



# EAST HEMPFIELD *Township*

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NEWSLETTER

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## EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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### HOURS

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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

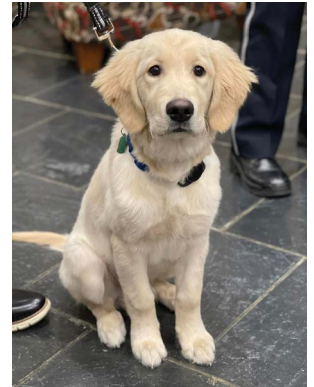
4th Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public and held at the Township Building. 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.

## INTRODUCING K-9 VALOR

The East Hempfield Township Police Department would like to introduce our second K-9 officer: K9 Valor! Valor, born in October 2022, is an English Crème Golden Retriever. Valor was donated, through Alpha Pack Veteran K9s Unleashed by breeder Karen Weatherbie, to serve as a Police Trauma Dog. Detective Bender has been assigned as Valor's handler. He and Valor are currently working on Valor's obedience training, walking on a leash, and sitting still while being groomed. Once he is old enough, Valor will receive training through Alpha Pack K9 to become certified as a police trauma dog.

Valor's duties will include providing support for officers' mental health, boosting morale for township employees, assisting officers' interaction with victims and witnesses dealing with traumatic events, and participating in police/community interaction. Valor enjoys coming to work and greeting everyone as he starts his day. He is "super chill" and plays with his toys while Det. Bender tends to his other duties. Valor loves watching officers come and go through his window at the Detectives' Office. At home, Valor enjoys romping with Det. Bender's German Shepherd, Digby, and running towards the refrigerator for ice cubes every time he hears the door open. Det. Bender has extensive experience with service dogs, having raised seven puppies for The Seeing Eye. Alpha Pack K9s trains dogs to become certified as trauma dogs, supporting veterans and law enforcement. Weatherbie donated her most recent litter to area police departments specifically for use as trauma dogs.



## ZONING & BUILDING PERMITS

The East Hempfield Township's Building Code Department has gone electronic. All permits and plans should be submitted to the department in electronic format (pdf files preferred) for review and approval. Once the plans have been reviewed and approved, an invoice for the fees due will be sent via email. Permit invoices can be paid by mail, in person at the Township office, or online at <https://easthempfield.egovpayments.com/egov/apps/payment/center.egov>. Upon receipt of payment, the permit, along with a copy of the stamped approved plans, and a list of required inspections will be sent electronically. Inspection reports and Certificates of Occupancy are also sent via email. This new procedure reduces overall costs while also reducing the amount of paper waste and decreasing emissions by eliminating the need for multiple trips to the Township office. For those without the ability to create electronic files, paper plan submissions will still be accepted and paper permits will be made available as needed.



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board is composed of five elected supervisors with staggered terms of six-years. Each January the Board reorganizes and selects a Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wiglesworth and Mr. Bennett were appointed Chair and Vice-Chair during the 2023 reorganization meeting.

### Board Members and their terms:

W. Scott Wiglesworth (Jan/2026)	Chairman
Thomas A. Bennett (Jan/2024)	Vice-Chairman
H. Scott Russell (Jan/2028)	Supervisor
Andrew C. Weaver (Jan/2026)	Supervisor
G. Edward LeFevre (Jan/2024)	Supervisor

The Board uses committees/groups to meet with staff and residents to review policies and projects:

<b>Administration/Finance</b>	Thomas Bennett Scott Wiglesworth
<b>Stormwater/MS4</b>	Edward LeFevre Andrew Weaver
<b>Parks/Recreation</b>	Thomas Bennett Edward LeFevre
<b>Planning</b>	Scott Wiglesworth Scott Russell
<b>Public Safety</b>	Scott Russell Thomas Bennett
<b>Public Works</b>	Andrew Weaver Scott Russell
<b>Traffic Commission</b>	Edward LeFevre Scott Wiglesworth Andrew Weaver

## SPRING ROAD PROJECT UPDATES



### Church Street Resurfacing (Harrisburg Pike – Stony Battery)

PennDOT has awarded the contract for this project which will commence in the Spring/Summer and carry over to the 2024 construction season. 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 storm-water culvert near the golf course. Road closure and delays can be expected.

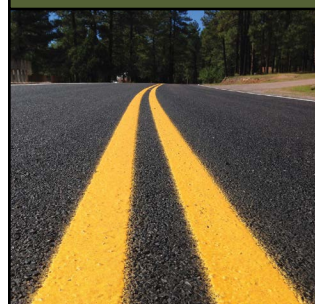
### Centerville Road Interchange Improvements (Marietta-Columbia)

The Township is partnering with PennDOT on this multi-year project. The contractor (JD Eckman) is in place and utility work and bridge pier work is being performed now. As consistent milder weather arrives the construction on this roadway/bridge will ramp up. The project will widen Centerville Road to five lanes, raise the bridge at the interchange, extend the connectors to Route 30, create a new cul-de-sac off Hempland Road and add a lane on Marietta Ave. between Centerville and Stony Battery Road. The project will be a multi-year construction project (2023-2025). Due to the level of traffic in this area, residents are advised to seek alternate routes. Traffic updates can be found at [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com). You can also subscribe to receive news/traffic alerts from PennDOT at [www.penndot.pa.gov/RegionalOffices/district-8/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.penndot.pa.gov/RegionalOffices/district-8/Pages/default.aspx).

**Old Rohrerstown Road Bridge Replacement Project** – The Township is partnering with PennDOT and Manheim Township to replace the bridge beneath the Norfolk Southern rail line on Old Rohrerstown Road. The contract was awarded to JD Eckman and construction is underway and should be completed by fall/2023.

**Farmingdale Road Improvements** – JVI Construction was awarded the bid for this project. They are working through utility coordination but as the weather turns milder, work will begin. 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 from Farmingdale Road on to Oreville Road for southbound Farmingdale traffic. The Township has been fortunate in securing two grants for this project which total just over \$1.1 million. Grant funds, along with the money received for road improvements from High Family Partnership (in connection with the Crossing's project) will be combined to fully fund the project.

## 2023 PAVING SCHEDULE



Millers Run Lane  
Nissley Road (Bowman Road to Nolt Road)  
Paddington Drive  
Stony Battery Road (Meadow Spring Road to Main Street)  
Valley View Drive  
Westminster Drive  
Wexford Drive  
Wimbledon Lane



# Township Accomplishments & Goals

## 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Exercised strong fiscal management practices to provide a higher than projected opening fund balance in 2023.
- Completed the 2022 paving program amounting to \$1.28 million dollars.
- Adopted an updated Stormwater Ordinance.
- Addressed necessary Zoning Ordinance changes to signage and conditional use requests.
- Promoted a new Chief of Police, as well as a new Lieutenant and Sergeant.
- Continue to address and move forward annual Board goals.
- Moved forward with the inspection program for Best Management Practice (BMP) inspections and continued the outfall inspections.
- Purchased a Reserve Pumper to be utilized by Fire Departments within EHT coverage area, and Rescue Pumper to be utilized by Hempfield Fire Department.
- Committed to the purchase of a Ladder Truck for Rohrerstown Fire Department.
- Successfully managed the transition of key staff positions in Finance and Administration.



## 2023 GOALS:

- Exercise strong fiscal management practices to provide a higher than projected opening fund balance in 2024.
- Maintain a healthy Township employee base to ensure continuation of municipal services to residents.
- Successfully bid, track and monitor the following projects: Farmingdale Road area, Centerville widening, Old Rohrerstown Road Bridge replacement, Dairy Road Bridge replacement, Amos Herr Park Phase 2, Amos Herr Wetlands, Noel Dorwart Park design, and the Four Seasons Golf Course stormwater basins.
- Complete the transition of assets to the EHT Recreation Authority.
- Continue to support the East Hempfield Recreation Authority in their quest to find additional sources of revenues to supplement and complement Golf Course operations.
- The 2018-2023 MS4 Permit Cycle has been extended two years (until 2025) so staff will be monitoring changes/modifications to the criteria for the next MS4 permit cycle. Outfall inspections will continue.
- Continue to work with the three Fire Departments (Hempfield, Rohrerstown and East Petersburg) to create a cohesive system of delivering and paying for Fire Services in East Hempfield.
- Implement an integrated financial management system.
- Work with Susquehanna River Basin Commission to secure permit renewals for well use at the Golf Course.
- Complete the analysis of truck traffic and routes through the Township.
- Successfully complete negotiations on a new police contract effective 1/1/2024.

## HOMETOWN HEROES

The Amos Herr Foundation and Historical Society in Landisville is proud to announce a new project honoring veterans from the Hempfield area. The **Hometown Heroes** project will begin to install banners on utility poles in Landisville and Salunga in the spring of 2023. The banners will be a tribute to the men and women who have served or are serving in any branch of the United States military.

Family or friends can order a customized banner of a loved one by completing an application and submitting it along with a check or money order in the amount of \$300, payable to Amos Herr HTH. Applications will be available April 1st, 2023 online at [www.herrhomestead.org](http://www.herrhomestead.org) - click on Amos Herr HTH, [www.easthempfield.org](http://www.easthempfield.org), and [www.westhempfield.org](http://www.westhempfield.org), or in person at R.H. Cooper & Son Garage - 115 Main Street, Salunga, as well as the East Hempfield and West Hempfield Township municipal buildings. Inquiries can be directed to Ron Cooper at 717-537-7311 or via email to [AmosHerrHTH@gmail.com](mailto:AmosHerrHTH@gmail.com).

This project will be ongoing. It is anticipated that the first banners will be ordered by late spring of 2023, with installation beginning sometime during the summer of 2023. Several banners will be on display as examples on Main Street in Landisville/Salunga later this spring.

The committee, chaired by Ron Cooper, includes Directors on the Board of the Amos Herr Foundation: Elam Herr, John Houston, Jessie Long, and Robert Wildasin. Janet Booth is also serving on the committee. The committee would like to thank East and West Hempfield Townships for their support of our Hometown Heroes project.





## Creating a Pollinator Garden or Landscaping and Saving at Risk Honey Bee Colonies



Although birds, bats, and other creatures are considered pollinators, insects are the animals that do the bulk of the pollination that affects our daily lives. Some of these insect pollinators will be familiar (bees and butterflies), but you might be surprised by some of the others (flies, wasps, and beetles).

Experts indicate that pollinators need our help. Both native bees and domestic bee populations are declining, affected by habitat loss, disease and contact with pesticides per Penn State Extension. Their gardeners are taking action to support pollinator populations by planting pollinator friendly gardens and providing education for the public, gardeners and non-gardeners alike. You can help by providing food and habitat for native insects and animals on your property. This will help pollinators who will provide the pollination needed to protect plant diversity and food sources. Planting a pollinator-friendly garden is much easier than it used to be. Native, non-invasive, pollinator friendly plant lists can be found on many reputable websites including Penn State Extension (see below) and most of the plants needed are available at local garden centers, nurseries, and even hardware stores.

According to the Lancaster County Beekeepers Society, the honey bee is one of the most at-risk pollinators in Pennsylvania. A honey bee colony may split at any time of year. This split involves the existing queen leaving her original colony with about half the bees to find a new place to live. The bees left behind then raise a new queen. This homeless group of bees is officially called a swarm. They will cluster together almost anywhere but normally on a tree, fence post, mailbox, or something similar. The bees then go about finding a new home. Honey bees can move into any cavity they find hospitable. The cavity must exist though, honey bees will not chew or burrow to create a hollow space. In nature, honey bees will almost always choose a hollow tree, but in areas with humans, they may also choose other spaces such as a wall, a barrel, or a chimney. A swarm is a large, homeless group of bees gathered usually on a branch, a fencepost, a mailbox, or other similar structure. These bees have split off from their parent colony and are now looking for a new place to live. The Lancaster County Beekeepers Society has members who will come retrieve the bees free of charge in this situation. The website below will help you find the closest local swarm collector.

<https://www.lancasterbeekeepers.org/swarm-collector-search/>

<https://extension.psu.edu/trees-lawns-and-landscaping/home-gardening/pollination-and-bees>



## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

East Hempfield Township adopted the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code.

Tall grass is the most common complaint we receive at the Township during the spring and summer months. Other common complaints include high weeds, accumulation(s) of trash/debris, tree branches, yard waste/trimmings on the property as well as inoperable motor vehicles parked on the property and swimming pools that aren't maintained. Overgrown trees and shrubs are not enforceable under the Property Maintenance Code unless they obstruct a sidewalk or driveway.

Property Maintenance Complaint forms are available on our township website: [www.easthempfield.org](http://www.easthempfield.org), or you can obtain a copy at the Township office. Please be specific when listing possible violations before returning it to the Township.

Township staff follows-up on all properly submitted complaints. Once a violation is verified, the property owner/resident is notified of the violation and then given time to respond and make corrections. If compliance is not reached, formal action is taken by the Township. This process may take anywhere from a few days to three to four weeks and in some cases longer to complete.



## FRIENDLY REMINDER!

WHEN TRANSPORTING WASTE,  
ALL COMMERCIAL AND  
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS  
MUST SECURE OPEN  
LOADS WITH A TARP.

A \$20 PENALTY is now in effect for loads arriving at LCSWMA facilities without a secured tarp. (Second offenders will be turned away)

SECURE YOUR LOAD. IT'S THE LAW.

HELP US PREVENT  
LITTER & SAVE LIVES.



For more information, visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)



# Recycling right doesn't have to be hard.



JUST FOCUS ON THE **BIG 4!** PLACE **ONLY** THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.



Flattened



Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed



It's okay to throw **everything else** away. It will be turned into energy.

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.

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



## BASKETBALL POLES IN RIGHT-OF-WAY

If you have a freestanding basketball pole, place it in your driveway at a minimum of 3 feet away from the street. These poles create a difficulty for the mailman, trash trucks, street sweepers, and leaf collection trucks. Safety is a top priority for drivers, as well as township residents.



## 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 and 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.

## 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 APRIL 10 - NOV. 3, 2023

- An unlimited amount of recyclable paper bags are permitted per week though each may not exceed 30 lbs.
- An 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.

2023

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



APR	3-7	M-F .....	Special Item / Appliance & Tire Pick-Up
	7	F .....	Good Friday – Office Closed Normal trash service
	10	M .....	Street Sweeping Begins Curbside Yard Waste Program Begins
MAY	29	M .....	Memorial Day – Office Closed Trash service delayed 1 day this week
	4	T .....	Independence Day – Office Closed Trash service delayed 1 day remainder of the week
SEPT	4	M .....	Labor Day – Office Closed Trash service delayed 1 day this week
OCT	9	M .....	Columbus Day Normal trash service
	31	Mid .....	Curbside Leaf Pick-up / Drop-off Begins
NOV	31	T .....	Trick-or-Treat 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	3	F .....	Curbside Yard Waste Program Ends

## Please Welcome Our New Hires

### Public Works:



In October 2022, Craig Leiberher and Glenwood Leas III joined the East Hempfield Township Public Works Department. Craig has ten years of experience operating trucks and large equipment in the public and private sector. He is a graduate of Palmyra High School and has a background in diesel.

Glen has worked in public works for municipalities in Lancaster and York counties for more than 15 years. He has experience in maintaining water and sewer systems, as well as operating trucks and other heavy equipment. He is a graduate of York County Technical School and holds various licenses and certifications related to public works.



### Administration:



In November 2022, Stephen Skiles was hired as the Human Resources Generalist for East Hempfield Township. After a long career in law enforcement, which began in 1986, Steve retired from the township earlier in the year as the Police Chief. In his new role, Steve will assist the Township Manager and Assistant Manager with benefits coordination and other human resources functions.

### Finance:

In January 2023, Monica Stitzel was hired as the Accounting Clerk for the East Hempfield Township Finance Department. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Gardner-Webb University and has prior experience as an office manager and performing various accounting and financial duties at businesses in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.



## Promotions / Appointments



Jeanna Johnson was promoted to Director of Finance following the retirement of Joseph Robinson.

Nathaniel Sturgis was promoted to Director of Planning. Originally hired as the Development Services Technician in 2018, he also previously served as the Zoning Officer and Township Planner.



Officer Tyler Clisham was appointed to the position of Detective in the Criminal Investigative Division of East Hempfield Township Police Department filling a vacancy created by promotions and transfers within the department.

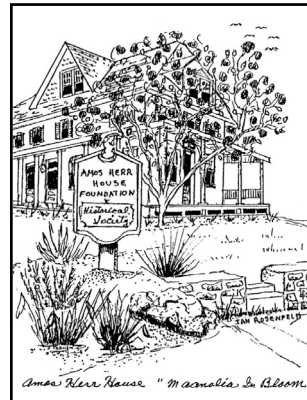


## Retirements

Joseph Robinson retired in January after 15 years of service to East Hempfield Township as the Director of Finance.



## AMOS HERR HOUSE VOLUNTEERS



The mission of the Amos Herr House Foundation is to oversee the renovations, maintenance and usage of the historic house, barns and adjoining gardens of the Amos Herr House and to preserve the history and traditions of the greater Hempfield area. We are seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering their

time as a tour guide (giving tours of the house when it is open), a receptionist (to greet people coming for a tour), and gardeners (those who enjoy gardening).

The House is open for tours beginning at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturday, April through October. The last tour begins at 3:15 p.m. For further information, contact the Township Office at 717-898-3100.



## 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.





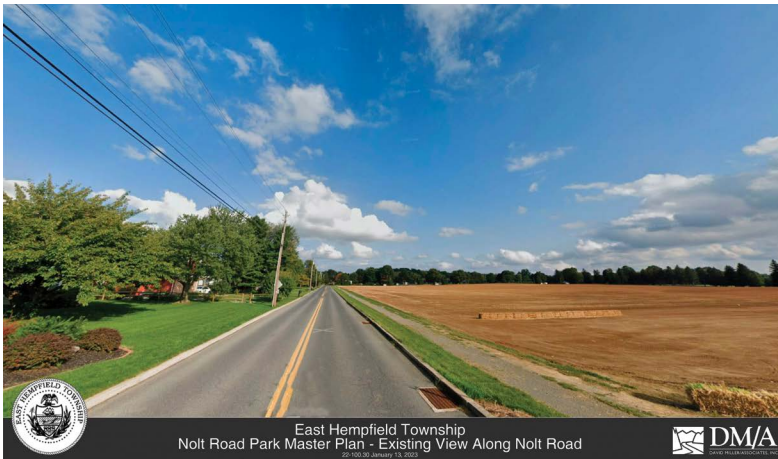
# Your Opinion Matters... Where Do We Go From Here?

The Board of Supervisors is soliciting input from Township residents in reference to potential future recreational use of the Township's property located at the corner of Church St and Nolt Rd, commonly referred to as the sod farm. At this time there is no township funding set aside or planned, nor is there a timeline in place for these changes to occur. Instead, the Board of Supervisors is interested in what park amenities the community needs and wants in this future recreation space.

A community survey has been created and is available online at <https://forms.gle/7XPNazJx6T5kUcC86> or by scanning the QR code.



(QR CODE sent separately) Paper copies are also available at the Township office (M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). Deadline to participate is April 30, 2023. Upon completion of the public response period, responses will be compiled and reviewed by Township staff for presentation at an Open House currently scheduled for June 7 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Township Building.



Initial draft concept plan as presented at EHT BOS meetings in February.

# Save the Date



# Amos Herr Community Fair

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

Please mark your calendars for the 43rd Annual **Amos Herr Community Festival**, produced in cooperation with East Hempfield Township, Landisville Lions Club, and the **Amos Herr House and Historical Society** on Sunday, September 17 (rain date 9/24), from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Amos Herr Park, 1700 Nissley Road, Landisville.

The award-winning community event features the Lions Club Car Show, crafter/vendors, food trucks, and Amos Herr 1852 Homestead and Tobacco Barn free tours. Another highlight is always the Lancaster Kennel Club's Responsible Dog Owner Day events.

Encourage your friends and family to come and enjoy the day! Admission is free. Parking donations benefit Lions Club service projects.

For more information on the event and for crafter/vendor inquiries, please contact Laura Dalton at [ldaltonaherrfair@easthempfield.org](mailto:ldaltonaherrfair@easthempfield.org) and Bill Ulrich at [billu@dejazzd.com](mailto:billu@dejazzd.com) for car show information.

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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
Lanc. 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 ITEM & APPLIANCE / TIRE PICK-UP

Will take place during the week of **April 3-7, 2023** on your trash day. Purchase tags at the Township Office. Appliances \$10.00 each / Tires \$2.00 each.

## Holiday Trash Delays

Mon. - Fri., May 29 - June 4..... Memorial Day  
Tues. - Fri., July 4 - 7..... Independence Day  
Mon. - Fri., September 4 - 8..... Labor Day  
*Trash service delayed by one day during these weeks.*

## TRICK-OR-TREAT

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

