

East Donegal Township

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Marietta, PA 17547

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www.eastdonegaltpw.com

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

Friday 8:00am - Noon

Supervisors

Allen D. Esbenschade - Chairman
Michael Brubaker - Vice Chairman
Kenton Sweigart - Member

State Representative

Thomas M. Jones
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tjones@pahousegop.com

State Senator

James Malone
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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 18 - 7:30AM

January 20 - 7:30AM

March 17 - 5:30-6:30PM

Held at Township Building



SPLAIN & LOUCKS TO HEAD SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Over the past several months talks began with the townships of East Donegal & Conoy with the main emphasis on the need to for an active and functioning emergency management agency (EMA), as this is a Pennsylvania State law stating that every municipality must have a local (EMA). After many talks both townships posted the volunteer position for an emergency management coordinator (EMC), after letters of interest were taken an interview panel was established from both East Donegal & Conoy townships and after candidate's were interviewed Frank A. Splain, Jr. was selected to head the newly established inter-municipal (EMA) now known as the Susquehanna Regional Emergency Management Agency (SREMA).

Splain a 1980 graduate of the Donegal High School and a lifelong resident of Maytown, began his career at the age of 16 with both the Maytown-East Donegal Township Fire Department and the Maytown-East Donegal Twp Ambulance Association, over the years he held many operational positions in the fire department right up to the top position of fire chief. While running with the Maytown Ambulance held there as well many operational positions with up to the operations chief of the service. With 48+ years in the emergency services, Splain currently holds his active nationally registered emergency medical technician (EMT) certification, and he holds his national fire pro-board certifications as a firefighter 2, along with many other fire/ems credentials.

Loucks was appointed by Splain to serve as the deputy emergency management coordinator, Paul M. Loucks served over 50+ years with the Bainbridge Fire Company and also with the Bainbridge Ambulance Association, Loucks held many both administrative and operations positions with the fire company right up to the top position as well as the fire chief. Running with the Bainbridge Ambulance Loucks was a certified emergency medical technician.

On July 3rd, 2025 the East Donegal Township board of supervisors approved the inter-municipal resolution with Conoy Township as well as appointed Frank A. Splain, Jr as the emergency management coordinator. On July 10th the Conoy township board of supervisors approved the inter-municipal resolution as well as appointed Frank A. Splain Jr, as the emergency management coordinator thus officially forming the Susquehanna Regional Emergency Management Agency (SREMA).

Emergency Management Agency or "agency" means the agency created under this Article for the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions, other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, in order to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters or catastrophes caused by either natural or man-made causes. The local EMA is a very integral part of any critical emergency affects the quality of life and well-being in our communities.

Pennsylvania's Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. §§ 7101 et seq.) directs and authorizes every political subdivision (i.e., county, city, borough, incorporated town, and township) to have an emergency management program that includes a trained Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), and a functioning Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with a trained staff.



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: Scott Kingsboro

Scott@eastdonegaltwp.com

Public Works Director/Roadmaster: Robert Ansell

robert@eastdonegaltwp.com

Township Treasurer: Jodi Diaz

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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

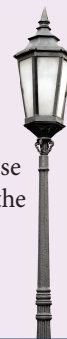
East Donegal Township has a no burning ordinance.



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.

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.

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.



The Dangers of Flushing Wipes



Baby wipes and adult wipes are not biodegradable, even if the phrase "flushable" or "safe to flush" is on the package. These "un-flushable" and many "flushable" wipes do not fall apart in water like toilet paper. The wipes get tangled in the sewage with other wipes and debris, resulting in sewer clogs and expensive repairs to both the resident and the collection system/Treatment Plant. Just a few of the things that should stay out of the sewer system are baby/adult wipes, paper towels, feminine products, Q-tips, bandages, dental Floss, wash cloths, socks, sanitary & incontinent products, rags, kitty litter, cigarette butts, medicines. When kid's toys get flushed, they too cause problems in the sewer system and an extra expense which everyone will pay to repair.

SAVE THIS INSERT

East Donegal Township Trash and Recycling Calendar

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

Household Hazardous Waste
1299 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17603
www.lcswma.org
717-397-9968

APPLIANCE/TIRE PICKUP

OCTOBER 27/28, 2025 ON YOUR TRASH DAY
APRIL 27/28, 2026 ON YOUR TRASH DAY

Tags for appliances and tires are purchased at the Township Office. Appliances (washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air-conditioners, hot water heaters, etc.) are \$15.00 each. Tire tags are \$4.00 each. Rims are \$4.00 each. When purchasing a tag, you will need to give your street address and identify the item you are putting out for pickup. Appliances/tires must be out the night before the designated pickup date.



Special Holiday Pickup Dates:

Week of Memorial Day 2026: Trash/Recycling will be delayed one day.
Week of Labor Day 2026: Trash/Recycling will be delayed one day.

The office will be closed on the following dates:

Columbus Day-Closed Monday, October 13
 Veterans Day-Closed Tuesday, November 11
 Thanksgiving-Close at noon Wednesday, November 26
 Thanksgiving Day-Closed Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28
 Christmas-Closed Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25
 New Year's Day - Closed Thursday, January 1, 2026
 President's Day - Closed Monday, February 16, 2026
 Good Friday - Close noon Thursday, April 2, closed Friday, April 3 2026
 Memorial Day - closed Monday, May 25, 2026

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
 Yard waste/grass tag - \$2.00 each
 Oversized item tag - \$5.00 each
 Appliance tags - \$15.00 per appliance
 Tire tag - \$4.00 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. 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,

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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.

*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.

Important Notice:

Effective October 1, 2025, batteries will no longer be collected at the Township Building.

Residents may dispose of batteries at the following locations:

- Waste-to-Energy Facility - 1911 River Rd, Bainbridge PA 17502 (Battery drop off on-site)
- Household Hazardous Waste Facility - 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster PA 17603

Please use these designated sites for proper battery disposal. DO NOT throw in the trash!



Credit Card Payments

Credit card payments will no longer be accepted over the phone. Instead, you may call our third-party automated payment system at (717)-993-1855.

**Please note that this system does not have access to your account balance, it is only able to process payments. You may still make credit card payments in person at our office or online through our website.

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.

Trick or Treat night will be held on Friday, 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.



Ambulance Billing: How Does It Work?

What happens when you call 911 and you are treated and/or transported by an ambulance crew? This is a question that is received often by the Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County (MESA).

After MESA responds to a 911 call and evaluates, treats and/or transports a patient, there are three key factors that determine if or what the patient is charged for ambulance services including:

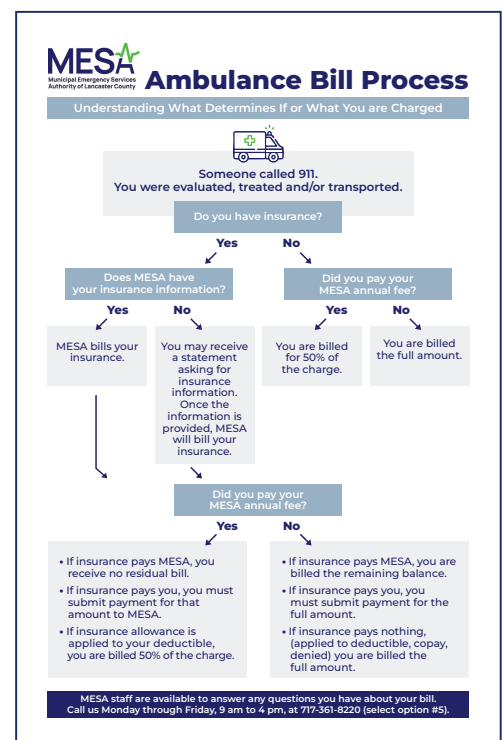
- Whether or not the patient has health insurance
- Whether or not MESA has the patient's insurance information
- Whether or not MESA's annual fee has been paid

Here's a detailed breakdown of the ambulance billing process:

- If you are evaluated, treated or transported and *do not* have insurance, but have paid your annual MESA fee, you will be billed 50% of the charge. If your annual MESA fee is not paid, you will be billed the full amount of the charge.
- If you are evaluated, treated or transported and *do* have insurance, MESA will bill your insurance *if* MESA has your insurance information. If MESA does not have your insurance information, you may receive a statement requesting your insurance information. Once your insurance information is obtained, MESA will then bill your insurance.
- If you have insurance and have paid your annual MESA fee:
 - If your insurance pays MESA, you will receive no residual bill.
 - If your insurance pays you, you must submit payment for that amount to MESA.
 - If your insurance allowance is applied to your deductible, MESA will bill you 50% of the charge.
- If you have insurance and *have not* paid your annual MESA fee:
 - If your insurance pays MESA, MESA will bill you the remaining balance.
 - If your insurance pays you, you must submit payment for the full amount to MESA.
 - If your insurance pays nothing, MESA will bill you the full amount.

Even with this explanation, we recognize that this process is not necessarily easy to follow! That is why you can also find a visual chart that details this process on MESA's website at mesalancasterpa.gov/ems-services/.

MESA staff are available to answer any questions you have about your bill. MESA representatives are available Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, at 717-361-8220 (select option #5).



LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES IN YOUR HOME

LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.

BUY only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

CHARGE devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one the manufacturer has approved.

CHARGE your device on a hard surface. Do NOT overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it is fully charged.

STOP using the device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

RECYCLE batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins. They could start a fire.

RECYCLE your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling center near you. Check with Lowes, Home Depot, Direct Tools Factory Outlet and Staples to see if they recycle batteries.

Call2Recycle's number one priority remains its commitment to safety. If you have any Damaged, Defective or Recalled (DDR) batteries (including lithium-ion), please DO NOT bring them to a participating collection site. DDR batteries require special handling and CANNOT be placed in regular Call2Recycle boxes. Please visit our store to purchase a compliant DDR shipping container.



Defective Batteries
Guide to disposal



Call 2 Recycle
Home Page

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!



Park Pavilions

Park pavilions are rented through the Township. You must fill out an application form and pay a non-refundable rental fee. When a pavilion is rented it is for the exclusive use of the person or group renting it. Check the list posted at the pavilion to see if it is available for use.

HOW LITTER IMPACTS THE ENVIRONMENT

Litter has devastating effects on ecosystems, public health, and communities. Here's how:

1. Pollution of Land, Water, and Air

When litter breaks down, it releases harmful chemicals and microplastics. For example, polystyrene breaks into tiny pieces that pollute soil and waterways, disrupting natural habitats and food chains. This pollution threatens drinking water sources and the aquatic ecosystems that millions depend on. Microplastics have been found in fish and shellfish consumed by humans, raising concerns about long-term health impacts. In addition, litter contributes to air pollution. Researchers estimate that more than 40% of the world's litter is burned in open air, releasing toxic emissions. These emissions include greenhouse gases and particulates, which worsen climate change and contribute to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.

2. Wildlife Endangerment

Animals often mistake litter for food, leading to ingestion and fatal consequences. Marine and terrestrial species are at risk, with over 100,000 marine animals dying annually due to plastic litter. Wildlife such as ducks, geese, and fish are frequently harmed by discarded fishing lines, six-pack rings, and Styrofoam debris. Entanglement in litter can cause suffocation, drowning, or restricted movement, while ingestion can result in internal injuries or starvation. Protecting wildlife begins with reducing the prevalence of litter in natural habitats.

3. Health Risks

Littered areas attract pests, such as rodents and insects, which can carry diseases and parasites. These pests thrive in trash-strewn environments, increasing the risk of disease transmission to humans. For instance, improperly discarded food waste can lead to outbreaks of food borne illnesses, while sharp objects like broken glass or rusted metal pose physical hazards to both humans and animals. Preventing litter can significantly improve public health outcomes and reduce the burden on healthcare systems.

4. Economic Costs

Litter cleanup costs in the United States total billions annually, straining municipal budgets and diverting funds from other critical areas like education, infrastructure, and healthcare. Businesses also bear financial burdens, as litter reduces property values, deters customers, and damages local tourism. For example, studies show that clean, well-maintained areas attract more visitors and residents, emphasizing the importance of maintaining litter-free spaces.

Reducing litter requires collective action and innovative solutions. Here are ways to help:

Promote Compostable Alternatives

Participate in Cleanup Events

Increase Public Awareness

Advocate for Better Infrastructure

Support Stronger Regulations

Advocating for stricter enforcement of anti-littering laws and higher penalties for offenders can deter littering.

A Brighter Future Without Litter

Littering's effects are costly, unsightly, and harmful—but they are not inevitable. By educating ourselves and taking action, we can reduce waste, protect natural beauty, and contribute to a healthier planet. Choosing compostable alternatives, like those provided by Green Paper Products, can significantly reduce litter's environmental footprint. Together, we can create a cleaner, greener future for generations to come.

QUICK NOTES:



- No poison ivy in brown bags.
- No burning trash, recyclables or yard waste
- PPL Lights Out: 1-800-342-5775
- No batteries in trash or recycling bin, place beside trash can.
- Food Bank Info: Pat-717-426-2360
- Meals on Wheels: 717-653-5493
- Maytown Historical Society: 717-426-1526
- Recycling is mandatory for all residents, businesses and farms
- Think you don't need a permit, Think again!
- Storm drains are only for stormwater, nothing else
- Cutting grass: keep it on your own property not on the street
- Mosquito control: 717-277-5275 x112 or Lydia.mohn@lccd.org
- Sign up for Township e-mails at www.eastdonegaltwp.com
- If placing an item out for free, put a free sign on it. If an item does not have a free sign on it do not take it!
- Corrugated cardboard must be clean & dry to recycle. A dumpster for corrugated cardboard is available at the Township building.
- Due to safety reasons, batteries will no longer be collected at the Township Building.
- There are only four categories of items to be in the recycling bin. Read the list.
- No person shall park a vehicle on the left-hand side of any two-way street at any time which would result in the vehicle facing in the wrong direction against oncoming traffic.
- No person shall park a vehicle in a posted bus stop zone at any time.
- No person shall park a vehicle within 15 feet of any mailbox.
- No person shall park a recreational vehicle, motor home, house trailer, camper, or trailer designed or used to haul motorized recreational equipment such as a boat, motorcycle, snowmobile or jet ski on any road, street, highway or right-of-way in the Township.
- No person shall park a commercial motor vehicle used to transport goods or passengers for the profit of an individual or business, with a gross vehicle weight in excess of five tons on any road, street, highway or right-of-way in the Township.
- No vehicle shall be parked in any manner so as to impede or prohibit the passage of emergency vehicles.
- Reminder: Do NOT try to pass a snowplow.

EAST DONEGAL TWP RESIDENTS! TRASH TAGS NOW AVAILABLE AT MILANOF-SCHOCK LIBRARY!

LOCATED AT:

1184 ANDERSON FERRY RD, MOUNT JOY, PA 17552

INCLUDING SATURDAYS!!

9:00AM-4:00PM

EXTRA TRASH
\$1.00

YARD WASTE
\$2.00

OVERSIZED ITEM
\$5.00

The tags below are collected and sold twice (2X) a year
Check calendar for collection dates

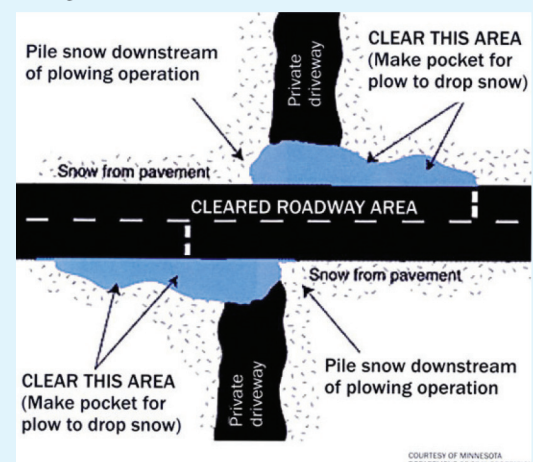
TIRE OR RIM
\$4.00

APPLIANCE
\$15.00

SNOW

When shoveling snow this winter please keep in mind that you may not put the snow from your driveway or sidewalk onto the road. If cars are parked along the roadside the plows might not be able to get through your road. When they do get through it is inevitable that there will be snow from the road that ends up on driveways. Wet heavy snow increases the chance of damage to mailboxes. Residents are reminded that damage occurring from plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility. Cars should not be parked in cul-de-sacs or on narrow streets until after the road has been plowed. If there is a fire hydrant on your property it should be cleared off for safety reasons. Snow should be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of snow fall, sleet or freezing rain. Estimated plow routes are as follows: Main roads first followed by secondary streets, then developments. Alleys (single lane roads or streets) will be last.

Please check the Township website for road closures during weather emergencies.



COURTESY OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Handling Holiday Stress: Guidance Resources

Make the season a bright and bountiful one by giving yourself the best present of all: peace of mind. Turn the holidays into a happy, stress-free time by taking care of yourself, bringing balance to your work and home life and not letting holiday worries overwhelm you.

Tips for Coping with Holiday Stress

Do not be perfect; be you. One of the quickest ways to holiday burnout is to set high, unrealistic expectations for yourself. Make your plans simple and your activities doable.

Create your wish list early. Ask yourself what you want to accomplish this holiday season. Write down your holiday goals. Prioritize what is important and get organized from the start.

Pace yourself. Remember the holiday season lasts for several weeks. Break your preparations into small steps so you can accomplish a little each week. Delegate responsibilities with others. Do not be afraid to ask for help.

Budget wisely. It is easy to buy on credit and ignore the bills until after the holidays. Spending within your means requires a disciplined approach. Set a holiday budget limit ahead of time and determine exactly what you can actually afford.

Get into the spirit. Deck the halls. Build a snowman. If you have a tree decorate it early. Too often adults miss out on the simple pleasures of celebrating the holidays and truly enjoying the moment.

Take time out for yourself. too often the holidays feel rushed and exhausting. Do something you really want to do.

Give of yourself. one of the best gifts you can give yourself during the holidays is self-sacrifice. Try to find time during the season to volunteer your service.

Embrace Family. Look forward to reuniting with relatives this holiday by sidestepping family pressures.

Reflect on past holidays. Think back to moments you have treasured in the past holiday seasons. What made those times special.

Celebrate safely. One of the keys to holiday happiness is celebrating in moderation. Try not to overindulge in sweets & goodies. Know your limits when it comes to alcohol.

Make New Year's Resolutions. Setting goals challenges us to aim for higher fulfillment and self-improvement. Give yourself something to look forward to next year with realistic goals.

Talk to someone who cares. If you feel bogged down by a case of the holiday blues, do not suffer through the season. Reach out and talk to someone you trust.

Remember not everyone celebrates the holidays. Please respect their choice.



Maytown Historical Society

Maytown Historical Society has been busy; in case you haven't noticed. In April, we had the Key Club of Donegal High School, help with about 1 ton of donated mulch to spread on the beds at the museum. We then started renovating the garage on the property to be a climate-controlled storage facility for archives.

Since April, MHS has removed 2 trees, poured new concrete floor and walk, reinforced the structure, new electric wiring, put on new roof, siding, doors and windows. The interior has been insulated and drywalled. We are waiting for the drywall finisher to complete and electrician to finish up. A second floor was added for more storage.

We had a very successful Mayfest in May, with the weather being beautiful, and just recently a house and garden tour with a pulled pork dinner. Over the summer we acquired an indenture of 1821 land document for a property in Maytown. We have had many other opportunities to purchase archives, but our priority has been to complete our new storage area.

A very special thanks to Sara Hinkel for interning with the Archiving Committee over the summer. She was a great asset with lots of ideas. October 16th is our next meeting at 6:30 pm at the township building featuring Mary Nolt speaking on the Rock Point School House, that was just newly remodeled by Jacob and Emily Zeigler. In December, we will have an Old Fashion Christmas dinner, and in January there will be a soup/sandwich sale.

We are always looking for new members to join MHS society. Also, financial help is always needed to keep us operationally. Any questions, please visit our website, www.maytownhistory.com or leave a message at the museum phone 717-426-1526, and someone will call you back. Sales pitch – there are still a few crocks, commemorating 265 years of Maytown's existence and cross-stitch patterns still available.



Scouting America Scouting for Food

Door Hanger Drop Off:
Saturday, November 1, 2025
Food Pick-Up:
Saturday, November 8, 2025

If you have a son who enjoys camping, hiking, and having fun while being a part of our local community, then join us at Scouts BSA Troop 53. We meet Monday nights from 7pm-8:30pm at Donegal Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Brock Ford at 717-870-5581 or [brocker22@yahoo.com](mailto:brock22@yahoo.com)



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The following blood drives are scheduled to be held at the East Donegal Township building.

Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank:
November 8, 2025; 9:00am to 3:00pm
1-800-771-0059

American Red Cross:
December 20, 2025; 9:00am to 2:00pm
1-800-733-2767

Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank:
January 24, 2026; 9:00am to 3:00pm
1-800-771-0059



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.

2025 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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