



# EAST HEMPFIELD *Township*

FALL/WINTER 2023

NEWSLETTER

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## EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1700 Nissley Road  
Landisville, PA 17538

### HOURS

Mon.-Tues. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Thurs.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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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 - 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public and held at the Township Building. Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted on our website or in the Lancaster Newspaper prior to each meeting.



## MASTER CONCEPT PLAN FOR NOLT ROAD PARK

The Board of Supervisors presents to the residents of East Hempfield Township, the adopted Master Concept Plan for a proposed park on 50 acres of Township land at the intersection of Nolt Road and Church Street (also known as the sod farm).

The golf course, the sod farm, and the recreation center parcels were all purchased by the Township in the mid-1980's. Since that point in time, the plan was to utilize the property for a park facility on the 50-acre sod farm that all residents could enjoy.

Over the years, there have been one or two sketches for varied facilities, but nothing was ever approved. Even though the land is zoned recreation and open space, the sod farm has been present for many of those years of ownership. Those within walking distance were able to use the space, in limited capacity, as allowed by the leaseholder, Sporting Valley Sod.

In 2022, the Township was approached by the Hempfield Youth Association (HYA), who indicated a need for more baseball fields (both baseball and softball) due to continued increases in their registrations. Representatives met with the recreation group, and their request moved through the process to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the need and authorized the Township Engineer, David Miller & Associates, to design a master concept plan for the site, to provide the best layout and level of recreation uses for the 50 acres of open space.

David Miller & Associates put pen to paper and designed the first concept plan, which included four ball fields (both baseball and softball), a playground, a dog park, restrooms, multiple parking areas, and walking trails. This plan was presented to the public for review and feedback. Residents requested that the Township make further effort to gather input into the plan, which was done through a survey (with just over 500 respondents) and a public meeting charrette, dedicated to plan input. The Board reviewed the feedback and noted several areas of concern from residents: noise and light pollution, more traffic, speed of traffic, and requests to have a more passive park (trails, trees, meadows, benches).

The Board responded to the feedback by revising the plans, eliminating field lighting and the press box building (storage, loudspeakers, restroom, snack shack), and adding an additional picnic area, more trails, and expanding the meadows

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### Holiday Package Theft Prevention Tips:

- Schedule packages to arrive when you are home
- Have packages delivered to your workplace or a trusted neighbor
- Require a signature on delivery
- Install a smart camera at doors
- Request a mail hold when you are away
- Send packages to a secure location (Amazon locker or post office)



### DROP-OFF LOCATION

Available

Mid-November through  
Mid-December

East Hempfield Township  
Police Department  
1700 Nissley Road  
Landisville, PA  
M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Thank You for Your  
Consideration!*

## East Hempfield Police Department Participates in the Pink Patch Project

East Hempfield Township Police Department is joining other departments in Lancaster County and across the world, by participating in the Pink Patch Project. For the month of October, Officer's uniforms will display a pink version of the department patch. The Pink Patch Project is a public awareness campaign to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support breast cancer research. The pink patches are intended to stimulate conversation with the community and to increase public awareness about the importance of early detection in the ongoing fight against this disease.

Patches are available for purchase at the Police Station for \$10.00, cash or check. For alternate arrangement, please email Officer Etter [ettere@ehpd.org](mailto:ettere@ehpd.org).

**Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute.**



### MASTER CONCEPT PLAN FOR NOLT ROAD PARK

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(passive areas). The restroom facilities were relocated, and raised crosswalks on Nolt Road were proposed.

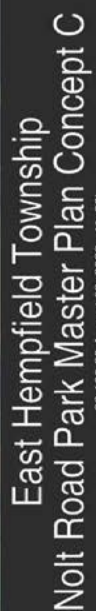
The revised plan was presented publicly on August 2nd and then considered for approval on August 16th. Based on the small number of comments received, the Board felt that the revised plans addressed many of the concerns of the public. The master

concept plan was approved on August 16th (see map on pg. 3).

A Master Park Plan is simply a road-map for the future. The plan will allow HYA and other groups, with support from the Board of Supervisors, to take their ideas one step further to seek grant funding for improvements. There are no tax dollars set aside for any improvements to this acreage. It is the hope of the Board of Supervisors that interest groups, such as HYA, will be able to raise funds to complete future improvements to the space.

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## What Type of Residential Permit Is Required?

East Hempfield Township requires permits for many types of construction and improvements to residential structures. Some jobs require a "Zoning Permit," some a "Building Permit," and others require both a "Zoning & Building Permit." Permit applications are reviewed and issued concurrently. Zoning Permits fall under Township rules and ordinances. Building permits fall under the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and require inspection. Keep in mind that permits take time to review and process. Please allow 2-3 weeks.

### Examples of Projects REQUIRING A BUILDING PERMIT

- House or garage, carport addition.
- Above ground and inground swimming pools even "wall-less" and portable pools, deeper than 42".
- Patio, porch or deck roof where the roof is attached to the house.
- Decks that are higher than 30" from the ground.
- Doors and windows if they are a different size.
- Upgrading an electrical service.
- Addition or relocation of electrical wiring.
- Plumbing work where the "trap" seal is broken.

### Examples of Projects REQUIRING A ZONING PERMIT

Construction and/or installation of:

- Shed, unattached carport, or unattached garage, under 400 square feet.
- Patio, including paver patio or porch with no roof or walls.
- Walkway on the property other than the sidewalks along the street.
- A deck that is not more than 30" high.
- Widening, replacing or adding newly paved areas to an existing driveway.

### Examples of Projects NOT REQUIRING A PERMIT

- Repair to existing structures, such as floorboards in a deck.
- New shingles on your roof.
- House siding.
- Replacing windows and doors with ones of the same size.
- Replacing a garage door (however, replacing a manual door with an electric door will require an electrical permit).
- Wallpaper, carpet, tile, paint, and interior cabinetry such as kitchen cabinets.



## Winter Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

Start shoveling early! The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need. Here are some DO's and DON'T's when shoveling or plowing snow.

### DO:

- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- Clear snow away from storm drains to allow water flow as the snow melts.

### DON'T:

- Pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- Do not pile snow onto rain gardens or bio-retention areas.

### Tips to Avoid Using Salt as a Deicer:

More salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow ice melts. When temperatures hit 15 degrees F or below, salt is not effective. Consider using traction materials that contain acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal instead of sand or kitty litter.

\*\* Pay close attention to places that may have eroded during the snow melt. Plan to improve these areas in the spring by using native grasses, meadow plants, or native trees and shrubs.

\*\* Normal snow accumulation does not pose a threat to rain gardens, so there is no need to shovel a rain garden. However, heavy snow loads can weigh down and saturate your garden and hurt plants. Pile snow uphill from the rain garden so when the snow melts the rain garden can do what it is designed to do.

## SNOW PLOWING & MAILBOXES



The Township will not replace a mailbox that is not directly hit by our trucks. Plowed snow may knock over an unstable mailbox. Please inspect the condition of your mailbox prior to the winter season.



# 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](http://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.

## TRASH & RECYCLING REMINDERS

- Place trash/recycling curbside the night prior to your scheduled day.
- When inclement weather is in the forecast, the trash hauler prefers starting services earlier than normal.
- Old, broken recycle bins are to be disposed of in the trash. They are not recyclable.
- Recyclables are not to be placed in plastic bags.
- Please consider putting out recyclables only when your bin is full. Less frequent stops will help GFL provide better all-around service to our residents.
- If your trash or recycling is not collected, call the Township Office. We will contact GFL.



## SEASONAL CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP

mid-October through mid-December



### CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP INFORMATION

- A separate truck will come around. Service occurs weather permitting.
- Do not mix twigs, pine needles, or any other yard waste in with leaves.
- Do not park on leaf piles.
- Visit our website for general route information.

### LEAF DROP-OFF POLICY

at the Township Building through mid-December

- NO PLASTIC BAGS PERMITTED.
- Biodegradable bags or loose leaves only.

## Township Roads & Right-of-Way

Please keep in mind before planning your next project that you need to consider having space to store materials on your property. Although it may be a convenient area to deliver items, the storing or staging of materials on the public street or right-of-way is **NOT** permitted.

Even if it's just for a couple hours or a day or two, **DO NOT** place dumpsters, mulch, stones, soil, or building materials in the street.



## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

is included in your trash and recycling service.

Trees will be collected curbside during the week of **January 8-12, 2024** on your normal trash day.

Curbside pick-up any other week will require a \$5.00 red tag or you may drop it off at the Township Building until Sunday, January 28, 2024.

No decorations, garland, tinsel, etc. permitted.



## Plantings in the Right-of-Way

Improper placement of trees and shrubbery is a danger for motorists exiting an intersection or driveway. Plantings should not be placed where they may grow into the street or overhead wires.

**Without prior notice**, the Township and utility companies will trim trees & shrubs that grow into and over the roadway.

**All plantings are to be maintained at approximately 14' in height and a minimum of 3' behind the curb or white line.**







## Happening at the Hempfield recCenter Fall 2023:

There's a lot going on at the Hempfield recCenter this fall! We're offering presentations on Civil War history, an Owl Prowl nature program, Trunk-or-Treat, and the ExtraGive is just around the corner. Don't miss these great community programs - FREE for all to attend. To learn more visit: [hempfieldrec.com/community](http://hempfieldrec.com/community).

### America's National Pastime: Baseball During the War Saturday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hempfield recCenter

- Learn how a simple ball game brought together a nation torn in half, and how it became one of the biggest sports in the U.S. today.

### Owl Prowl and Pellets

**Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Grubb** - This program is a Hoot! We will learn about the Owls that live in PA and hope to talk to a few that live in the woods around the lake. Find out how they capture and eat their prey and dissect an owl pellet to discover the critters they had for dinner.

### Trunk-or-Treat at the Hempfield Rec

**Thursday, October 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Hempfield recCenter** - Get ready for a spooktacular evening of family fun at the Hempfield Rec Center on October 26, 2023, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.! It's trunk-or-treat time, and we're rolling out the orange carpet for a fang-tastic celebration. Dress up your little goblins and ghosts in their finest costumes and bring them over for a hauntingly good time.

### The Damned: Lieutenant General James Longstreet

**Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hempfield recCenter** - Lee's Old War Horse. After the war, many fellow comrades tarnished the name of James Longstreet and his war record, but why?

### The ExtraGive - Sweat Debt Challenge

**Friday, November 17** - The Hempfield recCenter is holding their Sweat Debt Challenge, a fundraising event part of the Extra-Give, Lancaster County's biggest day of giving! The challenge is to donate to the Hempfield recCenter on November 17th, and any donations received during the 24-hour period will be paid back to the community in sweat and exercise by the recCenter management and staff. Donate to make them sweat it out! Funds raised benefit their Everyone Belongs fund which helps support programs and offer fitness scholarship opportunities that help make our programming accessible to local families and seniors experiencing financial hardship.

### How the Civil War Changed Christmas

**Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hempfield recCenter** - Families torn apart by war, but just how did the Civil War change the way we celebrate the Christmas holiday?

## AMOS HERR HOUSE AND PARK *A Teacher's Legacy*

Amos Herr taught History and Problems of Democracy at Hempfield High School and was the chairman of the Social Studies Department. He was also a member of one of the original families that settled in the area and, as such, he was a frequent lecturer on the area's history.

In his will, Herr donated his family homestead to East Hempfield Township for a park, while the farmhouse has been preserved as a museum. If not for his foresight, people wouldn't be able to enjoy the amenities of A Herr Park.

The property and house are owned by the township but maintained by the Amos Herr House Foundation & Historical Society. The grounds, which are part of the park, are open year-round, making it an ideal spot for a picnic, sports activity, or photographer's backdrop.

The mission of the Foundation is to oversee the renovations, maintenance, and usage of the historic house, barns, and adjoining gardens and to preserve the history and traditions of the greater Hempfield area.

In addition, the Foundation is seeking individuals to volunteer in many positions, including tour guide, receptionist, and/or gardener.

**If you would like to show your support to the foundation through a membership...**

### I would like to become a member of the Amos Herr House Foundation and Historical Society

- Guarantor Membership ..... \$500.00
- Sustaining Membership ..... \$250.00
- Contributing Membership..... \$100.00
- Supporting Membership..... \$50.00
- Friend and Family Membership ..... \$25.00
- Individual Membership..... \$15.00
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in memory / or honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with your tax-deductible payment to:  
AHHF, PO Box 52, Landisville, PA 17538 717-898-8822

## Garden Plot Registration 2024

will be held on

**Monday, February 5 - 2023 Gardeners**

**Tuesday, February 6 - New Gardeners**

East Hempfield Township Administration Building  
Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Each plot is approximately 20'x40'. Watering facility available. The cost is \$25.00 per plot.

**A limited number of plots are available  
on a first-come, first-serve basis.**





## Please Welcome Our New Hires



### Public Works:

In July 2023, **Michael Sexton** joined the East Hempfield Township Public Works Department. Mike has many years of experience driving commercial vehicles and operating heavy equipment. Most recently, he was employed by PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Mike attended college in Michigan before moving to Pennsylvania.

On September 29th, **Steven Hohenwarter** joined the East Hempfield Township Public Works Department. He graduated from Hempfield High School and Shippensburg University. He has prior experience in project management and driving commercial vehicles. His most recent experience was in a similar role in an adjoining municipality.



### Golf Course:

**Timothy Chavez** was hired at Four Season's Golf Course as a part-time employee in June 2022 and was promoted to full-time Pro Shop Supervisor in June of this year. He has an accounting degree from Central Penn College and previously worked as a technician for Comcast.



2023-2024

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<b>OCT</b>	Mid .....	Curbside Leaf Pick-up / Drop-off Begins
	Tues. 31 .....	Trick-or-Treat Night – 6:00-8:00 p.m. (RAIN OR SHINE)
<b>NOV</b>	Fri. 3 .....	Curbside Yard Waste Program Ends
	Sun. 5 .....	Daylight Savings Time Ends
	M-F 6-10 .....	Special Item/Appliance/Tire Pick-up Curbside pick-up on your normal trash day Tags Required - Purchase at Township Office
	Th.-F 23-24 .....	Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed Trash service delayed 1 day Thurs. & Fri. only
<b>DEC</b>	Mid .....	Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program Ends (Weather dependent)
	M & T 25-26 .....	Christmas Holiday – Office Closed Trash service delayed 1 day all week
	Fri. 29 .....	Leaf Drop-off Program at Township Ends
<b>JAN</b>	Mon. 1 .....	New Year's Day – Office Closed Trash service delayed 1 day all week
	M-F 8-12 .....	Curbside Christmas Tree Pick-up on Trash Day
	Mon. 15 .....	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Normal trash service
	Fri. 26 .....	Christmas Tree Drop-Off at Township Ends
<b>FEB</b>	M & T 5-6 .....	Garden Plot Sign-Up at Township Office – 8:00 a.m.
	Mon. 19 .....	President's Day Normal trash service
<b>MAR</b>	Sun. 10 .....	Daylight Savings Time Begins
	Fri. 29 .....	Good Friday – Office Closed Normal trash service
<b>APR</b>	M-F 1-5 .....	Special Item/Appliance/Tire Pick-up Curbside pick-up on your normal trash day Tags Required - Purchase at Township Office
	Mon. 8 .....	Curbside Yard Waste Program Begins Street Sweeping Begins

★ 2023 Municipal Election ★

★ Important Dates ★

Oct 23

Last day to register to vote in the municipal election.

vote.pa.gov/Register

Oct 31

Last day to apply for a mail ballot.

vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot

Nov 7

Completed mail ballots must be received by 8 PM.

vote.pa.gov/County

Nov 7

Election Day. Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

vote.pa.gov/Polls

★ ★ vote.pa.gov ★ ★

VOTE

## UPCOMING HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS

Trash service delayed 1 day on the following dates:

Thurs. & Fri. .... November 23 & 24 ..... Thanksgiving  
 Mon.-Fri. .... December 25-29 ..... Christmas  
 Mon.-Fri. .... January 1-5 ..... New Year



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**TELEPHONE CONTACTS**

(717 AREA CODE)

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
Lanc. Area Sewer Authority (LASA) .....	299-4843
PENNDOT (state roads) .....	299-7621
Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC EMS .....	761-1038
Rohrerstown Fire Company .....	392-6700
Water Authority (Hempfield) .....	898-8231
(Lancaster City) .....	735-3425

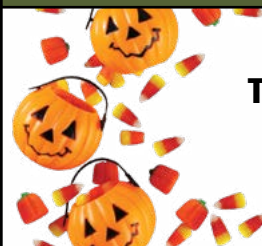
**SPECIAL ITEM/APPLIANCE  
& TIRE PICK-UP**

Will take place during the week of  
**November 6-10, 2023** on your trash  
day. Tags are required and available for  
purchase at the Township Office.

**Special Item/Appliance**  
**\$10.00 each**  
**Tire \$2.00 each**



**TRICK-OR-TREAT 2023**



Trick-or-Treat will be held on  
**Tuesday, October 31, 2023**  
between the hours of  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
RAIN or SHINE