Construction of the new Amos Herr Dream Park is underway. The covered bridge entryway was completed and dedicated at a special event on September 20. The entryway was phase one of construction on a large, community-based project that will culminate in May 2016 when the entire playground is scheduled to be built.

The core committee of community volunteers has been busy coordinating all design, fundraising, and volunteer efforts. The project cost is estimated in excess of $400,000.00. Fundraising continues with the funding goal within reach.

The one-of-a-kind playground was designed by Play by Design (PBD) from Ithaca, New York, and local elementary school students provided input on the design. Their ideas were captured at Design Day, which was held on June 5, 2014. PBD has been involved in the design of several other local community-build playgrounds and will supervise the playground's construction, but hundreds of community volunteers will be needed to successfully complete this project.

There are many ways to support the project. Individuals, families, and organizations can purchase fence pickets, playground equipment, donate construction equipment, and volunteer to build the playground. Please visit the Dreampark page on the Township website www.easthempfield.org for more information about supporting the project.

"If you are considering getting involved, you will not regret it," explained Kristi Newport, project co-chair. "Every community member has skills that can benefit the project and, in turn, benefit the community. Involvement in this project will introduce you to neighbors and friends you otherwise would not meet and will make you proud to be a member of this community."

The new A. Herr Dream Park will replace the original playground built in 1992. Over the years, some playground components, which were primarily constructed of pressure treated lumber, were removed to maintain safety standards. This deterioration, in addition to concerns that the playground’s wood chip surface made it inaccessible for some children, prompted the township’s leadership to approve the construction of a new playground, which is projected for construction in approximately the same area as the old playground. Demolition of the playground occurred in January 2015 in preparation for the construction of the new Dream Park.
Before browsing the internet, secure your personal computers by updating security software.
Keep your personal information private and your passwords secure.
When ordering on-line use a credit card instead of a debit card. It is much easier to cancel a credit card if an account number is illegally obtained.
Be cautious of e-mails claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders. Always run a virus scan on the attachment before opening.
Always compare the link in the e-mail to the web address link you are directed to and determine if they match.
Log on directly to the official Web site for the business identified in the e-mail, instead of “linking” to it from an unsolicited e-mail. If the e-mail appears to be from your bank, credit card issuer, or other company you deal with frequently, your statements or official correspondence from the business will provide the proper contact information.
Always park in a well-lit and well-traveled area. Do not park in a remote dark area.
Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. You will be ready to unlock the door and will not be delayed by fumbling and looking for your keys.
When storing items purchased at the stores, place them out of sight. The best place is in a locked trunk.
Do not leave your purse, wallet, or cellular telephone in plain view.
Drive defensively. Traffic is heavier during the holidays. Drivers may also have indulged in too much holiday spirits.
Always lock your doors and windows, even if you plan to be out for a short amount of time.
Leave lights turned on both inside and outside your residence after dark. Criminals do not like well lit places.
If you plan on being away from home for several days, make arrangements to have someone pick up your mail and newspapers. An overstuffed mailbox is sure sign that no one is home and burglars are tempted to check those envelopes for holiday gifts.
The use of automatic lights inside the home will give an appearance that someone is present.
Off-Season Indoor Lessons with Alex Deering at Four Seasons Golf Club

30 Minute - $40
Includes: Indoor swing instruction and video review.

45 Minute – $50 – Indoor swing instruction with full video review and swing analysis and advice.

Swing Evaluation & Lesson Package – $149.99 includes:
° 6 half hour lessons to be scheduled at the student’s convenience throughout the winter.
° Video review throughout the process
° Golf club selection recommendations. Ensure that the student has the right 14 clubs in their golf bag for their game.

Email Alex@fourseasonsgolfclub.club or call 717-898-6881 for questions and scheduling.

Outdoor Wedding Ceremonies with picturesque surroundings

Four Seasons specializes in golf outings, corporate events, holiday events, birthday parties, anniversary parties, bridal showers, baby showers, and wedding ceremony’s and receptions. Consideration to detail is our priority.

949 Church Street • Landisville, PA • 17538 • 898-0536
www.fourseasonsgolfclub.club

Contact Terri L. Morton, Food & Beverage Manager, for additional information or to set up an appointment to see the facility.

Mark Your Calendars!

Hempfield Rec Center Open House
Saturday, January 9 & March 5 10am - 2pm HempfieldRecCenter
Membership Specials! Tours! Free Classes!

Tri for Life Triathlon and Duathlon ~ PLUS Youth Tri!
Saturday, April 16 ~ Youth Tri Sunday, April 17 ~ Tri for Life, Hempfield Rec Center
Online Registration will be available on www.hempfieldrec.com
Contact jbook@hempfieldrec.com for details.

HARC Summer Playground
Amos Herr, E. Petersburg, Mountville, & Silver Spring Parks
June 13 - August 5 M-F 9:00am - 3:30pm

Hempfield Community Flea Markets
Memorial Day and Labor Day at Amos Herr Park
Partnering with Hempfield Woman’s Club
Contact kmichnya@hempfieldrec.com for booth information.

Koser Jewelers $25,000 Tennis Challenge
August 7-14 Hempfield Rec Center
Come & See Women’s Professional Tennis—Free Admission!
See Schedule at www.landisvilleprocircuit.com
Contact wpipkin@hempfieldrec.com for volunteer and sponsor info.

Amos Herr 5K Honey Run & Kids’ Fun Run
Sunday, August 28 Amos Herr Park
Kids’ Fun Run at 5 pm  5k Run at 6 pm
Online Registration will be available on www.hempfieldrec.com
Contact jbook@hempfieldrec.com for details.

37th Annual Amos Herr Park Country Fair
Featuring Landisville Lions Club Antique & Classic Car Show
Amos Herr Park
Sunday, September 18 (rain date 9/25), 11 am - 4 pm
Contact ldalton@hempfieldrec.com for booth information.

HARC 5k Glow Run
Saturday, October 22 Georgelis Law Firm
Stadium at Hempfield High School
5k Run at 7:30 pm
Online Registration will be available on www.hempfieldrec.com
Contact jbook@hempfieldrec.com for details.

Hempfield Community Tree Lighting
Saturday, November 19th 4pm (inclement weather date 11/20)
Hempfield Rec Center Church Street Field/Pavilion
Co-sponsored by Hempfield Business Coalition

Details: 717-898-3102 www.hempfieldrec.com
Celebrating Something??

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!

The Amos Herr House Foundation and Historical Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to oversee the renovations, maintenance, and usage of the historic house, barns, and adjoining gardens and to preserve the history and traditions of the greater Hempfield area.

An individual membership cost is $15.00 and a family membership cost is $20.00. Checks can be made payable to the Amos Herr House Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 52, Landisville, PA 17538.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

are open to the public and are held at the Township Building at 1700 Nissley Road, Landisville, PA

Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted on www.easthempfield.org or in the Lancaster Newspaper prior to a meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday usually at 7:00 pm
TRAFFIC COMMISSION Meets 3rd Wednesday at 6:15 pm
PLANNING COMMISSION Meets 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
ZONING HEARING BOARD Meets 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm

LEAF SEASON
Mid October - Mid - December

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK UP POLICY

• The route occurs weather permitting.
• Do not mix twigs, pine needles, grass clippings, or any other yard waste in with the leaves.
• View our website daily for route info.
• Do not park on leaf piles.
• The Township will not be responsible for resident’s tarps. Do not place items on tarp to hold it down.
• Please bag your leaves when the season ends.
• Rake leaves to the very edge of your property (curbside).

LEAF DROP OFF POLICY at the Township Building

• No plastic bags
• Biodegradable bags or loose leaves permitted

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 it’s trucks.
Commercial, 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. Additionally, Commercial, Industrial and Institutional waste generators in the Municipality are required to recycle certain material 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.

Yard Waste Season

April 4th - October 28, 2016

Yard Waste Program Policy

- Bags may be purchased wherever sold. Township bags are 50¢ each.
- Do not mix yard waste in with household trash during yard waste season.
- Bags & bundles cannot exceed 30 pounds each.
- Bundled material tied with twine cannot exceed 4 feet in length.
- If you have a trailer or truck full of yard waste contact your local compost site.

Safety is a top priority for drivers, as well as Township residents. DO NOT permit your children to play basketball in the street. If you have a freestanding basketball pole, place it in your driveway at a minimum of 3 feet away from the street. These poles create a hindrance for the mailman, trash & recycling trucks, street sweepers, & leaf collection trucks.

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 $69,000. 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. Your past, current and anticipated future efforts are appreciated!
Open Burning in East Hempfield Township

On August 5, 2015, the Board of Supervisors enacted a new Open Burning Ordinance for the Township.

- Burning of trash, recyclables, yard waste, and leaves are prohibited. All of these items are picked up curbside by the Township’s waste hauler.
- The only thing permitted to be burned is wood over ¼” in diameter for recreational, ceremonial, and/or cooking purposes. Wood should be suitable for burning so that smoke does not cause a nuisance to neighbors. Burning is no longer permitted for the purpose of eliminating yard waste.
- Permits are only necessary for large fires – with a wood pile over 4 feet in width and/or 2 feet in height.
- The Open Burning Ordinance addresses specific requirements such as required structures for burning, setbacks, etc.
- Police, Code Enforcement, and Fire personnel may require fires to be extinguished immediately if causing a fire safety hazard or a nuisance to neighbors.
- Police, Code Enforcement, and Fire personnel may issue citations for violations of this ordinance.

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 to move forward with construction anticipated in 5-6 years.

Centerville 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. The Township is currently in the right-of-way acquisition process with the property owners who front along the construction area. A 2016, early 2017 construction time frame is planned.

Noll Drive road extension to Running Pump – This new roadway has been completed by the developer of the Lime Spring Property and is open to traffic.

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.

It is not often that Township officials are asked to be on the alert for agricultural disasters however in the last several months the Lancaster County Emergency Services Agency has notified townships and boroughs to be prepared for a H5N2 bird flu epidemic. Thus far the disease has been detected in 21 states, and as close as Michigan. Pennsylvania is asking for the Township’s help in educating and determining the locations of poultry flocks in its jurisdiction. The large commercial flocks are easily identified but the unknown and undocumented factor is the “backyard flock” that is becoming popular with residents. Residents are advised that poultry flocks are not permitted in residential areas. Tracking of these ‘backyard flocks’ is difficult however the threat of the H5N2 bird flu epidemic is very real.

What can the Township do to help aid in the state’s initiative to protect the pets and small flocks in PA?

Our number one goal is to educate owners to the strategies to prevent the flu from becoming active and to be aware of the symptoms of the flu when it does affect the animals. The Pennsylvania’s Department of Agriculture has the best and most up to date information for owners. Everyone who owns chickens are asked to register with the state at no charge in order to help identify the locations of the animals if an outbreak occurs. This can be done over the internet at www.agriculture.pa.gov, clicking on “Premise Registration Form”. The Township has placed links on its web page for additional information as well as a very informative copy of the article in the 2015 Pennsylvania Township News, Preventing an Avian Epidemic, which details the concerns and actions needed to prepare for such an event.

Please be aware counties agents are constantly monitoring the progress of the flu and holding meeting with state specialists and industry leaders. If you have chickens or foul, please keep yourself informed to avoid a potential outbreak in PA.
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT/MS4

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

WHAT IS IT?
Any discharge into a storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater.

EXAMPLES:
Chlorinated pool water
Household chemicals
Industrial fluids
Oil from vehicles Pesticides
Pet waste
Septic tank waste

WHAT DO I DO?
Report suspected illicit discharges to the Township as soon as possible by calling 898-3100 or completing an illicit discharge form available on the website.

WWW.EASTHEMFPFIELD.ORG
Holiday Trash Delays for 2016

ALL other holidays for 2016 are on a normal schedule.

* January 1       New Year’s Day
* May 30          Memorial Day
* July 4          Independence Day
* September 5     Labor Day
* November 24     Thanksgiving

Special Appliance & Tire Pickup

Will take place during the weeks of:

April 4 - 8 & November 7 - 11

On your normal trash day.
Tags must be purchased at the Township Office.
January

Friday 1  Happy New Year!  Office Closed.  Trash service delayed by one day.
M - F 11-15  Christmas Tree recycling - curbside pickup on your normal trash day.
Friday 15  Christmas tree drop off at the Township Building ends.
Monday 18  Martin Luther King Day - Normal trash service.

February

Monday 1  Garden Plot sign up at the Township Office at 8:00 a.m.  First come first serve basis.
Monday 15  President’s Day - Normal trash service.

March

Sunday 13  Daylight Saving’s Time - set your clocks ahead one hour.
Friday 25  Good Friday  - Office Closed - Normal trash service.

April

M - F 4 - 8  Appliance/Tire pick up on your normal trash day (tags purchased at the Township Office). Yard Waste program begins (bags can be purchased anywhere).
Monday 11  Street sweeping begins.

May

Monday 30  Memorial Day - Office Closed.  Trash service delayed by one day this week.

July

Monday 4  Independence Day - Office Closed.  Trash delayed by one day this week.

September

Monday 5  Labor Day - Office Closed.  Trash service delayed by one day this week.

October

Monday 10  Columbus Day - Normal trash service
Mid October  Curbside leaf pick up & drop off at the Township begins (weather permitting).
Friday 28  Curbside yard waste program ends.
Monday 31  Trick or Treat Night 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

November

Sunday 6  Daylight Savings Time - set your clocks back one hour.
M - F 7-11  Appliance/Tire pick up on your normal trash day.  Tags purchased at the Township Office.
Friday 11  Veteran’s Day - Normal trash service.
Thursday 24  Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed.  Trash service delayed by one day.
Friday 25  Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed.  Trash service delayed by one day.

December

Mid December  Curbside leaf pick up ends (weather permitting).
Friday 23  Christmas Holiday - Office Closed.
Monday 26  Christmas Holiday - Office Closed - Normal trash service.
**Emergency Contacts Updating Request**

We need to know if anyone in your household requires any special needs in the event of an emergency. We classify special needs as the following: unable to walk, deaf or blind, has a constant need for oxygen, or any other problem which we may need to be aware of, in the event of an emergency.

If you have a special need, please fill out the form below and send it back to the Township office at the address below.

Thank you, Diane Garber, Emergency Management Director

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**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone #:**

I have the following needs: I am on oxygen _________ I am unable to walk _________ I am blind _________ I am deaf _________

**Other:**

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Please return the form to: East Hempfield Township - 1700 Nissley Road - P.O Box 128 - Landisville, PA 17538

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**Fire Companies Appreciate Your Support!**

Your donation is an investment in the safety of our township. Large or small, the amount that you contribute will help the members of our Fire Departments maintain their equipment. What better way to show your appreciation for these volunteers!

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**Project Lifesaver** is a rapid-response electronic monitoring program that aids individuals (and their families/caregivers) who wander as a result of Alzheimer’s, Dementia, Autism, Developmental disabilities, and other cognitive challenges. East Hempfield Township Police Department is now considered a member agency in this program through a relationship with West Hempfield Township Police Department and The Pilot Club of Lancaster, Inc. Cost for the service is simply the cost of the monitoring device. Please contact The Pilot Club of Lancaster for more details or to sign up for the program. (717-471-5750 or 717-572-2682 or www.pilotcluboflancaster.com).