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EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH

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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

EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH OFFICE 6040 Main Street East Petersburg, PA 17520 717-569-9282 <u>Office Hours</u> 8:00AM-4:30 PM Monday Thru Friday Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00



Fall Town Crier – Mayor's note

Hello, neighbors,



I hope the past season has found you well. We are all finishing out the summer, preparing for a new school year or planning for the fall. I hope you were able to spend some time with loved ones, some time outside and some time learning something you enjoy. We had another wonderful National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th. If I didn't catch you there, I hope you had a great time all the same.

We will continue to see maintenance and improvements throughout the borough and the county this fall and winter. We had a few questions recently about MS4, street sweeping and basic storm water management. Here is ink to the Boroughs collected summery on MS4. There is plenty to start with there if you want to start educating yourself on the subject. <u>http://www.eastpetersburgborough.org/ms4/</u>

With 22,000 annual suicides and 9.061 non-suicide deaths by firearm including 32 mass killing by firearms in our United States in 2019, many of our residents, including our own Council President, have asked openly what we can do as citizens to reduce or prevent incidents n our own community. As with many preventable circumstance, you can start with paying attention to detail, and communicating openly and honestly with your family, friends, neighbors and police force. There are many ways this death count can be slowed. They all require individual commitment and action. If you are interested, take a firearms safety program, a Stop the Bleed training session, educate yourself of storage of firearms and ammunition, work to actively remove access to firearms from perpetrators, and/or educate yourself on mental illness as well as personal and social responsibility. Many of the actions listed will help in other ways too. As with most quality of life issues in the United States, you will rarely get more out of it than you put into it. It is all about growth.

There certainly is a lot of potential growth to look forward to individually and as a community in the coming season. Let's be sure to gather together and celebrate that growth. We will have many local nonprofit organizations putting forward events for us to gather together at. While your borough and municipal tax dollars regularly support these organizations in big and small ways be it advertising on and through official platforms, answering phone calls, sorting mail, road closure staff, providing

Civil services or policing services, facilities management and the like or direct donation, the majority of the work is done by and funding is collected by dedicated volunteers attempting to provide some small service to help improve the community. Please take some time to join in on any of the local events in our community. We are a wonderful borough and county. We can be even better with your active participation. Here are some links to great upcoming events through August and September to get you started.

https://lancasterpubliclibrary.org/events/ https://www.eastpetehistory.org/meetings-events/ https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed? src=mlrice21@gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York http://www.gypsymoonbluesfest.com/ https://eastpetersburgday.com I hope to see you this coming season, James Andrew Malone, Mayor





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FALL 2019 -BOROUGH EVENTS



<u>September 7-</u> Blues Fest held at East Petersburg Community Park 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm (rain or shine) https://www.facebook.com/gypsymoonbluesfest/



September 12, 13, 14 East Petersburg Days Community Carnival more info available at: eastpetersburgday.com & Facebook page East Petersburg Day





October 5– 1:00-4:00 Pumpkin Fest -Pumpkin Decorating & Hayrides at the East Petersburg Community Center 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg



October 31– 6:00-8:00 pm Trick or Treat Have a safe and Happy Halloween!





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Rethink, Recover, Renew

Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority is giving free tours!

What happens to your trash after you throw it away? Where does it go? How is it transformed into a resource? You can find out these an-

swers and more by taking a FREE tour of LCSWMA facilities. Go behind-the-scenes at the Transfer Station Complex, Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility, Frey Farm Landfill or Susquehanna Resource Management Complex to see how our sites operate. Follow the link to see dates and times and to sign up for a tour <u>https://www.lcswma.org/tours/</u>



<u>Street sweeping will take place in the Borough Wednes-</u> day and Thursday of each week

• First and third week of the month will be all streets north of State Street

• Second and fourth week of the month will be all streets south of State Street

This schedule is weather permitting. Extreme weather will push schedule forward or back a day

Example: If weather forecasts rain early in the week, sweeping day will be Thursday and Friday. Forecasts later in the week will result in moving sweeping day to Monday or Tuesday.



STORMWATER-MS4

* Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated.

Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens,

if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens. Remember to keep your grass off the street.

* Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water. Cleaning up after your pets is essential to keeping our water pollutant free.



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SPRING PLANTING

East Petersburg Borough partnered with the Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance in developing a Community Rain Garden. On June 1st, 2019, volunteers performed maintenance duties and planted several shrubs and plants to add to the already blooming rain garden. The rain garden is located at 2899 Graystone Road, East Petersburg, PA, 17520. Interested? Keep an eye out for future volunteer opportunities



Volunteers participate in 2019 Spring Plating at 2899 Graystone Road

East Petersburg Borough MS4

East Petersburg Borough's (EPB) Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) is designed to keep EPB compliant with The Clean Water Act, and the Borough's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES Permit). The Borough's NPDES permit lays out a set of rules and guidelines the Borough must be compliant with to avoid fines from the EPA and DEP. The permit is based on six Minimum Control Measures (MCM). Each MCM has its own set of guidelines and requirements that must be followed or met. The six MCMs are: 1. Public Education and Outreach, 2. Public Participation and Involvement 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination 4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control 5. Post Construction Stormwater Management and 6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations.

MS4 Q&A Here to answer your questions!

Q: What does MS4 stand for? A: MS4 stands Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

Q: What is one of the simplest ways to help our storm sewer system?

A: One of the simplest ways to have a positive effect on the MS4 system and help our streams is to keep grass off the streets and out of storm drains. Grass and debris can clog the drains and have negative effects on streams.

"The health of our waters is the principle measure of how we live on the land." – Luna Leopold

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REGULATE STORM-WATER RUNOFF?

Run off carries sediment, debris, pollutants and anything else that accumulates on an impervious surface to waterways of the United States and reduces water quality.





Borough Worker cleaning out storm drain with Street Sweeper. Done twice yearly.

Contact Us

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Yearly Maintenance

Throughout the year the Borough will continue to do inspections on all Borough and privately-owned stormwater management facilities, monitor and investigate illicit discharges, clean inlets, outlets and outfalls, and complete all required dry weather screen

Things You can do

Check to see if your vehicle is leaking fluids. Oil, grease, gasoline, anti-freeze, and break fluid can all be washed into storm sewers and our water. Clean up any spills you discover.

Do not dump any waste products into a stormwater facility.

Clean up after your pets.

Turn your mower to discharge toward your lawn instead of into the roadway. Grass clippings ending up in our streams, lakes, and rivers decompose, decreasing oxygen levels and increasing the potential for algae growth.

Be careful using fertilizers and pesticides. Rain washes fertilizers and pesticides into stormwater facilities and directly into our streams. Fertilizers cause algae to grow taking oxygen from fish and pesticides applied improperly can damage the eco system.

Notify the Borough if you see anyone dumping waste products into a stormwater facility by calling or using the Borough Website.

EVIROMENTAL SPOTLIGH

Keep an eye out for wildlife crossing the road. This little guy was found on crossing Lemon Street mid-morning. Thankfully he was discovered by a Borough employee and safely helped to the other side of the road.





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Large appliance & tire pick-up will be held October 25

Tags can be purchased at the Borough office -\$14.00 appliance tag & \$3.00 tire tag

Yard waste & leaf pick-up

<u>Yard waste pick-up dates</u>: September 7 September 20 October 4 October 18 Leaf pick-up dates: November 1 November 15 November 30 December 13

Please note changes to trash schedule: September 7 - due to holiday November 30 - due to holiday

DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET this could block stormwater drains. In accordance with Ordinance #169 you could be fined for this. Please dispose of leaves by placing them into a brown leaf bag. All Borough residents are required to recycle leaves therefore if you put them into the trash they will not be collected.

East Petersburg residents are allowed (3) bags or cans of trash – up to 32 gallons. *All trash must be contained in a bag or can. They will not take loose items or boxes of trash.* If you have an item that does not fit into a bag or can of this size, you will need an oversize item tag. These tags are available at the Borough office for \$5.00 each. If you have more than (3) bags of trash, extra trash bag tags are \$1.25 each.



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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School is back in session August 22, 2019. <u>Please be extra</u> <u>careful to pay attention to children & school busses to en-</u> <u>sure their safety.</u>

Remember when sharing the road with school busses:

- Never pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children - it is illegal in all 50 states.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.



- If you are driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop when the yellow light starts flashing.
- Always stop for a crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Be extra alert at crosswalks and near school zones; children can be unpredictable and often take risks.





EAST PETE DAYS

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THURDSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH WRISTBAND NIGHT!! \$15.00 UNLIMITED RIDES ALL NIGHT! 6:00 P.M. - CLOSE DJ/KARAOKE 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH RIDES AND CARNIVAL GAMES 6:00 P.M. "BIG BIG JAZZ BAND" 6:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH:

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES, ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC, AND FOOD

- 8:30 A.M. Kid's Fun Run
- 9:00 A.M. Totally 80's 5K Run/Walk
- 10:00 A.M. Parade Begins
- 11:00 A.M. Food Sales & Rides Begin Opening Ceremony • Welcome Invocation • Presentation of Colors National Anthem
 - - Master of Ceremonies shared by Ken Heeter and Jeff McLain
- **11:30 Magician–Daniel Clemente**
- 12:00 Raven Ridge Wildlife Center and Eastland Alpacas (until 4)
- **12:30 Pulse Dance Studio Performance**
- **1:30 Hoola Hoop Contest**
- 2:00 P.M. Music-TBA
- 3:00 P.M. Whoopie Pie Contest adults & kids
- 6:00 P.M. Golf Ball Drop
- 6:30 Pocketful O'SOUL (until 9:30)
- 9:30 Fireworks

More info at eastpetersburgday.com