

EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH

Spring 2024

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EAST PETERSBURG
BOROUGH OFFICE
6076 Pine Street, Suite A
East Petersburg, PA 17520
717-569-9282

Office Hours

7:30 AM-4:00 PM
Monday Thru Friday

Council Members

Debra Miller, President
John Schick, Vice President
Adam Gochnauer, Member
John Herr, Member
Randy Rannels, Member
William Sharp, Member
Sandra Valdez, Member
James A. Malone, 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 of the month Jan.—Oct.



Hello, neighbor,

SPRING! SPRING! SPRING!

As the snow melts and we all begin cleaning up, I notice some of our neighbors have gotten a bit lax in cleaning up their pet's excrement in public grounds. Please clean up after your animals. We have bags and waste bins available throughout the borough. Use them. Teach your children to use them. Thanks!

Whatever Spring traditions you celebrate, I hope they are done in good health and safety. Conestoga River Club will be hosting an earth day clean up event April, 20, 2024. It will be a great time to help clean up regional waterways and spend time with other locals.

<https://conestogariverclub.org/event-item/earth-day-birthday-bash/>

We are looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt and Vagabonds Annual Car Show.

Election 2024:

The next primary election is on April 23, 2024. Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.

Last day to [register to vote](https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx): April 8, 2024 (<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>)

Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot: April 16, 2024

[Learn about primary elections.](https://www.votespa.com/About-Elections/Pages/Types%20of%20Elections.aspx) (<https://www.votespa.com/About-Elections/Pages/Types%20of%20Elections.aspx>)

The next general election is on November 5, 2024.

Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.

Last day to register to vote: October 21, 2024

Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot: October 29, 2024

[Learn about General Elections.](https://www.vote.pa.gov/About-Elections/Pages/Types%20of%20Elections.aspx) (<https://www.vote.pa.gov/About-Elections/Pages/Types%20of%20Elections.aspx>)

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

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

MARCH 10, 2024

**SPRING
FORWARD**



March 30

Easter Egg Hunt at East Petersburg Borough Community Park

Begins at 11:00 a.m. sharp!

Friday, March 29 at 7:00 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

April 23

Election Day

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



May 4

Vagabonds Car Show held at East Petersburg Borough Community Park

11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Great Food, Live Music, Chinese Auction, and a whole lot of cars!

Rain date is May 5.



May 11

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Community Yard Sale & Chicken BBQ- June 1
 Movie in the Park & Fireworks - June 28
 Summer Fest featuring Uptown Band - July 13
 Maker's Market - Christmas in July Event - July 20



East Petersburg Historical Society Programs for 2024

The East Petersburg Historical Society (EPHS) is announcing its speaker programs for 2024, where historians speak about numerous interesting topics relating the East Petersburg history and people. The EPHS welcomes everyone to attend.

The programs are held at the East Petersburg Community Center Building at East Petersburg Community Park 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, Pa. 17520 at 7:00 PM

The following is the 2024 East Petersburg Historical Society Speaker Programs list:

March 4, 2024 - World War II memories highlighting the average men and women who served in the U.S. Army- presented by John and Nancy Snoke.

April 1, 2024 - Schauer family and their East Petersburg wooden plane making business in the 1800's presented by Todd Hostetter.

May 6, 2024 – The Alleys of East Petersburg - Samuel Maurer IV presents a video presentation by George Parrish who explains and tours the alleys system discovering interesting buildings and lesser-known things.

June 3, 2024 - The Peter Gottschall family, the name-sake of East Petersburg. Presented by Robert Alley who explains the family origin and history.

October 7, 2024 – The history of the East Petersburg Bulldogs Youth Football presented by Gary Fuhrman and Don Mattern.

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

The East Petersburg Historical Society's archive museum at the Daniel Wolf House 1905 State Street, East Petersburg, Pa, 17520 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.



New Ordinance to regulate Short-Term Rental

Short-Term Rental is any dwelling unit which is rented or leased for overnight lodging to transient guests for a period of not less than one (1) day nor more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. Short-term rentals shall include vacation homes but shall not include bed and breakfasts/inns, boarding houses, hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes, or dormitories as defined in this Ordinance. The ordinance specifies that such use is not permitted in the Primarily Residential Districts. This use is only permitted in the Primarily Business Districts.

The property owner must provide a Certificate of Insurance to the Borough evidencing a minimum of \$1,000,000 commercial liability insurance coverage for the use.

The property owner must provide evidence of a valid Lancaster County hotel excise tax certificate and a Pennsylvania Sales, Use, and Hotel Occupancy Tax license.

The use requires the specific designation of a person in charge, either the property owner or another person who must reside or have an office within fifteen (15) miles of the short-term rental property and acts as the legal agent for the owner.

The use shall comply with all applicable Borough Ordinances and regulations, including any and all building code requirements for a commercial building.

Inspection and approval by the Zoning Officer or other designated Borough agent is required before Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.

The use must apply to the entire property with the number of units that exist at the time of approval. No additional units can be created after approval.

A short-term rental unit may not be located in a structure that contains one or more other dwelling units used for non-transient living quarters.

Short-term rental units shall be permitted only in structures/buildings that are located at least twenty (20) feet from any residential dwelling not located on the same property as the short-term rental unit.

Overnight occupancy is limited to no more than two (2) persons per bedroom.

The maximum number of day guests at any one time shall not exceed ten (10) persons, inclusive of overnight guests.

No additional bedrooms may be added or created within the dwelling unit after the approval of the use. Existing non-bedroom spaces may not be converted into additional bedrooms. The number of bedrooms shall be limited to that which existed in the dwelling unit at the time of approval.

The property must have a minimum of one (1) off-street parking space per bedroom, and guests may not park more cars on site than the number of off-street parking spaces available.

The use must comply with all terms and conditions of any other short-term rental ordinance provisions and/or licensing program established by East Petersburg Borough.

Please contact the Borough office to speak with the zoning officer for any questions pertaining to the new regulations 717-569-9282.



Keep All Batteries Out of Trash & Recycling Bins

Alkaline Batteries (single-use): Collect in battery/storage bag. Although not a fire risk, these should be kept separate so they can be disposed of properly. Battery bags are available at the borough office. Battery bags should be put at the curb on the ground next to your bins on trash day. There is a bin at the borough office for batteries also.



Rechargeable Batteries

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



Bring batteries and cellphones to LCSWMA's quick, convenient, DRIVE-THRU Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA, 16603: Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Battery bags can be placed at the curb BESIDE trash. The bags will then be brought to LCSWMA.

Participating retail collection points for rechargeable batteries include:

Home Depot, Lowes & Staples. [Battery & Cellphone Recycling Locations in Lancaster, PA | Call2Recycle 38909](#)

Trash / recycling dates to remember:

TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON SATURDAY JUNE 1, DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY.

SPRING YARD WASTE PICK-UP DATES

APRIL 5	JUNE 1
APRIL 19	JUNE 14
MAY 3	JUNE 28
MAY 17	

LARGE APPLIANCE & TIRE PICK-UP (SIGN UP IS REQUIRED)

APRIL 26

RECYCLING & TRASH

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

TAGS & BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE:

LG. APPLIANCE - 19.00; TIRE TAGS - 5.00; YARD WASTE BAGS - .55; OVERSIZED ITEMS - 5.00; EXTRA BAG TRASH-1.25



EMC QUARTERLY UPDATE

IT'S NOT LUCK - GET PREPARED!

Take matters into your own hands! No one should rely on luck when it comes to being prepared for disasters and emergencies. Everyday, you can make a small change to increase your level of preparedness in case of a disaster or emergency.

Three steps you can take to be more prepared include:

1. Make sure you have multiple ways to get emergency notifications. Download the FEMA app to get impending severe weather notifications.
2. Create digital copies of important documents, as well as have a back up paper copy in an easy-to-grab location in case of a fire in your home.
3. Make sure to have extra cash on hand, just in case!

Stay tuned for more recommendations on how to be more prepared, and go to Ready.gov for more preparedness tips!



SUBSCRIBE TO LancAlert!

Lancaster County is proud to announce the implementation of a state-of-the-art Mass Alerting System designed to provide swift and effective communication during critical events.

This advanced system ensures timely notifications to Lancaster County residents, enhancing community safety and preparedness.

PET PREPAREDNESS TIP

Pets are a huge part of our families, so make sure you have a "go-bag" for your pets, as well as for your family! In case of emergency where you need to evacuate your home, make sure to have a bag with a collar with an ID Tag, a leash, extra food for a few days, water bottles, comfort items (toys or a blanket), any necessary veterinary paperwork/proof of vaccinations and any medications they may need. For more information about building a go-bag, scan the QR Code or visit www.ready.gov/pets



Hello East Petersburg Borough! I am Violet De Stefano, the newly appointed Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) for the Borough. I am thrilled at the opportunity to serve the residents of East Petersburg.

Part of my job is to help East Petersburg Borough to become a more prepared and resilient community. You will see me at a variety of community events, tabling with preparedness materials. Come say hello!



BE WISE WHEN YOU FERTILIZE!

Preventing fertilizer loss keeps your lawn healthy, saves you money, and protects our waterways.

It is important to properly assess your lawn's nutrient needs prior to selecting and applying fertilizer.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is working with homeowners and businesses to promote best practices and educational opportunities for understanding how to best meet our shared goals.

Fertilizer Law

On July 11, 2022, Pennsylvania enacted a new fertilizer law that updated requirements for both manufacturers and applicators of fertilizer.

- 📄 label modifications
- 📄 fee updates
- 📄 turf nutrient limitations
- 📄 application restrictions

Who is a Fertilizer Applicator?

The term "applicator" refers to anyone who applies fertilizer, including lawn care professionals, farmers, and homeowners.

Calibrate

Follow the directions on the fertilizer label and use a fertilizer spreader that is properly calibrated.

Know The Rate

Select a fertilizer that is appropriate for the lawn's needs.

Phosphorus cannot be applied unless: establishing or repairing turf OR a soil test indicates a phosphorus deficiency.

Nitrogen is limited to:

- 0.7 pounds available N per 1000 ft² per application
- 0.9 pounds total N per 1000 ft² per application

Environmental Conditions

- Do not apply near water, storm drains, or drainage ditches.
- Maintain a 15-foot buffer from waterways.
- Do not apply if heavy rain is expected.
- Do not apply if ground is snow-covered or frozen.
- Apply product using a properly calibrated fertilizer spreader.
- Apply only to intended application site.
- Fertilizer that lands on an impervious surface (like roads, sidewalks, driveways) must be swept back onto turf.

Follow the 4Rs of Nutrient Management:

Right Source, Right Rate,

Right Time, Right Place.



Scan the QR Code
to learn more!






Conserving the amount of water used at home will not only help to keep your water bill lower, it is also better for the environment.

 **Mulch plants to help them retain water**

 **Turn off the water while washing your hands**

 **Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth**

 **Take a shower rather than a bath**

Collect running water while waiting for it to heat up and use on plants or lawn

 **Use a rain barrel to gather rainwater**


 **Wash clothes in cold water**

Use a refillable water bottle rather than multiple drinking glasses each day


 **Cook food in as little water as possible**


 **Scrape dishes rather than rinsing before washing**


 **Soak pots and pans rather than letting water run**


 **Join a community pool rather than installing one**


 **Wash fruits and vegetables over a pan to collect water**


 **Run your dishwasher only when full**

 **Add a nozzle to your hose to control flow**

 **Limit showers to 5 minutes**

 **Fix leaks as soon as they are discovered**

 **Compost rather than use garbage disposal**

 **Don't let the water run while shaving**

 **Install a low flow shower head**



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 prefab 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 resurfacing 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 and discharged onto grassy areas only.



Dumpsters and PODS require a permit.



Please note: dumpsters/PODS must be permitted and they must also be placed on property. Not in the street.

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. Find full ordinance on borough website.

Questions regarding the interpretation of the ordinance should be forwarded to the Zoning Officer by calling the Borough Office.

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



INFORMATION FOR EAST PETERSBURG RESIDENTS RE: Door to Door Solicitors and Peddlers

East Petersburg Borough frequently receives inquiries regarding persons going door to door and soliciting. With warmer weather soon upon us, we will be seeing more of this. Please review the following information about our solicitation guidelines and some suggestions for interacting with solicitors.

Solicitors within East Petersburg Borough must apply for and be approved for a license to solicit in the Borough in accordance with the Borough's Soliciting Ordinance.

Political canvassing, religious proselytizing, and distributing handbills are activities that do not require a license and are permitted by law.

Per the East Petersburg Borough Ordinance, solicitors must adhere to the following guidelines and rules regulating door-to-door solicitation:

- Must cease solicitation upon owner or occupant request
- Must obey posted "No Soliciting" and "No Trespassing" signs
- Must carry and display their license while they are soliciting
- May only solicit between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday.

If a solicitor does not display and cannot produce a license, they may not be licensed to solicit within East Petersburg Borough and may be reported to the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department:

Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Office	717-733-0965
Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Dispatch	Emergencies - 911
	Non-Emergencies - 717-664-1180

East Petersburg Borough maintains a list of current soliciting license holders on its website, which residents can reference.

Pushy, rude, or aggressive solicitors

Beyond the restrictions listed above, the Borough of East Petersburg does not directly regulate the demeanor of individual solicitors. Remember however, that **as a homeowner or occupant you may at any time ask a solicitor to leave your property.** Every resident has the right to feel secure in their home, should you feel threatened or unsafe based upon a solicitor's behavior, contact the Police immediately.

How to Prevent Solicitors At Your Home

Prominently display a "No Soliciting" or "No Trespassing" notice on your property. Signs should be of a size that is easily visible to Solicitors who may approach your front door or main entrance.



It is illegal in East Petersburg Borough to solicit at a location where proper No Soliciting or No Trespassing signage has been posted. With or without a sign, residents should not ever be afraid to exercise boundaries with solicitors by refusing to answer their door or by politely stating 'no thank you' or 'not interested' and shutting and locking their door.

Constitutional Rights of Solicitors

The First Amendment and the U.S. Constitution protect the rights of door-to-door solicitors and preclude the ability of a community to ban or significantly limit door-to-door sales. The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld free speech for commercial purposes, and the Borough's ability to restrict commercial door-to-door solicitation is limited to local regulations restricting the time, place, and manner of door-to-door solicitations. Homeowners and occupants, however, do have the ultimate right to determine whether solicitors shall or shall not be invited to their residences or property.



Plant Sale

The Women's Club of East Petersburg Annual Spring Perennial Flower Sale will be held one day only, on Tuesday, April 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

It will be held at:

1619 Graystone Road.

Pull in the stone driveway and park in the back.



PRC **Pennsylvania Resources Council**
A Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted

Deadline: October 31, 2024

GENE CAPALDI

LENS ON LITTER PHOTO CONTEST

An annual statewide photography contest rewarding amateur photographers who snap unusual or eye-catching images of litter across the Commonwealth, bringing awareness to how litter threatens public health & safety, scenic beauty, property values, the environment and wildlife.

Prizes (adult & student categories): \$500 first-place; \$250 second-place & \$100 third-place
Additional information, guidelines and an online submission form: prc.org/lens-litter

Sponsors: The Capaldi Family & Sheetz & Wegmans





2024 Summer Pool Membership Rates

Membership run May 25-September 2, 2024

Non-Residents pay an additional \$24 per membership.

	If purchased prior to May 1		If purchased on or after May 1	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$195	\$215	\$215	\$229
Couple	\$268	\$292	\$288	\$312
Family	\$315	\$339	\$335	\$359
Senior	\$135	\$149	\$155	\$179
Senior Couple	\$190	\$214	\$210	\$224
Youth Summer Pool Add-On Ages 0-12 Add grandchild to a summer or annual individual/couple or senior pool membership)	\$75	N/A	\$75	N/A

Summer Fitness Add-On	\$40 per person
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Summer Fitness Add-On may be added to a summer membership (ages 13 and up). Children ages 11 and 12 must have parent or guardian that has fitness add-on as well.

- A **Couple** membership includes two people **living in the same household**.
- A **Senior Couple** membership includes **both individuals age 62+**.
- A **Family** membership consists of **up to 4 individuals** residing in the same household where no more than two individuals are adults and dependents are age 22 and under. Add \$35.00 for each additional dependent.
- There is no charge for dependents ages 3 and under if purchasing a membership. **Must include name and DOB for all children, regardless of age.**
- Water aerobics classes at both pools are included with the summer membership.

Summer Tennis Membership				
	Purchased from April 1-April 30		Purchased on or after May 1	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Individual	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$60	\$75.00

Summer Tennis Memberships are valid from May 1-Sept 2.



SUMMER PLAYGROUND

Eight weeks of summertime fun!

A Herr Park | Mountville Park | Silver Spring Park

Keep kids outdoors, engaged, and active! For kids ages 6-12

Dates: June 10-August 2, 2024
Days: Monday-Friday
Time: 9:00a - 3:30p
Note: closed July 4 & 5

EARLY REGISTRATION:
April 2nd - April 21st
\$150 - Youth Members
\$180 - Hempfield Resident
\$220 - Non-Resident
One time fee for 8 weeks

Held at three local parks throughout the Hempfield school district. There is a one-time fee to participate. The program includes 8 weeks of outdoor fun in a community park near you.

Early Registration deadline is April 21st.

Registration received after 4/21 will be charged an additional \$20 fee.

*All sites are closed on pool party days (6/14, 6/28, 7/12 & 7/26).

Children must be registered for Playground to attend field trips.

Registration Forms will be available online at hempfieldrec.com and at the front desk.

No phone registrations taken; parent signatures required.

Scholarship

Financial assistance is available. Please visit our website for more information on our financial assistance program. Donations towards our scholarship program welcomed.

Field Trip Information

Field trips will depart from and return to Amos Herr Park (except for pool parties). You must drop your child off at the Amos Herr Park front parking lot at 9am. NO Transportation will be provided from the other sites. Children will be dropped off after the field trip at Amos Herr Park and will remain there until pick-up no later than 3:30pm. Transportation is not provided for pool party events.

- Field Trips: NO refunds for trips or pool parties. NO exceptions. Non-transferable.
- Field trips are optional and require additional fees (dates and fees on registration form).
- Full payment is due at the time of registration - sorry, no exceptions.
- Trips are first-come, first-served.
- Playground sites remain open for those not attending trips (except on pool party days).

Contact Matthew Charles, Playground Director, at 717.898.3102 ext. 142 or playground@hempfieldrec.com for additional details.

This supervised program offers outdoor play, organized games & sports, plus optional pool parties and field trips.

