

East Petersburg Borough

Winter 2024/2025

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There is currently an open seat on the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board beginning 1/1/2025. Interested parties should contact the Borough office.

EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH OFFICE

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Office Hours

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

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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.
at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor's Note

Hello Neighbor!

As we approach this season, I hope you find time to ensure the safety and well-being of your friends and family. These times call for vigilance and unity.

We have witnessed troubling signs in our community. There have been instances of hostility toward individuals who simply differ in background or belief, threats against our libraries and schools — acts that threaten the values we should be protecting for all children. We've seen efforts to erase parts of our history instead of fostering honest, inclusive conversations that allow us to learn and grow as a society. We've seen a rise in narratives that misrepresent our nation's diversity of faith, fabricating a sense of persecution that disregards the freedoms intended to protect each of us.

As the recent election has come to a close, this "red wave" sweeping across the country, I believe we are witnessing more than just a political shift. This season of change brings with it a responsibility to acknowledge the attitudes some have harbored and now express openly — words and actions that are destructive, vindictive, dismissive, and divisive.

For those of us committed to a society rooted in justice, honesty, integrity, and equity, it's clear that changing laws and policies over the past few decades was not enough to change hearts.

But know this: attempts to erode the progress, the values, the equity worked hard to achieve will ultimately harm everyone, regardless of affiliation or belief. Harmful rhetoric and divisive actions affect us all, and no one is immune from their impact.

While there is still time, let's prepare. Let's remain vigilant, informed, and supportive of one another as we work to uphold the values that strengthened our community.

Make this season a time of preparation and resolve.

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

December 13 and 14

SANTA IN THE PARK

Friday, December 13, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Visit Santa and bring your camera to take a photo.

There is no charge for this event. There will be Cookies for the kids at Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, a model train table, a dollhouse display, and Reindeer food bar for kids to put together treats for Santa's Reindeer. This event is held at the Community Center located at 6051 Pine Street.



January 11

TREE CHIP 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Held by East Pete Boy Scout Troup #33 at East Pete 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 you can drop it off at the park the day of the event. Donations will be accepted.

Looking Ahead...

Car show - May 3

Community Yard Sale & Chicken BBQ June 7



The East Petersburg Historical Society's (EPHS) archive museum located 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.

On Saturday, December 7, 2024, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm the East Petersburg Historical Society will sponsor a special Christmas open house, open to the public, in the Daniel Wolf House Museum decorated for the holiday.

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

You can find Christmas gifts at the gift shop. 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. There will also be a silent auction to bid on two paintings from a local artist and donations from East Petersburg businesses.

Please join us to celebrate the holiday and view the artifacts and discuss East Petersburg History. Additional parking will be available at the church across Lemon Street from the Daniel Wolf House Museum.

In addition, The East Petersburg Historical Society are planning interesting programs for our monthly speaker meetings. We are in need of people whom have lived the history of East Petersburg. Those who are willing to share their interesting stories of past experiences, past public events and their knowledge of the East Petersburg Borough. If you are willing, or are aware of anyone who is willing and able to become a program speaker, please inform us on the EPHS Facebook page or the Web site at www.eastpetehistory.org .



EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Snow Emergency Routes

We do our best to keep the roadways safe and clear to allow emergency vehicles to get where help is needed.

When a snow emergency is declared in East Petersburg Borough, cars must be removed from the following streets:

Valley Road
 Northfield Drive
 Hollow Drive
 New Street
 Franklin Drive
 Broad Street
 Caroline Drive
 Steven Street
 Morris Street
 Madison Court
 Olde Meadow Court
 Linden Street—(North side only)

Failure to move a vehicle could result in fines or the owners vehicle being towed. If the Borough declares a snow emergency, information will be given on the local TV channels and the website. More information on the snow emergency ordinance can be found www.eastpetersburgborough.org

Please Note: **Parking is available at the pool parking lot and at the parking lot on Hollow Drive near the basketball courts.**

Remember to keep storm drains clear so melting snow can drain properly. This will help to avoid flooding and refreezing.



Removing Snow and Ice

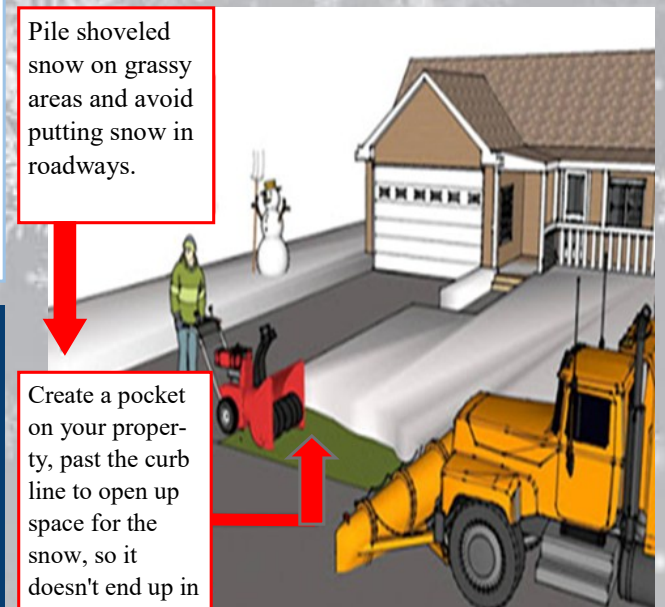
Property owners are required to remove and clear away any snow and/or ice from sidewalks abutting their properties within twelve (12) hours after the finishing of any snow, sleet, or freezing rain event. At all times during and after any snow storm, it is prohibited for any person to shovel, push, throw, or plow snow from a sidewalk, driveway, lot, or any other area onto any borough public street.

If any sidewalk is not cleared of snow and / or ice according to the provisions, residents may complete a complaint form found online or at the borough office.

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

Pile shoveled snow on grassy areas and avoid putting snow in roadways.

Create a pocket on your property, past the curb line to open up space for the snow, so it doesn't end up in your driveway.





Winter conditions—Know Before You Go



Motorists are encouraged to "Know Before You Go" by checking conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles, including color-coded winter conditions on 2,900 miles, by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 860 traffic cameras. Users can also see plow truck statuses and travel alerts along a specific route using the "[Check My Route](#)" tool.)

511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional alerts accessible on the [511PA website](#).

For more information on safe winter travel, an [emergency kit checklist](#) and information on PennDOT's winter operations including a [video](#) visit PennDOT.gov/winter.



Holiday Trash Schedule:

Please note the following changes due to the holidays:

Saturday, November 30

Saturday, December 28

Saturday, January 4

Reminder: extra bags of trash need tags, and anything that will not fit into a trash bag is considered oversized and will need a tag.



Leaf Pick-up Dates

The remaining leaf pickup dates for 2024 are:

Saturday, November 30

Friday, December 13

All leaves must be put into the brown leaf bags and put at the curb no sooner than 24 hours prior to collection.

Please keep all items for collection out of the roadways.



2025 Trash



Recycling

RECYCLING & TRASH CHANGES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
 SATURDAY, MAY 31
 SATURDAY, JULY 5
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE PICK-UP

APRIL 25
 OCTOBER 31

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 GAL)
 \$ 2.00 - TAGS FOR GRASS
 \$ 5.00 - TIRE TAG
 \$ 19.00 - APPLIANCE TAG
 \$ 13.00 - RECYCLING BINS

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

APRIL 4
 APRIL 18
 MAY 2
 MAY 16
 MAY 31
 JUNE 13
 JUNE 27
 JULY 11
 JULY 25
 AUGUST 8
 AUGUST 22
 SEPTEMBER 6
 SEPTEMBER 19
 OCTOBER 3
 OCTOBER 17

LEAF PICK-UP

OCTOBER 31
 NOVEMBER 14
 NOVEMBER 29
 DECEMBER 12

PUT THESE 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)

BIG 4

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.

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 2025.



East Petersburg Borough Trash & Recycling Collection 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 your recycling bin(s) must be placed no more than 5 feet from your 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 for collection in the right-of-way.

If trash is picked up on a Saturday, be sure to place items out the night before. Check the website or calendar for these changes.

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 2025 are April 25 and October 31. 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

REMINDER: KEEP ALL BATTERIES OUT OF TRASH AND RECYCLING.

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 \$13.00 each.**

YARD WASTE

Yard waste will be picked up **every other week** during regular trash collection between April 4 and October 17. 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 4 and October 17. **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. Bags must be placed on the curb (not in the street) the night before the day of your scheduled leaf collection, but no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick-up. The schedule can be found online or in the Borough calendar.

MISSED TRASH/RECYCLING

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



Are you Ready^{PA}?

TIP SHEET



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
STATE COLLEGE, PA



#SnowSquallSafetyPA



SNOW SQUALLS



WHAT ARE THEY?

- Intense short-lived moderate to heavy snowfall bursts
- Quick reduction in visibility and whiteout conditions from gusty winds
- Associated with strong cold fronts which bring Arctic air during winter



WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS?

- Rapidly deteriorating conditions can cause roads to become icy and slick in a matter of minutes; "Flash Freeze"
- Often lead to chain-reaction accidents and treacherous travel

SAFETY:

- There is no safe place on a highway during a snow squall event
- Consider an alternate route or delaying travel, reduce speed and turn on headlights
- STAY ALERT AND WEATHER AWARE!



THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE ON A HIGHWAY DURING A SNOW SQUALL



What is a snow squall?

- A brief but intense period of heavy snow, strong winds, and whiteout conditions.
- Can cause roads to become icy.

What is a snow squall warning?

- Issued for areas that will be impacted by snow squalls.
- Will trigger an alert on your cell phone.

penndot.gov/winter
weather.gov/safety/winter-snow-squall

If a snow squall warning is issued, what should I do?

Avoid or delay motor travel until the squall passes through your location.



What if I am already traveling?

Safely exit the road at the next opportunity.



What if I cannot exit the road in time?

- Slow down gradually.
- Turn on your headlights and hazard lights.
- Stay in your lane.
- Increase your following distance.
- **Avoid** slamming on your brakes.



511PA App



iPhone



Android

Download this **FREE** app to get:

- Traffic conditions
- Traffic speeds
- Live traffic camera images
- Highway construction updates
- **Weather conditions and alerts**





BE PREPARED FOR A WINTER STORM

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion.



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Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds.



Greater risk



Can last a few hours or several days



Can knock out heat, power, and communication services

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WINTER STORM WARNING, FIND SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

Stay off roads.



Use generators outside only.

Stay indoors and dress warmly.



Pay attention to emergency information and alerts.

Prepare for power outages.



Look for signs of hypothermia and frostbite.



Check on neighbors.



HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A WINTER STORM THREATENS

Prepare NOW

Know your area's risk for winter storms. Extreme winter weather can leave communities without utilities or other services for long periods of time.

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Do not forget the needs of pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.

Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep the gas tank full.

Learn to identify the signs of and basic treatments for frostbite and hypothermia. For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/staysafe/index.html.

Survive DURING

Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, stay inside.

Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, wear layers of warm clothing. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.

Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.

Reduce the risk of a heart attack. Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.

Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia and begin treatment right away.

Check on neighbors. Older adults and young children are more at risk in extreme cold.

Recognize + RESPOND

Frostbite causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers, and toes.

- **Signs:** Numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, and firm or waxy skin
- **Actions:** Go to a warm room. Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Do not massage or use a heating pad.

Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature. A temperature below 95 degrees is an emergency.

- **Signs:** Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, and drowsiness.
- **Actions:** Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head, and groin. Keep dry and wrapped up in warm blankets, including the head and neck.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to Ready.gov/winter-weather. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **winter storm**.



FEMA

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Lawncare's Winter Break

As the lawn maintenance season nears its end and the last of the leaves are being mulched, it seems an appropriate time to review the winter nutrient management rules.

Remember, nutrients should only be applied when the turf is actively growing.

So as winter approaches and temperatures cool, our lawns go dormant. At this point, nutrients are generally no longer needed until the spring growing season resumes.

However, should a nutrient need arise, remember to follow these additional winter fertilizer use restrictions.

- ⇒ Nitrogen is restricted to 0.50 lbs/1000 ft² from December 15 through March 1.
- ⇒ Phosphate is always prohibited unless the turf is being repaired or established or a soil test indicates a phosphorus need.
- ⇒ Do not apply fertilizer to frozen or snow covered ground.
- ⇒ Do not use fertilizer as a snow or ice melt.

Winterize the mower, properly store any remaining products, and always be wise when you fertilize.

Enjoy the winter lawncare break.





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 education opportunities to understand how to best meet our shared goals.

Find out more at: agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer

Follow the 4Rs of Nutrient Management: *Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place.*



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 can't 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
- 0.9 pounds total N per 1000 ft²

Whenever possible, choose an enhanced efficiency fertilizer to ensure nutrients are available when the lawn needs them.

Environmental Conditions



In order to reduce nutrient loss, applicators of fertilizer must follow these site restrictions.

- Do not apply near waters, 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

It is important to follow all label directions and safety precautions to protect yourself and your lawn.