

# EARL TOWNSHIP

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## ***Township Meetings Schedule***

**Board of Supervisors** meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 a.m., or as advertised.

**Planning Commission** meets the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Hearing Board** meets the 2nd Monday of the month as needed at 7:00 p.m.

**Western Heights Water Authority** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**Earl Township Sewer Authority** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Board** meet the 2nd Thursday of the month as needed at 7:00 p.m.

Our meeting minutes are now being posted on our web-site [www.earltownship.com](http://www.earltownship.com), please check them out.

## **KELLY QUINN**

We are pleased to introduce Kelly Quinn, who is working full time with the office staff. Kelly joined our team in May of 2015 and her primary duties will be as the Secretary/Treasurer to the Earl Township Sewer Authority and the Western Heights Water Authority. In addition she will assist with Township business as the Administrative Assistant.

Kelly previously worked for the County of Lancaster, at the New Holland District Court Office. She was a Court Clerk for nearly ten years.

Kelly graduated from Garden Spot High School in 2005. She and her family current reside in Ephrata.

**WELCOME KELLY!**

## **NO BURNING:**

**BURNING TRASH AND RECYCLABLES IS PROHIBITED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP, PER STATE MANDATE. LEAVES MAY NOT BE BURNED PER EPA AND STATE REGULATIONS.**

## **New Holland Police Department**

Earl Township contracts Police services from New Holland Borough, please dial 911 for all emergencies.

You are invited to use the Borough/Police Departments - Secure Parking Lot for – Custody Exchange, “Craigslit” meetings.

The parking lot located at 436 E Main Street has security camera coverage and we hope this provides a safer environment for everyone.

## **FREE TREES**

The Pennsylvania State University has received a grant for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation entitled "Greening the Lower Susquehanna". Through this grant, Penn State has assembled a native tree nursery in order to provide free trees to landowners interested in planting riparian buffers or converting turf-to-trees. All of the seedlings must be planted during the fall of 2015. Planting of these trees can aid in addressing storm water runoff control. All properties in Lebanon, Lancaster and Dauphin counties are eligible for this program. The trees are provided at no cost to you but will require maintenance until they become established. Stock is limited and will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the project coordinator at 717-948-6609 or [hxy5071@gmail.com](mailto:hxy5071@gmail.com).

## **Waste & Recycling:**

**A STATE MANDATE as of APRIL 2013 REQUIRES THAT ALL EARL TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES RECYCLE; BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS, INSTITUTIONS and GOVERNMENT.** If you have questions or need assistance complying with this mandate, please call the Township Office and we will gladly provide information.

### **Earl Township's curbside trash & recycling program participant reminders:**

Please do not place trash within your recycling bin, all may be rejected. To learn more on recyclables visit this website: [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) or [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)

Once recyclables are placed curbside it has become the property of the Township/Hauler and **it is illegal to scavenge or remove any of items.** Violations are punishable according to Section 217 of the adopted Ordinance No. 2013-02 – the Recycling Program.

**Burning trash and recyclables is now PROHIBITED within the Township. This includes YARD WASTE, LEAVES and BUILDING MATERIALS.**

Separate trucks pick-up trash from the recycling, you won't be able to tell the difference, the hauler uses the same compactor type vehicle. Rest assured they are taking the recycling load to a facility that source separates the recyclables for distribution, to be made into other usable products.

The green recycling bins are property of the Township and shall remain with the property for the next owner or tenant to use. Please leave the bins behind or return it to the Township Office.

- **Ash (cold)** is limited to one five gallon (5 gal.) bucket per week.
- **No construction material** shall be placed curbside, please order a roll-off, dumpster or deliver to LCSWMA transfer station.
- **Kraft bags** for yard waste and leaves are available at the Office to those participating in the Township's curbside program.
- **Battery bags** are also available. When the bag is full it shall be placed on top of your trash can for pick-up.

**To enroll in the Earl Township curbside waste and recycling program, please call 717-354-0773 extension 1. The current rate is \$46.25 per quarter.**

## **Western Heights Water Authority**

The 2014 Consumer Confidence Report, which reports on the water quality being provided to the public water service area, was issued by the Western Heights Water Authority (WHWA) on June 29, 2015. WHWA had no violations for 2014. A copy of this report is available at the Earl Township Office at 517 N. Railroad Ave, New Holland.

The Developer for Peter Road Industrial Lots has extended the public water system, to the industrial parcels located on Quality Circle, off of Peters Road.

**The 24 hour EMERGENCY SERVICE No. 717-661-9040 for public water and sewer system customers.**

**Call this number for issues such as the light is illuminated on your control panel or if you have a water leak.**

**If you need to contact a Water or Sewer Operator this is your best source.**

## **ROADWAYS:**

**Do not discharge your lawn clipping into the street, this may create hazardous travel condition and/or may clog the storm water drainage system.**

**Do not deposit clipping or leaves into the roads or gutters we do not provide street sweeping pickup and it will hinder the proper storm water flow.**

Playing in the street is hazardous, please do not create a play area within the roadway.

## **Earl Township Sewer Authority**

### **Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade:**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) is requiring that the Authority expand/upgrade the Waste Water Treatment Plant to meet new Federal and State unfunded mandates. These mandates are to take nitrates, nitrites, and phosphorus out of the water to improve the Chesapeake Bay.

As one can see, your Authority has a daunting problem ahead as it tries to provide a quality service at a reasonable and affordable price.

The Water Quality Management Part I Permit was published in the PA Bulletin in May. Water Quality Management Part II Permit will be published pending the issuance of Part I Permit.

**Attention Property Owners:** Please keep all water/sewer meters, sewer control panels, and grinder pumps free and clear of plants/shrubbery, buildings, and anything else that may prohibit the Operators accessing them. Easements shall also remain free and clear of any obstructions, like fences, decks, pools etc.

## **JOY OBERHOLTZER**

Office staff update- Joy has had a baby girl -

“Alivia Jade” arrived on May 24<sup>th</sup>. All are healthy and doing well.

Joy plans to return to work part-time in August, and we look forward to her return.

Congratulations to Joy and her family!

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

All new impervious areas created will need permit approval to comply with the new Storm Water Management regulations. The type of permit needed will vary depending upon the project. Also, apply for a permit prior to installing a fence on your property. Any questions shall be directed to the Zoning Officer at 717-625-0444.