

EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH

Fall 2021



Town Crier

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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.

Committee Meeting
4th Thursday of the month Jan.—Oct.

EAST PETERSBURG
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Office Hours
8:00AM-4:30 PM
Monday Thru Friday
Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00



MAYOR'S NOTE



Hello Neighbor!

September Suicide Prevention:

As in previous years, I am reminding everyone to take time to listen to your friends, family, and neighbors and also to reach out yourself. You don't have to be in physical contact with another person to gain the benefits of socializing. Regardless, you should definitely communicate with someone as regularly as possible. I often say anytime you feel alone in a situation, take the time to talk to some people. You will find out you are not the only one experiencing what you are going through. It does not change the reality of a situation. It can change your perspective and make living through an experience so much easier.

Every year, World Suicide Prevention Day [#WSPD2020] is held on September 10th. This year National Suicide Prevention [#BeThe1To] week in the United States will run Monday, September 6th through Sunday, September 12th.

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>
1-800-273-8255

Please keep others in mind. Be sure to reach out to someone if you are struggling with your own personal day to day existence. A chat may be just what you need to help see a better path through or give you the energy to keep moving.

Home protections:

Speaking with many of our new neighbors in the borough, I was reminded that we should do what we can to protect ourselves and our families. A good place to start is testing for and mitigating potential harm of known hazards such as Lead and Radon. You can learn more about these and other factors from the EPA (Environmental Protection agency) and WHO (World Health Organization).

Lead (<https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-sources-lead>)

Radon EPA (<https://www.epa.gov/radon>) WHO (<https://www.who.int/health-topics/radon>)

Did you know our borough is seventy-five this November?

Be sure to come out and celebrate with your neighbors on East Petersburg day Sept. 18th.

I hope you have a joyful Halloween, Thanksgiving and remember to Vote in the upcoming November general election.

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



September 4 - Gypsy Moon Blues Fest 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
(rain or shine) will feature the following Blues bands: Bluestime, Laura Cheadle, Greg Sover Band, Debra Devi, and Sweet Leda.
Food vendors will be available.

East Petersburg Days

September 16 - Carnival in the Park beginning with Food trucks at 5:15 p.m.

September 17 - Carnival in the Park beginning with Food trucks at 5:15 p.m.

September 18 - **East Pete Day** starts off with a **5K race**, followed by a parade, live music and entertainment, fireworks and many more events (*see back page for more info.*)



October 2 - Pumpkin Fest 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. - pumpkin decorating, hay rides, barrel train rides, bounce house, and mining for toys!



October 29 - Trick-or-Treat throughout the Borough 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.



November 2 - Municipal Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

December 4, 11, and 18 - Santa in the Park 9:00 a.m. until Noon

December 31 - New Years Eve in the Park



Don't forget daylight savings time ends. Turn your clocks back 1 hour on November 7, 2021.



Trick or Treat 2021 - Friday, October 29th

Trick or Treat Safety Tips to follow for a safe and Happy Halloween!

Safety Tips for Motorists

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

Costume Safety

Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents.

While on the Prowl

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street



PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

Keeping Children Safe

PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

- ◆ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- ◆ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ◆ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- ◆ These children are transported approximately 400 million miles to school each year.
- ◆ To further promote safety, school vehicles may be equipped with a yellow flashing or revolving light.
- ◆ Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST** stop.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.



SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

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PENALTIES

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

- ◆ 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- ◆ Five (5) points on your driving record
- ◆ \$250 Fine

If a school bus is equipped with a side stop arm enforcement system and you pass a school bus with its red lights flashing, you could receive a \$300 fine in the mail.

Annually, more than 700 drivers are convicted for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing.

SEPARATE ROADWAYS

Drivers may proceed on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

If In Doubt, STOP!



Physical barriers include concrete median barriers, metal median barriers, guide rails, etc.



Clearly indicated dividing sections include trees or shrubs, rocks or boulders, a stream, grass, etc.



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For more information on Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, including an animated graphic demonstrating when you must stop, visit www.penndot.gov/safety and click on "Traffic Safety & Driver Topics" and then "School Bus Safety".



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.



If you are using a toter, please keep in mind that toters must be in working condition to be serviced. If you put your toter at the curb and the wheels or bar are missing, this could cause your trash to be left behind.



Yard waste pick-up dates:

September 3
September 17
October 1
October 15

Leaf pick-up dates:

October 29
November 12
November 27
December 10



**Please note changes to trash schedule: September 11 - due to holiday
November 27 - due to holiday**

Large appliance & tire pick-up will be held October 29

Tags can be purchased at the Borough office:
\$15.00 appliance tag & \$5.00 tire tag





the many benefits of eBilling



My East Petersburg Borough Customer Portal

The Customer Portal provides you with the opportunity to access your account information and activity. In addition, you will be able to pay your bills using the portal.

- Create your own portal account through self registration
- Sign up for e-Bills
- View or print current bill
- View your billing, payment, and adjustment history
- View your usage history
- Pay your bills via Electronic payment

Go Green, Save a Tree

If every American household used eBills and online bill pay, it could reduce solid waste in U.S. landfills by more than 800,000 tons a year and help curb the release of greenhouse gases by 2.1 million tons, according to Javelin Strategy and Research. This could also save an estimated 18.5 million trees a year!



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**Safe digging is
no accident!**

**Know what's
below.**









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before you dig.**



**Know what's below
Call 811 before you dig.**

COLOR CODE

FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES

	PROPOSED EXCAVATION
	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKINGS
	ELECTRIC
	GAS, OIL, STEAM
	COMMUNICATION, CATV
	POTABLE WATER
	IRRIGATION, RECLAIMED WATER, SLURRY LINES
	SEWER

Pennsylvania 811 "One Call System" has been established and is regulated by PA State law. This program is administered by the State of Pennsylvania to limit damage to existing underground facilities and improve safety to the general public. The One Call program has required guidelines that any person excavating must comply with.

For more information, visit
www.pa811.org





Streamside Care Workday

Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance and East Petersburg Borough held a “Streamside Care Workday”. The community joined in to clean-up the East Petersburg Community Gardens by weeding, mulching and planting to celebrate this community space that will aid in improving the water quality. Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help keep this space thriving.

The Community Gardens continue to be open to residents along with educational signage, located at 2899 Graystone Road East Petersburg.



*We can all
make a
difference.*





Be Storm Water Smart

Understanding How Storm Water Affects Your Wallet, Safety, Health, and Environment in Pennsylvania

MS4



What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Good Rain Gone Wrong

Storm water 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 of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.

Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.



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.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



What Happens When It Rains?

Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:



Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.

Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.



Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.

More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.



Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.

Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do To Help

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint—never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community. (See the back of this brochure for contact information.)
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.



Be Storm Water Smart

MS4 continued

Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy!

What does the storm sewer system look like in your community? See if you can identify which pictures are part of the storm sewer system



Answers to Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy:

- 1. Ditch** – Part of the storm sewer system. Most people think that the system is just a series of underground pipes. It can also include ditches used to convey storm water from the land to a receiving lake, river, or stream.
- 2. Fire Hydrant** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Water sprayed on fires is not regulated as storm water, but if water systems open hydrants to flush their water lines the chlorinated water should not be allowed to enter a stream.
- 3. Storm Drain Inlet** – Part of the storm sewer system. Anything that enters this drain will go directly to streams, rivers or lakes without being treated first. It is important to recognize this as a storm drain to prevent it from being used as a trash can.
- 4. Storm Sewer Outfall** – Part of the storm sewer system. An outfall is where storm water drains from the storm sewer system into a receiving lake, stream, or river. If there is a flow from an outfall when it isn't raining, there could be a problem with the system or someone has used a storm drain for illegally disposing of materials.
- 5. Toilet** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Wastewater from sinks and toilets in houses and businesses travels through a sewer system designed to carry wastewater.
- 6. Septic System** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Homeowners use septic tanks to manage sanitary wastes on-site. Improperly maintained septic systems can leak and contribute pollutants to the storm sewer system, as well as directly to lakes, rivers, and streams.
- 7. Roads and Other Paved Areas** – Source of much of the flow to storm sewer systems. Roads and other hardened surfaces such as parking lots and sidewalks can accumulate pollutants (e.g. oil, grease, dirt, leaves, trash, pet wastes) that storm water eventually washes into the storm sewer system.
- 8. Protected Storm Drain Inlet** – Where construction or other activities cause sediment or other pollutants to flow to an inlet, sandbags or filters can be used to mitigate.



EAST PETE DAYS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:15 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.— Food Truck Vendors

6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.— DJ

WRISTBAND NIGHT!! \$15.00 UNLIMITED RIDES ALL NIGHT!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 BEGINS 6:30 P.M.

5:15 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.— Food Truck Vendors

6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.— Jazz Band

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

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**

1:00 P.M. Raven Ridge Expo

5:00 PM. DJ

6:00 P.M. Golf Ball Drop

6:30 P.M. Pocketful O' Soul

8:45 P.M. Fireworks

**Events subject to change*

*More information can be found at eastpetersburgday.com and
Facebook page East Petersburg Day*