

East Donegal Township

190 Rock Point Road

Marietta, PA 17547

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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – Noon

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Meeting Dates:

Board of 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

Second Monday – 7:00 pm

Lancaster County Reassessment 2018

**Information provided by the County of Lancaster Property Assessment*

HISTORY:

In 1997, Lancaster County Commissioners passed a resolution requiring reassessment of properties every eight (8) years. The last reassessment was effective as of 1/1/2005.

The reassessment scheduled for 2013 was postponed four years until 2017 because of the unpredictability and instability of real property values during the economic recession. In late 2015, it was voted to delay the reassessment for another year (2018) to ensure technology was in place to provide accurate assessment values.

All property parcels in Lancaster County will receive an updated assessment which represents an estimate of your property's fair market value. It will be effective as of 1/1/18 for Municipal taxes and 7/1/18 for School District taxes. Tax Assessment staff members will not visit your property or seek access to your house. Current records are already on file as appraisers have maintained regular property visits and updated property records through construction permits received from boroughs and municipalities over the years.

Assessments are important because disparity in values can be created if too long of a period passes between them. Reassessment equalizes all assessments and current fair market values at 100% and ensures similar property types and neighborhoods are assessed fairly and uniformly.

TIMELINE:

- A preliminary notice of your property's new assessment was mailed to you in March.
- Residents may contact the County Assessment Office at 717-299-8381 during March to confirm information is correct. If there are inaccuracies in your property information, you may provide current information and the County will evaluate it prior to issuing the final notice described below.
- The County will mail a final notice establishing the assessment for your property on or about **June 1st, 2017**. Dissatisfied residents have the right to file an appeal within 40 days of the mailing date of the final notice. More information about filing an appeal may be obtained by contacting the County Assessment Office by visiting: www.co.lancaster.pa.us/ta.

An increased assessment doesn't necessarily mean a tax increase. All taxing bodies must adjust their current millage rate to attain revenue neutrality. Generally, some property owners will see a tax decrease while others will see an increase or stay the same. Individual tax bills will be dependent on the percentage increase of your individual assessment compared to the average percentage increase in **your** taxing jurisdiction.

Visit: www.co.lancaster.pa.us/ta and click on Quick Links for additional information on "Taxpayers Guide to 2018 Reassessment"



ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The office will be closed on the following dates:

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

Memorial Day: Closed May 29

Independence Day: Closed July 4

Labor Day: Closed September 4

Columbus Day: Closed October 9



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.



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.

Office • 684-2188



E-MAILS:

Township Manager: Jeff Butler

jeff@eastdonegaltwp.com

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jake@eastdonegaltwp.com

Receptionist: Victricia McConnell

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Zoning Officer: Craig Underwood

craig@eastdonegaltwp.com

Sewer Authority: Joyce Boyer

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Susquehanna Regional Police

Chief Ed Haugh

haughc@police.co.lancaster.pa.us

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

Northwest EMS

www.NWEMS86.org

Susquehanna Regional Police

www.srpd27.com

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The East Donegal Township Supervisors and the East Donegal Township Park Commission invite the public to attend the 2017 Music in the Park Series. The music will be held in the Gazebo at Fuhrman Park, 110 Rock Point Road on Sunday evenings. The two performances by Sandy Heisey will be held indoors at Longwood Manor on Maytown Road. The music is made possible through donations from businesses and individuals.



Music in the Park Program Schedule

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| June 4 | 7:00PM | Working Man's Band | July 16 | 7:00PM | Malta Band |
| June 11 | 7:00PM | Twin Rose Community Band | July 23 | 7:00PM | Temple Avenue |
| June 18 | 7:00PM | HepCats | July 30 | 7:00PM | Rampart Street Ramblers |
| June 25 | 7:00PM | Fire in the Glen | August 6 | 6:30PM | The Ravens |
| July 2 | 7:00PM | Sandy Heisey held indoors at Longwood Manor | August 13 | 6:30PM | Not Quite Einstein |
| July 9 | 7:00PM | Bainbridge Band | August 20 | 6:30PM | Sandy Heisey held indoors at Longwood Manor |
| | | | August 27 | 6:30PM | Rohrerstown Band |

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.

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Yard Waste Pickup Dates

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

April 1, 15, 29
May 13 & 27
June 10 & 24
July 8 & 22
August 5 & 19
September 2, 16, 30
October 14

WEST of Colebrook Road (Maytown Side)

April 8 & 22
May 6 & 20
June 3 & 17
July 15 & 29
August 12 & 26
September 9 & 23
October 7 & 21

Yard waste (vegetation, flowers, 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 pickup date. Poison ivy, obnoxious weeds and diseased plants should be placed in the trash. Branches must be bundled, no more than; 4 feet in length or 30 pounds.



Mount Joy/East Donegal Township Compost Site Dates and Hours of Operation

Beginning April 7, 2017 until November 18, 2017: Open every Friday from 3:00PM-6:00PM and Saturday from 9:00AM-Noon. **EXCEPT April 14 & 15; May 26 & 27; June 30; July 1 and September 1 & 2.**

Site Location

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



Appliance/Tire Pickup Dates

Saturday, April 15

Saturday, October 14

Tags for the appliances and tires are purchased at the Township Office. Appliances (washers, dryers, stoves, freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air-conditioners, hot water heaters, etc.) are \$12.00 each and tags for tires (without rims) are \$2.00. Rims are also \$2.00 each. When purchasing a tag you will need to give your street address and identify the item you are putting out for pickup.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PICKUP DATES

Week of Memorial Day pickup will be Friday, June 2

Week of Independence Day pickup will be Friday, July 7

Week of Labor Day pickup will be Friday, September 8

Week of Thanksgiving pickup will be Friday, November 24

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 with the recycling. The following items are currently on the recycling list for in the bin:

- Plastic #1 through #7 (soda/water bottles, milk jugs, etc.) Rinse thoroughly.
- 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 rolls, office paper, newspapers/inserts, magazines, catalogues, brochures, envelopes, junk mail, paper bags, phone books, soft cover books, clean paper board food & drink cartons.

Do not put cardboard/paper products out it is raining or windy.

Recycle plastic bags at the grocery store!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Notes on Recycling:

- Do **NOT** put plastic bags in the recycling bin.
- Recycle plastic bags at the grocery store.
- Do **NOT** put recycling out on windy days.
- Do **NOT** put paper recycling out when raining.
- Just because something is made of plastic that does not mean it can be recycled.
- Cans or bottles in the recycling bin must be empty.
- Remove lids from plastic bottles. Flatten bottles for more room in the bin.
- Keep the following items out of the recycling bin: Oil stained pizza boxes, oil containers, food, medical waste, plastic bags, diapers, toys, flower pots, wood products, Styrofoam, containers that held flammable liquids, clothing, textiles, videos, dvd cases, tissues, paper towels, electric cords, hangers, etc. For as much as we want you to recycle we have to say please don't contaminate the recycling process: When in doubt, throw it out.





Compost Work Shop

LCSWMA is offering FREE Home Compost Workshops on the following dates: April 19 at the City of Lancaster's Recycle Drop-Off Center at 6 pm; May 20 at the East Donegal Township Municipal Building at 10 am and June 7 at the Manheim Farm Show building at 6 pm. Call 717-397-9968 for more information.



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.



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.

New PA 223 Area Code

As of March 4, 2017, residents of the 717 area code must include the area code whenever you make a call. If you forget and dial just a 7-digit number, the call will still connect during the grace period. On August 26, 2017, the grace period will end and all calls MUST include the area code. If only a 7-digit number is entered, the call will not go through and a recording will instruct you to hang up and dial again with the area code. On September 26, 2017, new lines of service may be issued numbers with a 223 area code.



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 any resident in need of food who resides in East Donegal Township, Conoy Township or Marietta Borough. Donations can be dropped off at the Township Building or you may call Pat Vogel 426-2360 with questions

What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is a planted depression or a hole that allows rainwater runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways, walkways, parking lots and compacted lawn areas ability to be absorbed into the earth. This reduces rain runoff by allowing storm water to soak into the ground instead of flowing into storm drains. Surface water is also able to soak into the ground instead of causing erosion, water pollution, flooding and diminished ground water. Rain gardens can be designed for specific areas, soil types and climates. The purpose of the rain garden is to improve water quality in nearby bodies of water. Rain gardens can cut down the amount of pollution reaching creeks and streams by up to 30%.

A rain garden is a way to use and optimize any rain that falls, reducing or avoiding the need for irrigation. Rain gardens differ from retention basins, in that the water will infiltrate the ground within a day or two. This creates the advantage that the rain garden does not allow mosquitoes to breed.

Filing of Zoning Ordinance Complaints

East Donegal Township receives frequent calls, letters, emails, and verbal complaints about possible Zoning Ordinance violations within the Township. Among these are many anonymous complaints, of which the staff will NOT investigate.

Chapter 27, Part 11, Section 1102.C. of the Township Code of Ordinances addresses the procedure for complaints regarding violations of zoning regulations and reads as follows:

C. Complaints regarding violations. The Zoning Officer may, and, when in receipt of a signed written complaint stating fully the cause and basis thereof, shall, investigate alleged violations of this Chapter.

In order to investigate, the person making the complaint must provide the address and / or tax parcel number of the property where the alleged violation is taking place. In addition, complaints that are mailed in or presented at our Township office must be signed and provide contact information so the Township can verify this is actually the person making this specific complaint.



CLOTHING / TEXTILE DONATIONS

East Donegal Township has partnered with Community Aid (a non-profit organization) by placing a clothing/textile bin in the parking lot of the Township Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta. You may put clothing, shoes, belts, hats, purses, linens, curtains, textiles and small unbreakable household items in the bin.



SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

East Donegal Township and the East Donegal Township Park Commission are sponsoring a Summer Playground Program for the 2017 summer season.

The program is open to all children, from the age of 5 through 10 years old. The fee is **\$80.00** per child.

The program will include games, crafts, sports activities and more. The program will take place in Fuhrman Park on Rock Point Road, Monday thru Friday, beginning Monday, June 19 and running through Friday, July 28 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon each day.

Please fill out the attached registration form and mail or return with your registration fee of **\$80.00** per child to: East Donegal Township, 190 Rock Point Rd, Marietta, PA 17547. ***Each child should bring a bottle of water and snack every day.**

Registration deadline is June 12.

For information on the summer program

Email Hayley & Taylor at: maytownsummerplayground@gmail.com

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2017

The upcoming 2017 construction season will a busy one for the public works department. There are numerous projects scheduled, and budgeted for, in 2017. The following is a list of the some of the larger projects slated to be completed this year:

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

- **Ore Mine Road** - Route 441 (River Road) to Route 772 (Anderson Ferry Road)
- **Long Lane** - Route 772 (Anderson Ferry Road) to Route 23 (Marietta Pike)
- **Waterford Avenue** - Route 441 (River Road) to municipal boundary with Marietta Borough
- **Chestnut Street** - Waterford Avenue to municipal boundary with Marietta Borough
- **Oil & Chip** (to seal road surface) - (Kraybill Church Road, Gibble Road, Fuhrman Road and Trout Run Road)



PARKS:

- **Fuhrman Park & Longwood Square Park** - Final wearing course of park walkways
- **Fuhrman Park** - Pavilion Kitchen and bathroom repairs
- **Chickies Creek Day Use Area** - Installation of new playground equipment
- **Riverfront Park** - Installation of new playground equipment
- **Legion Park** - Installation of new playground equipment

We thank you for your patience this year while the following projects were be worked on, and completed, in East Donegal.

Milanof-Schock Library

www.mslibrary.org • Phone: 717-653-1510
1184 Anderson Ferry Rd. • Mount Joy, PA 17552

Hours:

Monday thru Thursday: 10:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Closed Fridays & Sundays



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

SUMMER PLAYGROUND REGISTRATION FORM

Participants Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address: _____

_____ Home Phone # _____

Name of person to notify in event of emergency: _____

Phone # of person to notify in an emergency: _____

Waiver of Liability and Indemnification: the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s), each for himself/herself, his/her child or ward, and their respective spouses, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and hereby releases, acquits, and forever discharges East Donegal Township, The East Donegal Township Park Commission, and their respective supervisors, agents, representatives, employees, heirs, successors and assigns, from any and all actions, claims, demands coverages, costs, losses, injuries, expenses, judgments, attorney's fees, and suits at law, equity or otherwise that may arise directly or indirectly from the above-named participants= involvement or participation in any manner in the Summer Playground Program.

All Parents (and/or) Guardians who have permanent or partial custody of the child must sign.

Signature _____ Signature _____

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian

Make checks payable and mail to: East Donegal Township, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA 17547

Your cancelled check will be your confirmation that your child has been registered. If you pay in person with cash, you will be given a receipt.

***There will be no playground on Tuesday, July 4, 2017**

Please note there may be costs associated with field trips this year. There will be more information at a later date.



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MARIETTA, PA 17547

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2017 MAYTOWN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

As early as 1902, Maytown has honored veterans with a Memorial Day Parade. The early parades were sponsored by the Order of United American Mechanics. After the wars, the American Legion Post 809 became the sponsor and has kept up the tradition of honoring all servicemen and women who have served our country. Since 2015, the American Legion has been supported by a committee of community residents.

The 2017 Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 29th. The starting time has **changed to 4:00 pm** followed by a Memorial Day Service in the Maytown Square.

The theme of this year's parade is **"We Are America United Thanks to Our Veterans"**.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend the decorating of Veterans' graves at the Maytown Reformed Cemetery beginning at 3:00 pm followed by the decorating of Veterans' graves at the Lutheran / Union Cemetery. Maytown Girl Scouts will place a rose on each veteran's grave and the members of the Bainbridge Band will perform at each ceremony. Residents and visitors are also encouraged to attend a Memorial Service that will be held in the Maytown Square. The service will begin immediately following the conclusion of the parade.

The Parade Committee is inviting families in the community to participate by entering a float observing the parade theme or to participate in some other manner consistent with the Memorial Day observance. For information regarding entering the parade, contact Mike at mguinivan@embarqmail.com.

Memorial Day Antiques, Crafts, Collectables

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #809 will sponsor its 55th annual Memorial Day event on Monday, May 29th from 8:00am to 4:00pm in Maytown to support the veterans. There will be plenty of food and vendors selling everything from crafts & collectibles to demonstrating broom making & blacksmithing. For more information please contact Sara Gutshall at 426-2107.



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

- **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.

DONATE

**Blood Drive: May 27th from
10am to 2pm at the East Donegal
Township Municipal Building.**

REMINDER:

**East Donegal Township
has a NO BURNING
ORDINANCE**

