



# The Township Times

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## 2022 Budget and Road Improvements

The change of seasons means getting out warmer clothes, leaves falling from the trees turning into piles of yard waste bags, and holidays bringing us together with our families. In the municipal world, autumn means finalizing the Township budget and road work plans for 2022. The key challenge of the budget process is to allocate revenues to critical public services (police, fire, EMS) and Township infrastructure and facilities (roads, storm sewer, and parks), while meeting state and federal obligations. We strive to do so within our existing funding streams – most notably by keeping the municipal property tax rate steady at 2.04 mills and fire protection tax rate at 0.70 mills. This is the underlying principle in the development of the 2022 Mount Joy Township budget.

2021 marked several successful road projects, including the final paving of Country Squire Road, Sager Road, and Larkspur Lane. Due to permit requirements, Phase 2 of the Harvest Road reconstruction project and reconstruction of part of Cold Spring Road will start in November and continue through early 2022. The multi-year widening and repair of Trail Road North finally begins this fall, as well. And after nearly three years of setbacks, Mount Joy Township and Conewago Township are happy to announce that the Mill Road bridge is in the process of being replaced.

Despite a reduction in gas tax funds shared with local municipalities, we are pleased to announce that implementation of the Township's Road Improvement Plan continues to be on track. Here are the key projects to expect in 2022:

- Harvest Road final paving – entire length
- Trail Road North widening and repair – Forest Lane to Milton Grove Road (final paving in 2023)
- Hereford Road widening and repair (final paving in 2023)
- Fieldstone Circle overlay paving
- Radio Road overlay paving (partnership with private developer) – Fieldstone Drive to Buckingham Boulevard

*By Justin Evans, Township Manager*

## Mount Joy Township Boards



7:00 PM  
Mount Joy Township Meeting  
Room

### **Board of Supervisors** 3rd Monday

Lisa S. Heilner—Chairperson  
Kevin M. Baker—Vice Chairman  
Gerald G. Cole  
David W. Sweigart, III  
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  
Vacant Seat

### **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

Friday, October 29  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Sunday, November 7

## Old Trolley Line Park Grand Opening on September 18



(Left) Jesse Rothacker, Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary, kicked off the festivities!

(Right) The Board of Supervisors, members of the Park and Recreation Board and Township Staff along with Sen. Aument join in cutting the ribbon to officially open Old Trolley Line Park.



(Left) Members of the Middle Creek Search and Rescue put on a demonstration showing us how the dogs track and find those that are lost.

(Right) CONGRATULATIONS to Rylen Wetzel, winner of the BMX bike that was generously donated by Lance Koons of Rails to Trail Bicycle Shop.



(Left) Officer Tyler Seidel and K9 Arlo of the Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Department joined in the excitement of the day!



*EMT students practice removing a patient from a wrecked car in a training session*

## Northwest EMS Graduates EMTs

Northwest EMS is preparing the next generation of EMTs to serve our community. High school students attended an EMT course held in the spring in conjunction with the Elizabethtown Area School District, and all who took the National EMT Registry Exam passed on their first try. Some students used this class as a springboard to enroll at other institutions to become registered nurses. Other classes are planned.

Area residents and college students can find out about the course for adults on this page: <https://edge.etown.edu/courses/master-emergency-medical-technician-basic>



High school students can contact their guidance counselor.

The annual subscription mailing for ambulance service will be coming in the mail at the end of November.

Thank you to all who contributed to the ambulance fund drive. We received enough to purchase a new ambulance, which will be delivered by the end of the year.

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

### 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.

### 2022 Rental License

Invoices for the **2022** rental licenses are being sent to property owners in October, 2021. Rental license applications are due to the Township by December 31, 2021. 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 2022 rental license process, please call 717-367-8917.





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 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.**

### 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)

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### FALL LEAF PICKUPS 2021

Saturday, November 6 & 20

Saturday, December 4 & 18

Kraft bags are available for free at the Township building!

### 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



## 5 Winter Reminders from Penn Waste

1. **Trash Bags** - White trash bags blend in with the snow. Use darker bags or a trash can to ensure we see your trash.
2. **Access** - Please make sure there is a clear, safe path for our employees to access your trash and recycling.
3. **Children** - If you have children who are playing in the snow, please be mindful of them playing close to the street, as visibility may be impaired due to weather conditions.
4. **Slow Down Before You Go Around** - If you are behind a trash or recycling truck, please make sure you slow down and look for our employees before you go around.
5. **Wind** - Extreme wind conditions will knock your trash and recycling carts over. If your bins are not full, consider holding them until next week. The carts will fall over from the wind after they've been emptied.



Sign up to receive collection updates at [www.PennWaste.com](http://www.PennWaste.com)



717-367-0355

Programs & Services Available

- Recreation
- Child Care
- Senior Center
- Community Center

GetintoGEARS.org



**Holiday Parade**  
"Hometown Holidays"

Sat, Dec 11, 2021 @ 4 pm  
Market Street



**Elizabethtown Area Senior Center**

**Pancake Breakfast & Bazaar**

Sat, Nov 13, 2021  
7 am - 1pm GEARS Community Center

**Basket BINGO**

Sat, Mar 19, 2022  
2 pm GEARS Community Center

**Kids Center**

Before & After School care for Grades K-6 at all schools

717-367-0119



Sat, April 9, 2022  
10 am @ E-town Community Park



Call or go online for details

Mastersonville Volunteer Fire Company



2121 Meadow View Road, Manheim  
[www.mastersonvillefire.com](http://www.mastersonvillefire.com)

717-665-5192



**Annual Pig Roast!**

Saturday, November 13, 2021

3 PM until sold out! All Meals - \$12.00  
Carry out only - pick up at the fire station.

A spring Chicken BBQ has been confirmed for Saturday, March 26, 2022!

**Mark your calendars!**



8855 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown

Phone: 717-367-8481

8 AM - 4 PM

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



## Welcome, Officer Bigler!

The NWRPD hired Officer Samuel "Evan" Bigler in May, 2021. Officer Bigler previously worked in the Elizabethtown Borough Police Department.

Officer Samuel "Evan" Bigler



## Reminder

The NWRPD accepts medications that are expired or no longer needed. You may turn them in at the police station, no questions asked.

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications and samples
- Prescription patches
- Prescription ointments
- Vitamins



**Northwest Regional Police Department is asking the community to help make neighborhoods safer through participation in a camera registry program.**



In 2016, NWRPD introduced a camera registry program for the communities that they serve in West Donegal and Mount Joy Township. The goal of the program is to promote safety through collaboration between community members and the Northwest Regional Police Department. Residents, property owners and local business owners are encouraged to join the program.

The program provides a quick reference tool for investigators to identify any video footage location, which in turn may assist with a criminal investigation that occurred in the area.

This registry will contain a list of locations, as well as contact information for investigators to obtain possible video evidence to assist in an investigation. The department will NOT have direct or remote access to any of the locations.

If you would like to participate in the registry, please email Det. Frank Ember, Jr. at: [FEmber@nwrpd.org](mailto:FEmber@nwrpd.org) - or call 717-689-5657, ext. 111.

NWRPD is also creating an online process to participate in the camera registry and will be added to the Police Department website at [www.NWRPD.org](http://www.NWRPD.org).





The Library had 609 children complete this year's Summer Reading Program "Tails and Tales." Hooray!

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



### Beauty and the Beast Project

Every now and then, the Library has a big project for which it needs a little extra financial help. One year the carpet needed to be replaced, two years ago the Library needed a new roof and gutters. This year, they have a beauty of a project and a beast of a problem. The Library has a sinkhole along its back driveway. There is no way to know how bad it is until the digging begins, and it is a problem that needs addressed before it becomes a beast. Something nice is being planned for the front of the Library - a hardscaped courtyard in a currently unused space that will be transformed into an open area for tables with shade umbrellas, a "Beauty-ful" place to sit and read. The campaign was introduced at the Library's Benefit Auction in August. Anyone who would like to contribute to the project can stop by the Library, can donate on the Library's website <https://mslibrary.org/donate/>, or can make a donation to the Library during the ExtraGive in November.



### Adult Clubs and Programs

The Library has 7 clubs that meet at the Library: Knitting, Cross-Stitch, Art, 2 Book Groups, Game Night, and a Quilt Study group; there is no need to register for clubs. Also, the fourth Monday of every month is a themed Make-It Monday program at 6 pm; registration is required – call the Library or sign up on their website calendar.

### Library Friends Group Makes Donation



Friends Group president Joyce Summers (left) and treasurer Marilyn Barnett (right) presented MSL director Joseph McIlhenney with a check for \$21,000. This amount was the proceeds from their summer Used Book Sale. They also gave the Library a small donation in the name of three devoted Friends who have passed - Donna Little, Janet Jarvie, and Dorothy Allen. The Library is grateful for the Friends and their dedication, hard work, and service to our Library!

### The Library is a Great Resource for At-Home Learning and Homeschool Families

The Library has a variety of resources to help families who are learning at home. Book Bundles are a big hit at the Library! Staff members gather up and handful of books about specific subjects and bundle them. They always have some ready to check out, but if there is a topic of interest that you don't see, just ask! The Library also has Playaway Launchpads preloaded with hours of educational adventures, museum passes for educational field trips, backpacks stuffed with themed materials, Outdoor Discovery bags, and a big variety of puzzles and boxed activities. If you can't find what you're looking for, give them a call or stop by the front desk when you visit!



### Gently Read Books for Sale!



Thank you to the members of the community who donate books to the Library! Not only are the gently read ones sold at the Friends annual book sale, but they use them as prizes for family bingo nights, to replace worn/damaged copies on the public bookshelves, or they add them to their collection, if needed. Look for donated books for sale in the Friends Gift and Book Nook inside the Library or for sale by donation in the Library's lobby.

Mount Joy Township  
 8853 Elizabethtown Road  
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022



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### Mount Joy Township

8853 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown  
 8 AM—4 PM  
 Phone 717-367-8917    www.mtjoytp.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.

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:	Kristina Kirchner	ext. 200	kkirchner@mtjoytp.org
Roadmaster:	Ken Ebersole	ext. 211	ken@mtjoytp.org
Public Works Foreman:	Robert Ansell		
Public Works Crew:	Bryan Range, Jr.		
	Richard Wagner, II		
	Clayton Fidler		
	Ashley Martin		

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



Christmas Tree Pickup  
 Saturday, January 8

- NO: Tinsel  
 Ornaments  
 Stands  
 Bags





Mount Joy Township Holidays

Thanksgiving - November 25 & 26: Closed  
 Christmas - December 24 & 27: Closed  
 New Years - December 31: Closed