



# East Petersburg Borough

Fall 2024

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There is currently an open seat on the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board beginning 1/1/2025. If interested, submit letter of interest to Karen St. Clair, Borough Manager.

### EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH OFFICE

6076 Pine Street, Suite A  
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#### Office Hours

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

#### Council Members

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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.



## Mayor's Note

Hello Neighbor!

Already harvest time again!

How are you preparing for winter? I saw so many changes this past year, I am not sure what to expect over the next quarter. Through all of it, I'm thankful to be your Mayor in our Borough.

I'm sure they'll be many opportunities to learn new skills for all of us as we continue to grow our partnerships with police, fire, emergency management, and emerging support.

### Sept Suicide Prevention

Suicidal thoughts or actions are a sign of extreme distress and should not be ignored.

The National Institute of Mental Health offer five steps to help someone in emotional pain.

ASK: "Are you thinking about killing yourself?" It's not an easy question, but studies show that asking at-risk individuals if they are suicidal does not increase suicides or suicidal thoughts.

KEEP THEM SAFE: Reducing a suicidal person's access to highly lethal items or places is an important part of suicide prevention. While this is not always easy, asking if the at-risk person has a plan and removing or disabling the lethal means can make a difference.

BE THERE: Listen carefully and learn what the individual is thinking and feeling. Research suggests acknowledging and talking about suicide may reduce rather than increase suicidal thoughts.

HELP THEM CONNECT: Save the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline number (call or text 988) and the Crisis Text Line number (741741) in your phone so they're there if you need them. You can also help make a connection with a trusted individual like a family member, friend, spiritual advisor, or mental health professional.

STAY CONNECTED: Staying in touch after a crisis or after being discharged from care can make a difference. Studies have shown the number of suicide deaths goes down when someone follows up with the at-risk person.

Take time to listen to your friends, family and neighbors and reach out to others. You don't have to be in physical contact with another person to gain the benefits of socializing. Keep up regular communications with someone.

Every year, World Suicide Prevention Day [#WSPD2024] is held on September 10th. [#BeThe1To]

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

1-800-273-8255

If you're concerned about yourself or someone else, please call or text the Lifeline at 988 or chat online at [988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat). They are available 24/7, and they are free and confidential.

Please keep others in mind. Be sure to reach out to someone if you are struggling with your own personal day to day existence. A chat may be just what you need to help see a better path through or give you the energy to keep moving.

There are so many ways to connect and socialize with each other in our Borough.

Be sure to come out and celebrate with your neighbors as East Petersburg day events kick off in Sept.

I hope you have a joyful Halloween, Thanksgiving and remember to Vote in the upcoming November elections.

James Andrew Malone, Mayor  
East Petersburg Borough

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# BOROUGH EVENTS

For more information and updates on events go to:

<http://www.eastpetersburgday.com> & Facebook page East Petersburg Day



**August 31**

**Blue's Fest**

12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Several Blues bands will be featured from Central PA and Philadelphia. Food trucks & beer/wine garden.



**September 11-14**

**Carnival in the Park - September 11, 12, & 13 - 6:00 p.m.**

**East Pete Day - September 14** starts off with 5K Race/Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. followed by a parade, live music and fireworks (see next page for more info.)



**October 12**

**Pumpkin Fest**

11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine) pumpkin decorating, hay rides and bounce house.



**October 31**

**Trick or Treat in East Petersburg Borough**

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.



**November 5**

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



November 3—Daylight savings time will end.

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

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

Santa in the Park - December 13 and 14



# East Pete Day

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

6:00 P.M. Food trucks and Rides begin (wristbands for rides will be available)

Music by: Andora Band

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

6:00 P.M. Food trucks and Rides begin (wristbands for rides will be available)

Music by: Big, Big Jazz Band

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

6:00 P.M. Food trucks and Rides begin (wristbands for rides will be available)

Music by: Steven Courtney Band

Juggler Lucien, The Balloon Lady, Whoopie Pie Contest, Face Painter, Magician,  
Games provided by East Petersburg PTO

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

8:30 A.M. Kid's Fun Run

9:00 A.M. [5K](#)

10:00 A.M. Parade

6:30 –9:30 Pop Scotch

9:45 P.M. Fireworks

[More info. at eastpetersburgday.com](http://eastpetersburgday.com)





## STAY SAFE ON HALLOWEEN



Trick-or-treaters need to see and be seen. Use face makeup instead of masks which can make seeing difficult. Give trick-or-treaters a flashlight to light their way. Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags. If possible, have everyone wear light-colored clothing.



Use flame-resistant costumes.



When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric.



Make sure adults know where the kids are going. A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children door-to-door.



Be cautious around animals, especially dogs.



Walk, don't run.



Only visit homes that have a porch light on. Accept treats at the door and never go inside.



Walk only on sidewalks, not in the street. If there are no sidewalks, walk at the edge of the roadway, facing traffic. Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner. Don't cross between parked cars, and don't cut across yards or use alleys.



Drivers — use extra caution as youngsters may forget to look both ways before crossing.



A grown-up should check all goodies before eating. Make sure to remove loose candy, open packages and remove any choking hazards. Discard any items with brand names that you are not familiar with.



# Trash / Recycling dates to remember:

## CHANGES TO TRASH SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 7 – SATURDAY PICK-UP DUE TO HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER 30 – SATURDAY PICK-UP DUE TO HOLIDAY

## FALL LEAF PICK-UP

NOVEMBER 1

NOVEMBER 15

NOVEMBER 30 (SATURDAY)

DECEMBER 13

## FALL YARD WASTE PICK-UP

SEPTEMBER 7 (SATURDAY)

SEPTEMBER 20

OCTOBER 4

OCTOBER 18

## LG APPLIANCE & TIRE PICK-UP

OCTOBER 25 \*SIGN UP & TAGS ARE REQUIRED

## TAGS & BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE:

YARD WASTE BAG - .55, GRASS TAG - 2.00, OVERSIZED ITEM - 5.00, EXTRA BAG TRASH- 1.25,  
LARGE APPLIANCE - 19.00, TIRE - 5.00

**Do you know the difference between corrugated cardboard and paperboard?**

**Many people mistake paperboard and corrugated cardboard for the same thing.**

Paperboard (aka chipboard) items have one layer, while corrugated cardboard items have three layers - two flat pieces sandwiched around a middle wavy layer. Even though these two materials are in the paper family, they are recycled and processed differently because they differ in quality. If interested; residents can bring paperboard to Recycling Drop off center in Lancaster City.

[Recycling Drop-off Center – City of Lancaster, PA \(cityoflancasterpa.gov\)](http://cityoflancasterpa.gov)

### Examples of CORRUGATED CARDBOARD



This goes into your **RECYCLING**.

### Examples of PAPER BOARD



This goes into your **TRASH**.



**RECYCLE  
RIGHT**

*Lancaster*



# PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

## Keeping Children Safe

### PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

- ◆ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm activated, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ When approaching a school bus with flashing amber lights, **SLOW DOWN** and be **PREPARED TO STOP**.
- ◆ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm activated, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- ◆ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ◆ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

### KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- ◆ These children are transported approximately 400 million miles to school each year.
- ◆ To further promote safety, school vehicles may be equipped with a yellow flashing or revolving light.
- ◆ Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with or without painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST** stop.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

**Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.**



## EMC QUARTERLY UPDATE



SEPTEMBER IS

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



**National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.**

A few things you can do to help yourself and your family better prepare for disasters includes:

- **Assess your needs.** If you have medications that need refrigeration, rely on mobility or assistive devices or have a pet you'll need to understand how these variables will factor into what you'll need to stay safe in a disaster or emergency.
- **Make a plan.** Once you assess your needs, you can tailor your plans to make sure your needs are met. This can include building a kit that includes extra medication, having a way to store medications in an emergency and planning for your pets or service animals. If you're an older adult or work with and support older adult communities visit [Ready.gov/older-adults](https://www.ready.gov/older-adults) and [Ready.gov/es/adultos-mayores](https://www.ready.gov/es/adultos-mayores) for resources.
- **Engage your support network.** Reaching out to family, friends and neighbors can help you build a support network that can support you before, during and after a disaster or emergency. Share each aspect of your emergency plan with everyone in your group, including a friend or relative in another area who would not be impacted by the same emergency who can help if necessary. Make sure everyone knows how you plan to evacuate your home or workplace and where you will go in case of a disaster. Make sure that someone in your personal support network has an extra key to your home and knows where you keep your emergency supplies. Practice your plan with those who have agreed to be part of your personal support network.





# EMC QUARTERLY UPDATE

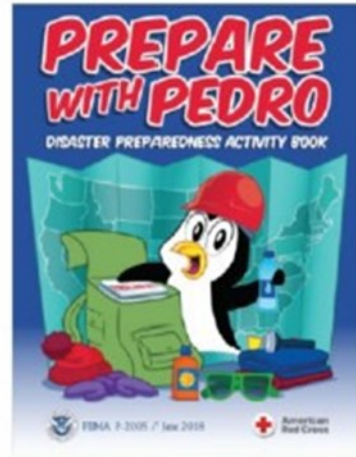
## National Night Out Resources & Recap

What a successful National Night Out (NNO)! Borough Emergency Management and the East Petersburg Fire Company partnered together to share community resources. We were so excited to interact with community members and share some fun resources.

If you missed us at NNO, Resources provided were geared towards kids and their families and included Prepare with Pedro and Fred the Preparedness Dog. We also shared emergency communications plans to do as a family.

We are trying to gauge interest in providing CPR classes in the Borough. If you have any interest in learning more, please fill out our interest form!

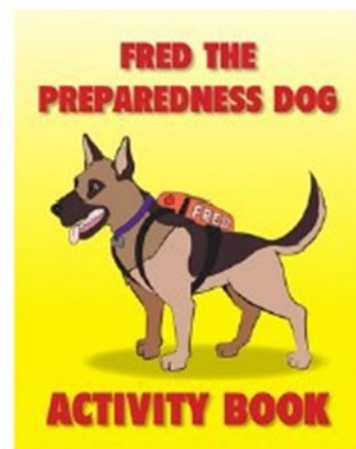
While we wait for next years National Night Out, we will continue to be at various community events. Stop out and see us to learn about how to better prepare you and your loved ones.



East Petersburg Borough - CPR Class Interest Form



[Access the form here](#)





## BACK TO SCHOOL



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# SAFETY TIPS

### FIRST DAY PHOTOS

Chalkboards and letter boards displaying children's names, schools, and other identifying information overtake social media every year when kids go back-to-school. While these posts are well intended and make great keepsakes, posting them online has potential dangers that many parents don't realize. Online predators can look for clues to try to groom children, and find out what they like and their physical location. So how can you take and post those adorable back-to-school photos safely?

Don't share things like their School name, their Teacher's name, their "favorite things" and blur/hide all of the logos for the school.

Pause before you post, and make sure this is a photo your child wants, and YOU want on the internet



## HOW DO YOU COMMUNICATE DURING AN EMERGENCY?

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes. It's important to think about how your family will contact each other, how you will reunite and what you all will do in case of an emergency.

No matter the type of emergency, it is critical for schools to maintain current emergency information cards for each student. Cards should have contact information, including cell phone numbers, for parents and legal guardians and for at least two additional emergency contacts. It is also crucial that your family practices resiliency and maintains that information as well.

If your student has a cell phone, make sure you work together to create a list of emergency contacts in both your and your kid's phone so that everyone knows who to contact if needed. If your student does not have a cell phone, use the QR Code to access the Emergency Card to write and share information to keep in their backpack in case of an emergency.



Does your student have a cell phone? If they do, remind them: **HEADS UP, PHONE DOWN!** Distracted walking near cars can be a dangerous thing. Always watch out for cars, bikes and busses!



Heads



Up



Phones



Down





**Everyone is welcome to attend an exciting glimpse of East Petersburg's past.**

**We are featuring historical curiosities and fun for the whole family.**

The East Petersburg Historical Society (EPHS) continues to educate the public by planning & presenting special guest speaker events where historians speak about numerous interesting topics relating the East Petersburg history and people, and by saving & displaying a variety of unique historical relics in our Daniel Wolf House Museum.

Our next speaker meeting is on October 7, 2024 – *The History of the East Petersburg Bulldogs Youth Football presented by Gary Fuhrman and John Mattern*. Programs are being held at the East Petersburg Community Center Building at East Petersburg Community Park 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, Pa. 17520 at 7:00 p.m

Watch for the East Petersburg Historical Society Apple Festival coming in October 2024 at the Daniel Wolf House Museum.

The EPHS is sponsoring a Christmas party at the Daniel Wolf House Museum on Saturday, December 7, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. special *Christmas Open House*, open to the public, in the Daniel Wolf House decorated for the holiday.

Included will be: *free refreshments, electric train display, silent auctions, music, East Petersburg artifacts, documents and historic photographs on display.*

You can find Christmas gifts at the gift shop. Including but not limited to: wooden replicas of local historical buildings, artwork by Dorothy Hollinger, old calendars with historic photographs, fracturs, tee shirts, and East Petersburg Afghans are available for sale.

To learn more about the East Petersburg Historical Society and our events, please go to our website at [www.eastpetehistory.org](http://www.eastpetehistory.org).

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



**Rechargeable batteries are causing fires.**

**Keep all batteries out of trash and recycling.**

**SafeBatteryDisposal.com**

**We need the community's help!**

Rechargeable batteries found in many common household items can spark and explode when damaged. Fires in garbage trucks and processing facilities are on the rise. Help protect our employees, haulers, property, and community.

**East Petersburg Residents can bring all batteries and cellphones to LCSWMA's QUICK, CONVENIENT, DRIVE-THRU. Battery bags are available at the Borough office, once filled they can be placed separately at the curb beside trash.**

Alkaline Batteries (single-use: AA, AAA, C, D): Collect in storage bag. Once full, time for disposal.

Rechargeable Batteries: Don't store. Properly dispose of immediately.

**FREE, Proper Disposal:**

**Lancaster County Residents:** Bring to LCSWMA's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA, 17603  
 Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sat. 7:00 am to 11:00 am

**All Counties:**  
 To find rechargeable battery drop-off locations near you: [www.Call2Recycle.org](http://www.Call2Recycle.org)

Participating retail collection points include:  
 Home Depot, Lowes & Staples





**Run water only when necessary.**

Don't keep water flowing while you are brushing your teeth. Don't turn water on until you are ready to get in the shower.

**Wait before you wash.**

Don't run dishwashers and washing machines until they are full.

## Water Conservation Tips

**Drink smarter.**

Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink.

**Don't get hosed.**

Wash the car with water from a bucket. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom.

**Check for household leaks.**

A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. And a dripping faucet is more than annoying; it's expensive. If the leaking water is hot, it's not only a waste of water, but also of the energy used to heat the water.

**Upgrade your appliances.**

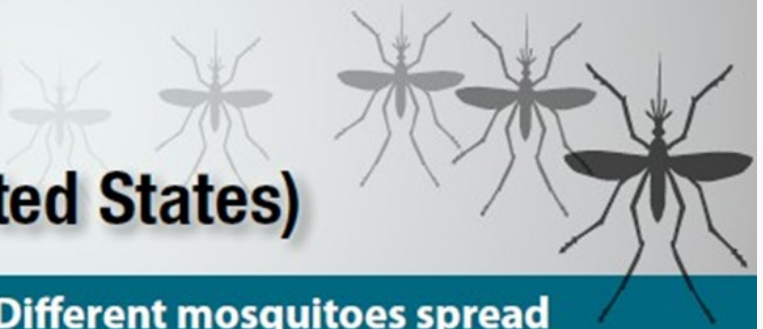
Replace the more common, less efficient, top-loading clothes washer with a high-efficiency, front-loading washer that uses about 30 percent less water and 40 to 50 percent less energy.

**Keep the facts flowing, not the faucet.**

Visit [dep.pa.gov/water](http://dep.pa.gov/water) to find more water conservation tips to share with your family and friends.



# Mosquito Bite Prevention (United States)



Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.

## Type of Mosquito

## Viruses spread

## Biting habits



*Aedes aegypti*,  
*Aedes albopictus*

Chikungunya,  
Dengue, Zika

Primarily daytime, but  
can also bite at night



*Culex* species

West Nile

Evening to morning

## Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites

### Use Insect repellent

Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

### Active Ingredient

Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection

DEET

Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 and icaridin outside the US)

IR3535

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)

2-undecanone



Find the insect repellent that's right for you by using [EPA's search tool\\*](#).

\* The EPA's search tool is available at: [www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you](http://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you)





## Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites *(continued)*



- ◀ • Always follow the product label instructions.
- Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.
  - » Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
  - » If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

### Natural insect repellents (repellents not registered with EPA)

- The effectiveness of non-EPA registered insect repellents, including some natural repellents, is not known.
- To protect yourself against diseases like chikungunya, dengue, and Zika, CDC and EPA recommend using an EPA-registered insect repellent.
- When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective. For more information: [www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents](http://www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents)

## If you have a baby or child



- ◀ • Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months of age.
- Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs, or
  - ◀ • Cover crib, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
  - Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, and cut or irritated skin.
    - » Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.
- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) on children under 3 years of age.

## Treat clothing and gear



- ◀ • Treat items such as boots, pants, socks, and tents with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
  - » Permethrin-treated clothing will protect you after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
  - » If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions.
  - » Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

## Mosquito-proof your home



- ◀ • Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use air conditioning when available.
- Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.
  - » Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.



# Fall Conservation

September | October | November

## Flower and Vegetable Gardens

- ✧ Pull emerging weeds in beds when ground is moist and before they develop deep roots.
- ✧ Mulch garden beds with leaves or compost to reduce winter weeds and feed the soil. Or plant winter cover crops in open beds.
- ✧ Prepare new planting areas by digging in compost.

## Tree and Shrub Beds

- ✧ Mulch tree and shrub beds with leaves, shredded wood or bark.
- ✧ Plant trees, shrubs and many perennials in early fall to give them a good start.



## Lawns

- ✧ Improve thin areas of lawn in September–October by aerating, overseeding and top-dressing with compost.
- ✧ Fertilize lawns with “natural organic” or “slow-release” fertilizer in September to develop healthy roots and crowd out weeds.
- ✧ Plant new lawns to give them the best start before next summer.

## Watering

- ✧ Reduce watering during cooler weather.
- ✧ Shut off and drain watering systems if you expect a freeze.
- ✧ Put away exposed soaker hoses, or re-cover with mulch if left out.

## Composting

- ✧ Clear unwanted garden growth and compost it for spring. Keep pile as moist as a wrung-out sponge.