



East Petersburg Borough

Fall 2025

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EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH OFFICE

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Office Hours

M-F 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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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 Jan.-Oct. 6:00 p.m.



Mayor's Note

Summer is still in full swing here in East Petersburg, and it's been such a joy to see our parks, streets, and events filled with neighbors enjoying all our borough has to offer. In these first months in office, one of my favorite things has been getting out into the community—whether it's music in the park, or chatting with residents at local events. It's moments like these that remind me how strong and connected our community truly is.

I've also had the pleasure of getting to know Chief Kilgore and a few of the officers who serve and protect our town. They've shared some of their recent accomplishments and innovative approaches to community safety, efforts that make me confident we're in good hands.

Many of you may have noticed construction along Pine Street and in our park. Please use extra caution around the equipment as you pass by. The park work is addressing plumbing issues in the bathrooms, making upgrades to the concession stand, and—most exciting—installing a brand new playground for kids, along with ADA-accessible walkways so that everyone in our community can enjoy these spaces.

We've got a busy lineup of events ahead:

- **Blues Fest** – August 30, 12–6 p.m. Six live bands and food trucks in the park.
- **East Petersburg Days** – September 16–20, featuring live music, carnival rides, the Totally 80s 5K on Sept. 20, and the beloved East Pete Parade. Huge thanks to the East Petersburg Events Committee, the East Petersburg Lions Club, and the East Petersburg Fire Department for making it happen.
- **Pumpkin Fest** – October 4, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. A fun fall tradition for all ages.

Fall is also a season of awareness and giving back. September is **National Preparedness Month**, a good reminder to review emergency plans for your home and family. October is **Fire Prevention Month**, and our fire department has great resources to help you stay safe. November brings **Veterans Day**, when we pause to honor those who have served our nation.

I'm grateful for the chance to serve this borough and for all the ways you make East Petersburg a vibrant and welcoming place. Let's make the most of these fall months together, celebrating, connecting, and looking out for one another.

With gratitude,

Bill Trovato

Mayor of East Petersburg Borough





Fall Events

For more information and updates on events go to:
Eastpetersburgday.com or Facebook page East Petersburg Day

14th annual

EAST PETERSBURG BLUES FESTIVAL

august 30th, 2025

August 30th

East Petersburg Blues Festival w/ Food trucks, Great music, and Beer/wine garden.

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Band List: Octavia Blues Harp, Bad Sneakers, Debra Devi, Jeremy Edge Project, Jeff Wahington, Deb Callahan Band.



September 17th – 20th

Carnival in the Park – September 17, 18, 19 – 6:00 p.m.

East Pete Day – September 20 starts off with 5K Race/Fun Run at 8:30- a.m., parade at 10:00 a.m. followed by live music, entertainment and fireworks.

See website www.eastpetersburgday.com for complete list of the event times.



October 4th

Pumpkin Fest:

Free pumpkins, pumpkin decorating, hayrides, bounce house 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



October 31

Trick or Treat in East Petersburg Borough

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



November 4th

Election Day

Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00p.m.



November 2 – Daylight saving time ends.

Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour and change your smoke detector batteries.



Santa in the Park: December 12 and 13



EAST PETE DAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 P.M. Food trucks and Rides begin (wristbands for rides will be available)
Music by: Andora, playing the best classic rock from the 70's

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:00 P.M. Food trucks and Rides begin (wristbands for rides will be available)
Music by: Big, Big Jazz Band

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00 P.M. Food trucks and Rides begin (wristbands for rides will be available)
Music by: Steven Courtney Band
Games provided by East Pete PTO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 A.M. Kid's Fun Run
9:00 A.M. 5K
10:00 A.M. Parade
3:00 P.M. Rides open
6:30-9:30 Music by: Pop Scotch
9:45 P.M. Fireworks
More info. at eastpetersburgday.com





What to do with Leaves during Fall Cleanup

Fall foliage can be very pretty, but can also cause problems if the leaves are not collected and disposed of properly.

When leaves are raked or blown into the street, storm drains can become clogged.

During heavy rains, blocked storm drains can cause flooding.

As we know leaves and grass clippings that make their way to local streams and rivers release nutrients that contribute to the accelerated growth of algae. This can be harmful to fish and other aquatic wildlife.

By taking the following steps, you can reduce the threat of flooding, and nutrient loading to local waterbodies.

- **Mulch:** An easy and beneficial way to deal with leaves is by mulching them back onto your lawn. Simply mow the leaves and leave them on the lawn. The mower will chop the leaves into small pieces that will decompose and provide valuable nutrients to the soil.
- **Compost:** Add Fallen leaves to a compost pile or place them in planting beds or gardens to provide an inexpensive and nutrient rich fertilizer for your garden. Composting is nature's truest form of recycling.
- **Rake:** After raking, place leaves into yard waste/leaf bags and place at curb on leaf pick-up dates: October 31, November 14, November 29, December 12.

*Leaves should never be placed in the storm drain, gutter or street.

*Leaf bags should not be put out more than 24 hours prior to pick up.

Fall Trash / Recycling dates to remember:

FALL YARD WASTE PICK-UP

September 6 (Saturday)
September 19
October 3
October 17

LEAF PICK-UP

October 31
November 14
November 29
December 12

CHANGES TO TRASH SCHEDULE

November 29 - Saturday Pick-up due to holiday.

LG. APPLIANCE & TIRE PICK-UP

October 31 (sign-up is required)

TAGS & BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE:

LG. APPLIANCE \$19.00, TIRE TAGS \$5.00, OVERSIZED ITEMS \$5.00, EXTRA BAG OF TRASH \$1.25,
YARD WASTE BAGS \$.55, GRASS TAGS FOR BAGGED GRASS (MUST BE IN YARD WASTE BAGS) \$2.00



Resident Disposal Checklist



1

Determine the material type, so you know where to take it:

- ☐ **Recycling:** We accept the Big 4 at our drop-off containers, which includes 1) corrugated cardboard, 2) plastics with necks, 3) metal food and beverage cans, and 4) glass bottles and jars. Any illegal dumping will be prosecuted.
- ☐ **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** We accept household chemicals, batteries, televisions, computers, and related items **ONLY** at our HHW Facility. Please visit our website for a complete list of materials.
- ☐ **Trash:** We accept all forms of household trash, large items, appliances, and tires. See the list below for special instructions related to certain types of waste.

2

Determine if you have waste that needs special handling:

- ☐ Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) materials, including televisions and computers, must be taken to the HHW Facility on Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster.
- ☐ Asbestos must be delivered directly to the Frey Farm Landfill. Please contact LCSWMA to make arrangements for delivery and disposal.
- ☐ Yard Waste is only accepted at the Frey Farm Landfill in Conestoga.
- ☐ Sharps must be stored in container (ex: Safe Clip or detergent bottle) and sealed to protect workers. Dispose in your regular trash.

3

Determine which site to deliver the material:

All LCSWMA facilities accept recycling, trash, remodeling/construction material, appliances, tires, and large items.

- ☐ Household Hazardous Waste Facility
1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster
Lancaster County residents only.
- ☐ Transfer Station Complex
1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster
- ☐ Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility
1911 River Road, Bainbridge
- ☐ Frey Farm Landfill
3049 River Road, Conestoga
- ☐ Susquehanna Resource Management Complex
1670 South 19th Street, Harrisburg

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Other considerations

- ☐ **Have you verified the operating hours?** Each facility offers different hours. Additionally, due to large projects and holidays, times may vary, so it's important to confirm ahead of your visit (717-397-9968 or www.lcswma.org).
- ☐ **Do you have proper payment ready?** We accept **ONLY** credit cards and prepaid cards, not cash or checks.
- ☐ **Is your truck or trailer tarped?**
- ☐ **Are you prepared to unload your material?**
- ☐ **Are you wearing proper footwear and attire to unload your material?** We recommend closed toed shoes and proper clothing to protect yourself during the unloading process.

Questions? Call 717-397-9968 or visit www.lcswma.org



The East Petersburg Historical Society (EPHS), where historians speak about numerous interesting topics relating to East Petersburg history and people. The EPHS welcomes everyone to attend.

There is one remaining 2025 East Petersburg Historical Society Speaker Program as follows:

- October 6, 2025 – Cindy Beaston Civil War presentation. On The Double Quick: Marching from Wrightsville into History. Please meet at the East Petersburg Community Building 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg at 7:00 p.m.

The EPHS has several events throughout the year which the public is welcome to attend. These events are at our Daniel Wolf House Museum property located at 1905 State Street East Petersburg, PA 17520.

The remaining events for 2025 are as follows:

- Fall Community Festival on Saturday, October 18, 2025 ---11am to 3pm
- Annual Christmas Open House Saturday, December 6, 2025 --- 5pm to 8pm



If you have any questions about our events and speaker programs, or if you are interested in being a speaker or volunteer throughout the year, please contact the East Petersburg Historical Society at www.eastpetehistory.org. We always welcome volunteers, and speakers for future programs.

The East Petersburg Historical Society's archive and artifact museum is located at the Daniel Wolf House 1905 State Street, East Petersburg, Pa, 17520 and is open to the public the first Saturday of every month throughout the year. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Act 19 allows school districts to install and operate automated camera systems to help enforce Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law.

This program is to increase the safety of children riding school buses across the state. Please stop for and never pass, stopped school buses when red lights are flashing and stop arm is extended.

The safety of our children is in your hands.



Travel Info To Go



Labor Day Traffic Info

Travelers can log onto 511PA.com to check current traffic impacts from construction, traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 770 traffic cameras. The service is free and available 24 hours a day. 511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following alerts accessible on the 511PA website.

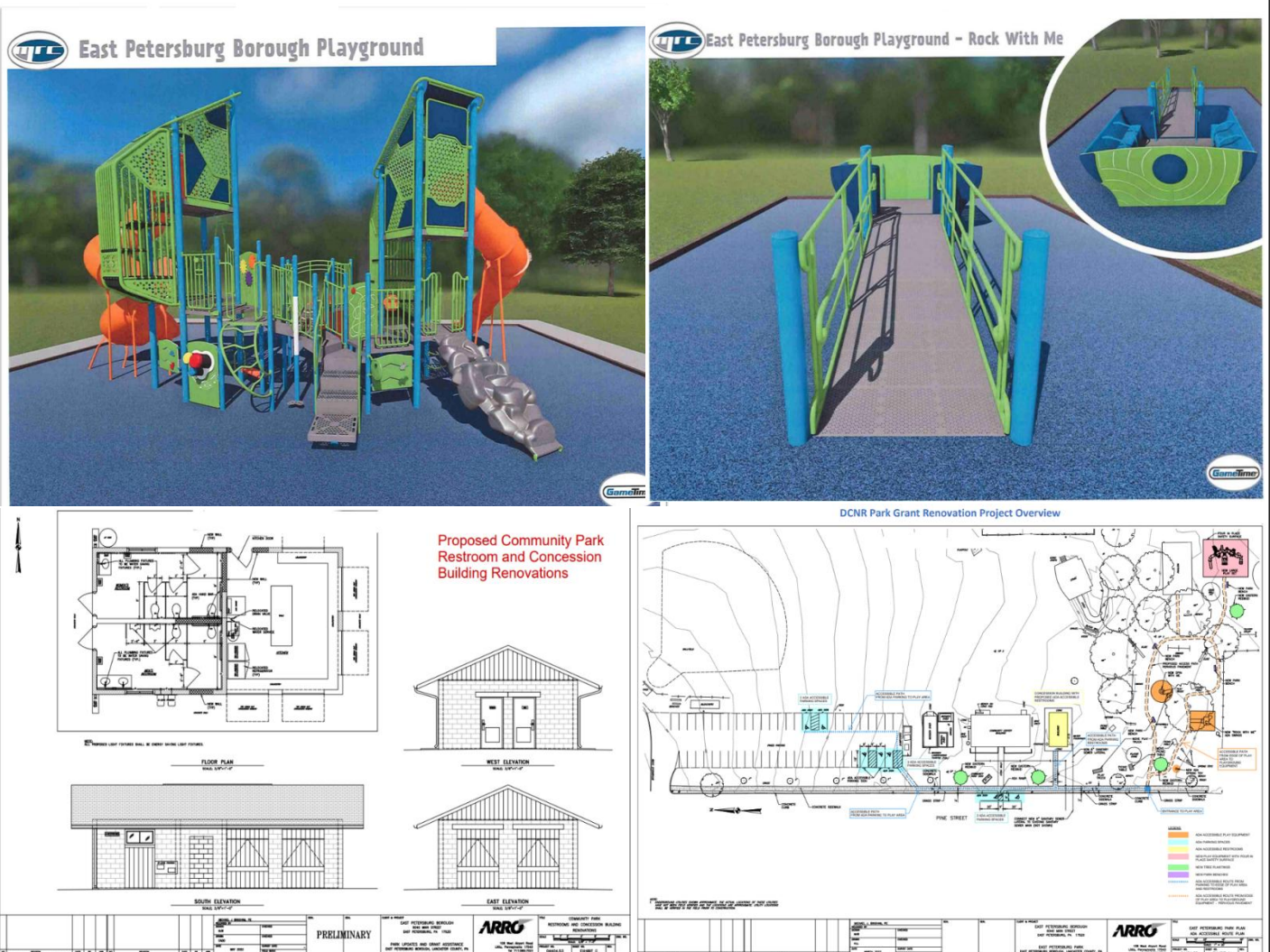


East Petersburg Borough Community Park Renovations Project Update: The project is now in progress and the park is under construction !!



When attending events, meeting at the community center or hanging out at the park, please use caution. The old sidewalks on the park side have been removed, therefore you will need to enter from the parking lot side. Please be aware of construction equipment and vehicles. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this construction period.

This project will rehabilitate the park playground equipment, restrooms, and construct an ADA compliant pathway that interconnects the recreation area. The unsafe wooden playground equipment is being replaced with upgraded playground equipment that will be ADA-compliant. Sidewalks are being installed to connect the pathway to the parking lot, and bathroom facilities will be expanded to include a new ADA-restroom facility that is accessible for all park goers. This project was made possible through a DCNR Playground and Recreation Grant.





Hometown Hero Banners in East Petersburg Borough

Hometown Hero Banners are hanging throughout the borough. You can find them on Main Street, State Street, Pine Street and Hershey Avenue. The new banners were made possible by East Petersburg – Landisville Lion's Club, Mad Chef, and donation jars placed at local businesses. A big thank you to all of those who made this happen and to Don Brubaker for hanging the banners. This is a great way for our community to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces.





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE AUGUST 2025



SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

The East Petersburg Borough Special Needs Registry, a voluntary program designed to enhance the safety and well-being of residents during emergencies. This registry allows individuals or their caregivers to provide critical information to local emergency personnel about medical conditions, mobility limitations, communication challenges, or other special circumstances that could impact emergency response. By enrolling in this confidential registry, you help our first responders better plan for and respond to the needs of our community during disasters or other emergencies.

A few highlights of note:

- Participation is entirely voluntary and free of charge.
- Information is kept strictly confidential and only accessed by the fire department during an emergency.
- Residents can update or remove their information at any time by using an opt-out form on the East Petersburg Borough Website or a paper form at the Borough Office.

Registration does not guarantee rescue, evacuation, or emergency services during a disaster. The registry is a tool to support planning efforts. All residents, whether enrolled in the registry or not, should continue to maintain a personal emergency plan, secure necessary supplies, and identify alternate sources of support.

Registration forms are available virtually on the East Petersburg Borough website or in print at the East Petersburg Borough Office. Thank you for helping us build a more resilient community!

More information is available at <https://www.eastpetersburgborough.org/> under the Emergency Services Tab.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Here are a few ideas for observing National Preparedness Month and get prepared for notifications!

- Sign up for local emergency alerts through your county or city's notification system.
- Enable Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on your cell phone.
- Download weather and emergency apps like FEMA, Red Cross, or your local emergency management app.
- Follow Lancaster County Department of Public Safety and other agencies on social media for real-time updates (e.g., local emergency management, National Weather Service).
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for severe weather warnings.
- Keep a battery-powered or hand-crank radio in your emergency kit.



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PREPARE LANCASTER COMMUNITY EVENT

13th
September
10-2

Join us at Penn Medicine Park on
September 13th from 10am-2pm to
celebrate National Preparedness Month!

- ✓ Emergency Vehicles
- ✓ Emergency Kit Bag for the first 100 attendees.
- ✓ First Aid Demonstrations
- ✓ Activities for Kids



Hosted by Emergency Management Division Lancaster County Department of Public Safety
Location: 650 N Prince St, Lancaster, PA 17603-3025, United States



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE AUGUST 2025



BACK-TO-SCHOOL: FAMILY EMERGENCY PLANS

As the school year begins, it's the perfect time for parents and guardians to review and update their family's emergency plans. From making sure contact information is current to talking with kids about safety procedures, a few simple steps now can help ensure children are protected and prepared if an emergency happens at school.

Keep Contact Info Current

Make sure the school has up-to-date phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts for you and any guardians.

Know the School's Plan

Take time to understand the school's emergency procedures—lockdowns, evacuations, reunification sites—so you know what to expect.

Share Health Information

Inform the school about any allergies, medical conditions, or medications your child needs. Make sure the nurse and any relevant staff have the details they need.

Confirm Emergency Pick-Up List

Double-check that the school has a list of trusted adults who can pick up your child if you're not available.

Talk Safety at Home

Have age-appropriate conversations with your child about what to do in different emergencies, from fire drills to lockdowns. Make sure they know who to call and where to go.

Create a Family Communication Plan

Decide together how you'll reach each other during an emergency. Teach your child how to use a phone and agree on a safe meeting spot if they ever need to leave school grounds.

Check Medical Supplies

If your child needs medication or specific supplies, confirm the school has what they need—and that nothing is expired.

Pack a Mini Emergency Kit

Consider adding a small kit to your child's backpack with water, a snack, a flashlight, and a comfort item.

Stay in the Loop

Pay attention to school safety updates and drills. Parent-teacher conferences and newsletters can be good opportunities to learn about emergency plans.

Review Transportation Safety

If your child rides the bus or carpools, talk through safety rules and understand the school's procedures for transportation emergencies.