

East Donegal Township

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

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Meeting Dates:

Board of Supervisors Meetings

First Thursday - 7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meetings

Second Thursday - 7:00 pm

Board of Supervisors Workshop

Third Tuesday - 7:30 am

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

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Coffee & Conversation

November 19 - 7:30 AM

January 21 - 7:30 AM

March 18 - 7:30 AM

May 20 - 7:30 AM

Held at Township Building



Welcome Kenton Sweigart

Kenton Sweigart was recently appointed to the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors. The vacant position was created when Supervisor Scott Kingsboro accepted the newly created Assistant Township Manager position. Kenton has been a lifelong resident of East Donegal Township and graduated from the Donegal School District in 1981. After graduating, he made the decision to join his father, Arthur P. Sweigart, working on the family farm. Kenton and his wife, Sue, have been married almost 40 years and have raised 6 children in this community. Along with raising their family here in the Township, the family farming operation has expanded, and now includes three of their sons and their families.

Kenton is looking forward to learning about the operations of the Township, getting to know the staff, and meeting and helping the community residents. Kenton states that as Supervisor, he is looking forward to being a part of helping the community advance towards a prosperous and successful future. Kenton can be reached by email at Kenton@eastdonegaltwp.com.



MESA Welcomes Wade Amick as Authority Manager

The Board of Directors of the Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County (MESA) recently appointed Wade Amick as Authority Manager. Wade replaces Scott Kingsboro, who has accepted a position with East Donegal Township.

Wade has deep roots in Lancaster County. He lives in West Donegal Township, where he has resided for nearly four decades.

With an emergency services career spanning over 30 years, Wade began his journey in the field as a student at Penn State University, where he enrolled in an EMT class as an elective. His career in EMS was solidified when he joined a local EMS agency in 1993.

Prior to his role as Authority Manager at MESA, Wade served as Operations Manager. Before that, he served in supervisory roles and as a paramedic at various EMS agencies. Wade is dedicated to assisting individuals in need and advancing the emergency services profession.

"I was drawn to EMS to directly help people," Wade said. "But I also thrive on the fast-paced nature of the profession. Every emergency call presents a unique challenge requiring the ability to think on your feet."

Wade is enthusiastic about contributing to the evolution of MESA's municipal-based EMS model, which is now serving as a model for other communities.

"I'm excited to be part of this new model, which is now being used by other communities and EMS systems that are struggling financially," he said. "MESA is an example of how municipal cooperation and public funding can ensure EMS is ready and available on a sustainable basis."

MESA, which began operating in February of this year, provides 911 emergency medical services previously provided by Northwest EMS to six founding municipalities including ours. Many of the people who work at MESA are the very same people who served our community when they were wearing Northwest EMS uniforms.

"We are the same great employees, providing the high-quality patient care and service that was provided by Northwest EMS," Wade said. "All of us truly care about our community."

For more information about MESA, visit mesalancasterpa.gov.



PHONE NUMBERS:

East Donegal Township

Office • 717-426-3167

Sewer Authority • 717-426-2855

Zoning Officer • 717-426-3167

Fax Number • 717-426-4881

Susquehanna Regional Police

Emergency 911

Business • 717-426-1164

Non-emergency • 717-426-1158

Or 1-800-957-2677

Mount Joy Borough

Office • 717-653-2300

Water/Sewer • 717-653-2300

Marietta Borough

Office • 717-426-4143

Columbia Water Co.

Office • 717-684-2188



E-MAILS:

Township Manager: Jeff Butler

jeff@eastdonegaltwp.com

Assistant Township Manager: Scott Kingsboro

scott@eastdonegaltwp.com

Public Works Director/Roadmaster: Robert Ansell

robert@eastdonegaltwp.com

Township Treasurer: Jodi Diaz

jodi@eastdonegaltwp.com

Receptionist: Victricia McConnell

vicki@eastdonegaltwp.com

Zoning Officer: Craig Underwood

craig@eastdonegaltwp.com

Sewer Authority:

edsa@eastdonegaltwp.com

Susquehanna Regional Police

Chief Anthony J. Hall

halla@srpd27.com

Municipal Emergency Service Authority

Wade Amick – Executive Director

wamick@mesalancasterpa.gov

Web Sites

East Donegal Township

www.eastdonegaltwp.com

Municipal Emergency Service Authority

www.mesalancasterpa.gov

Fire Department Mount Joy

www.fdmj.com



Milanof-Schock Library

www.mslibrary.org

Phone: 717-653-1510

1184 Anderson Ferry Rd.

Mount Joy, PA 17552

East Donegal Township has a no burning ordinance.



**No burning trash,
recyclables,
or yard waste.**

PPL Lights Out

If you have a streetlight out, you may call PPL at 1-800-342-5775. There are two strips of numbers on the pole. Please have these numbers handy along with the location of the pole and the problem (out all of the time, going dim, cycling on & off, etc.) when you call.



AFTER HOURS PAYMENT BOX

The drop box for after hour payments is located on the utility shed in the parking lot of the township building. The box is checked at the beginning and end of each business day. Accounts are credited based on the dates they are received by 4:00pm. Payments made after 4:00pm on the due date will be considered late.

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.

**No batteries or devices
that contain batteries
in your trash or
recycling
cans**



Irresponsible battery disposal is causing fires.

Food Bank

The East Donegal/Conoy Christian Food Bank is located at 40 Coffee Goss Road, Maytown and is open Wednesday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Donations may be dropped off at the Township Office. Call Pat Vogel at 717-426-2360 with questions.



Storm Drains and keeping them free of debris



Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, trash and other pollutants. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and road side ditches that make up the storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way also empty into the waters because storm water is not treated.

Grass clippings and leaves are very common pollutants in the storm drains. Please refrain from allowing your grass or any other pollutants (including water from swimming pools) to enter the storm drains. Reminders will be sent to residents throughout the year wherever there are excess amounts of pollutants entering the storm drains.

SAVE THIS INSERT

East Donegal Township Trash and Recycling Calendar

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- Offices Closed
- Trash Pickup West - West of Colebrook Road
- Trash Pickup East - East of Colebrook Road including Colebrook Road
- Appliance/Tire Pickup
- Yard Waste Pickup
- Leaf Pickup

Dates for next year's calendar are currently unavailable.

Watch for a special notice in your mail.

Special Holiday Pickup Date:

Week of Christmas: Wednesday's trash/Recycling will be delayed one day.

The office will be closed on the following dates:

Veteran's Day - Closed Monday, November 11
 Thanksgiving - Close at noon Wednesday, November 27
 Thanksgiving Day - Closed Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29
 Christmas - Closed Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25
 News Year Day - Closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025
 President's Day - Closed Monday, February 17
 Good Friday - Close at noon Thursday, April 17 & Closed Friday, April 18
 Memorial Day - Closed Monday, May 26

Trick or Treat night will be held on Thursday, October 31st • 6pm-8pm



The recommended date and time for Trick or Treat is done for the safety of those participating and does not prohibit or prevent residents from conducting Trick or Treat activities on other dates or times. This recommended date and time will not be changed, altered, or cancelled, for any reason. Participation in Trick or Treat is voluntary and as such participants should make decisions based on their personal comfort level, including the possibility of inclement weather.

TRASH SCHEDULE

Occasionally the trash will be delayed a day or cancelled until the following week. If the trash is to be picked up the following week, double the amount of normal trash may be put out for pick up. Anyone signed up to receive Township e-mails will be notified by e-mail of any changes.

Missed Pickups

If your trash/recycling or yard waste is missed call the office 717-426-3167 asap. If you are calling after hours leave a message. If your trash was not out when the trucks went by it is NOT considered a miss.

Prices for Trash Pickup & Tags

Extra trash bag tag - \$1.00 each	Appliance tags - \$15.00 per appliance
Yard waste/grass tag - \$2.00 each	Tire tag - \$4.00 each
Oversized item tag - \$5.00 each	Wheel/rim tag - \$4.00 each

Trash/Recycling:

Place trash & recycling curbside the night before your pickup day.

Place trash/recycling where is easily visible for pick up.

Trash is limited to three bags.

Each bag maximum 32 gallon; weighing 30 lbs. or less.

Additional bags must be tagged as extra trash (\$1.00) each.

Bags over 30lbs. must have bulk item tag (\$5.00) each.

Larger items must have bulk item tag (\$5.00) each. Call to find out if it is acceptable.

Appliance (\$15.00) / Tire (\$4.00) / Rims (\$4.00) pick up is twice a year.

Yard waste is to be in the brown bags with green tags (\$2.00) each on specific dates.

No Construction debris is permitted in trash.

No yard waste is permitted in trash during yard waste season.

No burning of trash or yard waste is permitted at any time.

Tags for extra trash, bulk items, tires, appliances, yard waste are purchased at the Township building.

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*Notes on Recycling:

There is a dumpster for corrugated cardboard located at the Township Building. If your corrugated cardboard does not fit into your bin take it to the cardboard dumpster.

- * Recycling is mandatory for everyone in the Township including all farms and businesses.
- * If it isn't on the list do NOT put it in the bin.
- * Do not put cardboard out if it is raining or windy.
- * Do not put plastic bags in the recycling bin for any reason. Recycle plastic bags at the grocery store.
- * Do not put recycling out on windy days.
- * If your trash or recycling is missed call the office 717-426-3167. If you are calling after hours leave a message. If your trash was not out when the trucks went by it is NOT considered missed.





FACTS ABOUT LITTERING:

We all know that littering is not something we should do. We learned in school, and there are several posters reminding us not to throw trash on streets or rivers. Most of us, however, find it simpler to throw a water bottle, a can, or cigarette butts on the roads or gardens rather than carrying them until we reach a trash can or a recycling bin.

1. Littering ruins natural beauty. You might think that a cigarette butt is harmless or that a fruit peel will decompose, but you don't even realize how a stack of rubbish expands into a landfill and ends up ruining a well-tended green area.

2. Masses of trash wind up in the ocean. Every year, enormous amounts of litter that we carelessly discard on the streets end up in the ocean. This is extremely unfortunate. Litter endangers marine life and degrades the natural beauty of bodies of water. The world's oceans may already contain 150 million tons of plastic litter which is the equivalent of 25 million large elephants. A significant amount of plastic waste winds up in the world's seas. It has the ability to move large distances on the wind or in rivers and rains. If nothing is done by 2050, there may be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish.

3. Littering can result in an automobile accident. Because no one is looking, throwing a plastic bag out of your car is incredibly easy. However, the wind might cause the bag to swing and seem like an oddly shaped item approaching a car, creating attention and accidents.

4. Animals are killed by litter. Animals perish after becoming entangled in the rubbish that we carelessly discard. The majority of the creatures become entangled as they crawl inside bottles or plastic bags. They injure themselves or starve to death as they try to flee. This results in the everyday slaughter of fish and the progressive decline of marine life. Believe it or not, the garbage we generate is endangering more underwater animals.

5. Farming is harmed by litter. Litter may harm crops and halt their growth. The accumulation of trash causes the deterioration of natural environments. Animals can perish from consuming items such as plastic garbage or metals if they find litter on a farm.

6. Littering is expensive. It's difficult to calculate how much littering costs over the world. Many countries devote significant resources to cleaning and collecting trash, which is far more expensive than dealing with the litter effectively from the start. We would not have a crowded sewer system or dirty streets if we all put litter where it belongs. The money spent on cleaning the ocean, unclogging clogged sewers, and removing rubbish from the streets may be better spent.

7. Litter may hinder a community's economic progress. Excess trash in a certain location might reduce the possibility of long-term development of the country. When new enterprises search for a lively, thriving community in which to establish new operations, they are unlikely to be interested if there is a lot of rubbish around.

8. Littering affects the surrounding areas as well. It is not very appealing. Litter-prone areas are also prone to crime, have lower home and property values, and are more likely to be the site of fires. You might eventually lose money on your house. Litter is unpleasant and filthy and can be hazardous to our health and the environment. It has an impact on communities and the people who live in them. It could be toxic to plants and animals. It has the potential to have a significant impact on tourism.

9. Littering is against the law. Not many people are aware of the fact littering in most public places is a punishable offense. Unwrapping a sweet and dropping the wrapper on the street may result in a fine or

imprisonment. Littering pedestrians and automobiles are fined in most areas. Littering is against the law. Nobody wants to end up in court because you missed the garbage can.

10. On roads, the likelihood of individuals littering has grown dramatically. The most littered item is fast-food packaging, which includes fast-food wrappers made of plastic, cardboard, and paper. According to Keep America Beautiful, five of the most typical places for litter to gather include: storm drains, particularly drainage systems and gutters in parking lots and busy city centers; loading docks and the areas behind residential and commercial enterprises; recreation facilities such as parks, beaches, playgrounds, and other open areas where people congregate; building sites such as construction and residential projects; and retail districts such as shopping centers and convenience shops.

11. Littering can spread germs, bacteria, and viruses. The societal concerns associated with litter include safety dangers, fire hazards, human health hazards, and indirect health hazards from bacteria, rodents, roaches, and mosquitoes attracted to trash. Scavengers are dangerous microorganisms. They can severely affect crops since cattle are sensitive to swallowing chemical particles or even metal from waste.

12. Litter can be controlled. People must be informed about the negative consequences of littering. Education is crucial in this situation. Children should be taught in primary school about the environmental consequences of littering. They can also tell people whom they notice littering how to properly dispose of waste.

Individual choices account for around 85 percent of all littering, so by educating people and altering behaviors, you may be able to assist minimize the amount of trash that collects on the ground. People are also more prone to litter in regions where trash already exists. Even with all of this litter, it's worth remembering that around 83 percent of all waste gets correctly disposed of, implying that approximately 17 percent of all rubbish ends up in public places as litter.

We hope you have understood littering in public places and how harmful it is to the environment. For more such crucial information and facts, visit our website! <https://www.coolkidfacts.com/littering>

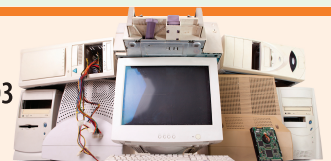
Compost Facility: Key Fobs Required

The compost facility in Mount Joy is **only** accessible with the purchase of a key fob. Applications for a key fob can be found on Mount Joy Borough's website or at the Mount Joy Borough office. The cost of the key fob is \$40.00 per year.

Please follow the directional signage and place all items in the designated areas. Separate Woody Waste (tree trunks, limbs, branches) from yard waste (leaves, green plants, garden waste). Tree branches must be less than 19 inches in diameter and less than 8 feet in length.

NO rocks, stones, grass clippings, tree stumps, trash, garbage, construction or demolition waste, painted wood, pressure treated wood, railroad ties, landscaping timbers or plastic bags for any reason. No smoking on the property.

Household Hazardous Waste
1299 Harrisburg Pike Lancaster, PA 17603
www.lcswma.org



Carbon Monoxide- the Silent Killer

There are numerous potential sources of carbon monoxide in your home: furnaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, space heaters, stoves, fireplaces, wood stoves, charcoal grills, and automobiles. Exposure to high concentrations can cause death in just a few minutes. Carbon monoxide is often referred to as the "Silent Killer" because it is colorless, odorless and tasteless, making it almost impossible to detect. The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can be very vague, and often involve many of the body's systems. Immediate diagnosis is critical. Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, and dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness and even loss of consciousness and even death.

At any time, if you or anyone else in your home is experiencing the symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the house and seek medical help. Call 911 or your local fire department.



MAYTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Maytown Historical Society was founded in 1985 to help preserve the history of Maytown and the surrounding areas. **Maytown Historical Society**
4 West High Street, Maytown, PA 17550
717-426-1526

THIS IS NOT A GARBAGE CAN.



Please refrain from putting any trash, grass, leaves, liquids chemicals, oil, pool water or any objects in the storm drain. **The only thing that should go into the storm drain is rainwater.**

WINTER AND ROADS

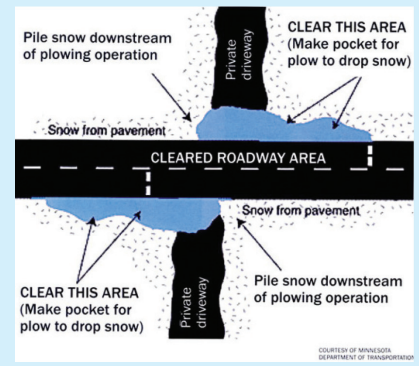
Before we know it winter will be here along with snow. Homeowners can assist the Public Works Department by observing the following guidelines:

Do not park vehicles on the street until the street has been completely cleared off. Note that the Township, in most cases, 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.

Wait until the street is plowed before clearing driveway openings.

Never shovel snow out into the streets.

Shovel out fire hydrants if they are located on your property.



Motorists should be aware of Township vehicles salting or plowing snow. Motorists should not interfere or impede the plow in any way. Do not try to pass a snowplow.

Make sure mailboxes are properly secure.

Remove the snow or ice from your sidewalk within 24 hours after snow/sleet ends.



Deck the Square with Lights and Garland!

Join us on Saturday, November 30, 2024, from 4:30 – 5:30 pm for the first annual Square-Lighting Celebration! West High Street will be closed, and free cookies and hot chocolate will be available in front of the MHS Museum. Get in the Christmas spirit, sing carols together with your neighbors, and check out the new square decorations. Anyone wishing to give a donation for our new decorations, please send it to Maytown Civic Association, Box 457, Maytown, PA 17547. Donors will be recognized at the celebration for their contributions.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Mount Joy, Marietta and Maytown residents can receive meals on wheels. A hot and cold meal will be delivered Mondays through Fridays to your home for a fee. You can choose if you want every day or just selected days. The meals arrive around 8:30 a.m. Clients are billed monthly for the meals received. There are no dietary restrictions. If you are interested call 717-653-5493 extension 226 and leave a message with your name and phone number. A scheduler will give you a call back. The local Meals on Wheels works with Lancaster County Office of the Aging.

Scouting for Food.

The Scouts will distribute bags on November 2nd for the annual food drive to support local food banks. The bags will be collected on November 9th. The Scouting for Food drive is the food banks largest food collection campaign of the year. Please support your neighbors and give to the Scouting for Food.

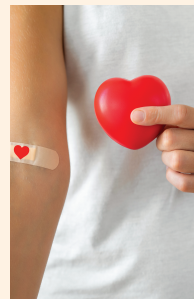


American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, December 21, 2024

9:00am to 2:00pm

East Donegal Township Municipal Building



WHAT GOES IN THE BIN?

1. Corrugated Cardboard

- a. Packing & shipping boxes with fluted sheet. (must be dry)

2. Plastic Bottles & Jugs

- a. Only plastic with a neck.

3. Metal Food & Beverage Cans

- a. Food & beverage cans (aluminum, steel, tin).

4. Glass Food & Beverage Bottles & Jars

- a. Clear, green & brown glass bottles & jars.



Tips to Recycle Right

- Remove lids & discard them
- **No plastic bags** in the bin (recycle at the store)
- Items must be empty & rinsed out
- No other materials than listed are to be put in the bin
- **Flatten cardboard** (no grease or food on boxes)

Do not put oil containers or containers that held poisons such as herbicides or insecticides in the bin. WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!



Why You Shouldn't Feed Feral Cats Without a Plan



Feral cats are a common sight in many communities. Unlike stray cats, who may be lost or abandoned but still somewhat socialized, feral cats are wild and often avoid human contact. While it might seem compassionate to leave out food for these cats, feeding feral cats without a plan can do more harm than good—both for the cats themselves and for the surrounding environment.

In this article, we explore the reasons why feeding feral cats without proper management can lead to problems, and what you can do instead to help control feral cat populations humanely.

Feeding feral cats without addressing the root cause of the issue—uncontrolled breeding—only perpetuates the problem. When feral cats are regularly fed but not sterilized, they continue to reproduce, leading to an explosion in colony size.

The Impact of Overpopulation:

More Stray Cats: With consistent access to food, unneutered cats breed frequently, increasing the number of feral kittens born. Each generation worsens the overpopulation problem.

Increased Strain on Resources: Larger colonies require more food and resources, putting strain on community caregivers and local wildlife.

Spread of Disease: Overcrowded colonies are more susceptible to diseases like feline leukemia and rabies, which can spread quickly among unvaccinated cats and even pose risks to pets and humans.

Leaving food out for feral cats often attracts more than just the cats you're trying to help. Wildlife such as raccoons, opossums, rats, and even larger predators like coyotes are drawn to easy food sources. This creates several problems for the community:

Increased Nuisance: Wildlife can become a nuisance for neighbors, scavenging in garbage cans, damaging property, or spreading diseases.

Threats to Public Safety: In some areas, larger predators can be attracted by food left out for feral cats, creating safety risks for pets and people.

Health Risks: Rodents and other animals that come to the feeding areas can spread parasites, fleas, and diseases, further endangering both the cats and the community.

Feral cats are instinctive hunters, and even when well-fed, they often prey on local wildlife. Feeding feral cats without managing their behavior can exacerbate their impact on the local ecosystem.

Threat to Bird Populations: Cats are skilled hunters, and feral cats are known to kill millions



of birds annually, including endangered species.

Disruption of Local Ecology: Cats also hunt small mammals, reptiles, and insects, disrupting local food chains and ecosystems.

Harm to Gardens and Property: Uncontrolled colonies often use gardens and yards as litter boxes, causing damage and creating unsanitary conditions.

Rather than just feeding feral cats, it's crucial to implement a broader management plan that includes sterilization and relocation when necessary to protect local wildlife.

When you feed feral cats, they begin to rely on this food source, which can create a dangerous cycle of dependence. Without a sustainable, long-term solution in place, the well-meaning act of feeding can quickly backfire.

If you're concerned about the well-being of feral cats, supporting a **Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)** program is the most effective approach. This method prevents further breeding while allowing the cats to live out their lives in a stable colony.

Supporting or starting a TNR program ensures that while the cats are fed, their numbers are controlled, and their health is monitored. It's a compassionate, sustainable solution that reduces long-term dependence.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the most effective way to control feral cat populations humanely. By trapping, neutering, and returning the cats to their colony, you help prevent future litters and improve the overall health of the cats.

Consider supporting local animal shelters or rescue groups that work with feral cats. Your donations can help cover the cost of veterinary care, food, and other resources necessary to manage feral cat colonies responsibly.

While feeding feral cats may seem like the kind-hearted thing to do, it can lead to significant problems if not handled properly.

By focusing on sterilization, health management, and proper community involvement, you can make a meaningful difference for feral cats and ensure a more sustainable, healthy future for your neighborhood. Do NOT just drop cats off anywhere thinking that someone else will take care of them or they can take care of themselves.

SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Helping Hands for Animals offers low-cost spay/neuter clinics at our facility, but you will need to call for an appointment. Clinics are designed for feral, free roaming and community cats as well as unconfined pet cats. All cats will be spayed or neutered, given rabies and FVRCP (distemper) vaccinations, treated with Revolution

(flea, roundworm / hookworm and ear mite treatment) and ear tipped for identification as fixed animals. The cost is \$40.00 and **AN APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY.** Appointments can be made by calling (717) 687-7297

There are animal shelters and rescues that focus specifically on finding great homes for cats in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Browse these rescues and shelters below.

Here are a few organizations closest to you:

Rescue

[Pet Pantry of Lancaster County \(Pa\)](#)

26 Millersville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603

Pet Types: cats, dogs: 717-983-8878

Shelter

[The Pennsylvania SPCA - Lancaster](#)

848 S Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Pet Types: cats, dogs: 717-917-6979

Rescue

[Centerville Animal Rescue](#)

237 Centerville Rd, Suite 2, Lancaster, PA 17603

Pet Types: cats, birds, dogs, rabbits, reptiles, small animals: 717-405-3425

Rescue

[Organization for Responsible Care of Animals](#)

608 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, PA 17520

Pet Types: cats, dogs: Injured animals: 717-397-8922

Columbia Animal Shelter

265 South Tenth Street

Columbia, Penna 17512: 717-681-6858

Injured Wildlife

Raven Ridge Wildlife Rescue

Washington Boro, PA 17582: 717-808-2652

Animal Adoption

Humane League of Lancaster

2195 Lincoln Highway East

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 17602

Phone: 717-393-6551

All Spay & Neuter is done through e-mail only:

spay@humanepa.org.



ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Most any kind of improvement made on your property, in your home and/or place of business requires a permit. Please contact the Township office prior to undertaking any improvements to your home, business, or properties.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 809

Memorial Day in Maytown was a day to remember our Veterans. Nina Evans spoke about the Wreaths Across America program that honors our military men and woman who gave their lives to keep America free. Nina served as a boy scout leader for 25 years and 10 years with Wreaths Across America. Frank Splain III has been with the scouting program for 25 years was an Eagle Scout and currently serves as a scout leader and mentor. He teaches the scouts about community service, nature and survival. State Representative Tom Jones presented a certificate for a memorial engraved brick at the square to Nina and Frank. A brick was also dedicated to our adopted veteran who resides at the Coatesville Veterans Hospital. The Auxiliary sends gifts for occasions. Nila Grose crocheted a gift for him for the 4th of July.

Order forms for the engraved bricks are available at Northwest Bank and the bulletin board at the square. The American Flag Afghan was won by Gary Welsh who presented it to his daughter Ensign Sarah G. Welsh of the US Navy for her birthday. In June Sara Gutshall presented Americanism awards to Donegal Junior High Students Quin Helezlouser and Brock Hott.

Our Unit donated American Flags for the Maytown Square. We also donated items for the Coatesville Country Fair. A donation box will be placed at the East Donegal Township Building in October to collect items for our veterans in VA hospitals. Items needed for the Veteran Box: Lightly used men's and woman's jackets, sweaters, slippers, new T-shirts and shoes, toiletries, personal care items, puzzle books, etc.

Please fly your American Flag! Thank you for your continued support.

In Service to God & Country

Sara E. Gutshall, ALA Unit 809, 717-426-2107

12 Simple Steps to Get Ready for Emergencies

Preparing for emergencies doesn't have to be overwhelming. Here are 12 simple steps you can take to ensure that you and your family are ready for whatever comes your way.

1. **Make a Plan:** Create an emergency plan for your family, including communication methods and meeting spots.
2. **Build a Kit:** Assemble a supply kit with essentials like water, food and first aid.
3. **Stay Informed:** Sign up for local alerts and make sure your phone can receive emergency notifications.
4. **Prepare for Evacuations:** Know your evacuation routes and where you can go, including plans for pets.
5. **Secure Important Documents:** Keep important documents safe and consider making digital copies.
6. **Check Your Insurance:** Review your insurance policies to make sure you are covered for disasters.
7. **Strengthen Your Home:** Take steps to protect your home, such as securing heavy furniture and reinforcing doors.
8. **Plan for Family Needs:** Consider special needs for children, older adults, and family members with disabilities.
9. **Prepare for Power Outages:** Have backup power sources for medical devices and know how to keep medication safe.
10. **Educate Your Family:** Make sure everyone in your household knows the emergency plan and how to use the supplies.
11. **Get Involved in Your Community:** Join or start a local preparedness group to help your community be ready.
12. **Practice Your Plan:** Regularly review and practice your emergency plan so everyone knows what to do.

Why Should I Care About Stormwater?

We are all part of a watershed. Watersheds are land areas that drain to the nearest body of water. For example, if you are in western Pennsylvania, you are part of the Ohio River watershed, while eastern Pennsylvania lands may ultimately drain to the Chesapeake Bay. Smaller local creeks and streams also eventually drain to a larger local water body.

· Flooding

When excess water has nowhere to go, flooding can impact property and cause damage to land and structures. Flooding can also be a public safety issue that affects entire communities.

· Pollution and Health Impacts

Stormwater picks up anything that is on the ground and carries it along with it. Animal waste, chemicals, pesticides, oil, and sediment – all end up in waterways and potentially in our sources of drinking water.

· Streambank Erosion

Uncontrolled stormwater can cause streambank erosion, leaving bare soil and exposing tree roots. This can lead to property damage and cause issues with streambank stability.

· Sedimentation

Erosion and runoff, can also lead to sedimentation. Sedimentation of waterways from runoff causes changes to aquatic habitats. Undesirable plant growth increases, water becomes more turbid

or cloudy, which leads to disruption of aquatic ecosystems. Sedimentation also fills in waterways, which can increase the flooding potential.

· Impacts to Groundwater Recharge

If stormwater isn't sinking into the ground it can affect recharge of groundwater resources. This can affect water levels in drinking water wells as well as impacting levels in surface water.

· Impacts to Recreational Opportunities

Stormwater runoff can cause polluted waterways which can lead to restrictions on boating, swimming, and fishing in recreational areas.

Making changes to how stormwater is managed can go a long way to reduce negative impacts. Even small actions by individual homeowners like using a rain barrel, choosing permeable landscaping surfaces, or installing a rain garden can make a difference. Stormwater affects everyone!

If you have additional questions about stormwater, or you are just interested in learning more, you can find a full series of videos and articles in the [Penn State Extension Stormwater Basics series](#).

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Coffee & Conversation Continues

Drop by for coffee....and conversation. I'll supply the coffee and you bring the conversation. Anything you want to talk about is fine. The get-together is informal and there's no set agenda. It's an opportunity to talk about Township issues (or other topics) with me in person. The Coffee & Conversation sessions are scheduled to be held every other month on the third Tuesday. The sessions start at 7:30 AM and end at 8:30 AM. All meetings are to be held at the Township building. Be sure to check the Township website regarding upcoming events and news announcements.

"You bring the conversation,
and the coffee is on me"

Hope to see you there!
Jeff Butler
Township Manager



New unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots campaign will be collected at the East Donegal Township building through the month of November.



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 717-299-8293 or go to www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/Polling.



Trick or Treat
Thursday, October 31
6:00pm - 8:00pm

2024 MUSIC IN THE PARK

The East Donegal Township Supervisors and the East Donegal Township Park Commission would like to thank the sponsors of this year's Music in the Park Gazebo Gatherings.

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