

East Petersburg Borough

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EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH OFFICE

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M-F 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Bill Trovato, Mayor
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Meeting Dates

Borough Council Meeting
1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.
(1st mtg of 2026 will be held Monday,
Jan. 5th due to re-organization)

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

Dear Neighbors,

As we head into the holiday season, I want to take a moment to say **thank you**. Your support at our community events this year — from Blues Fest to Pumpkin Fest — has truly made this summer and fall memorable. Seeing families, friends, and neighbors come together has been one of the most rewarding parts of serving as Mayor.

I'm excited to share that **Santa in the Park** is coming up on **December 12-13!** It's going to be a magical weekend, and I hope those of you who can make it will join us. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season, especially with our younger residents.

With Thanksgiving approaching, I also want to extend my warmest wishes to every family in East Petersburg. This is a time to reflect on how much we have — and to remember those who may be facing more challenges. If you or someone you know needs help this season, here are a few local organizations offering support:

- **Lancaster County Project for the Needy** – Holiday food boxes for families.
- **Lancaster County Food Hub** – Food, clothing, and essential services.
- **Solanco Neighborhood Ministries** – Thanksgiving meal pick-up on Nov. 18.
- **United Way Food & Shelter Fund** – Supports local aid organizations.

For those looking to give back, **Lancaster's Extra Give** is taking place on **November 21**. It's one of the largest single-day giving events in the region and a wonderful opportunity to support local nonprofits doing incredible work right here in our community.

On a more personal note: My time as interim Mayor has been one of the greatest honors of my life. My term officially ends on **December 31**, and I want to thank each of you for welcoming me into this role, for your trust, and for your commitment to making East Petersburg a great place to live. Serving this borough has been deeply rewarding.

As I prepare to pass the torch, I'm confident that the new mayor, Dereck Duffy, has **great things ahead** for East Petersburg. Our borough is full of heart, dedication, and potential — and its future is bright.

Thank you for your support, your kindness, and your community spirit. I wish you all a peaceful, joyful Thanksgiving, and I hope to see many of you at Santa in the Park.

With gratitude,

Bill Trovato

Mayor, East Petersburg Borough



Winter Events

For more information and updates on events go to:
Eastpetersburgday.com or Facebook page [East Petersburg Day](#)

SANTA IN THE PARK

Friday, December 12, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13, 9:00- 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: East Petersburg Community Center – 6051 Pine Street.

Visit Santa and bring your camera to take a photo. Kids can enjoy cookies at Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, a model train table, a dollhouse display, and reindeer food bar where they can put together treats for Santa's reindeer.

There is no charge for this event.



TREE CHIP

Saturday, January 10, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

East Petersburg Borough Boy Scout Troop #33 will hold their annual Tree Chip Event at East Petersburg Community Park in the parking lot, 6051 Pine Street.

Sign up at the Borough office to have your tree picked up curbside by the Boy Scouts the day of the event or drop your tree off the day of the event. Donations will be accepted.



Yard Sale in the Park - June 6, 2026



2026 Trash Recycling

RECYCLING & TRASH CHANGES

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
- SATURDAY, MAY 30
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE PICK-UP

- APRIL 24
- OCTOBER 30

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SOLD AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE

- \$.55 - YARD WASTE/LEAF BAGS
- \$ 1.25 - TAGS FOR EXTRA BAGS OF TRASH (ANYTHING OVER 3 - 32 GALL)
- \$ 2.00 - TAGS FOR GRASS
- \$ 5.00 - TIRE TAG
- \$ 19.00 - APPLIANCE TAG
- \$ 14.00 - RECYCLING BINS

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

- APRIL 3
- APRIL 17
- MAY 1
- MAY 15
- MAY 30
- JUNE 12
- JUNE 26
- JULY 10
- JULY 24
- AUGUST 7
- AUGUST 21
- SEPTEMBER 4
- SEPTEMBER 18
- OCTOBER 2
- OCTOBER 16

LEAF PICK-UP

- OCTOBER 30
- NOVEMBER 13
- NOVEMBER 28
- DECEMBER 11

PUT ONLY THE **BIG 4** ITEMS IN THE RECYCLING BIN:

- Plastic jugs and bottles with a neck
- Glass bottles and jars includes - clear, green and brown
- Cans - includes food and beverage cans made from aluminum or tin
- Corrugated cardboard-flattened (there is a dumpster at the Community Center for cardboard that does not fit into your bin)

REMOVE LIDS (PUT THEM INTO THE TRASH). ITEMS MUST BE EMPTIED AND RINSED, FLATTEN CARDBOARD, ALL ITEMS BEING RECYCLED SHOULD BE PLACED INTO BINS. HEAVIER ITEMS SHOULD BE ON TOP. NO OTHER MATERIALS THAN LISTED.

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING BINS and
NO RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS
When in doubt throw it out!

Please Remember: Do not place items at the curb earlier than 24 hours prior to scheduled pick-up. All items should be kept out of the right-of-way. Containers must be removed from the curb no more than 24 hours after collection.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) - Lancaster County Residents can dispose of HHW for FREE at LCSWMA's HHW Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA. M-F 7a.m.- 4p.m. and Sat. 7a.m.- 11a.m. These items include, but not limited to: electronics / tv's. paint, batteries, cell phones, cleaning products, chemicals and more. For a complete list go to www.lcsma.org or call 717-397-9968.

PLEASE NOTE: GOOD'S DISPOSAL SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVICE THE BOROUGH IN 2026. FOLLOW THE SAME TRASH/RECYCLING GUIDELINES THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN FOLLOWING. GUIDELINES FOR TRASH/RECYCLING ARE ON REVERSE SIDE.



East Petersburg Borough Trash & Recycling Guidelines

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DAYS

Trash and recycling will be collected weekly on Fridays, throughout the entire Borough. On regular collection days, trash and recyclables **must be on the curb by 5 a.m.** Trash bags, trash cans, and recycling bin(s) must be placed no more than 5 feet from curb and should be clearly visible to the collector.

Containers should be removed within 24 hours from the curb area after collection. Do not put items in the right-of-way.

If trash is picked up on a Saturday, be sure to place items out the night before. These changes can also be found on the website or calendar.

TRASH

The number of trash containers allowed under the basic fee each residence pays is **three (3) 32-gallon trash bags or cans per week.** All trash must be in a trash bag or trash can. If you use trash bags that hold less than 32 gallons, put the small bags inside a 32-gallon trash bag or can. Do not overstuff trash bags or cans as they can not weigh more than 30 pounds. If you have more than your three bag limit you may purchase tags at the Borough office for **\$1.25 each.** There is no limit to the amount of bags with extra tags. **Please be aware of the size can you are using, if it is 96 gallon than one can would be the limit.**

OVERSIZED TRASH ITEMS

Oversized refuse items, or those items that will not fit into a trash container will be picked up each week during regular trash collection. Examples of oversized refuse items are: riding mower and push mower (with gas and oil removed), furniture, carpet (no taller than 4 ft.), box spring, mattress, treadmill, charcoal grill, gas grill (without propane tank), storm door, microwave, and Christmas trees, etc. **Only two oversized items will be picked up per residence, per week.** All oversized refuse items must be marked with an oversized trash tag. Tags should be attached securely, and in a place clearly visible to the trash hauler. Oversized item tags can be purchased at the Borough office for **\$5.00 each.**

LARGE APPLIANCES & TIRES

Large appliances include - clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, air conditioners, furnaces, dehumidifiers, etc. Large appliances will be picked up twice a year. The collection days for 2026 are April 24 and October 30. All large appliances put out for collection must be marked with a large appliance tag. Tires must be marked with a tire tag. Tags should be attached securely and in a place clearly visible to the trash hauler. These tags can be purchased at the Borough office.
Large appliance tags - \$19.00 each
Tire tags - \$5.00 each

RECYCLING BIG 4

Recycle plastic bottles, jars & jugs with a neck (no lids), aluminum and steel food & beverage cans, glass bottles and jars (clear, green & brown), corrugated cardboard (flattened & put into bins). Only these items will be collected for recycling. **"When in doubt throw it out!"** Recycling will be picked up each week on the same day that trash is collected. Put all materials for recycling into the recycle bin(s) together. They should not be separated. You can use more than one recycle bin if needed. **Do not put plastic bags in the recycle bins.** If you are in need of a recycle bin, they are available for purchase at the Borough office for \$14.00 each.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste will be picked up every other week during regular trash collection between April 3 and October 16. There is no limit to the number of bags put out at the curb. Yard waste/leaf bags cost 55¢ each.

Brush and limbs must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and no heavier than 30 pounds. Please keep your grass clippings/yard waste set back away from your trash.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Grass clippings will be picked up every other week during regular trash collection between April 3 and October 16. **Grass clippings must be placed in paper yard waste bags with a tag purchased at the Borough office and not mixed with other yard waste.** There is no limit to the number of bags put out at the curb. Grass tags are **\$2.00 each.**

LEAVES

The Borough will continue to provide leaf collection service to its residents. **Leaves must be placed in leaf/yard waste bags and not mixed with other trash.** Bags are available for 55¢ each at the Borough office or you can purchase them at any local hardware store. Place bags on the curb (not in the street) the night before your scheduled leaf collection, but no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick-up. The schedule can also be found online or in the Borough calendar.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS AND BATTERIES can be disposed of at LCSWMA located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA. There is no charge. For a full list go to LCSWMA.org **Do not put these items in the trash!**

MISSED TRASH/RECYCLING

If your trash or recycling has not been picked up by 12:00 pm or you know for sure you have been missed, please call the Borough office 717-569-9282.



Reporting a Street Light Outage in the Borough

To report streetlight outage: Call PPL at: 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775)

Be prepared to give the following information:

- **Location of streetlight** (street and nearest intersection).
- **Numbers on the pole.** These numbers are on metal strips on the pole itself. There are two series of 5-digit numbers, both are needed, and one will begin with S. Sometimes they are silver, sometimes other colors. (See example).
- Or, if you prefer to call the Borough office to report the streetlight outage, you **MUST** provide us with the same information as you would be providing PPL.





Snow Emergency Reminders

If a Snow Emergency is declared in East Petersburg Borough, information will be posted on the website and local news channel WGAL 8.

When a Snow Emergency is in effect, Winter Parking Restrictions will be enforced.

Off street parking will be available at the following locations:

- East Pete Pool parking lot on Graystone Road
- Basketball Court parking lot off Hollow Road
- East Pete Park parking lot on Pine Street

Snow Emergency Routes are marked with these signs.



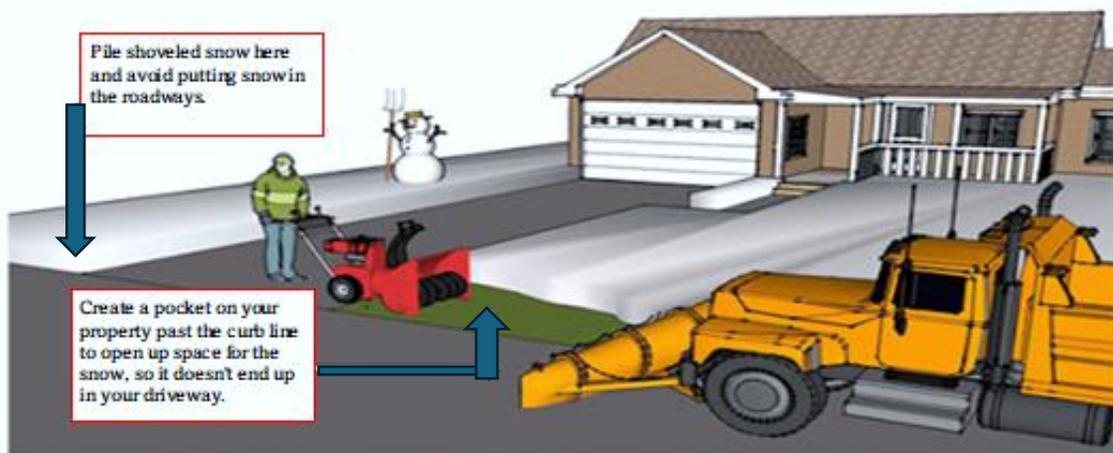
Snow and ice will need to be cleared from sidewalks 12 hours after ceasing to fall.

For more information you can view the [Snow Emergency Ordinance](#).

For information on making an emergency plan for your home, vehicle, and workplace go to:

<https://www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/Winter/Pages/Winter-Preparation>

TO KEEP SNOW OUT OF YOUR DRIVEWAY, WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:





SAFE BATTERY DISPOSAL

KEEP ALL BATTERIES OUT OF TRASH AND RECYCLING BINS

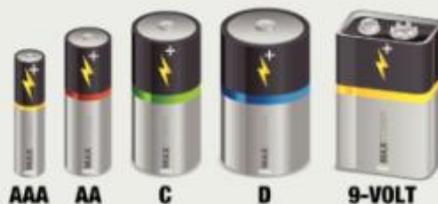
We need the community's help!

Rechargeable batteries containing metals such as lithium and nickel, can spark and explode when damaged. Fires in garbage trucks and processing facilities are on the rise. Help protect our employees, garbage collectors, property, and community this holiday season and all year round by keeping these batteries out of the trash. **Rechargeable batteries can be disposed of at LCSWMA Household Hazardous Waste facility** located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike Lancaster PA 17603 M-F 7am-4pm, Sat. 7am-11am

Don't store end-of-life batteries. Dispose of immediately. Examples of rechargeable batteries:



Alkaline Batteries (single use): Collect in battery/storage bag. Once full, time for disposal. Although not a fire risk, LCSWMA will properly dispose of alkaline batteries for Lancaster County residents. **Place your storage bag with batteries on the ground next to your trash/recycling bins for collection.**





PREVENTING HOUSE HEATING FIRES

Although trending downward since the early 1980s, heating fires remained the second leading cause of home fires in 2021. An estimated 32,200 home heating fires were reported to fire departments within the United States. These fires caused an estimated 190 deaths, 625 injuries and \$442 million in property loss.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, portable heaters or candles.
- Always plug space heaters directly into an outlet, and make sure its cord isn't damaged or frayed.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected each year by a professional.
- Visit the U.S. Fire Administration [Home Fires page](#) to learn about how to prepare for and prevent home fires including tips for [individuals with disabilities](#) and [older adults](#).



PREPARING FOR POWER OUTAGES

Winter storms may bring power outages that can disrupt things like communications, utilities, transportation, stores, gas stations and ATMs, and prevent your ability to use electrically powered medical devices. It's important to be prepared for power outages.

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color or texture.
- If you use a generator, ONLY use it outdoors and away from windows.
- Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- Go to a community location with power if cold is extreme and you can't heat your home.



LOW COST TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR HOME WARM

- To save on heating bills, close the doors of rooms you are not using. Close the vents and shut the doors in these rooms and keep the basement door closed. Place a rolled towel at the bottom of all doors to keep drafts out.
- About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through its windows. Keep window coverings like blinds or curtains open during the day to take advantage of the sun's heat in the winter – especially windows that get direct sunlight. Close them at night to keep heat from escaping. If you have gaps around the windows, try using weather stripping or caulk to keep the cold air out. You can also apply inexpensive window insulation kits that create an airtight seal around windows.



LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE IN LANCASTER

Day Programs:

Anchor Lancaster

Anchor Lancaster provides essential daytime support for individuals seeking safety, warmth, and stability—especially during extreme weather.

- Breakfast, Showers & Laundry: 29 E. Walnut St.
 - Breakfast served 8:30–9:45 AM every weekday, including holidays
 - Hot showers available 6:00–8:00 AM and 10:45 AM until line ends
- Day Center & Case Management: 308 E. King St.
 - Open 10:30 AM–4:00 PM, weekdays
- Contact: (717) 287-0958 | info@anchorlancaster.org

Lancaster Food Hub – Outreach Team

The Outreach Team provides compassionate, judgment-free support to help individuals connect with resources and move toward stability.

- Outreach Center: 812 N. Queen St. (rear entrance)
 - Open Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00–4:00 PM (excluding published holidays)
- Services include connections to partner agencies (VA, addiction specialists), ready-to-eat food bags, emergency clothing, and more.
- Contact: 717-690-8054

Overnight Shelters:

Please call to obtain more information.

Clay Street Shelter

20 E. Clay St., Lancaster
Ph: 717-869-4169

Tenfold

308 E. King St., Lancaster
Ph: 717-397-5182

Columbia Dream Center

360 Locust St., Columbia
Ph: 717-449-0492

Good Samaritan Services

25 W. Locust St., Ephrata
Ph: 888-477-0025

Elizabethtown Community Housing & Outreach Services (ECHOS)

105 E. Washington St., Elizabethtown
Ph: 717-361-0740

**INDIVIDUALS IN NEED
MAY CALL 211 OR TEXT
898211 SERVICE TO FIND
OPEN SHELTERS AND
CONNECT WITH
RESOURCES.**





HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- **Water natural trees regularly.** When needles are dry, they can catch fire easily. Here are some additional Christmas Tree Safety Tips.
- **Keep candles and matches out of reach.** Lit candles should be at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and don't forget to blow them out when you leave the room or before you go to sleep. Store matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- **Check smoke alarms.** Make sure there is a working smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and near sleeping areas. Review your fire escape plan with family members and guests.
- **Create a kid-free zone.** Teach younger children to stay at least 3 feet away from your cooking space. Place babies in a highchair outside of the kid-free zone where you can see them.
- **Keep hot foods and liquids out of children's reach.** Cook on the back burners of the stove and keep hot foods away from the edge of your counters to avoid potential kitchen burns and injuries.



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.