

EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH

Spring 2022

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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.



MAYOR'S NOTE

Hello, neighbor,

SPRING is drawing closer!

Whatever Spring traditions you celebrate, I hope they are done in good health and safety. PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA is in full swing. Please do your part in keeping our neighborhoods, parks and open spaces clean by picking up and properly disposing of any litter you come across.

Learn about group events at <http://www.gacofpa.org/> or watch for events at our own borough website.

I am excited to see how well our HOMETOWN HEROES 2022 BANNER PROGRAM is going. It is a wonderful endeavor to recognize and honor our local veterans. We owe a special thanks to the local Lions Club, borough veterans, local businesses, and borough staff for putting this together.

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to some drier, warmer weather, and much, much more.

The Vagabonds Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022. I cannot thank our East Pete Day Events committee enough for all the volunteer work they put into coordinating these events.

Election 2022: (Be Active Get Involved)

The next primary election is on May 17, 2022.

- Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.
- Last day to [register to vote](#): May 2, 2022
- Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot: May 10, 2021
- [Learn about primary elections.](#)

The next general election is on November 8, 2022.

- Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.
- Last day to register to vote: October 24, 2022
- Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot: November 1, 2022
- [Learn about General Elections.](#)

Everyone could use your help at the polls too.

Visit these three sites to learn more. Lancaster Co Election Information (<https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/299/Election-Information>), Lancaster Co Democratic Party (<https://www.lancasterdems.com/>), and Lancaster Co Republican Party (<https://lancasterrepublicans.com/>),

Keep busy, keep talking to each other, be ready for and willing to change.

I hope to see you soon.

James Andrew Malone, Mayor
East Petersburg Borough
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East Petersburg, PA 17520
717-569-9282
Office Hours
8:00AM-4:30 PM
Monday Thru Friday
Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00



Daylight Savings
Spring Ahead
March 13, 2022



BOROUGH EVENTS

For information and updates go to:
eastpetersburgborough.org
<http://www.eastpetersburgday.com/> &
Facebook page East Petersburg Day



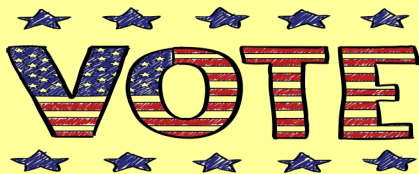
April 16 - Easter Egg Hunt at East Petersburg Park
Begins at 1:00 p.m. sharp



May 7 - Vagabonds Car Show held at East Petersburg Park

11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Great Food, Live Music, Chinese Auction, and a lots of cars! Rain date is May 8th.

May 14 - Throwing Bull Tribe Chicken BBQ held at the Community Center
11:00 a.m. until sold out



May 17 - Election Day Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead...



June 4, 2022 - Community Yard Sale / Chicken BBQ

July 1, 2022 - Music in the Park, Movie in the Park, Fireworks



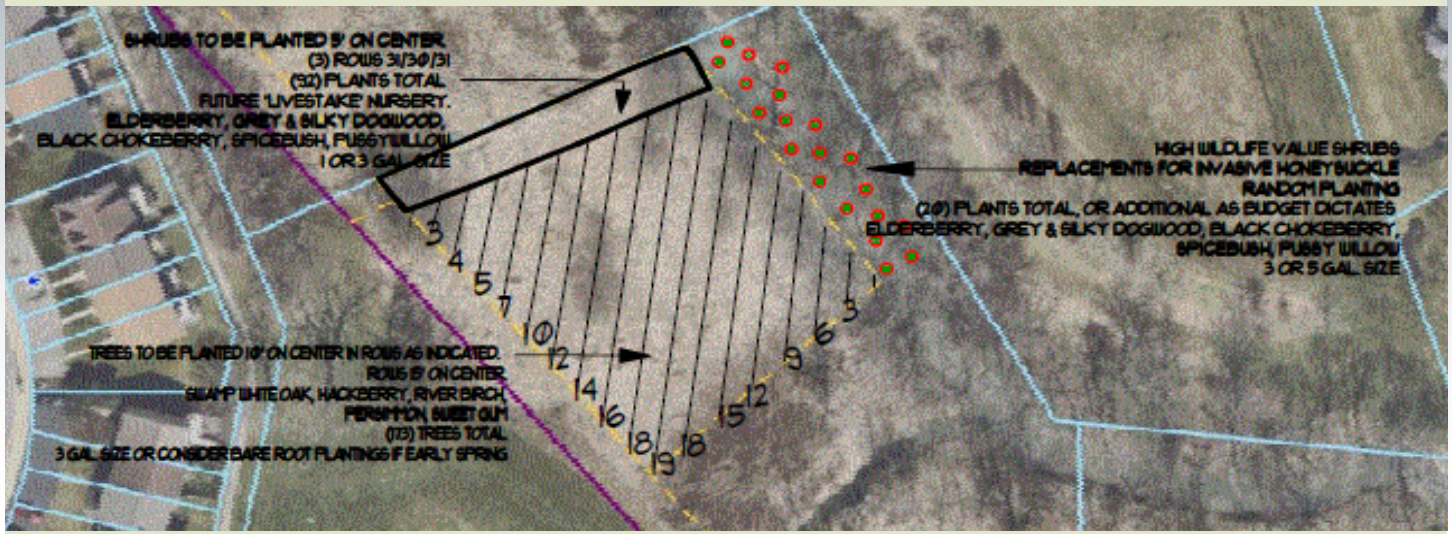
Riparian Buffer Tree Planting Event in Conjunction with the Little Conestoga Water Shed Alliance.

Location: Constitution Square Park (behind 6495 Hollow Drive)

When: May 7, 2022 (rain date May 14)

Time: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

More information to follow on website.



The Lemon Street water main replacement project will start some time in May. The water main & water service line will be replaced on Lemon Street from Tank Road to Graystone Road.

Updates to follow on the Borough website and door hangers will be placed on doors of those that will be affected, closer to the project being started.



Yard Waste Pick-up Spring Dates

Friday April 1

Friday April 15

Friday April 29

Friday May 13

Friday May 27

Friday June 10

Yard Waste Bags—\$.55

Yard Waste bags can be purchased at local hardware stores also.

Lg. Appliance & Tire Pick-up

Friday April 29

Sign up at the Borough office.

Lg. appliance tags - \$15.00

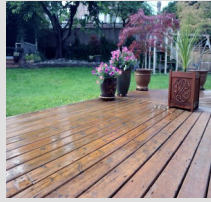
Tire tags - \$5.00



East Petersburg Borough Zoning/Building Permits

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.



Patios

- 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 pre-fab 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 re-surfacing a driveway. Note: Asphalt resealing does not 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).



Dumpsters and PODS require a permit.



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.

The above is a portion of the zoning requirements, not the complete sections. See the Borough zoning ordinance [click here](#) Questions regarding the interpretation of the ordinance should be forwarded to Collin Fox, Zoning Officer.

Storm water permits/exemptions will be needed for projects that include changing or adding impervious ground coverage.



HOMETOWN HEROES **BANNER PROGRAM 2022**

East Petersburg Borough and the East Petersburg Lions Club recently announced the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The program serves as a tribute to recognize service men and women from East Petersburg who have served or are currently serving our country in any branch of the military.

The banners are 30" wide by 60" tall. Each banner will honor a specific East Petersburg Borough man or woman and will include his or her picture, branch of service and era of service. Each banner will be double sided to honor two service men or women.

Banners will be displayed on the telephone poles around East Petersburg Borough on or about Memorial Day 2022.

We have enough room for 30 double-sided banners for a total of 60 Hometown Heroes. **Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. If more than 60 applications are submitted, they will be held for the next banner hanging in approximately 3-4 years.**

Deadline to submit application is March 31, 2022 and will only be processed with a fully completed application and a photo. Submit application along with photo to the borough office, located at: **6040 MAIN STREET, EAST PETERSBURG** or email application to: jguzejko@eastpetersburgborough.org

HOMETOWN HEROES APPLICATION

Donations are welcomed and payable to:

East Petersburg Lions Club
3210 Caroline Drive
East Petersburg, PA 17520





PA RURAL WATER AWARD

Congratulations to East Petersburg Water Department for receiving the award from PA Rural Water for Source Water Protection System of the Year!!!!



FYI -Source water is the untreated “*raw*” water from streams, rivers, lakes, springs, and underground aquifers that serve as sources of a community’s drinking water. Source Water Protection (SWP) is a voluntary effort to take action to prevent contaminants from entering public drinking water sources. The goal of source water protection is to protect both groundwater sources (also called “wellhead protection”) and surface water sources (lakes, streams, rivers) used for drinking water and other human and agricultural uses.



Lancaster Water Week 2022

Leading the way to clean water by protecting over 7,000 acres of wild lands, the Lancaster Conservancy created Lancaster Water Week to connect us all to clean water. Lancaster's 1,400 miles of streams and rivers drive local economic and agricultural growth. They are a place of recreation and the source of our drinking water.

Water Connects Us All!

We strive for streams and rivers that are fishable, swimmable, and drinkable. We need your help.



Save the Date for the 6th Annual Water Week!
June 3-11, 2022

Grab your waders and don't forget your paddle! Lancaster Water Week returns for a 6th year bringing some previous favorite events and activities, along with new exciting ways to engage and learn! Save the date and keep an eye out for events to be announced later this spring at www.lancasterwaterweek.org.



Hempfield recCenter will begin selling **Summer Pool Memberships** beginning April 1. As always, you get two pools for one. The **East Pete** pool and the Hempfield recCenter indoor pool with the outdoor splash pool. Discounted rates if purchased before May 1. Back by popular demand, there will be morning senior classes and lap swimming at East Pete. Rates will be posted on the Hempfield recCenter website March 1. Applications accepted beginning April 1. [Pool Rates](#)

NEW! OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MOVIE EVENTS HELD AT SILVER SPRING COMMUNITY PARK

Bring your family out for **Dinner and a Movie** sponsored by **Hempfield recCenter** and **West Hempfield Township**. Food trucks, games, and activities will be available before we show a family movie. Save the dates! Movies will be announced soon!

Friday, June 3 – Movie TBA

Friday, July 15 – Movie TBA

Friday, August 5 – Movie TBA

Hempfield Annual Memorial Day Flea Market. Sponsored by the Hempfield recCenter on Monday May 30 at Amos Herr Park, Landisville. We will have over 180 vendors including food trucks. Vendor space is still available.



everyone belongs

We strongly believe in the value of our services within our community and want to ensure everyone has access to our resources. Your contribution helps support our mission of never turning a person away from a program due to financial instability.



Please consider a donation – and **together** we can make a difference.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

717-898-3102 x133 • kkennedy@hempfieldrec.com

**Summer
DAY CAMP**

PRE-CAMP WEEK

May 31-June 3 • 8am-5pm

DAY CAMP (10 weeks)

June 6-August 12 • 7am-6pm

POST-CAMP WEEK

August 15-18 • 8am-5pm

Kindergarten-7th Grade
Full-time, 3-day & 2-day options



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 8, 2022

Pennsylvanians Encouraged to Protect Themselves Against Tick-Borne Diseases When Venturing Outdoors

Deer Tick Virus in ticks detected at high levels in additional locations around Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, PA – Pennsylvanians experiencing “spring fever,” that perennial urge to venture outdoors to hike, hunt, fish and explore, should plan now to protect themselves and their families against potentially serious tick-borne diseases—including Lyme disease and the rare but dangerous Deer Tick Virus (DTV), which has been found in ticks at high levels for the first time in multiple locations around the state.

“Lyme Disease has been present in all 67 counties for some time, and unfortunately, the prevalence of the very serious Deer Tick Virus appears to be increasing in some tick populations,” said DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell.

“Pennsylvanians should learn about the threats posed by tick-borne diseases and take commonsense precautions so they can enjoy our abundant natural resources—and the many wonderful physical and mental health benefits of outdoor recreation—as safely as possible,” said Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn.

DEP’s Tick Surveillance and Testing Program has detected unusually high infection rates of the dangerous and rare Deer Tick Virus in adult tick samples recently taken from three sites: Fisherman’s Paradise public fishing area on Spring Creek in Centre County; Iroquois Trail near Tunkhannock in Wyoming County; and Lawrence Township Recreational Park in Clearfield County. At each of these three locations, the infection rate exceeded 80% of ticks sampled. DTV has been detected in a total of 15 Pennsylvania counties, and the statewide infection rate outside of the three “hotspot” locations is currently 0.6% of ticks sampled.

“By learning where ticks live, seeking treatment if experiencing symptoms and following the best practices for prevention, we can avoid cases of Lyme disease and other tick borne illnesses,” Physician General Dr. Denise Johnson said. “The Department of Health estimates that there is at least one Lyme disease case for every 100 people in Pennsylvania every year. Lyme disease can cause flu-like symptoms and a rash in the early stages, but the infection could spread to joints, the heart and the nervous system if not addressed. If you are experiencing symptoms, I encourage you see your health care provider right away.”

“In addition to bringing about increased outdoor recreation overall, springtime plays host to one of Pennsylvania’s most-anticipated hunting seasons, the spring turkey season,” Pennsylvania Game Commission Executive Director Bryan Burhans said. “Hunters and other users of Pennsylvania’s state game lands system are among those who should always be sure to take protective measures against ticks.”

“Treating clothing and gear with tick repellent, and thoroughly checking for ticks after returning from the field, are among the steps hunters can take to prevent tick bites and stay safe while enjoying their favorite pursuit,” Burhans said. “Days spent in the spring woods are exceptionally enjoyable, and even more so for those who know they’ve safeguarded against ticks.”

“Anglers and boaters should take note of this warning as they make plans for the start of trout season and other adventures on the water this spring,” said Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director Tim Schaeffer. “Just as we urge boaters to always wear a life jacket, you can further protect yourself by wearing tick repellent clothing or keeping a bottle of tick repellent spray in your tackle box.”

Blacklegged ticks, also called deer ticks, are active even in winter when temperatures are in the mid-30s and above. DEP has posted signage to alert the public and will conduct control measures and additional testing to reduce and monitor the number of ticks present in the recreational areas with high positivity rates for DTV.

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Recommended precautions for anyone venturing outdoors include:

Apply tick repellents containing [permethrin](#) to clothing, and [EPA-registered insect repellents](#) such as DEET to exposed skin before entering the outdoors. Reapply as needed according to product label instructions.

Wear light colored outer clothing and tuck shirts into pants, and pants into socks.

Walk in the centers of trails, and avoid wooded and brushy areas with low-growing vegetation and tall grasses that may harbor ticks.

After returning home, remove all clothing, take a shower, and place clothing into the dryer on high heat to kill any lingering ticks. Examine gear such as backpacks for ticks.

Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand or full length mirror, including hidden areas such as the scalp, ears, armpits, belly button, and between the legs.

Check over any pets exposed to likely tick habitats each time they return indoors.

If a tick is found attached to your skin, use tweezers to remove it carefully, including the head. Monitor for symptoms and contact your doctor with any questions.

For more information about tickborne disease prevention, visit [Department of Health's Tickborne Diseases website](#).

The DTV-positive ticks were discovered during routine testing as part of DEP's active [tick surveillance program](#), a five-year pilot program that began in 2018. Surveys are conducted in every county in Pennsylvania to track ticks' habitats, life stages and peak activity levels and to test them for human pathogenic diseases. Fall and winter surveillance focuses on analyzing adult blacklegged ticks for emerging and changing disease burdens in public use habitats across Pennsylvania, such as parks, playgrounds, recreational fields, and state game lands.

The previous highest DTV infection rate found at a single location in Pennsylvania was 11%, and the highest infection rate reported nationally in scientific literature was approximately 25%. The statewide average infection rate for DTV was 0.6% in 2021 when adult tick samples were collected.

The Deer Tick Virus, which is a type of [Powassan virus](#), is rare in the United States, but positive cases have increased in recent years. It is spread to people primarily by bites from infected ticks and does not spread person-to-person through coughing, sneezing, or touching.

Powassan virus can be transmitted from tick to human in as little as 15 minutes after a bite occurs, while other tick-borne diseases, such as Lyme Disease, take much longer to cause infection, often 24 hours or more after the tick attaches to the host. There are no vaccines to prevent or medicines to treat Powassan viruses. Preventing tick bites is the best way to reduce risk of infection and disease.

Initial symptoms of a DTV infection may include fever, headache, vomiting, and weakness. Some people who are infected with DTV experience no symptoms, and therefore infection may go undetected. However, 91% of patients treated for DTV infections develop severe neuroinvasive disease.

Those who exhibit severe disease from Deer Tick Virus may experience encephalitis or meningitis and require hospitalization, with symptoms including confusion, loss of coordination, difficulty speaking, or seizures. About 12% of people with severe disease have died, and approximately half of survivors of severe disease have suffered long-term health impacts. For more information about the health impacts of DTV, visit the [CDC Powassan Virus website](#).

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