

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 p.m.

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



MAYOR'S NOTE



Hello Neighbor!

As we are stepping into the summer months, we are stepping up physical interaction and social gathering. Individuals ages 12 and up may protect themselves and others from the worst effects of COVID-19 through vaccination and we are seeing a steady decline in cases of and deaths from COVID-19 in the USA and our immediate area. As we collectively continue to collect, validate, analyze, and interpret data at every level in our scientific, medical, and political realms, let's not forget to individually do our best to be useful, productive, and helpful to ourselves, our families, and our communities.

The start of summer for many, myself included, is marked by remembrance on Memorial day weekend (Sat., May 29, '21 - Mon., May 31, '21) when we honor those who died in military service for the United States. While we set aside Memorial Day specifically to honor those who died in service and Veterans' day (Thurs., Nov. 11, '21) specifically to honor those who have served or are serving, we should remember and honor our veterans for their service every day. To that end, if you know of any veteran who needs assistance in our area, reach out to Lancaster County Veteran Affairs (<https://co.lancaster.pa.us/163/Veterans-Affairs>) Ph: 717-299-7920 (<https://co.lancaster.pa.us/292/Veterans-Resources>) or our local East Petersburg Borough Veterans. We have another Community Garden "Streamside Care Workday" event to be held June 5, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Come volunteer, joining us, in a community clean-up to kickoff at the East Pete Community Gardens. We will be weeding, mulching, and planting to celebrate this new community space. Bring your own gloves and trowel and wear comfortable clothing. This is a family friendly event and location with no age restrictions. (Those under 18 must always be accompanied by an adult). Learn more and register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/streamside-care-workday-tickets-149759666193>

See more on our Community Gardens at <http://littleconestoga.org/east-petersburg-green-infrastructure-bmp-demonstration-site/>

If you're like me, you are looking forward to Flag Day, June 14th, Father's Day, June 20th, Independence Day, July 4th, and any other excuse this summer to cherish ideals, acknowledge shortcomings, highlight growth, and companionably interact with family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances.

This year, we will again be gathering to celebrate National Night Out on Tues., Aug 3 '21 at the East Petersburg Community Pool. I hope to see you there. The bike ride starts things off at 5:30 pm leaving from and returning to the pool. As in previous years, I'll be bringing up the rear of the wheeled caravan. We're always happy to have volunteers to pitch in. If you are interested in helping, contact our borough office.

If you are looking for resources or information on what is happening within the borough, please be sure to visit our website at www.eastpetersburgborough.org. Tip: I often jump to uncategorized postings to see the most recent items beyond the most recent three in "Recent News" on the right-hand side of the main page. <http://www.eastpetersburgborough.org/category/uncategorized/>

You can also "SUBSCRIBE TO RECENT NEWS" in the bottom right of the website (in the footer).

I hope to see you soon.

James Andrew Malone, Mayor
East Petersburg Borough
email mayor@eastpetersburgborough.org
voice mail 717-569-9282 ext. 50



BOROUGH EVENTS

For more information and updates on events go to:

<http://www.eastpetersburgday.com/> &
Facebook page East Petersburg Day

May 28 Food Truck Frenzy fundraiser at East Petersburg Fire Co. 6076 Pine Street
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CANCELLED - June 5 Community Yard Sale in the Park

June 5 Community Garden "Streamside Care Workday" 2899 Graystone Road from
9:00 a.m. - noon Volunteers are needed for this event:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/streamside-care-workday-tickets>

July 2 Music in the Park 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Movie in the Park, Sonic the
Hedgehog 8:30 p.m. until 10:15 and then Fireworks!!

August 3 National Night Out 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be a community bike
ride to begin at 5:30 p.m. - starts and ends at the pool. All participants are asked to
wear an appropriate helmet on the bike ride. Free NNO activities from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
include: free open swim, bounce houses, Touch a truck, stickers for kids, free hot
dogs, chips, ice cream, and refreshments. All swimmers 18 and under must pass
the swim test or have a responsible adult in the pool with them at all times.

August 7 Two Towers Jamboree Music Fest
begins 5:00 p.m. (rain or shine) There will be several acts featured.

September 4 Gypsy Moon Blues Fest 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (rain or shine) several
Blues bands will be featured from Central PA as well as from Philadelphia. Food
and Vendors will be available.

Looking Ahead...

September 16, 17, 18
Community Carnival & East Pete Day

October 2
Pumpkin Fest



Storm Water to Drinking Water



Grass Clippings are considered an illicit discharge if they get into the storm drains. Grass Clippings contribute excess nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in our streams, ponds and rivers, polluting water. When you leave clippings on your lawn, you give them the chance to decompose, releasing water and nutrients into your lawns soil.

Watch the video about "Storm Water to Drinking Water " to learn more:

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XGpwGjYNfX4&fbclid=IwAR0aYSbomCm5eFpPtWUhwpbF1imIiu_fDi2dAfaE9inKrQ3kpL-oMl9WN8)

[v=XGpwGjYNfX4&fbclid=IwAR0aYSbomCm5eFpPtWUhwpbF1imIiu_fDi2dAfaE9inKrQ3kpL-oMl9WN8](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XGpwGjYNfX4&fbclid=IwAR0aYSbomCm5eFpPtWUhwpbF1imIiu_fDi2dAfaE9inKrQ3kpL-oMl9WN8)

Yard Waste will be picked up every other week with regular trash collection. There is no limit to the number of bags you can put out at the curb.

Brush and Limbs must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and no heavier than 30 pounds to be put out on yard waste pick up dates.

Grass Clippings must be put into yard waste bags and have a grass tag placed on the bag. Tags are available at the Borough office for \$2.00 each.

Yard Waste Bags are available at the Borough office for .50 each or you can purchase them at any local hardware store.

Trash collection includes (3) 32-gallon refuse bags/cans. Each bag is limited to 30 pounds. Extra refuse bags/cans will need a tag. Residents are asked to put trash out the evening before no sooner than 5:00 p.m. and remove cans no more than 24 hrs. after collection. If your trash is missed, please do not remove it from your pickup site. Call the Borough office before 12:00 p.m. the next day at (717) 569-9282 and arrangements will be made to have it picked up.

SUMMER YARD WASTE PICK UP:

Friday June 11
Friday June 25
Friday July 9
Friday July 23
Friday August 6
Friday August 20

SPECIAL TAGS:

1.25 - Additional bags /cans of trash (no larger than 32 gal. and not weighing more than 30 lbs.)

5.00 - oversized items that will not fit into bags and cans (e.g. furniture, carpet, household items, mowers, grills, etc.)



Test Your Recycling IQ

Now that we have all been home more, we are producing more recycling and trash at home. Do you know what everyday items are recyclable and how they should be prepared for recycling? <https://www.riddle.com/showcase/229867/quiz>



Where can Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Trailers be stored??

- All recreation vehicles, boats and trailers must have current registration and be well maintained to prevent the collection of debris or the leakage of vehicle fluids.
- All recreation vehicles, boats and trailers with a length of 30 feet or greater shall not be parked within the front or side yard of a residential property for more than 24 hours at a time, and no more than a total of 3 days in a 7-day period.
- In a rear yard, all recreational vehicles, boats and trailers shall be parked a minimum of 5 feet from a lot line and include a row of evergreen trees in between. Where there is insufficient room for evergreen trees, a mostly solid fence with a minimum of 4 feet may be used.

Can certain vehicles be parked on Borough streets??

The ordinance states that parking of a bus, house trailer, motor home, recreational vehicle, semitrailer, boat, trailer, truck tractor or wrecker is prohibited on any street in the Borough for a continuous period of 48 hours. Note: This also applies to trucks that are greater than 10,000 lbs.



Upcoming Road Work in 2021

Fog Sealing - Street Resurfacing:

- High Street
- Carpenter St (Stevens St to Graystone Rd)
- Miriam Circle
- Sundra Drive
- Jefferson Drive
- Cedar St (Lower section)

Fog Sealing surfacing is used on lower traveled and lower speed roads and costs about 10 times less than full resurfacing with asphalt or concrete. It typically takes about two days for the loose stones to become embedded in the road surface. Until then, you may want to travel slower on that road. The oil and chip provide a protective wearing surface to prolong the road's service life. Then when the fog seal oil is applied it will help prevent any stone pick up, and seal it all together.

LOCAL Access to residents' homes will be allowed, but there will be NO PARKING allowed on the street during the paving projects from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A final fog seal application will be applied a few weeks later.

Full Restoration:

- Elm Street (between Orchard St & Linden St)

Road will be closed for duration of restoration project on this street.



No Parking signs with dates and times will be posted a few business days prior to any Road Work being done. As always, your co-operation is greatly appreciated as we work to better the roads in our community.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Two pools for the price of one:
East Pete Pool & Hempfield recCenter
(includes 2 fitness passes)

Single \$165 resident/\$185 nonresident

Couple \$235 resident/\$255 nonresident

Family (up to 4 people) \$280 resident /\$300 nonresident

Senior (age 62+) \$105 resident/\$125 non-resident

*Additional family members \$35 per person.

For more information contact **HARC 717-898-3102**



2021 Summer Playground

This supervised program is held at four neighborhood parks:
Amos Herr Park – East Hempfield Township, Silver Spring Park, West Hempfield Township, East Petersburg Park, and Mountville Community Park.

The summer program offers supervised outdoor play, games, sports, and optional field trips and pool parties. [Summer Playground Info.](#)

Offered for eight weeks during summer break: June 14 thru August 6, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Ages 6-13

For more information, contact Cristine Maser, Program Director
cmaser@hempfieldrec.com or 898-3102 ext. 139.



Summer Reading 2021 @ June 5 - August 14

<https://lanasterpubliclibrary.org/summer->

LANCASTER CITY BRANCH

125 North Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

admin@lanasterpubliclibrary.org
717 394-2651

Hours of Operation

- **Monday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Tuesday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Thursday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Friday:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- **Saturday:** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- **Sunday:** Closed

MOUNTVILLE BRANCH

120 College Avenue
Mountville, PA 17554

admin@lanasterpubliclibrary.org
717 285-3231

Hours of Operation

- **Monday:** 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Tuesday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday:** 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Thursday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Friday:** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **Saturday:** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Sunday:** Closed



Zoning Permits

Dumpsters and PODS do require a permit.

Residential Pools

- ◆ Permits are required for all above or in-ground pools greater than 24 inches in depth.
- ◆ Setbacks vary according to Zoning District.
- ◆ Pools shall not be located in a front yard.
- ◆ Pools containing 24 inches or more of water depth shall include a fence, wall, above-ground pool walls or similar enclosure surrounding the pool no less than 4 feet above the ground. Pools over 4 feet are required to have a removable or lockable ladder.
- ◆ PADEP regulations require the discharge of water to be de-chlorinated unless discharged into a public sewer. (Please note: Storm Sewers located throughout the Borough are not public sewers).

Decks

- ◆ A permit is required for a deck.
- ◆ Setbacks vary according to Zoning District.
- ◆ Check for easements on the property, decks must not encroach on easements.

Patio

- ◆ A zoning permit is required for a patio.
- ◆ Setbacks vary according to Zoning District.
- ◆ Need to check with the Zoning Officer on the maximum allowed lot coverage, varies with Zoning District.
- ◆ Check for easements on the property.

Sheds

- ◆ A zoning permit is required for all sheds (including prefab sheds).
- ◆ No sheds are permitted in the front yard.
- ◆ Check for easements on the property. Sheds are not allowed in storm water easements.

Residential Fences

- ◆ Zoning permits are required for fences, including replacing an already existing fence.
- ◆ A corner lot is considered to have two front yards.
- ◆ No fence shall be built within an existing street right-of-way.
- ◆ Fences in the front yard must be of an "open type" picket, wrought iron or split rail and may not exceed 4 feet in height.

Driveways, Walkways, Sidewalks

- ◆ Zoning permits are required for new driveways, sidewalks and walkways or for replacements/expansions of any of these, as well as resurfacing a driveway.

Please keep in mind:

If work is started prior to a permit being issued and paid for, the permit fees are doubled.

Property lines can be found by locating the property pins. If they are no longer there, you will need to contact a surveyor.

This page only contains a portion of the zoning requirements, not the complete sections.

The zoning ordinance is available online at eastpetersburgborough.org or at the Borough office.

For more information or questions contact the Zoning Officer, Michael Bingham Monday and Thursday 1:00— 4:00 p.m. Appointments are available by calling the Borough office 717-569-9282.

NOTE: Allow 2-4 weeks for permit to be reviewed and processed.



811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or go to the [PA 811 website](http://PA811.org) before digging, to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags to prevent digging into an underground utility line.



2020 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

PWSID #: 7360135 East Petersburg Borough Water Department

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, ó hable con alguien que lo entienda. (This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you or speak with someone who understands it.)

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WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION:

This report shows out water quality and what it means. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jeff Moseman, at 717-569-2321. We want you to be informed about your water supply. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Community Center, 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA at 7:00 p.m.

SOURCE(S) OF WATER:

Our water sources are:

Koser Road Spring- 407 Koser Road Lititz, PA 17543

Vaughn Road Well- 5856 Vaughn Road East, Petersburg, PA 17520

Lancaster City Interconnection- 5181 Main Street East Petersburg, PA 17522

A Source Water Assessment of our source(s) was completed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (Pa. DEP). The Assessment has found that our source(s) of is/are potentially most susceptible to [insert potential Sources of Contamination listed in your Source Water Assessment Summary]. Overall, our source(s) has/have [little, moderate, high] risk of significant contamination. A summary report of the Assessment is available on the Source Water Assessment Summary Reports eLibrary web page: www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/View/Collection-10045. Complete reports were distributed to municipalities, water supplier, local planning agencies and PADEP offices. Copies of the complete report are available for review at the PA DEP South Central Regional Office, Records Management Unit at (717) 705-4732.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* (800-426-4791).



MONITORING YOUR WATER:

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The following tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The date has been noted on the sampling results table.

DEFINITIONS:

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level (MinRDL) - The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.

Level 1 Assessment – A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment – A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

pCi/L = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppq = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

ppt = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

**DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS:**

Chemical Contaminants								
Contaminant	MCL in CCR Units	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Distribution Chlorine	4	4	1.79	1.34 – 1.79	ppm	2020	N	Water additive used to control Microbes.
Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	80	80	11.70	4.61 - 26	ppb	2020	N	Byproduct of Disinfection.
Haloacetic acids HAA5	60	60	4	0 – 11.5	ppb	2020	N	Byproduct of Disinfection.
Nitrates- Spring	10	10	5	5.11 - 5.78	ppm	2020	N	Run off from fertilizer use, Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrates- Well	10	10	6	5.75 – 6.32	ppm	2020	N	Run off from fertilizer use, Erosion of natural deposits.

Entry Point Disinfectant Residual							
Contaminant	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Spring	0.2	1.16	1.16 – 2.45	ppm	2020	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Well	0.40	0.42	0.42 – 2.43	ppm	2020	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Lead & Copper								
Contaminant	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	90 th Percentile Value	Units	Sample Date	# of Sites Above AL of Total Sites	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Lead	15	0	4.0	ppb	2019	0 of 20	N	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper	1.3	1.3	0.235	ppm	2019	0 of 20	N	Corrosion of household plumbing.



Microbial (related to Assessments/Corrective Actions regarding TC positive results)					
Contaminants	TT	MCLG	Assessments/ Corrective Actions	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	Any system that has failed to complete all the required assessments or correct all identified sanitary defects, is in violation of the treatment technique requirement	0	See detailed description under "Detected Contaminants Health Effects Language and Corrective Actions" section	N	Naturally present in the environment.

Microbial (related to E. coli)					
Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Positive Sample(s)	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
E. coli	Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is <i>E. coli</i> -positive or system fails to take repeat samples following <i>E. coli</i> -positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for <i>E. coli</i> .	0	0	N	Human and animal fecal waste.
Contaminants	TT	MCLG	Assessments/ Corrective Actions	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
E. coli	Any system that has failed to complete all the required assessments or correct all identified sanitary defects, is in violation of the treatment technique requirement	0	See description under "Detected Contaminants Health Effects Language and Corrective Actions" section	N	Human and animal fecal waste.

Turbidity						
Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Source of Contamination
Turbidity	TT=2 NTU for a single measurement	0	6.138	5-4-20	N	Soil runoff.
	TT= at least 95% of monthly samples ≤1.0 NTU		100%	N/A	N	



DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS: SUSQUEHANNA WATER TREATMENT PLANT; ENTRY POINT 101 RESULTS ARE FROM LANCASTER CITY PWSID #7360058

Chemical Contaminant	MCL in CCR units	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Fluoride	2*	2	0.61	---	ppm	2020	N	Water additive that promotes strong teeth.
Barium	2	2	0.027	---	ppm	2020	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

LANCASTER CITY PWSID #7360058*EPA's MCL for fluoride is 4 ppm. However, Pennsylvania has set a lower MCL to better protect human health.

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level detected	Sample date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Turbidity	TT=1 NTU for a single measurement	0	0.03 NTU	7/09/20	N	Soil runoff.
	TT=at least 95% of monthly samples≤0.15 NTU		≤0.15 NTU 100% of the time	Jan. - Dec. 2020	N	

Total Organic Carbon (TOC)					
Contaminant	Range of % Removal Required	Range of percent removal achieved	Number of quarters out of compliance	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
TOC	0%-35%	24%-60%	0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

Entry Point Disinfectant Residual: Susquehanna and Conestoga Treatment Plants							
Contaminant	MinRDL	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Date of Lowest Sample	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Susquehanna Plant Chlorine	0.20	0.44	0.44 – 2.19	ppm	2/29/20	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Conestoga Plant Chlorine	0.20	0.53	0.53 – 1.44	ppm	1/29/20	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Additional Violations: None



EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and DEP prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA and DEP regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* (800-426-4791).

Information about Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. East Petersburg Borough is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Information about Nitrate

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.