The ‘new’ Dreampark at A. Herr Park is finished and open for play!

The planning for this project began in early 2014 with a core group of citizens and the trio of co-chairs, Kristi Newport, Ben Craddock and Bill Keays. The remainder of 2014 was spent selecting a designer (Play by Design) and working with area elementary school students to develop the ideas and activities that you see in the park. The end of 2014, 2015 and 2016 were consumed with many fundraising initiatives, fundraising events and meetings to spread the word. Volunteers made countless phone calls and visits to area businesses seeking donations. The Township was fortunate enough to obtain a DCNR grant of $250,000 toward project costs. Several build dates were set but then postponed. The official build date was set for September/2016. They say it takes a village to raise a family, it also takes a community to build a playground and the community of East Hempfield certainly supported the project in full force to get this project built. Many, many volunteers (both individuals and businesses) were on site for the build dates. The grand opening for the park occurred October 23, 2016 and was well attended by some very excited children. The Township has heard very positive comments regarding the playground and are very happy to have provided the support to see the project to completion.

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday usually at 7:00 pm
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- PLANNING COMMISSION Meets 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- ZONING HEARING BOARD Meets 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm

**2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**January**
- **Sunday 1:** Happy New Year! Normal trash service this week.
- **M - F 9-13:** Christmas Tree recycling - curbside pickup on your normal trash day.
- **Friday 27:** Christmas tree drop off at the Township Building ends.
- **Monday 16:** Martin Luther King Day - Normal trash service.

**February**
- **Monday 6:** Garden Plot sign up at the Township Office at 8:00 a.m. is typically the first Monday in February. First come first serve basis.
- **Monday 20:** President’s Day - Normal trash service.

**March**
- **Sunday 12:** Daylight saving’s time - set your clocks ahead one hour.
- **April**
  - **Monday 3:** Yard Waste program begins. Bags may be purchased anywhere. The program ends in October.
  - **Monday 10:** Street sweeping begins.
  - **Friday 14:** Good Friday - Office Closed - Normal trash service.

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PAVILION RENTAL

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HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS FOR 2017

- May 29 - Memorial Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- September 4 - Labor Day
- November 23 - Thanksgiving
- December 25 - Christmas

ALL other holidays for 2017 are on a normal schedule.

SPECIAL APPLIANCE & TIRE PICKUP

Will take place during the weeks of April 3 - 7 & November 6 - 10 on your normal trash day. Tags must be purchased at the Township Office.

NEW STATEMENT BILLING FOR YOUR TRASH SERVICE

Beginning January 1, 2017 your trash bill will take on a different look. In order to offer increased privacy and ease of delivery, the Township will provide residents with a full-page statement that will be mailed in a standard envelope instead of a postcard. The bank that processes your payments will also change to First National Bank.

Most aspects of your trash and recycling service will remain the same:
- Lebanon Farms Disposal will be the designated hauler for East Hempfield Township.
- Your service will be billed quarterly with the option to pay a discounted annual rate in January.

You will have the same payment options:
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- Pay in person at First National Bank, Centerville Road Branch.
- Pay by credit card or check online via the Township web site (processing fee applies).

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HELPING YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT JUST GOT EASIER!

Do you enjoy viewing wildlife, fishing, taking nature walks, paddle sports, and other streamside activities? Consider becoming a citizen scientist. You can help observe our changing environment while doing the outside activities you already love. The only tool you need is a pencil or your smartphone.

First Investigation of Stream Health (FISH) helps you to see how local streams and the habitats around them are changing over time. Until now, it was only available to download and print. Now, thanks to our partner, Chesapeake Commons, an environmentally focused app developer, there is a free smartphone app that allows you to record your observations quickly and easily.

FISH is a simple, family-friendly activity that asks easy to answer questions about what you see around a stream. What you record with FISH helps you and others understand how the health of the stream habitat is changing over time.

Stream sections that have recently been restored; cleared of invasive plants, had trees planted along the bank, had livestock fenced out, or other projects, are the most likely to see dramatic change over time. FISH can encourage new landowners to restore their property when positive changes are recorded at a neighboring project site, according to Penn State AEC Director Matt Royer. “High deer populations, excellent fishing, and new birds at the bird feeder can be huge motivators for landowners,” he says. To get started recording data on your stream or at a public access site, visit www.fishprotocol.org.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Center Valley Road Interchange improvements - This project is a collaborated effort between PennDOT and the Township which will utilize federal, state and local funds. In addition to the interchange work, the project will also include the widening of Center Valley Road from Columbia Avenue to Marietta Avenue. Preliminary design work continues with construction anticipated in 5-6 years.

Center Valley Road improvements (Marietta Avenue to the Centerville School) - This project will address storm water and travel lane improvements in the corridor between Spring Valley Road and Bunny Drive. All rights-of-way have been acquired and construction is scheduled for Spring 2017. Marietta Avenue resurfacing is a PennDOT projected slated for early Spring of 2017.

Embassy Drive road extension to Running Pump is a developer project. It is anticipated this project will be completed in 2017.

Noll Drive at Running Pump intersection has been a concern of residents and the Township. The intersection was designed and built as a signalized intersection however traffic warrants will not be met for several years which would allow the Township to install the signal. In the meantime the intersection was reconfigured to provide a stop on Running Pump, making Noll Drive a through roadway. This has raised safety concerns and the Township is working with a developer to create a round-about in this intersections. Work on the round-about should be occurring later in 2017 or 2018.

State Road Interchange Improvements - Planning and design work continues on this project with an anticipated construction timeline of 2018. The temporary traffic signals do make the intersection safer but also create some traffic congestion during peak traffic flow.

THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES!

East Hempfield Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

HEALTH WELLNESS FUN

(717) 398-3102
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Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our streams and creeks healthy and clean.

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COMMERICAL, INDUSTRIAL, & INSTITUTIONAL RECYCLING

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection administers the requirements of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101), which in turn requires that East Hempfield Township gather and report data on “post-consumer” recyclables that are collected and marketed on an annual basis.

Additionaly, Commercial, Industrial and Institutional waste generators in the Municipality are required to recycle certain materials in accordance with the Township’s Waste and Recycling Ordinance that has been in place since June 5, 1990. In addition to the above mentioned recyclable materials, Township Ordinance requires recycling of high grade office paper, corrugated cardboard, tires and large appliances.

If you DO rely on a licensed waste hauler to transport your recyclables, your data is already reported. If you DO NOT rely on your waste hauler to transport some or all of your recyclables, please assist us by completing the Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Annual Recycling Report mailed to you each January. Contact the East Hempfield Township Office for assistance - 898-3100.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

Each year the Township is awarded an Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant which is based on the amount of recycled materials collected from Township businesses and residences. The annual grant is typically in the neighborhood of $65,000. These funds are used to offset the cost of the recycling programs such as curb side pick-up of Christmas trees, leaves, and weekly recycling as well as the purchase of recycling equipment used to perform these services.

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- Cans - Aluminum / metal food / aerosol
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Thank you,
Diane Garber, Emergency Management Director

Name: ____________________________________________
Address __________________________________________
Telephone #: ________________________________
I have the following needs: I am on oxygen ______ I am unable to walk ______ I am blind ______
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YOUR PAST, CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED FUTURE EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED!

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, & INSTITUTIONAL RECYCLING

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, & INSTITUTIONAL WASTE GENERATORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY ARE REQUIRED TO RECYCLE CERTAIN MATERIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP’S WASTE AND RECYCLING ORDINANCE WHICH HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE JUNE 5, 1990. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE REQUIRES RECYCLING OF HIGH GRADE OFFICE PAPER, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, TIRES, AND LARGE APPLIANCES.

IF YOU DO RELY ON A LICENSED WASTE HAULER TO TRANSPORT YOUR RECYCLABLES, YOUR DATA IS ALREADY REPORTED. IF YOU DO NOT RELY ON YOUR WASTE HAULER TO TRANSPORT SOME OR ALL OF YOUR RECYCLABLES, PLEASE ASSIST US BY COMPLETING THE COMMERICAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL ANNUAL RECYCLING REPORT MAILED TO YOU EACH JANUARY. CONTACT THE EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE - 898-3100.
GARDEN PLOTS AT THE EHT

Garden plots are available on the Township campus. They are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Registration will be held on the first Monday in February, 2/6/2017 at 8:00 a.m. Each plot is approximately 20’ x 40’ and cost $20 per plot. Watering facilities are available. No phone reservations will be accepted.

PAVILION RENTAL

Consider hosting your event under the pavilion at the 56 acre Amos Herr Park. Sand volleyball court, basketball courts, baseball fields, soccer fields, bocce court, tennis courts, & “dream park” play area are available. There are twelve picnic tables and two charcoal grills included in the rental fee. Contact the EHT Office for more information.

The summer months book up quickly!

HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS FOR 2017

- May 29 - Memorial Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- September 4 - Labor Day
- November 23 - Thanksgiving
- December 25 - Christmas

ALL other holidays for 2017 are on a normal schedule.

SPECIAL APPLIANCE & TIRE PICKUP

Will take place during the weeks of
April 3 - 7 & November 6 - 10
on your normal trash day.
Tags must be purchased at the Township Office.

NEW STATEMENT BILLING FOR YOUR TRASH SERVICE

Beginning January 1, 2017 your trash bill will take on a different look. In order to offer increased privacy and ease of delivery, the Township will provide residents with a full page statement that will be mailed in a standard envelope instead of a post card. The bank that processes your payments will also change to First National Bank.

Most aspects of your trash and recycling service will remain the same:
- Lebanon Farms Disposal will be the designated hauler for East Hempfield Township.
- Your service will be billed quarterly with the option to pay a discounted annual rate in January.

You will have the same payment options:
- Mail a check to the post office box as noted on your billing statement.
- Pay in person at the First National Bank, Centerville Road Branch.
- Pay by credit card or check online via the Township web site.

PAYMENT REMINDER:

- Pay in person at the East Hempfield Township Administration Building.
- Pay by credit card or check online via the Township web site (processing fee applies).

Please visit the Township web site at www.easthempfield.org to find detailed information regarding your trash, recycling, and yard waste guidelines along with holiday pickup and leaf collection schedules. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Township Administration Office.

HELPING YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT JUST GOT EASIER!

Do you enjoy viewing wildlife, fishing, taking nature walks, paddle sports, and other streamside activities? Consider becoming a citizen scientist. You can help observe our changing environment while doing the outside activities you already love. The only tool you need is a pencil or your smartphone.

First Investigation of Stream Health (FISH) helps you to see how local streams and the habitats around them are changing over time. Until now, it was only available to download and print. Now, thanks to our partner, Chesapeake Commons, an environmentally focused app developer, there is a free smartphone app that allows you to record your observations quickly and easily.

FISH is a simple, family-friendly activity that asks easy to answer questions about what you see around a stream. What you record with FISH helps you and others understand how the health of the stream habitat is changing over time.

Stream sections that have recently been restored; cleared of invasive plants, had trees planted along the bank, had livestock fenced out, or other projects, are the most likely to see dramatic change over time. FISH can encourage new landowners to restore their property when positive changes are recorded at a neighboring project site, according to Penn State AEC Director Matt Royer. “High deer populations, excellent fishing, and new birds at the bird feeder can be huge motivators for landowners,” he says. To get started recording data on your stream or at a public access site, visit www.fishprotocol.org.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Centerville Road Interchange improvements - This project is a collaborated effort between PennDOT and the Township which will utilize federal, state and local funds. In addition to the interchange work, the project will also include the widening of Centerville Road from Columbia Avenue to Marietta Avenue. Preliminary design work continues with construction anticipated in 5-6 years.

Marietta Avenue improvements (Marietta Avenue to the Centerville School) - This project will address storm water and travel lane improvements in the corridor between Spring Valley Road and Bunny Drive. All rights-of-way have been acquired and construction is scheduled for Spring 2017. Marietta Avenue resurfacing is a PennDOT projected slated for early Spring of 2017.

Embassy Drive road extension to Running Pump is a developer project. It is anticipated this project will be completed in 2017.

THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES!

East Hempfield Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

HEALTH WELLNESS FUN

(717) 398-3102
www.hempfieldrec.com
A SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT LEFT TURN SIGNAL: FLASHING YELLOW ARROWS

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is implementing a new type of traffic signal to provide a safer, more efficient left turn for motorists. The flashing yellow arrow indication is a new type of display that will replace the circular green indication for left turns at signalized intersections.

Benefits of Flashing Yellow Arrow

- More intuitive to motorists
- According to national data, can reduce left-turn crashes as much as 20%
- Keeps traffic moving by offering motorists more opportunities to make left turns
- Consistency with other states adopting the signal

The flashing yellow arrow is a new type of signal place over the left turn lane at a signalized intersection. A flashing yellow arrow mean YIELD to oncoming traffic and pedestrians and then proceed with caution. This indication replaces the common circular green indication for left turns.

You will see these signals along Rohrerstown Road at Embassy and at Noll Drives.

SNOW PLOWING & MAILBOXES

Please inspect the condition of your mailbox. The plowed snow may knock over a mailbox that is unstable. The Township will not replace a mailbox that is not directly hit by its trucks.

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2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January
Sunday 1: Happy New Year! Normal trash service this week.
M - F 9-13: Christmas Tree recycling - curbside pickup on your normal trash day.
Friday 27: Christmas tree drop off at the Township Building ends.
Monday 16: Martin Luther King Day - Normal trash service.

February
Monday 6: Garden Plot sign up at the Township Office at 8:00 a.m. is typically the first Monday in February. First come first serve basis.
Monday 20: President’s Day - Normal trash service.

March
Sunday 12: Daylight saving’s time - set your clocks ahead one hour.
April
Monday 3: Yard Waste program begins. Bags may be purchased anywhere. The program ends in October.
M - F 3-7: Appliance/Tire pick up on your normal trash day. Typically takes place during the first full week in April. Tags must be purchased at the office.
Monday 10: Street sweeping begins.
Friday 14: Good Friday - Office Closed - Normal trash service.

May
Monday 29: Memorial Day - Office Closed. Trash service delayed by one day this week.
NOW HIRING
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND MONITORS!
SERVING HEMPFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Available opening now in Salunga/Landisville
- Free CDL training classes
- Competitive wages
- Flexible PT schedules 20-30 hrs/wk
- Safety and attendance bonuses

APPLY TODAY!
(717) 459-3803 • DRIVE4STA.COM
The ‘new’ Dreampark at A. Herr Park is finished and open for play!

The planning for this project began in early 2014 with a core group of citizens and the trio of co-chairs, Kristi Newport, Ben Craddock and Bill Keays. The remainder of 2014 was spent selecting a designer (Play by Design) and working with area elementary school students to develop the ideas and activities that you see in the park. The end of 2014, 2015 and 2016 were consumed with many fundraising initiatives, fundraising events and meetings to spread the word. Volunteers made countless phone calls and visits to area businesses seeking donations. The Township was fortunate enough to obtain a DCNR grant of $250,000 toward project costs. Several build dates were set but then postponed. The official build date was set for September/2016. They say it takes a village to raise a family, it also takes a community to build a playground and the community of East Hempfield certainly supported the project in full force to get this project built. Many, many volunteers (both individuals and businesses) were on site for the build dates. The grand opening for the park occurred October 23, 2016 and was well attended by some very excited children. The Township has heard very positive comments regarding the playground and are very happy to have provided the support to see this project come to completion.

“The community will build the park and the park will build the community”