parking lot and pathways.

Nearly one mile of the paths on-site are now much more accessible to people of all ages and abilities. But we are not done yet! Groundbreaking for the playgrounds and picnic areas is scheduled for spring 2021. Keep your eyes out for two playgrounds, a pavilion, a picnic plaza, and benches to help finish off this wonderful public open space.



Patrick Boyer



Brendan Heisey

Old Trolley Line Park has become a popular place to get outside, due in part to Eagle Scouts Patrick Boyer and Brendan Heisey. Patrick constructed a gaga ball pit in the center of the park, just below where the playground and picnic areas will be located. Bring your own ball and enjoy some action in the pit! And if you've stopped to take a break at one of the trailside benches, credit is due to Brendan and his hard work. Local Scouts are also responsible for the native planting area near the wetlands and the large baseball field. Many thanks go out to everyone involved with these volunteer-led improvements!

*By Justin Evans, Township Manager*

## 2021 Road Improvements Planned

Our sights are set on another full year of road improvements. Phase 1 of the Harvest Road reconstruction project was completed, along with the resurfacing of Stauffer Road, Bear Creek Road, Spring Road, and the eastern section of Beverly Road. Significant progress will continue despite adjustments to the 2021-2025 Road Improvement Plan. We have accounted for reduced tax and liquid fuel revenues in the coming years while continuing the progress gained since 2018. The 2021 planned projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Harvest Road reconstruction project (final paving in 2022)
- Cold Spring Road reconstruction between Harvest Road & Sunnyburn Road
- Phase 1 of the Trail Road North widening & repair project
- Country Squire Road resurfacing
- Sager Road & Larkspur Lane resurfacing



## Mount Joy Township Boards



7:00 PM  
Mount Joy Township  
Meeting Room

### Board of Supervisors 3rd Monday

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

### 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

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

### Park & Recreation 2nd Tuesday

Jeff Phillippe—Chairman  
John L. Felix, Jr.—Vice Chairman  
Donald W. Bush—Secretary  
Karen Boyer  
William Duncan

### Police Commission 4th Tuesday

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

*Trick or Treat*  
*Friday, October 30*  
*6:00 PM - 8:00 PM*



*Sunday, November 1*

## Rental Registration Payments Now Accepted Online!

If you are a rental property owner, you may now pay \$50 for your annual long-term rental license, or \$75 for your short-term rental license online through MuniPAY.

[www.mtjoytwp.org/residential-rentals](http://www.mtjoytwp.org/residential-rentals)  
Payments are due by December 31.



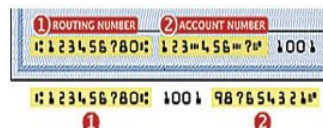
## Credit Card Payments Made Online

Now you can pay your rental license registration from the comfort of your home or office by using our online payment service. Credit cards accepted: MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Visa. Your rental account number will be needed. **A per-transaction service fee of 2.65% or \$1.50 minimum will be charged by the payment processing company for this service.**



## Electronic Check Payments

Mount Joy Township now accepts electronic check payments using our online payment service. Payments will be charged to your checking or savings account at your bank. You will need your 9-digit routing number, as well as your account number from your personal checks (see example below). You will also need your rental account number. **A per-transaction service fee of \$1.50 will be charged by the payment processing company for this service.**



IMPORTANT: When "Payment Options" appears, click on the "Switch to Pay with Check" link and then continue entering your information.

\*If you have questions about the online payment process, call 717-367-8917 or email Dan Ford at [dan@mtjoytwp.org](mailto:dan@mtjoytwp.org).

## HAVE YOU SPOTTED THIS INVADER?

- 1 inch body length, 2 inch wingspan
- Feeds on many fruit trees, garden plants, and grapes
- Adults are active from August—October



- Wings have spots, hind wings are bright red
- Creates honeydew, a sticky residue, when it feeds
- Is attracted to tree-of-heaven, *Ailanthus altissima*

### THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY *(Lycorma delicatula)*

### Battling the Spotted Lanternfly

Chances are, you have seen the spotted lanternfly (SLF) in the area. The SLF has steadily marched its way southwest from Berks County and is swarming trees throughout our community. Learn how to help curb the negative impact of this invasive pest by visiting [lancasterconservation.org](http://lancasterconservation.org) or [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly) for more information.

## Northwest EMS Thanks Citizens for Support

Northwest EMS thanks local residents for supporting our crews with your thank-you notes, snacks, and meals. You are an encouragement to our front-line healthcare workers.

Starting in March, we experienced a significant drop in 911 dispatches due to people altering their normal routines of commuting, working, and playing. Those who felt ill may not have wanted to go to hospitals during the pandemic. This resulted in a drop in revenue while our expenses such as payroll and utilities remained the same. Unlike some businesses, we could not cut back hours and leave our communities unprotected.

You will soon receive a mailing from Northwest EMS for the annual subscription drive. This annual appeal is especially important this year. Besides helping Northwest EMS in this unprecedented time, our subscribers receive a discount if they need to use our ambulance service.

Subscriptions cost \$80 for a family, \$65 for a couple, or \$50 for a single person. See the mailer that will arrive soon for full details.

Besides emergency medical care, Northwest EMS provides community services like CPR, Stop the Bleed and First Aid classes, Junior Academy for high school students, school visits, presentations to service clubs, and more.

If you have not received a subscription form by December 15, please call 717-361-8220, ext. 4, and ask for one.



Snacks delivered to the Elizabethtown station from Mount Calvary Church in Elizabethtown

### Mastersonville Volunteer Fire Company

2121 Meadow View Road, Manheim

[www.mastersonvillefire.com](http://www.mastersonvillefire.com)

717-665-5192



Have you considered helping with fundraising, becoming a Fire Police officer, or helping with administrative tasks? Contact us TODAY to learn more!

### Annual Pig Roast and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 14



\$12.00 Carry-Out ONLY! 3 PM - sold out

All meals include: pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy, roll, and dessert. A wide variety of home-baked items will be available to purchase.

No ticket necessary





## FALL LEAF PICKUPS 2020

Saturday, November 7 & 21

Saturday, December 5 & 19

### White Goods & Tire Pickup Saturday, March 27, 2021



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



Tire Tag: \$1.50  
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 [kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org](mailto:kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org).

**Tags must be purchased by Thursday, March 25.**

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

### **ONLY Recycle the Big 4!**

1. Corrugated cardboard
2. Plastic bottles & jugs with necks
3. Metal food & beverage cans
4. Glass jars & bottles

*Emptied, rinsed, & lids removed  
Cardboard flattened*



[recyclerightlancaster.org](http://recyclerightlancaster.org)

Please be sure to empty and flatten all clean, corrugated boxes before placing them in the cardboard dumpster in our parking lot.



### **“MISSED STOPS”**

Penn Waste, by ordinance, may start their collection day at 5 AM. If your trash and/or recycling is not out when the Penn Waste trucks come through, it is not considered a “missed stop.” They are not required to come back for trash or recycling that was not out when their trucks came through.

### **TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP TIMES**

Your trash & recycling may not be picked up at the same time each week. A fill-in driver could run your route differently, and you could miss your pickup for that week. To avoid this issue, please make sure all items are placed curbside the night before the pickup day.

Do you have trouble with critters getting into your trash bags? Use a can with a tight-fitting lid, spray your trash bags with a solution of vinegar and water, or use a window cleaner with ammonia.





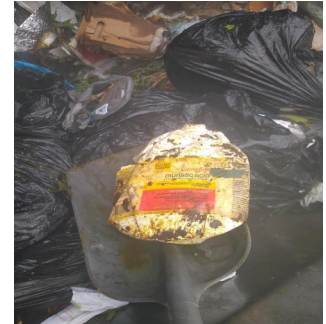
## HAZARDOUS WASTE INCIDENT IN OUR TOWNSHIP



Mount Joy Township's trash hauler, Penn Waste, faced a very dangerous situation while picking up trash this summer. Muriatic acid, used to clean concrete, was placed in with the household trash by a resident. This was then compressed in the trash truck and began smoking. Clean up involved hazmat, fire departments, and EMS personnel. Fortunately, no one was injured! This was an extremely dangerous and costly (\$18,100) situation.



**DO NOT** put anything in the trash that you are not sure about. When in doubt, take it to Lancaster County Solid Waste. Thank you in advance for keeping out trash haulers and other residents safe.



Numerous materials used in the home, garage, and garden are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation and for disposal facilities. Lancaster County residents can use LCSWMA's [HHW Facility](#) for **FREE** (1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster). Empty containers of paint or other items that previously contained liquids may be disposed of as regular trash.

The HHW Facility accepts **ONLY** the following materials:

- Adhesives
- Automotive fluids (max. 5 gallons per container)
- Batteries, including automotive and household
- Cell phones
- Chemistry sets
- Cooking and frying oils (max. 5 gallons per container)
- Computers & peripherals
- Fire extinguishers
- Floor and furniture polish
- Fuel, including kerosene, gasoline, and propane
- Household cleaners, including acids
- Iodine
- Lawn treatments, including herbicides and pesticides
- Mercury-containing items (max of 30 per month), including ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, and thermometers
- Paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine, and thinners
- Photographic and pool chemicals
- Televisions



**NO** burning of trash, yard waste, construction materials, or recyclables is permitted in Mount Joy Township. All recreational fires must contain a wire mesh screen. They should not have a burn area greater than three feet and must be at least ten feet away from a building or structure.



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717-367-0355

**Programs & Services Available**

- Recreation
- Child Care
- Senior Center
- Community Center

[GetintoGEARS.org](http://GetintoGEARS.org)



**JINGLE BELL DR**

"Reverse Holiday Parade"

Sat, Dec 5, 2020 from 4 - 6 pm

EASD Fairgrounds & BIC Church

**Elizabethtown Area Senior Center**  
**Pancake Breakfast & Bazaar**  
 Sat, Nov 14  
 7 am - 1pm GEARs Community Center

**Basket BINGO**  
 Sat, Mar 20, 2021  
 2 pm GEARs Community Center

**Kids Center**  
 Before & After School care for Grades K-6 at all schools  
 717-367-0119

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA**  
 Sat, March 27, 2021  
 10 am @ E-town Community Park



Call or go online for details



8855 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown

Phone: 717-367-8481

8 AM - 4 PM

www.nwrpd.org

## CONGRATULATIONS, SERGEANT SHOPE!

On May 30th, 2020, Officer Adam Shope was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Officer Shope joined the Northwest Regional Police Department in January 2013. Prior to joining the Northwest Regional Police Department, Officer Shope worked as a police officer at Harrisburg International Airport and Shiremanstown Borough.



Sergeant Adam Shope



### 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.***

PUB 97 (7-18)



### SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

## PENALTIES

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

- ◆ 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- ◆ Five (5) points on your driving record
- ◆ \$250 Fine

Annually, more than 700 drivers are convicted for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing.

#### SEPARATE ROADWAYS

Drivers may proceed on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

***If In Doubt, STOP!***



Physical barriers include concrete median barriers, metal median barriers, guide rails, etc.



Clearly indicated dividing sections include trees or shrubs, rocks or boulders, a stream, grass, etc.



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

For more information on Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, including an animated graphic demonstrating when you must stop, visit [www.penndot.gov/safety](http://www.penndot.gov/safety) and click on "Traffic Safety & Driver Topics" and then "School Bus Safety".





**Lawn maintenance for water quality:**

- If you have a lawn, limit its size and break it up with other mixed height plantings;
- A lawn can have a variety of grasses and plants. Enjoy your weeds and their varying root depths (dandelions grow deep tuberous roots that pull nutrients and water deep into the soils);
- Lawns should be brown in the summer heat, resting after the spring growth spurt and using stored energy to grow deep roots. Maintaining green grass with constant watering is a stress on your lawn. Water only if necessary and water deeply when you do;
- Long grass means good roots, less stress and good health. Grass should be mowed to 3+ inches in height and never more than 1/3 of the blade at one time (sugars/cellulose needed for root growth should remain on the plant). In late fall after the grass has set up for winter (begins to brown), cut it shorter;
- Leave mulched grass clippings on your lawn to add nutrients back into the soil;
- Fertilizers create thatch (densely growing roots) which attracts grubs;
- Lawn aeration is the secret to a healthy lawn. By extracting a soil core/plug or using a spike aerator, the soil can breathe, allowing oxygen and water to become more available to the roots, which promotes growth;
- Organic fertilizers may have too much nitrogen, which will acidify the soil and make grass susceptible to insects;
- If after testing your soil you determine that it needs a boost, use a balanced fertilizer such as a compost tea or manure tea at one-half the recommend strength.



**Polling Locations in Mount Joy Township**  
*Tuesday, November 3 from 7 AM - 8 PM*

- Hershey Road District - Mount Calvary School; 625 Holly Street
- Fairview District - Mt. Joy Twp. Building; 8853 Elizabethtown Road
- Cloverleaf District - E-town Alliance Church; 425 Cloverleaf Road
- Milton Grove District - Mt. Pleasant BIC Church; 1756 Mt. Pleasant Rd.

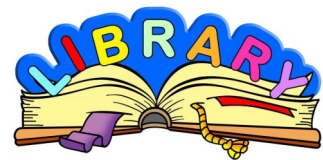
**Milanof-Schock Library**  
**1184 Anderson Ferry Road**  
**Mount Joy**  
**www.mslibrary.org**



**Hours:** Mon-Thurs 10 AM - 8 PM  
 Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM  
 Closed Friday & Sunday

**Book Donation Hours:** Gently used books and media can be donated to the self-service shed behind the library Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM - 8 PM, and Saturdays from 9 AM - Noon.

**Community Paper Shredding Event:** The Mount Joy Rotary will be sponsoring their annual shredding event behind the library on Saturday, October 24 from 9 - 11 AM (line-up begins at 8:45; follow posted signs). All papers should be placed in non-returnable cardboard boxes. Volunteers will unload boxes from your car trunk or back storage area. Cash donations are requested for the Mount Joy Christmas Tree Decoration Fund.



**Check out the child, youth, adult, and family programs and clubs on our website!**

All library programs are free unless stated otherwise, and require preregistration. Online registration is encouraged.

**City of Lancaster's Recycling Drop-Off Center**  
**850 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster 717-735-6257**

- Mixed office paper M-F 7 AM - 3 PM
- Newspaper All visitors must wear a mask.
- Magazines Please pre-sort materials.
- Corrugated cardboard
- Chipboard
- Soft cover and hard cover books
- Shredded paper



Mount Joy Township  
 8853 Elizabethtown Road  
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022



PRSR STD  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 ELIZABETHTOWN, PA  
 PERMIT NO. 48

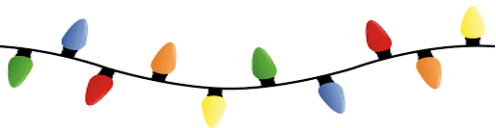
**Mount Joy Township**  
 8853 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown  
 8 AM—4 PM  
 Phone 717-367-8917    www.mtjoytwp.org



Trash billed: December 1st  
 Payment due: December 31st  
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 Payments not submitted online, or in our office or drop box **before** January 1st will be considered late.

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| Twp. Manager/Zoning:       | Justin Evans       | ext. 207 | justin@mtjoytwp.org    |
| Secretary/Asst. Zoning:    | Patricia Bailey    | ext. 204 | patricia@mtjoytwp.org  |
| Treasurer:                 | Richard Forry      | ext. 208 | rich@mtjoytwp.org      |
| Assistant Treasurer:       | Sherrri Minnich    | ext. 205 | sherrri@mtjoytwp.org   |
| Codes Compliance Official: | Dan Ford           | ext. 206 | dan@mtjoytwp.org       |
| Recycling Coordinator:     | Kristina Kirchner  | ext. 200 | kkirchner@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     |          |                        |

Don't forget...you may now pay your trash bill online with a credit card or electronic check at [mtjoytwp.org](http://mtjoytwp.org)!



**Christmas Tree Pickup**  
 Saturday, January 9

NO tinsel, ornaments, stands, or bags.



Mount Joy Township Holidays

Thanksgiving - November 26 & 27: Closed  
 Christmas - December 24 & 25: Closed  
 New Years - January 1: Closed



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