East Donegal Ownship 190 ROCK POINT ROAD MARIETTA, PENNSYLVANIA 17547

NEWSletter

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East Donegal Township

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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm Friday 8:00am –Noon

Supervisors

Dennis J. Drager-Chairman Allen D. Esbenshade-Vice Chairman John E. Murphy-Member

State Representative

Dave Hickernell Phone: (717) 367-5525 Fax: (717) 367-6425 dhickern@pahousegop.com

State Senator

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Meeting Dates:

Supervisors' Meetings First Thursday - 7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meetings First Thursday – 6:30 pm

EDT Water Authority Meetings Third Tuesday – 7:00 pm

EDT Sewer Authority Meetings Third Tuesday -7:00 pm

Park Commission Meetings Fourth Thursday – 7:00 pm

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings First Tuesday – 7:00 pm

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The office will be closed on the following dates:
Columbus Day Closed October 10
Veterans Day Close Noon Nov.10, Closed Nov.11
Thanksgiving Close Noon Nov. 23, Closed Nov. 24 & 25
Christmas Close Noon Dec. 22, Closed Dec. 23 & 26
New Year's Closed Jan. 2
Washington's B-day Closed Feb. 20

Good Friday Closed Noon Apr. 13, Closed Apr. 14

ONLINE BILL PAYMENTS



With the growing convenience of online banking services, more residents are choosing to pay sewer and/or trash bills using the bill-payment services offered by their financial institution. Residents should be aware that not all on-line bill-payment services are the same and that the policies and procedures of financial institutions may vary. However, all of these services rely on the accuracy of the information you provide. When paying bills through online banking it is extremely important that you:

- Provide the correct mailing address for the bill to be paid
- Provide the correct name of the entity to be paid
- Provide the correct account number of the bill to be paid
- Provide the correct amount due as referenced on the bill
- Provide for your name and address to appear on the check issued

These items are important when banks issue checks to the Township. Checks are delivered to the Township without bill stubs making it difficult to know what bill the check is intended to pay.

Do not assume the payment will arrive before the due date. Many financial institutions suggest allowing at least 10 business days for the payment to reach the intended merchant. Accounts are credited based on the date they are received in the office. All payments must be in the office by 4:00 on the due date or they will be considered late.

After Hours Payments

There is a drop box for after hour payments located on the utility shed in the parking lot.

ATTENTION: East Donegal Township Municipal Authority Customers Effective January 1, 2017

Union Community Bank Will No Longer Accept East Donegal Township Municipal Authority Payments. You May Submit Payments To The East Donegal Township Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta Or You May Mail Them To EDTMA, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA 17547. If You Have Any Questions, Please call the East Donegal Township Municipal Authority at 426-3421.

Jake Bair Hired As New Township Public Works Director/Roadmaster



Jake Bair has joined East Donegal Township as the Public Works Director/Roadmaster. Jake will manage the department currently staffed with 3 full-time skilled laborers/drivers and one part-time laborer. The Public Works Department provides a wide variety of services including maintenance of roadways, which require paving, snow removal, storm sewer maintenance, and grass cutting along public rights-of-way, and signage. The department also provides building and park maintenance, and fleet maintenance for the Township. Jake was raised in East Donegal Township and is a graduate of Donegal High School. He brings over 15 years of experience in the excavation/construction field. Outside of work, Jake enjoys hunting and the outdoors. Jake and his wife are currently expecting the birth of their first child.

E-MAILS:

Sign Up To Receive Township E-mails

In an effort to keep you informed, we offer the opportunity for residents, and interested non-residents, to receive E-mails directly from East Donegal Township. These E-mails may include news regarding up-coming events or meetings, important notices and even a link to the Township newsletter on-line. To sign-up, go to the Township's website (www.eastdonegaltwp.com) and complete the on-line form. Be assured that the Township will not provide your E-mail address to anyone else and you will always have the option of being removed from our E-mail list.

Township Manager: Jeff Butler jeff@eastdonegaltwp.com

Public Works Director/Roadmaster: Jake Bair jake@eastdonegaltwp.com

Receptionist: Victricia McConnell vicki@eastdonegaltwp.com

Zoning Officer: Craig Underwood craig@eastdonegaltwp.com

Sewer Authority: Joyce Boyer joyce@eastdonegaltwp.com

Susquehanna Regional Police Department

Chief Ed Haugh

haughc@police.co.lancaster.pa.us

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Northwest Emergency Medical Service

Scott Kingsboro - Executive Director skingsboro@nwems86.org

Web Sites

East Donegal Township www.eastdonegaltwp.com

Fire Department Mount Joy www.fdmj.com

Maytown/EDT Fire Department www.maytownedfd.com

Susquehanna Regional Police www.srpd27.com

Snow Removal Guidelines

East Donegal Township divides the Township into zones for snow removal. Each zone is assigned specific drivers and equipment. Within each zone main roads are plowed first, followed by secondary streets, then developments. Alleys (single lane roads or streets) will be last.

Residents are reminded that the Township has a general policy for snow removal, however each storm event may be a cause for change. Salt material is spread on the roads at the start of the storm and when snow starts to accumulate. In most cases the Township will plow the street two separate times. The first time will be to clear an access to the primary roads and the second pass will push the snow back to the edge of the street. This is done to provide clearance on the street and to insure an adequate area to plow additional snowfall.

Property owners can assist the Township by following these suggestions

- * One of the most important ways to help is by **not parking vehicles in cul-de-sac or narrow streets.** Plows cannot get into a turn-around when cars are parked on the street.
- * Please keep vehicles off the street until the street has been completely cleared of snow.
- * Know that when streets are plowed, the snow will go in your driveway. Clear an area on the edge of the street before your driveway to allow much of the snow to leave the plow before it gets into your driveway.
- If possible, you may want to wait until the street is plowed before clearing driveway openings.
- ***** Do not shovel the snow into the street.
- * Shovel snow away from hydrants located on or near your property.
- * Motorists need to have a greater awareness of Township vehicles salting or plowing snow. The Township vehicle is performing an emergency service and **motorists** should not interfere or impede the plow in any way. When clearing the street the Township vehicle may behave in an unexpected way, such as backing up a short distance against traffic. Do not attempt to pass a snow plow.
- * Mailboxes: When removing snow from the roads plowed snow may damage mailboxes. Wet, heavy snow increases the chance of damage to the mailboxes. To reduce the potential for damage make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. Residents are reminded that damage occurring from plowed snow is the owner's responsibility. The Township crew makes every effort to avoid damaging mailboxes.
- * Basketball Poles/Nets: Basketball poles are not acceptable items within the Township right-of-way. As an unapproved structure within the legal right-of-way, the following applies:
 - * East Donegal Township will not pay for any damage to basketball poles, nets or any other recreational equipment located within the public right-of-way that is damaged by plowed snow or struck during plowing operations.
 - * East Donegal Township will seek full payment for any damage to salting/plowing equipment caused by recreational equipment located within the public right-ofway.
- * Snow/ice should be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of the last snowfall.





Holiday Safety

Take the time to safeguard your valuables during the busy holiday season. Guard your personal information and credit cards. Place holiday purchases and packages in the trunk of your vehicle and

out of sight of would be thieves. Finally, remember to lock your doors.

Interested In Serving Your Community?

The end of every year marks the end of terms of office for a number of members of East Donegal Township's various Boards and Commissions. As a result of any opening, the Board of Supervisors may be appointing new members to the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, Park Commission or Township Authorities.



East Donegal Township is always pleased to accept offers to volunteer for service on a board, commission or committee.

The Township is fortunate to have civic-minded volunteers serving the Township. The characteristics of the community's volunteers that currently serve are: Ability to work with fellow members, staff and the public in a cooperative and collaborative manner; ability to facilitate and participate in discussions in a productive manner; ability to lead in a positive, constructive manner; history of community involvement; ability to digest and comprehend complex technical material and make sound recommendations/ decisions on those facts; and the ability to embrace the diversity of the community.

Residents who wish to volunteer as appointees can access an application form from the Township website or stop by the Township office. The form can be found at www.eastdonegaltwp.com/about/board-of-supervisors/volunteer-board-commission-application.

Filing an application of interest does not guarantee a resident will be appointed to the position of their choice. At previous reorganization meetings, some members already serving on boards or commissions have been reappointed to serve additional terms.

Swimming Pool Owners Responsibilities to Protect Local Streams

Residents and property managers who drain water from swimming pools need to be aware of ways to minimize environmental impact from pool water which contains chemicals that may be harmful to the environment.

- Standing water or accumulated rain and/or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top so as not to disturb settled solids. Solids on the pool bottom should not be discharged. Following pump down of water, solids should be cleaned out manually.
- Leave the water in the pool at least one week without chlorinating prior to draining.
- Please test the pH and chlorine residual of the water to be discharged. Drain the pool only when a test kit indicates no detectable chlorine levels, and a pH level between 6.5 and 7.8.
- If your pool contains algae or a black film of organic matter, collect it and compost it. This water may also contain low dissolved oxygen or have elevated temperatures, so please discharge over a grassy area to avoid it from reaching storm drains.
- Never drain pool water directly into a stream, pond, or other body of water. Pump pool water out over an open area, such as a lawn, at a rate slow enough so that is absorbed and does not reach the stream or storm drains. Avoid drainage paths that may spill water onto neighbors' properties.
- Properly store pool chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, and follow the instructions on labels for disposal.

By following these simple steps, you can help ensure that your pool will not only provide months of summer fun, but will also leave minimal pollution to our precious natural water supplies.



Food Bank

The East Donegal/Conoy Christian Food Bank is located at 40 Coffee Goss Road in Maytown and is open Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Food Bank is a non-profit organization that offers a three (3) day supply of food for emergency purposes to residents of East Donegal Township, Conoy Township or Marietta Borough. Call Pat Vogel; 426-2360 with questions.

Thank You!

The East Donegal Township Supervisors and the East Donegal Township Park Commission would like to thank the following sponsors of the 2016 Music in the Park.

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David Miller Associates
Donegal Ag Transport
Donegal Insurance Group
Doug Lamb Construction

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Lancaster County Solid
Waste Management
Authority

Marietta Motors, Inc. Mid Penn Bank Neil Albert Nikolaus & Hohenadel Thru-It-All Body Shop White Rudy & Company



TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREAT

Monday, October 31, 2016, 6-8PM for ages 12 & under

- Costumes should be bright and reflective and not drag on the ground; masks should allow for unobstructed vision and kids' shoes should fit their feet.
- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult.
- Take a flashlight for use when walking after dark.
- Stay away from houses that are dark.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic using the flashlight for safety.
- A cell phone should be handy in case of emergency.
- Inspect all candy
- Homeowners should make sure their yard is clear of anything that could be a tripping hazard (i.e. hoses, ladders, flower pots, toys and unlit steps).
- Jack O" Lanterns should battery lights and not candles to prevent fires.
- Lock your pets in a room where they can't be seen by trick or treaters.
- Make sure your kids do not feed their candy to the family pets.

Milanof-Schock Library

www.mslibrary.org 1184 Anderson Ferry Road Mount Joy, PA 17552 Phone: 717-653-1510 Check the library website or ca

Check the library website or call for updated hours during renovations this fall.

Hours:

Monday thru Thursday: 10:00am – 8:00pm Saturday: 9:00am – 1:00pm Closed Fridays & Sundays

Check out the local library for special programming all year long.



Crop Walk: October 16



Just because something says flushable, it does not mean it is bio-degradable. Nothing should be flushed into the sewer system except human waste and toilet paper.



PPL - Lights Out

If there is a street light out, call PPL, # 1-800-342-5775. There are two strips of numbers on the pole. You will need these, the location of the pole and identify the problem (out, cycling on & off, dim, etc.) when calling.

Clothing Donation

East Donegal Township has partnered with CommunityAid by placing a clothing/textile donation container in the parking lot of the Township Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta. CommunityAid is a non-profit organization that operates four thrift stores: Mechanicsburg, Hanover, Selinsgrove (the largest thrift store in the nation) and Lancaster. You may place clothing, shoes, purses, linens and small unbreakable household goods in the bin.

Refuse & Recycling Information

Trash/Recycling pickup is Thursday. Place trash and recycling curbside on Wednesday night. Trash is limited to three 32-gallon trash cans/bags per week; no more than 30 pounds each. Additional cans or bags must have a yellow (\$1.00) tag on each one. Any can and/or bag weighing more than 30 pounds, or oversized items (sofa, mattress, carpet, etc.) must have a red (\$3.00) tag attached. Bulk items too heavy to be lifted into the truck by two people will not be accepted. No construction debris will be collected. Tags can be purchased at the Township office during regular business hours. Recycling is mandatory for everyone. No recycling is permitted in with the trash and no trash is permitted in the recycling bin. The following items are <u>currently</u> on the recycling list;

Plastic #1 through #7 (soda/water bottles, milk jugs, etc.)
 Rinse thoroughly NO plastic bags

- Glass food and beverage containers; rinse thoroughly
- Aluminum beverage and steel food and beverage containers; rinse thoroughly
- Paper, Paperboard, Cardboard (breakdown boxes as flat as possible); examples: clean pizza boxes, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, empty paper towel/toilet paper rolls, office paper, newspapers/inserts, magazines, catalogues/brochures, envelopes, junk mail, paper bags, phone books, soft cover books, clean paperboard food and drink cartons.

Do not put cardboard/paper products out if raining or very windy. Recycle plastic bags at the grocery store.

There is a dumpster for corrugated cardboard located in Fuhrman Park behind the Maytown Fire Company.

*Brochures listing Household Hazardous Waste are available at the Township. HHW may not be put in the trash.

Thanksgiving Week: Trash Day will be Friday, November 25



Appliance (\$12) /Tire (\$2)/Rim (\$2) Pick Up: Saturday, October 15

Tags are purchased at the Township Office.

★★★Mandatory Recycling Reports★★

The Township's Code of Ordinances requires that <u>all</u> commercial establishments, businesses, institutions, apartments and farms that are not on the Township's Refuse/Recycling Program file an annual Recycling Report. The 2016 Report forms for completion will be mailed in December. Report forms are available at the Township office if one is not mailed to you. **Failure to complete and return the form is a violation of the Township Ordinance.** Please make sure to have disposal weights for the year to complete the Report. All items need to be documented with copies of weight tickets or a signature of the recycling center.

As a reminder, corrugated cardboard, office paper, glass bottles and jars, steel and bi-metal cans, and plastic items with a #1 (PET) or #2(HDPE) are to be recycled. Auto repair shops also need to recycle used motor oil and other automotive fluids, tires and batteries.



Not Sure Where To Recycle?

Check the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority website www.lcswma.org for information on recycling in the county.

Yard Debris Information

The Township is divided into two sections for yard waste

pickup. Yard waste (vegetation, grass clippings, leaves, small twigs, etc.) is to be placed in the Brown Kraft bags and tagged with a \$1.00 green yard waste tag and placed curbside the night before the designated pick-up date. Poison ivy, obnoxious weeds and diseased plants should be placed in trash. Branches must be bundled, no more than 4 feet in length or 30 pounds.

EAST of and including Colebrook Road (Donegal High School side)

October 1 & 15

WEST of Colebrook Road (Maytown Side) October 8 & 22

LEAF PICKUP DATES:

<u>Leaves only</u> - must be in Kraft bags; no tags needed.

EAST

WEST

October 29 November 5 & 19 November 12 & 26 December 3

> Christmas Tree Pick-up Saturday, January 14, 2017

MOUNT JOY/EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP COMPOST SITE

is located on S. Jacob St. Take S. Barbara; turn left on E. Donegal St., turn right onto S. Jacob. Compost area is at the end on the right of S. Jacob. Only leaves and branches (maximum length 8ft; diameter 19 inches) will be accepted. The site will be open on the following dates and times:

Friday: 3-6PM:

October 7 & 21 November 4 & 18

Fridays 8AM-2:30PM:

October 14 & 28 November 11

Saturdays: 9AM-12PM:

October 8 & 22 November 5 & 19



PRESORTED STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE PAID LANCASTER, PA PERMIT NO. 1746

PHONE NUMBERS:

East Donegal Township

Office • 426-3167 Sewer Authority • 426-2855 Water Authority • 426-3421 Zoning Officer • 426-3167 Fax Number • 426-4881

Susquehanna Regional Police **Emergency 911**

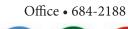
Business • 426-1164 Non-emergency • 426-1158 Or 1-800-957-2677

Mount Joy Borough

Office • 653-2300 Water/Sewer • 653-2300

> Marietta Borough Office • 426-4143

Columbia Water Co.











East Donegal Township is divided into three districts for voting. The polling locations

- Maytown: East Donegal Township Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta.
- Maytown West: Donegal Presbyterian Church, 1891 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy.
- Springville: Calvary Bible Church, 629 Union School Road, Mount Joy.

Your polling location is determined by the district where you reside. Not sure where to vote? Call 299-8296 or go to www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/Polling.