



EAST HEMPFIELD *Township*

SPRING/SUMMER 2021

NEWSLETTER

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EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Traffic Commission

3rd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Township Zoning Board

3rd Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Authority

4th Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public and held at the Township Building. The meetings are also available via Zoom. The link can be found on the agenda. Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted on the Township website or in the Lancaster Newspaper prior to each meeting.

HEMPFIELD AREA FIRE SERVICES COMMISSION

Nearly one year ago East Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors and East Petersburg Borough Council came together to create the Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission. On Wednesday, March 3, 2021 the newly hired Chief Fire Official, John A. Kottmyer, was publicly introduced at the East Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

The Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission is made up of members of the East Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors, the East Petersburg Borough Council, the East Peterburg Fire Company, the Hempfield Fire Department, and the Rohrerstown Fire Company, as well as citizen at large representatives from each municipality.

The Chief Fire Official position was created to administer a regional fire services program for the municipalities to ensure the protection and preservation of health, safety, and wellness for municipal citizens and businesses through increased uniformity and continuity of fire protection while minimizing operating costs and maximizing volunteer recruitment and retention.

Chief Kottmyer retired from York City Fire Department as a Deputy Chief, and has since served as the EMS Manager for Wellspan Health and the Director of Education for VFIS, a division of Glatfelter Insurance Group. Chief Kottmyer brings a variety of experience both on and off the fire scene and is an integral addition to the Fire Commission and the provision of fire services within our communities.



Left to Right: John Wolf - East Peterburg Borough Council President, John Kottmyer - Chief Fire Official East Hempfield Township/East Petersburg Borough, G. Edward LeFevre - East Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors, W. Scott Wiglesworth - East Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors.

Looking Back at 2020 & Looking Forward to 2021

Looking back at 2020 it will be remembered as the Year of COVID and uncertainty. But one thing was certain, local government was there for you and did not close its doors at any time during the pandemic. East Hempfield Township staff and our first responders worked tirelessly over the last year meeting critical needs and continuing services that our residents depend on. We are here to serve you. Even with the pandemic, work continued in the Township in 2020. \$1.3M was spent paving our roads, continuing a decade long trend where funding for roadwork was increased (doubled) to catch up on roadway maintenance that was deferred in the 1990's and early 2000's. Our Recreation Authority who oversees the Four Seasons Golf Course operations successfully negotiated a lease arrangement with Blue Collar Restaurant and Catering. The Blue Collar Restaurant is undergoing renovations to the space and hopes to be open in late spring. By making this change, including transferring catering services over to Blue Collar has resulted in the golf course projecting operating revenue to be in the black going forward. Past years the Township was forced to subsidize the golf course operations, sometimes substantially. East Hempfield Township and East Petersburg Borough joined forces to create the Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission. More on this topic can be found in the newsletter. Amos Herr Park Trail was expanded around the park and was heavily used during the pandemic, providing outdoor exercise options. Finally, after years of delay from AMTRAK, roadwork continued on State Road at the Route

283 interchange and will be complete this summer resulting in an efficient, safe interchange.

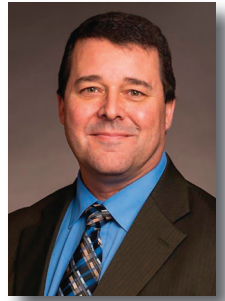
Looking forward to 2021, the Township will continue to focus on transportation issues, including Stony Battery Road and Good Drive. Projects and plans to fund them are being developed for these two important North-South corridors in the form of grants and township funds. \$1.15 million dollars is budgeted for 2021 road paving projects, to continue the accelerated paving program. Also, Centerville Road (South) from Columbia Avenue to Marietta Avenue will begin construction in the Fall to widen to 5-lanes and reconstruct the Route 30 bridge. This project is primarily funded by PennDOT (100% around the interchange, and 80% north and south of the interchange) and supplemented with Township funds. Centerville Road, with the exception of the Route 30 bridge, is owned by East Hempfield Township so the additional PennDOT funds are greatly appreciated for this \$50 million project. Stormwater projects, primarily around Harrisburg Pike and north of Four Seasons Golf Course, will also be constructed as the Township continues to address flooding issues from development in the 1980's. Finally, East Hempfield will complete and adopt an Official Map, an important planning tool that provides a roadmap for the next 20-years for road projects, parks, trails and stormwater facilities. More information on our official map can be found on the Township website.

Financially, the Township is doing well even with the issues caused by the pandemic that have decreased revenue

and increased expenses. For the 11th year in a row, the Township has controlled cost, held the line on property tax increases and placed another \$900,000 into the Capital Reserve Fund to tackle major infrastructure projects, with a focus on road projects such as the Centerville project. For the next few years budget forecasts show that trend will continue. However, we are facing new financial pressures with continued unfunded mandates from both the State and Federal Governments. A big unfunded mandate is the Chesapeake Bay cleanup where the costs have been pushed down onto the local government and local tax payers. However even with these mandates we are committed to living within our means, maintaining important services and continuing investing in our road infrastructure.

East Hempfield Township continues to be a great place to work, live in and raise a family. Our focus of maintaining the high quality of life that we have here, providing the necessary services that our residents and businesses need, and ensuring that the tax payers get great value for what they are financing is the reason we were able to successfully navigate the COVID19 challenges in 2020 and will be the blue print for success for years to come.

H. Scott Russell, P.E.
*Chairman, East Hempfield Township
Board of Supervisors*



AMOS HERR HOUSE GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

Have you seen the gardens at the Amos Herr House? If not, they are worth a visit. The gardens are maintained by a group of volunteers and they are seeking volunteers to join them. Louise Brewer is the person to contact. For more information, please give her a call at 717-406-8284. She would be glad to provide you with more details.



Township Accomplishments & Goals

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Exercised strong fiscal management practices to provide a higher than projected opening fund balance in 2021.
- 2020 Roadway paving completed (\$1.3M expenditure):
 - Chapel Forge Drive
 - High Meadow Court
 - Plane Tree Drive
 - Wohlsen Way
 - Colebrook Road
 - Hunters Path
 - Running Pump Road
 - Wood Lot Lane
 - Estelle Drive
 - Old Tree Drive
 - Stevens Street
- Holland Street Bridge removal – COMPLETED!!!
– This was a 15+ year effort but the bridge was finally removed from across the Amtrak rail line in the fall of 2020.
- Four Seasons Banquet Facility – The Recreation Authority, who oversees the golf operations, successfully negotiated a lease arrangement with Blue Collar Restaurant and Catering. The Blue Collar Restaurant is undergoing renovations and they hope to open in late spring.
- Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission – The Township of East Hempfield and the Borough of East Petersburg joined together to form the Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission. More on this can be found in this newsletter.
- Amos Herr Park Trail – The perimeter trail around the park was completed last year. The Township will continue to make improvements and interior connections to facilities.
- Began the “Official Map” project which will result in a planning map to provide guidance to the Township along with the other planning documents that are used (i.e. Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, Stormwater Management Plan...)
- Initiated a vehicle leasing program through Enterprise Fleet Management. This will be used to stabilize vehicle replacement and maintenance costs.
- Successfully negotiated with Penn State Health for Community Support dollars for the Township.
- Developed a COVID-19 Operations and Preparedness plan which aided in the Township maintaining the health of employees and provide continued services to Township residents.
- Updated the Police Department’s Use of Force Policy to reflect national and state standards.

2021 GOALS:

- 2021 Roadway Paving (\$1.15M budgeted):
 - Spring Valley Road
 - Chestnut Valley Drive
 - Huffman Place
 - Fallwood Lane
 - Old Forge Crossing
 - Woodlyn Farm Way
 - Woodview Drive
 - Steeplechase Drive
 - Chapel Forge Drive
 - Meadow Hill Drive
 - Bowman Road
 - Woodworth Drive
 - Empire Circle
 - Oliver Drive
 - Cutler Drive
 - Parker Drive
 - Sylvan Road
- Exercise strong fiscal management practices to provide a higher than projected opening fund balance in 2022.
- Maintain a healthy Township employee base to ensure municipal services to residents.
- Complete the long-term remedy for the Farmingdale Road area road improvements.
- Increase the level of transparency in municipal operation and direction. This is anticipated to be accomplished by a stronger social media presence and improved electronics for video and audio for public meetings.
- Continue to support the Recreation Authority in their quest to find additional sources of revenues to supplement and complement Golf Course operations.
- Continue to push long-term roadway projects forward (Old Rohrerstown Road bridge, Centerville South).
- Initiate the self-assessment phase of the Police Department Accreditation Process and hire a consultant.
- Create the administrative sergeant role and promote a new sergeant. Hire the 34th Police Officer. (accomplished 2/17/2021)
- Purchase and implement Body Worn Cameras for the Police Department.
- Continue to address and move forward with annual Board goals.
- Implement the 2018-2023 MS-4 Permit, by continuing to meet the Pollutant Reduction Program requirements, continuing Best Management Practice (BMP’s) inspections, and continuing the outfall inspections.
- Begin the preparation for the next MS-4 Permit cycle (2023)
- Address stormwater issues in several areas of the Township, including Harrisburg Pike and the Golf Course Property.
- Continue to work with East Petersburg Borough and the three Fire Departments (Hempfield, Rohrerstown and East Petersburg) to expand the role of the Hempfield Area Fire Services

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ZONING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do fences require a permit?

Fences do not require a permit however they do have regulations for height and location. Fences may be 6 feet high behind the front of the house and 4 feet high in front of the house. Fences may not be located within any drainage easement or street right-of-way.

What is considered impervious versus pervious?

Pervious area is defined as surface area that allows water to pass through it.

Impervious area is surface area that does not allow water to pass through.

Decks are considered pervious if they cover grass, dirt, landscape stone, and mulch.

Decks are considered impervious if they cover concrete, asphalt, pavement, and pavers.

Are chickens allowed in residential zones?

No, chickens are livestock, and livestock is not permitted in residential zones.

Township Accomplishments & Goals (continued from pg. 3)

Commission in the management of Fire Services in both municipalities.

- Hire a Chief Fire Official to represent and promote the mission of the Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission. (accomplished 3/1/2021)
- Adopt a new Stormwater Management Ordinance based on PA DEP guidelines.
- Adopt the East Hempfield Township Official Map.
- Adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendments that address signage and reduce the number of Conditional Uses.

ROAD PROJECT UPDATES

Church Street Resurfacing (Harrisburg Pike – Stony Battery) – Bid date on this PennDOT project has been moved January 2022. The project will consist of mill and overlay of the existing roadway with new sidewalks/curbs in the Landisville area, a straightening of the curve and replacement of the stormwater culvert near the golf course. PennDOT anticipates a 7-month project which includes a 2-month road closure while the culvert is replaced.

Centerville Road Interchange Improvements (Marietta-Columbia) – The Township is partnering with PennDOT on this multi-year project which continues to move through the planning process. The bid date on this project has been moved to September 2021 with a potential for an extension as right-of-way acquisition and utility coordination occurs. The project will widen Centerville Road to 5 lanes and raise the bridge at the interchange. The project will be a multi-year construction project.

STATE ROAD WORK:

State Road Interchange Improvements – This PennDOT project is under construction. Completion is anticipated for August 2021. Rt 722 will remain open during the construction but delays should be expected during peak construction periods.

State Road Commerce Park & Improvements to Yellow Goose/State Road intersection – The developers of the State Road Commerce Park complex (Kellogg's warehouse) have made some improvements to the intersection. Remaining work will be done in the Spring/Summer 2021 in conjunction with the interchange project and the State Road Penn State/Brookside Development. The Yellow Goose/State Road intersection will be improved to provide a 4-way intersection with the proper through and turning lanes.

State Road Penn State Medical Center/Brookside Development – The final project along the State Road corridor will be the widening, bridge replacement, and adding of a traffic signal along the frontage of the Penn State/Brookside

Development. This project is scheduled for installation of the road base in early spring and opening in late spring/early summer of 2021.

Each of the responsible entities, along with the Township, are coordinating their efforts to complete all of the State Road corridor work as efficiently and timely as possible. The Penn State Hospital is scheduled to open (accepting patients) in Spring 2022.

Holland Street Bridge Removal Project – This bridge has been removed under an emergency permit through PennDOT.

Old Rohrerstown Road Bridge Replacement Project – This Dairy Road project will improve the bridge beneath the Norfolk Southern rail line. Utility coordination continues to be the difficulty in getting this project into the bid process. The bid date for this project has been moved to Fall 2021.

Farmingdale Road Improvements – Long-term improvements include a traffic signal at Oreville and Good, lane improvements at Marietta and Good and the addition of a limited right turn on to Oreville Road for southbound Farmingdale traffic. The Township is acquiring necessary right-of-way and awaiting the issuance of the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT. Bidding for this project is scheduled for early Spring 2021 and will be a 4-6 month construction period.



Township Burning Ordinance

Reminder: Burning of woody yard waste, grass & leaves, garbage, rubbish, and construction material is PROHIBITED throughout the Township (AG exception).

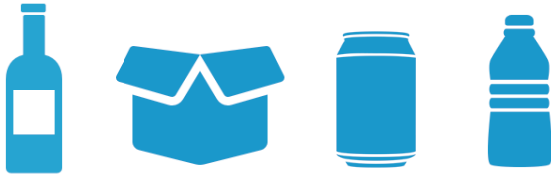
For specifics on open burning regulations, please refer to East Hempfield Township Ordinance 2015-09 located on our website.



Recycling Right Doesn't Have to Be Hard

Only the **Big 4** should be placed in your recycling bin:

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!



- Glass Jars & Bottles (emptied, rinsed & lids removed)
- Corrugated Cardboard (flattened)
- Metal food and Beverage cans (emptied, rinsed & lids removed)
- Plastic bottles & jugs with necks (emptied, rinsed & lids removed)

EVERYTHING ELSE IS TRASH.

If you think something may be recyclable (like newspaper or plastic bags), visit earth911.com (where to recycle, at the top of the page) for a list of potential drop-off locations. Otherwise, place the material in your trash.

Do not put anything other than the **Big 4** in your recycling bin.

WHERE DOES YOUR TRASH GO?

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) has the answer! All County trash and recycling flows through the LCSWMA Transfer Station on Harrisburg Pike. Please visit their website for a wealth of useful information (www.lcswma.org) and a virtual learning experience (www.lcswma.org/tours-2/) which leads you through the process and answers the question, where does your trash go...



COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & INSTITUTIONAL RECYCLING

- Are you a commercial, industrial or institutional entity?
- Do you recycle materials such as office paper, corrugated cardboard, tires or large appliances?
- Do you rely on a licensed waste hauler to transport your recyclables?

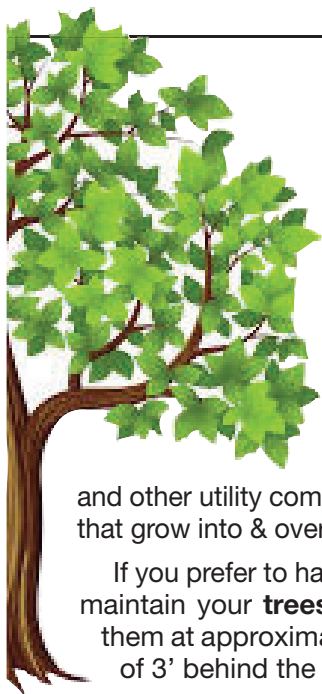
If you answer **YES** to all of the above we thank you for doing what is necessary to track your recycling efforts.

If the answer to the last question is **NO**, the Township would like to have additional information from you to better understand how your recycling efforts are accounted for in the waste stream. Please contact us at your earliest convenience.



YARD WASTE SEASON RUNS FROM APRIL 5 - OCT. 29, 2021

- An unlimited amount of recyclable paper bags are permitted per week though each may not exceed 30 lbs.
- Unlimited amount of bundled material tied with twine permitted per week, may not exceed 30 lbs. or 4 feet in length.
- Recyclable paper yard bags may be purchased wherever sold.
- Do not mix yard waste with household trash during yard waste season.
- If you have a truck or trailer full of yard waste contact your local compost site.



Trees & Shrubbery

Improper placement of trees & shrubbery can become a danger for motorists exiting an intersection or driveway. Please plan accordingly when planting new foliage. They should be placed so that they will not grow into the street or into overhead wires. **Without prior notice**, the Township and other utility companies will trim trees & shrubs that grow into & over the roadway.

If you prefer to have a professional tree trimmer maintain your **trees & shrubbery**, please keep them at approximately 14' high and a minimum of 3' behind the curb or white line.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS









APR	2	F.....	Good Friday – OFFICE CLOSED <i>Normal trash service</i>
	5	M.....	Curbside Yard Waste Program Begins
	5-9	M-F	Appliance & Tire Pick-Up (tag required)
	12	M.....	Street Sweeping Begins
MAY	31	M.....	Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED <i>Trash service delayed 1 day this week</i>
JULY	5	M.....	Independence Day Observed – OFFICE CLOSED <i>Normal trash service</i>
SEPT	6	M.....	Labor Day – OFFICE CLOSED <i>Trash service delayed 1 day this week</i>
OCT	11	M.....	Columbus Day <i>Normal trash service</i>
	Mid	Curbside Leaf Pick-up / Drop-off Begins
	29	F.....	Trick-or-Treat 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	29	F.....	Curbside Yard Waste Program Ends

SPRING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Ways to reduce stormwater runoff while improving wildlife habitat

Native plants are trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses and other plants that provide a less labor intensive and water efficient landscape which is beneficial to home owners and the environment. Native plants are preferred because they grow well in the area's soil and weather conditions. The extensive and deep root systems of native plants help reduce runoff, reduce soil erosion, and filter water before it gets into the nearby waterways.

Remove these invasive species:	Plant these native species instead:
	
<p>Japanese Barberry: Shrub spreads quickly and crowds out native plants. Presence of Lyme disease carrying ticks is increased.</p>	<p>Common Ninebark: Fast growing shrub is drought tolerant, disease and insect resistant, attracts bees and birds and produces white flowers in early summer.</p>
	
<p>Bradford Pear: Fast growing tree that out competes natives for light and nutrients. Branch structure makes it susceptible to breakage and splitting.</p>	<p>Eastern Redbud: Deer resistant tree that does well in shady locations, attracts bees and birds and produces fragrant pink flowers in early spring.</p>
	
<p>Day Lily: Quickly spreads from yards into natural areas where it can displace native plants. Thick tubers make control and removal difficult.</p>	<p>Butterfly Milkweed: Deer and drought resistant perennial that attracts butterflies and hummingbirds and is a larval host for monarchs. Produces long lasting, showy, orange flowers throughout summer.</p>

Please Welcome Our New Employees...

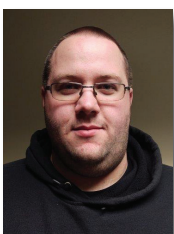


Officer Bryant Surgeoner

On February 17, 2021, Officer Bryant Surgeoner was sworn-in as the newest and 34th officer of the East Hempfield Police Department. Officer Surgeoner previously served as a police officer with the Reading City Police Department since 2019. He is a native of Berks County and a graduate of Shippensburg University and the Reading Police Academy. Officer Surgeoner comes to EHTPD highly recommended. He will immediately begin a 12-week field training program, learning our policies, procedures and becoming acquainted with our community.

Elizabeth Shiffler

On October 12, 2020, Elizabeth Shiffler, became the Human Resources Administrator. She has over 15 years of Human Resources experience and most recently worked in HR in the healthcare field. She was born and raised in Southern Lancaster County where she currently resides with her husband and two sons.



Adam Hetter

On December 28, 2020 Adam Hetter filled a vacant position in the public works department and brings with him experience in snow plowing, winter maintenance, and road repair. Adam is also a volunteer firefighter. Please help us welcome Adam and wish him a long and successful career with the Township.

Hempfield Recreation Center 2021 Summer Playground Program

HARC's supervised program for ages 6-13 is held at four neighborhood parks:

- Amos Herr Park – East Hempfield Township
- Silver Spring Park - West Hempfield Township
- East Petersburg Park; and
- Mountville Community Park

This popular program offers supervised outdoor play, games, sports, and *optional field trips and pool parties from June 14 - August 6, Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.).

For more information and registration form visit www.hempfieldrec.com



2021 Summer Daycamp

- New and Expanded Programs
- Streamlined Tuition
- Registration is OPEN

New and exciting ventures for all!

A goal for summer camp 2021 is to bring a sense of normalcy to the campers' lives and to provide the outstanding social experience that families have come to expect from HARC's longstanding program. The camp will continue to highlight outdoor activities, arts & crafts, and STEM activities, along with a host of new programs within age-appropriate groups. Theme weeks and activities will be added to the 2021 Day Camp Calendar soon—be on the lookout for details outlining all of the cool things planned!

**Swimming, weekly field trips, and clubs are now included in weekly tuition, with more information to come as summer nears.*

Questions: Kevin Kennedy, SAC Director kkennedy@hempfieldrec.com or 898-3102 ext. 133

**Activities and the number of participants are contingent upon CDC guidelines at the time.*



In the future, as our marked patrol vehicles are replaced they will follow this new color scheme.



SCAM PREVENTION TIPS

Here are useful tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of a scam or fraud.

GIFT CARD SCAMS:

If you receive an email, phone call, or text message from someone asking you to buy gift cards or prepaid credit cards for them, it is likely the start of a scam meant to steal your money.

What to do:

- Never give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.
- 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.
- Block unwanted calls and text messages.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately.
- Before you do anything else, tell a friend, a family member, a neighbor.

HOME IMPROVEMENT FRAUD:

Be cautious of contractors who:

- Do not have a PA contractor license number.
- Claim to "just be in the neighborhood".
- Claim that they can offer you a deal because they have "surplus material" offered at a lower price.
- Claim that they can give you a discount if you "act right away".
- Demand upfront payment, or offer to arrange financing.

Always:

- Verify the registration of a contractor.
- Insist on seeing references.
- Request a bid in writing, and compare to bids from multiple contractors before agreeing to any work.
- Check the Better Business Bureau website for a review of the contractor.
- Get a written contract before the work starts and before you pay anything.
- Do not pay the final bill until all work has been completed.

For more information, visit: www.attorneygeneral.gov/protect-yourself/home-improvement/.

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TELEPHONE CONTACTS

(AREA CODE IS 717 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

District Justice	735-2288
EHT Municipal Building.....	898-3100
EHT Police Department	898-3103
East Petersburg Fire Company	569-5035
Four Season Golf Course.....	898-0104
Hempfield Fire Department.....	898-8112
Hempfield Rec	898-3102
Hempfield School District Tax Office	898-5565
LanCO Treasurer’s Office (spring tax)	299-8222
LanCo Solid Waste Mgmt. Authority	397-9968
Lancaster Area Sewer Authority (LASA).....	299-4843
PENNDOT (state roads)	299-7621
Rohrerstown Fire Company	392-6700
Susquehanna Valley EMS	435-8101
Water Authority (Hempfield).....	898-8231
(Lancaster City)	735-3425

SPECIAL LARGE APPLIANCE & TIRE PICK-UP



Large appliance and tire pick-up will take place during the week of **April 5th-9th, 2021**. Purchase tags at the township office. Appliances \$10.00 each / Tires \$2.00 each.

Holiday Trash Delays

ALL other holidays are on a normal schedule.

May 31 - June 4 Memorial Day Holiday
September 6 - 10.....Labor Day Holiday



CONTACT:
Voter Registration Lancaster County
<https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/294/Voter-Registration>
717-299-8000

FOR VOTING INFORMATION



TRICK-OR-TREAT

Will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat is typically held on October 31st unless it falls on a Saturday or Sunday in which case it is held the Friday prior.

