

WINTER 2017

# Town Crier

EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH

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## Winter Town Crier – Mayor's note

It is with deep reflection that I write my final Town Crier update as your Mayor. The holidays are upon us once again and the busyness of the season looms large, but I find myself thinking over the past twelve years I've had the distinct honor of serving the residents of East Petersburg. As Councilperson and then as Mayor, the opportunities to step out of my comfort zone and work toward common goals has grown both me and my friends & co-laborers on the Council and Staff. But two individuals, among all the other amazing people I've had the privilege to serve with, stand out to me as I think about our town.

I think of Greg Bucher. Greg was one of the first people I met upon moving my family to EP in 2004. Greg (along with John Wolf) were taking the mantle of coordinating the annual East Pete Day from the prior generation of servants, and my joining the steering committee was the single act that most sent me on the journey of public servanthood (I highly recommend that body as a great place to start if you feel led to serve our town!) Greg was concerned about the fiscal state of the borough at that time and ran for Council in 2005... So did I. East Pete owes a debt to Greg for starting the ball rolling in the right direction in 2006, and the impact of his initiatives to cut expenses and revisit the budget back then are still paying dividends.

The next person I think of is Robin Hemperly. Robin came to us right when the recession was digging in its heels; I was a new Mayor and the Council needed strong day-to-day leadership. East Pete should be grateful and proud of Robin's talented, no-nonsense leadership that guided us through the downturn debt-free when other municipalities were struggling to pay their bills. Thank you, Robin, for all you continue to do for the residents. I have rock-solid trust that East Pete is in capable hands!

As I pass the baton to a new Mayor, I feel pride in the things I hear about East Petersburg from the lips of others in Lancaster County. We are known for our killer events, welcoming park system and local vibrancy. I also feel great enthusiasm for the next phase of growth. The Council is unified and purpose-filled. The staff is enthusiastic and diligent. Our first responders (shout out to Chief Rudzinski) are top-notch. In short, there's nothing East Petersburg can't do... my only question is: will YOU be a part of it, or merely a spectator? Take it from someone who has been in your shoes – get started now. You won't regret it.

Very, very sincerely,  
Jeff R. Geoghan  
Your Mayor

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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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**BOROUGH EVENTS**  
**EAST PETERSBURG COMMUNITY PARK**  
6051 Pine Street



December 2, 9, and 16 - **Santa in the Park**

9:00 a.m. until Noon - Mrs. Claus' Cookies, Musical Train Table, Doll-house Display, and Reindeer Food Bar



December 31 - **New Years Eve in the Square** 10:00 p.m. entertainment begins and Jug Drop at midnight!!



January 6 - **Tree Chipping Event** held at East Pete Pool by the Boy Scout from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The trees collected will be recycled!

February 3 - **Pot Pie Take Out** held at East Pete Fire Company from 10:00 a.m. until sold out.

more info available at: [eastpetersburgday.com](http://eastpetersburgday.com) & Facebook page East Petersburg Day



## **MS4 WINTER MAINTENANCE: DE-ICING**

On average, the equivalent of 137 pounds of salt per person is used to melt ice each winter in the U.S. Unfortunately, excess de-icing material ends up in our rivers and streams, where it can harm aquatic life and kill trees and other plants. Once Chloride is in the water it cannot be removed. Therefore, prevention is the only way to keep our water clean. Thankfully, there are options that are less harmful to our waterways. This factsheet describes tips you can use on your sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots to keep them free from dangerous ice while also reducing the amount of harmful chemicals in the environment.



Excess rock salt on the road, as shown above, will get washed into nearby waterways if not cleaned up.



Shoveling sidewalks and driveways instead of using de-icer is better for the environment and your wallet.

### **Choosing De-icer Wisely**

#### **Check the ingredients on the label.**

Magnesium chloride ( $MgCl_2$ ), Calcium chloride ( $CaCl_2$ ), and potassium acetate work better in colder temperatures. Blends usually contain a lot of sodium chloride ( $NaCl$ ) because it is cheap, but less effective the colder it gets. Urea is marketed as pet or plant friendly, but is much less effective at melting ice. Beet juice, sugarcane molasses, and cheese brine are some of the alternative deicers being explored.

The temperature listed on the bag may not be 100% ACCURATE. Use the table on the right instead.

### **Keep in Mind**



**Remove snow first.** Always remember to shovel, snow blow, and/or plow first to remove snow and ice as it builds up. Then, apply a deicer only if needed, and in as little an amount of necessary.



**Use deicer sparingly.** More than necessary will not be more effective. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (average parking space is 150 square feet). One pound of salt equals a 12-ounce coffee cup.



**Choose sand for low temps.** Typical deicers won't melt snow and ice effectively when it's 15° F or colder out, so use some sand for traction instead.



**Don't be wasteful.** Salt and sand on dry pavement isn't working and will eventually get washed into a nearby waterway. Before that happens, sweep it up and save it for later use.

De-icing chemical	Lowest effective pavement temp.
Sodium chloride ( $NaCl$ )	15 degrees F
Magnesium chloride ( $MgCl_2$ )	10 degrees F
Calcium chloride ( $CaCl_2$ )	-20 degrees F
Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA)	20 degrees F
Potassium acetate (KAc)	-15 degrees F
Urea (carbonyl diamide)	20 degrees F
Blends	Varies



America Recycles Day  
NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

# America Recycles Day

**America Recycles Day (ARD) - November 15, 2017** is a nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled products. In celebration of ARD, we encourage you to take the pledge to give your garbage another life by recycling what you can.

Link: <https://goo.gl/1UJb65>

Please take a look at the following links for more information on recycling.

## **Topic: Preparing Materials for the Recycling Bin**

It's important to properly prepare materials for the recycling bin. Check out these helpful tips and tricks to keep in mind when sorting items for recycling.

Link: <https://goo.gl/Qd1Wco>

## **Topic: Bathroom Recycling**

Recycling isn't limited to the kitchen. In fact, nearly half of Americans aren't recycling personal care items such as shampoo bottles, toilet paper rolls and other materials commonly found in the bathroom. Visit [www.iwanttoberecycled.org](http://www.iwanttoberecycled.org) for a list of bathroom products that can be recycled.

Link: <https://goo.gl/UFd4ay>

## **Topic: Close the Loop**

You can help close the recycling loop by buying products made from recycled materials. There are thousands of products that contain recycled materials. When you go shopping, look for products that can be easily recycled or products that contain recycled materials.

Link: <https://goo.gl/LB2Kyi>

## **Topic: Recycling FAQs**

Recycling can sometimes be a little confusing, as each municipality in Lancaster County has a slightly different program. To help curb confusion, we've gathered some of the most frequently asked recycling questions and provided answers to help you live green.

Link: <https://goo.gl/oipJUM>

## **Topic: How to Prevent Recycling Contamination**

Recycling contamination is an issue that impacts how recyclables can be processed. When in doubt, don't just throw it in the bin, contact your hauler or municipality with questions.

Link: <https://goo.gl/q2uZ13>





## America Recycles Day (continued)

### **Topic: Recycling Myths – Disposing of E-Waste in Regular Trash**

Did you know that it's illegal to dispose of covered devices (TVs, desktop computers, etc.) as trash? In January 2013, PA passed the Covered Devices Recycling Act, requiring these items be recycled. Take your covered devices to LCSWMA's Household Hazardous Waste Facility for FREE disposal.

Link: <https://goo.gl/hkKFMW>

### **Topic: Recycle Tips: Plastic Bag Recycling Programs at Grocery Stores**

Not sure what to do with all those plastic grocery bags and plastic wraps? Visit [abagslife.com](http://abagslife.com) to find a recycling location near you and help keep bags out of the waste stream.

Link: <https://goo.gl/dy5o76>

### **Topic: Use Earth911 for Recycling Questions**

Do you have questions about where to recycle unique items? Check out Earth911.com's online Recycling Guide for comprehensive list of how and where to recycle items other than newspaper, glass, plastic bottles, aluminum and steel cans.

Link: <https://goo.gl/q7hpr3>

### **Topic: Recycling Myths – Removing Staples, Labels, Etc. From Direct Mail Before Recycling**

Did you know that it is not necessary to remove staples or labels from direct mail before placing it in the recycling bin- those materials are actually removed during the recycling process.

### **Topic: New Recycling Bin**

Are you in need of a new recycling bin? If so, contact your municipal office. There is a \$10.00 for a new/replacement bin.

### **Topic: What Can Plastics Become?**

One of the things all of us can do to protect and improve our environment is to recycle. A plastic bottle may contain juice or water or soda, but what can it become after you use it? Take a look at some of the everyday plastics that you use and what they can become.

Link: <https://goo.gl/MiHK91>

### **Topic: How to Recycle Batteries**

Batteries do not belong in your trash. Instead, visit your municipal office or call LCSWMA at 717-397-9968 to request FREE battery bag. Once full, these bright orange bags can be placed next to your recycle bin for collection by your garbage hauler or you can bring them to LCSWMA's Household Hazardous Waste Facility for disposal. Visit [lcswma.org](http://lcswma.org) for location and hours.

### **The Recycling Journey**

By putting your recyclables in the recycling bin, you give them new life. Some materials can travel through the recycling and manufacturing process and be back on the store shelf in as little as 30 days! Check out the key steps six materials go through to become new products.

Link: <https://goo.gl/ELPxBi>



**PUT THESE ITEMS INTO YOUR RECYCLE BINS:**

- Plastic Jugs, Bottles and Containers #1 through #7
- Glass Food or Beverage Containers
- Cans— Aluminum or Steel, Empty Aerosol & Dried Paint
- Cardboard—flattened (There is a dumpster at the Community Center parking lot cardboard that does not fit into your bin)
- Pizza Boxes (greasy area removed)
- Food Boxes (cereals, etc.)
- Food Cartons (milk, broth, juice, wine, etc.)
- Clamshells (food containers)
- Yogurt, Butter, Flower pots, etc.
- Paperboard Boxes (tissues, etc.)
- Phone Books, and Soft Cover Books
- Office Paper (any color)
- Junk Mail, Magazines, Catalogs, Envelopes, Brochures
- Paper Bags, Empty Paper Towel and Toilet Paper Rolls
- Gift Wrap ( not glittery or metallic)



REMOVE LIDS (PUT THEM INTO THE TRASH), RINSE CONTAINERS, FLATTEN BOXES — ALL ITEMS BEING RECYCLED SHOULD BE PLACED INTO BINS. HEAVIER ITEMS SHOULD BE ON TOP.

**DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS INTO YOUR RECYCLING BINS:**

- Plastic Bags (Recycling items should not be put into plastic bags)
- Needles and Medical Waste
- Broken Glass
- Windows, Mirrors, Ceramics
- Drinking Glasses
- Aluminum Foil
- Scrap Metal
- Plastic Tableware (Knives, Forks, etc.)
- Food
- Soaked and/or Wet Papers or Card-board
- Plastic Food Wrappers
- Used Paper Towels or Tissues
- Christmas Lights
- Hoses
- Propane Tanks
- Light Bulbs
- Shredded Paper (bag and put into trash)

**THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT BE COLLECTED AT THE CURB:**

TV, COMPUTER, LAPTOP, MONITORS PRINTER, KEYBOARD AND MOUSE, DVD, VCR, CAMERS, BATTERIES, PAINT, ALL CHEMICALS, HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, LAWN TREATMENTS, GASOLINE, KEROSENE AND, PROPANE, AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS, THINNERS, STAINS, THERMOMETERS, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

PLEASE BRING THESE ITEMS AND ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WATES (HHW) TO LANCASTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAMGEMENT (LCSWMA) 1299 HARRISBURG PIKE, LANCASTER ,

**TRASH AND RECYCLING REMINDERS**

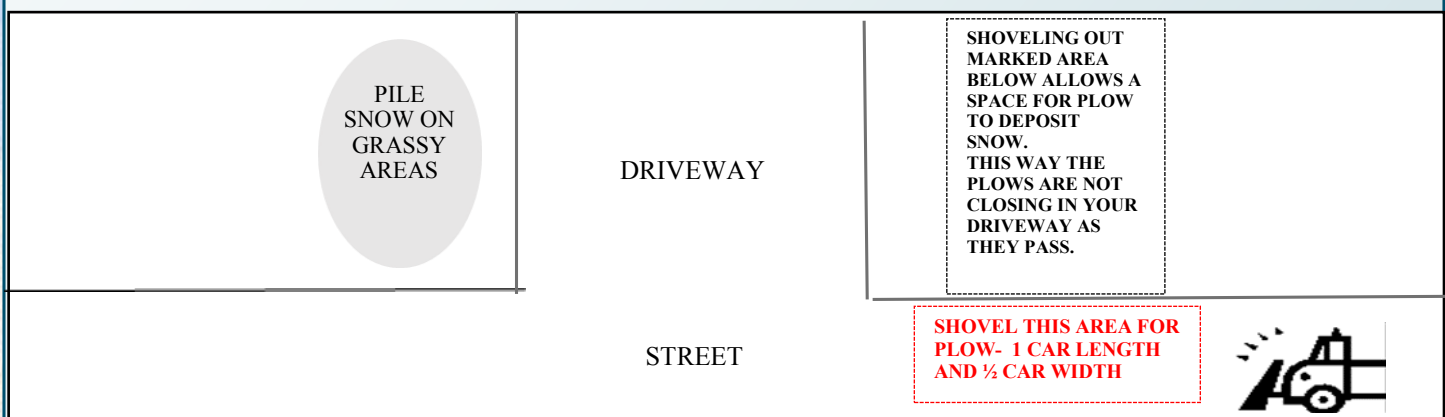
Changes to the trash/recycling collection for the holidays:  
Saturday, December 30  
Saturday, January 6

Yard Waste pick up will resume:  
April, 6, 2018



# Winter Weather Reminders

- \* **Sidewalks** need to have a clear path of at least 3 feet wide the entire length of your sidewalk within 12 hours of snow, ice or sleet ceasing to fall. Do not put snow from your sidewalk into the roadway, this will result in a fine.
- \* **Vehicles** should be moved off the road whenever possible so the snow plows can clear the roads from curb to curb.
- \* **Roadways** are not the place to put your snow. Make sure to put your snow from your vehicle, sidewalk, and driveway onto a grass area.
- \* **Driveways** should be cleared AFTER the street has already been plowed when possible. Do **not** put snow from your driveway into the roadway. This will result in a fine. Use this diagram when shoveling out your driveway.



- \* **Fire Hydrants** should be cleared of all snow in case of an emergency.
- \* **Mailboxes** should be clear of snow and ice to ensure mail delivery. Make sure your mailbox is in good condition and secure.
- \* **Stormdrains** should be kept clear of snow cover and ice to allow water to flow and prevent flooding.
- \* **Your patience and cooperation is appreciated** as we do our best to stay on top of the changing road conditions. Please stay clear of the plows as they work to keep the roadways safe and clear to allow emergency vehicles to get to where help is needed.

*Always have an Emergency plan and keep emergency supplies on hand. To assist you in making an emergency plan for your home, vehicle and workplace goto: [www.readypa.org/makeaplan](http://www.readypa.org/makeaplan).*