

East Petersburg Borough

Spring 2026

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Council Members

Debra Miller, President
John Herr, Vice President
Adam Gochnauer, Member
Brendan Garrett, Member
Evan Hunter, Member
David Tirado, Member
Sandra Valdez, Member
Dereck Duffy, Mayor
Karen St. Clair, Manager

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.

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Office Hours

M-F 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Mayor's Note

Hello, neighbors!

I hope you all have weathered the winter well! It was great to see our community come together and help one another with all the snow we've had this winter. Spring is just around the corner, and I'm excited to get back to all the hustle and bustle that the warm weather brings. My first few months as mayor have been quiet, leaving not much to report.

I'd like to take this time to thank our outgoing council members, John Schick and Randy Rannels, and our interim mayor, Bill Trovato, for their time and service to our community. Congratulations to our returning council members, Sandra Valdez and David Tirado. A warm welcome also goes to Evan Hunter and Brendan Garrett for being elected to serve for the first time.

I'd also like to thank all of you who showed up at the polls and voted for me; I truly appreciate your support and willingness to give me a chance at being the mayor of East Petersburg. I want to emphasize that I'm here for all the citizens of East Petersburg, even if you didn't cast your vote for me. I believe local-level government officials should aim to serve in a bipartisan manner. We are here to serve our neighborhood and shouldn't let our political party stand in the way of what's best for our community.

I've been blessed to work in East Petersburg for the last thirteen years, and my love for this community led me to move here a little over nine years ago. During that time, I've seen many wonderful things happen and have experienced amazing community events. Over the next couple of years, I hope to see you all at council meetings, making your concerns heard and speaking up for what you'd like to see happen. As the seasons change, I hope you all get out and enjoy all the activities this great community has to offer. If you see me out, please don't be afraid to come up, introduce yourself, and say hello.

Dereck Duffy
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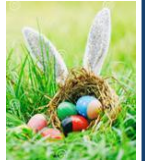
Spring Events

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



Saturday, April 4, 2026

Easter Egg Hunt



Location: East Petersburg Community Park – 6051 Pine Street.
 Egg Hunts begin at 11:00 a.m. sharp!

Friday, April 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. there will be an Egg Hunt for children with special needs. E-mail the name of the child & their helper to EPSpecialNeedsHunt@gmail.com

Saturday, April 25, 2026

BINGO Fundraiser

Location: East Petersburg Fire Dept. – 6076 Pine Street.
 Begins at 1:00 p.m.

East Petersburg Events Committee and East Petersburg Fire Dept. are joining forces for a bingo fundraiser.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Election Day

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



June 6 - Community Yard Sale & Chicken BBQ
 June 26 - Movie in the Park with Music, Food Trucks, and Fireworks
 July 10 - Summer Fest with Music, Food, and Beer Garden
 July 19 - Maker's Market "Christmas in July"



Trash & Recycling Dates

Please note: Trash and yard waste will be picked up on ***Saturday, May 30** due to Memorial Day.

Spring Yard Waste:

- April 3
- April 17
- May 1
- May 15
- May 30***
- June 12
- June 26



Large Appliance and Tires (sign up is required):

April 24, 2026



Tags, Bags and Recycling bins are available at the Borough office:

Lg. Appliance – 19.00, Tire tags – 5.00, Oversized item – 5.00, Extra bags of trash – 1.25

Yard waste bags – 1.25, Recycling bins – 14.00

Yard waste bags and Recycling bins can also be purchased at your local hardware stores.

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.

There are many benefits to Grasscycling instead of bagging your grass.

Grasscycling is a method of handling grass clippings by leaving them to decompose on the lawn when mowing.

This will save time and money, fertilize your lawn, and improve the water quality.





Check Your Plumbing

Sometimes the water being wasted cannot be reduced by shortening your showers or turning off the faucet. If your plumbing is in a state of repair, you could be wasting a lot of water without even realizing it. One leaky faucet can waste 100 gallons of water each day. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, around 10% of U.S. homes have leaks that waste upwards of 90 gallons of water on a daily basis – an equivalent of five extra showers. A slow leak can start to build over time, which can cause your bills to rise each month.

It is not just your faucet that could be the culprit. Your toilet can be where the leak is coming from. This can lead to a major problem. You can easily test whether your toilet is leaking by putting a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color starts to show up in the toilet after about 10 minutes, it is time to call your plumber for repairs or replacement. Flushing your toilet already represent around 24 % of your water bill, therefore a leak can cause a substantial increase in your water bill.

MOVE OVER!



SLOW DOWN!



Pennsylvania's Move Over Law requires drivers approaching an emergency response area who are unable to safely merge into a lane farther away from the response area to "pass the emergency response area at a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit and reasonable for safely passing."

An emergency response area is where an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing, or where road crews or emergency responders have lighted flares, posted signs, or try to warn travelers.



www.PennDOT.gov/Safety



MOVE OVER!
IT'S THE LAW

Drivers must move over or slow down for all responders, including police, fire, and ambulance crews, as well as stopped tow trucks and maintenance vehicles. Additionally, a similar regulation requires motorists to move over or slow down when approaching a stationary trash or recycling truck.

Failure to move over or slow down will result in a citation that carries a fine of \$500 for first time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 and a 90-day license suspension for a third or subsequent offense. Penalties are increased for incidents that seriously injure or kill another person.



Many additions and upgrades have been made to East Petersburg parks and recreational space for residents to enjoy with families, friends, and neighbors.

Parkgoers will also find ADA-compliant equipment and newly renovated ADA-compliant restroom facilities that can all be accessed by the pathway and parking lot. With the weather soon warming, many will be venturing outdoors again. We look forward to seeing residents out enjoying these great enhancements to the park system.

All areas are now open and ready for use.



EAST PETERSBURG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

PARK HOURS: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

MOTOR VEHICLES- No motor vehicles in the park except in the designated parking areas.

INTOXICATING BEVERAGES- The use of intoxicating beverages or illegal substances is prohibited. Persons under the influence of either of the previously mentioned are not permitted in the park.

ANIMALS- Only domesticated animals are permitted in the park. Any person bringing an animal into the park, shall clean up after such animal. These animals must be leashed at all times.

GAMBLING- No gambling permitted.

FIRE- No one is permitted to build a fire in the park.

LITTERING- No one is permitted to discard any form of waste except in containers provided for that purpose.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY- No person shall injure, deface, remove, cut, or damage any of the trees, shrubs, plants, turf, buildings, structures, or fixtures therein, or any other property of the Borough located within the park.

FIREARMS- No one is permitted to carry, have or discharge firearms, bow & arrows, air or spring rifles, slings, or any other weapon in the park.

PROFANE LANGUAGE- No person shall use profane language within the park or conduct themselves so as to annoy another person using the park for recreational purposes.

CONCESSIONS- Any concession must be approved by borough council.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT- Playground equipment is reserved for use of children. Only children and adults accompanying small children are permitted in Playground area.

SITTING ON FENCES- Sitting on fences in park area is prohibited.

NO GOLFING- No golfing permitted in any park.

NO METAL DETECTING

ENTER AT OWN RISK!



Planning a Spring or Summer Home Project?
Be sure to take the necessary steps first.

Permits are required for the following (but not limited to):






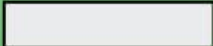
- New construction and additions
- Interior wall relocation or other structural changes
- Replacing structures destroyed or damaged
- Adding or changing stairs or railings
- Dormers and porches
- Electrical upgrades
- Decks
- Patios
- Sheds
- Fences
- Pools - above ground and inground
- Spas and hot tubs
- Sidewalks
- Driveways - resurface, expand, replace
- Electrical upgrades require inspections
- Plumbing
- A change in heating source
- Solar panels
- Dumpsters and PODS also require permits

Please Note: If work has started before a permit is acquired, the permit fee will be doubled.



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

COLOR CODE FOR UTILITY MARKINGS

	ELECTRIC
	GAS-OIL-STEAM
	TELEPHONE & CABLE TV
	WATER
	SEWER
	RECLAIMED WATER
	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKINGS
	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

www.call811.com

Property line distances can be found on your property deed. To get a copy of your deed call Lancaster County recorder of Deeds 717-299-8238.



Pine Street water main replacement project phase 2, will start early summer with work continuing through fall. The water main and water service lines will be replaced on Pine Street from State Street to Broad Street. Project updates will be posted on the Borough website and door hangers will be placed on doors of those affected, closer to the project starting.

Summer Pool Membership

Dive into endless summer fun with our Summer Pool Membership, valid from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Enjoy exclusive access to not only our Indoor Pool but also our Outdoor Kiddie Splash Pool at the Hempfield RecCenter. And that’s not all – as a member, you’ll also gain entry to the East Petersburg Community Pool, extending your aquatic adventures across the season. Please note that this membership option does not include fitness or tennis facilities at the Hempfield recCenter.

Early Birds: Save \$20 on Summer Pool memberships purchased before April 30th.

Registration begins March 16th. Contact HARC for more information 717-898-3102



2026 SUMMER DAYCAMP REGISTRATION

Pre Camp: June 2, 2026 – June 5, 2026

Day Camp: June 8, 2026 – August 13, 2026 (Closed on July 3)

Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM Daily

Contact HARC for more information
717-898-3102



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

WHEN THE RAIN WON'T QUIT: FLOOD SAFETY

Between the rain and melting snow, we will continue to have the potential for rising waters and flooding. *What can you do about it to stay safe?*

- Clear leaves and debris from storm drains near your home.
- Test your sump pump (and check that backup battery).
- Never drive through flooded roads. It only takes a few inches of water to stall a car.
- Move valuables off the basement floors if heavy rain is forecast.

For more tips: head to Federal Emergency Management Agency flood safety tips: [Ready.gov/floods](https://www.ready.gov/floods)



NIGHTTIME SAFETY FOR PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Longer evenings and busy streets mean kids need extra protection after dark. Here's how to keep them visible and safe! Suggestions include:

Lights & Reflectors:

- Every bike should have a front white light and rear red light.
- Add reflectors to wheels, pedals, and helmets.
- Wear reflective or brightly colored clothing.

Safe Riding Habits:

- Stick to sidewalks or bike paths when possible.
- Ride in single file on streets.
- Make eye contact with drivers at intersections.

Family Tips:

- Adults should ride with younger kids for supervision.
- Carry a small flashlight or headlamp for extra visibility.
- Teach kids the "see and be seen" rule – assume drivers may not notice them immediately.

Bright gear + smart habits = safer, more confident rides for everyone!





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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.





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SPRING CLEANING FOR SAFETY: PROTECT YOUR HOME & FAMILY

Spring cleaning isn't just for dust bunnies! It's the perfect time to make your home safer and your emergency plans stronger.

Quick Wins:

- Check smoke & CO detectors: Replace batteries and test alarms.
- Inspect fire extinguishers: Make sure they're charged and accessible.
- Review emergency plans: Talk with kids about where to go during storms, fire, or power outages.
- Update emergency kits: Swap out expired food, medicine, or batteries.
- Clear hazards: Trim tree branches near your home and remove debris that could block exits.

Extra Tip: Turn spring cleaning into a family activity. Assign "safety tasks" to kids and make it fun with stickers or a checklist.

Spring "Cleaning" Weather Emergency Checklist

Take five minutes this week to:

- ☑ Check weather alerts on your phone
 - ☑ Review your emergency kit
 - ☑ Clear a storm drain near your home
- ☑ Identify your household's safe shelter spot in case of severe weather
- ☑ Share this newsletter with a neighbor!



Quick Tip: Know your Numbers!

Emergencies happen. Make sure everyone knows how to reach help:

- Program local police, fire, and EMS numbers into phones.
- Keep a paper copy of contacts in your emergency kit.
- Review family meeting spots in case of evacuation.

