

SPRING 2017

Town Crier

EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH

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Spring Town Crier – Mayor’s note

Hi all, this past winter has been a mild one and everyone is looking forward to an early spring! I love how East Pete comes to life each year... blooming gardens and flower beds brighten things up. As a runner, I look forward to getting out on the streets as well.

With the onset of pool and park season, I would be remiss if I didn't remind you of all the volunteers working behind the scenes to get East Pete ready for you! A special thanks this year goes out to Councilman Adam Gochnauer, who has faithfully served as our representative to the Hempfield Area Recreation Association and been instrumental in the amazingly successful transition of our town pool facility to their management over the past few years. When you see Adam out and about, be sure to thank him in person. He's one of many people, including our faithful and dedicated borough staff, who labor to keep things clean, running smoothly and cost-effective for our residents. Both as Mayor and Councilman, I have been proud to serve alongside them for over a decade.

Another individual I want to personally thank is Chief Neil Harkins of the Manheim Township Police. Neil has been a tireless advocate for East Petersburg during his tenure as our Chief and I have relied on him as a trusted advisor through the various incidents and enforcement plans we've worked on over the years. I can say without hesitation that he and his team of officers, as well as the Department as a whole, has been looking out for our best interests each hour of the day the entire time. By the way, there are some new officers joining our East Petersburg team this year, so be sure to say hi to them as the warm season kicks off and our events start up in the park and elsewhere.

Wherever your work or personal endeavors take you, we're glad that you choose to come home to East Petersburg! This spring, be sure to meet a neighbor and attend some of the great things going on. You'll be glad you did.

Thank you,
Jeff Geoghan
Mayor

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- Cathleen Panus, President
- John Wolf, Vice-President
- Adam Gochnauer, Member
- Lauren Houck, Member
- Connie McElwain, Member
- John Schick, Member
- Todd R. Weiss, Member
- Jeff Geoghan, Mayor
- Robin Hemperly, Manager

MEETING DATES

- Borough Council Meeting
1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission
3rd Thursday as needed 7:00 p.m.
- Zoning Hearing Board
4th Wednesday as needed 7:00 p.m.

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- Mike Roush
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BOROUGH EVENTS**EAST PETERSBURG COMMUNITY PARK**

6051 Pine Street



April 15 - **Easter Egg Hunt** held at the Community Park arrive at 12:45 (Hunt will begin at 1:00 sharp). Grand prizes will be given, raffles available.

May 6 - **Vagabonds Car and Bike Show** will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Events include: Slot Car Track Racing for the kids, Featured Music by "What It Was", Bounce House, Music in the Park by Kenny Cunningham, Vendors and Food. Rain date is May 7. [registration form](#)



May 13 - **Chicken Bar-b-que** held by the Throwing Bull Tribe will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center

June 3 - **Community Yard Sale in the Park** will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. This event is rain or shine. The cost is 10.00 for a 10' x 10' space. [registration form](#)

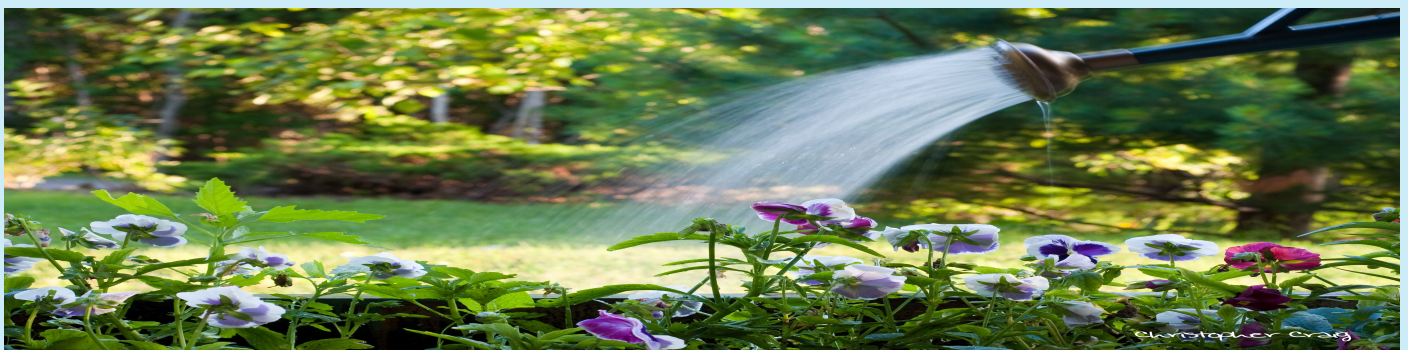


more info available at: eastpetersburgday.com & Facebook page East Petersburg Day

You Can Have a Green and Vibrant Landscape While Conserving Water

Water usage increases significantly over the summer months when people are spending more time outdoors watering lawns, growing gardens, washing cars, etc. Here are some ways you can conserve water while gardening.

1. Water your lawn or plants with only enough water that the ground can absorb, avoiding runoff.
2. Set your mower to a higher level this provides shade to the roots to enable the soil to retain more moisture.
3. Attach a water nozzle to your garden hose to limit the flow of water.
4. Create watering zones in your garden to allow plants to share the water.
5. Planting ornamental grasses, native plants and drought resistant plants can be easier to maintain and require less water.
6. Water in the morning before 10:00 a.m. or later in the evening after 6:00 p.m. when temperatures are cooler and evaporation is minimized.
7. If using a sprinkler be sure you are only watering the greenery and not the sidewalk or street.
8. Use mulch in your gardens to retain the moisture in the soil longer.
9. Using grass clippings in vegetable gardens can keep the weeds away and helps retain the moisture in the ground.
10. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean off your driveway after gardening.



Rain Barrels can help Conserve Water and Control Runoff

By using a rain barrel you will have your own water source during droughts, and lessen the runoff of harmful pollutants that can eventually end up in our natural waterways. This will also help prevent erosion.

Outdoor water use can account for 40% of usage during the summer months, therefore you could reduce your water bill. Collecting water around your home can also prevent flooding, dampness, and mold.

Rainwater is better for your plants and soil because it is highly oxygenated, free of the salts and other additives contained in tap water, that can potentially harm plant roots.

Please Note: Mosquito prevention is very important with rain barrels. The lid should remain tightly secured on the top at all times to ensure that your rain barrel does not become a breeding area for mosquitoes. Add a couple of drops of dish soap to the rain barrel to stop the mosquitoes from laying eggs. Dish soap will not harm plants. Adding a few drops of Olive Oil or cooking oil will also work. Another way to prevent mosquito breeding is to drain the barrel every few days (it takes 6-9 days for a larva to reach adulthood).



To Rinse or not to Rinse



It can be confusing to know exactly how to prepare packaging for recycling, but it is important to prepare these items properly to ensure that they do not end up in a land fill.

*We can all
make a
difference.*



To determine whether or not to rinse a container here are some guidelines you can easily follow:

- ⇒ Empty containers before you put them into your recycling bin
- ⇒ Thick and sticky residue e.g. peanut butter, icing, mayonnaise should be rinsed
- ⇒ Soap e.g. dishwasher & laundry detergent, shampoo, hand soap, does not need to be rinsed
- ⇒ Thinner residue like sauces need a quick rinse
- ⇒ If you cannot remove the lid or cap just be sure to empty the contents before placing into your bin

Getting every single spot is not necessary just use your best judgement. Lower contamination in your recycling leads to a higher quality recycling stream.

2017 TRASH AND RECYCLING DATES

RECYCLING & TRASH DATE CHANGES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
SATURDAY, JULY 8
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

YARD WASTE PICK UP

APRIL 7	JULY 28
APRIL 21	AUGUST 11
MAY 5	AUGUST 25
MAY 19	SEPTEMBER 9
JUNE 3	SEPTEMBER 22
JUNE 16	OCTOBER 6
JUNE 30	OCTOBER 20
JULY 14	

LEAF PICK UP

NOVEMBER 3
NOVEMBER 17
DECEMBER 1
DECEMBER 15

LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE PICK UP WILL TAKE PLACE TWO TIMES IN 2017

APRIL 28
OCTOBER 27

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEM ARE SOLD AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE

\$14.00 - APPLIANCE TAG
\$1.50 - TIRE TAG
\$.40 - YARD WASTE/LEAF BAGS
\$1.25 - TAGS FOR EXTRA BAGS OF TRASH
\$2.00 - TAGS FOR GRASS
\$10.00 - RECYCLING BINS