

# Heritage Growing



2014 MAP AND GUIDE

East Earl Township  
4610 Division Highway  
East Earl, PA 17519

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Permit #301

## NEW ORDINANCES

**Storm Water Management Ordinance** – This ordinance was revised in April 2014. A Storm Water Management Plan is required for any earth disturbance of 100 square feet or more.

**Zoning Ordinance** – A revised Zoning Ordinance should be completed sometime in 2014. Public Hearings will be advertised prior to the Board of Supervisors consideration of its adoption.

## REPORTING A STREET LIGHT PROBLEM OR OUTAGE

> Report Grid Number (Pole Stencil) and pole location.

EXAMPLE: PPL 49302  
S 53857

> Report this information to PPL at 1-800-342-5775 or call the Township office with this information.

# TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

## *Board of Supervisors*

The Board of Supervisors is comprised of elected officials who serve a six-year term. Their annual reorganizational meeting is the first Monday in January as required by the Second Class Township Code. At that meeting they elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, appoint a secretary-treasurer and residents to other municipal boards and authorities. They enact ordinances and resolutions, prepare a budget and establish policies to promote the general welfare and safety of the Township.

## *Planning Commission*

Five members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serve four-year terms. They make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding ordinances and policies governing development of land within the Township. They are responsible for reviewing all proposed subdivision and land development plans.

## *Zoning Hearing Board*

The Board of Supervisors appoints three members and one alternate to serve three-year terms. This board acts as a decision-making body for hearings relative to zoning regulations, special exceptions, variances, interpretations and appeals of the Zoning Ordinance. Their decisions are independent of the Board of Supervisors and are legally binding, thus requiring an appeal to decisions through the Court of Common Pleas.

## *Water & Sewer Authorities*

Authority members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a five-year term. These authorities work independently of the Township and handle providing public water and sewer along with billing and maintenance for these services.

## *Elected Auditors*

The Auditors are elected officials that serve six-year terms. Their responsibility is to hold an annual meeting in January to set the rate of pay for any Supervisors who work for the Township. The Township uses an independent Certified Public Accountant to audit the financial records of the Township annually.

### **Reorganization**

> 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January of each year

### **Regular Monthly Meeting**

- > 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- > Thursday after first Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. (only as needed)

> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

> 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (only as needed)

> 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month beginning with Water Authority meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed immediately by Sewer Authority meeting

> January of each year, the day following the Board of Supervisors Reorganization meeting

# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

## *Board of Supervisors* (elected)

David H. Zimmerman, *Chairman*

Earl H. Kreider, *Vice-Chairman*

Joe E. Shriver, *Member*

Connie J. Gross, *Secretary-Treasurer* (appointed)

## *Planning Commission* (appointed)

Adam N. Zimmerman, *Chairman*

Eugene E. Snader, *Vice-Chairman*

J. Douglas Martin, *Secretary*

Marvin H. Sensenig, *Member*

John S. Zimmerman, *Member*

## *Zoning Hearing Board* (appointed)

Glenn G. Martin, *Chairman*

Valerie Gregory, *Vice-Chairman*

William R. Fisher, *Secretary*

M. Timothy Hooper, *Alternate*

## *Auditors* (elected)

Calvin E. Ewell, *Chairman*

Mary E. Leaman, *Secretary*

Marilyn J. Martin, *Member*

## *Water & Sewer Authorities* (appointed)

Thomas P. O'Neill, *Chairman*

Jerrene Zimmerman, *Vice Chairman*

Quentin D. Rissler, *Secretary*

Kenneth R. Witmer, *Treasurer*

Scott C. Marburger, *Asst. Secretary-Treasurer*

## STAFF:

Denise A. Bensing, *Administrative Assistant*

Daniel Pike, *Operator*

Bruce Crabb, *Operator*

Justin Kraszinski, *Operator*

## *Bookkeeper/Tax Collector* (elected)

Sally A. Usner

## *Zoning Officer and Building Code Official*

Shaun A. Seymour

## *Chief of Police*

Kevin C. McCarthy, Sr.

## *Township Engineer*

Charles R. Haley, Jr. of the ELA Group, Inc.

## *Township Solicitor*

Frank Mincarelli of Blakinger, Byler & Thomas, P.C.

## *Sewage Enforcement Officer*

Quinn Haller of Technicon Enterprises Inc., II

## *Open Records Officers*

Township Records

Connie J. Gross

Police Records

Kevin C. McCarthy, Sr.

Water & Sewer  
Authority Records

Denise A. Bensing

# ZONING

Before beginning any project, check with the Zoning Officer to see if a permit is required. Most building permits will also require a stormwater management plan.

A revised Stormwater Management Ordinance was adopted in April 2014. Federal and State regulations require municipalities to implement stormwater controls, and the Township was mandated to update its Stormwater Management Ordinance of 2006 to meet these regulations. A stormwater management plan is required for any earth disturbance of 100 square feet or more.

A New Zoning Ordinance that is scheduled for adoption before the end of 2014 will require submission of an application for a Zoning Permit prior to a Building Permit Application (separate applications and approvals). A Zoning Permit Application will have to be reviewed against the new ordinance requirements after which a Zoning Permit is issued. A building Permit Application can then be submitted for review and approval (as is done now). Land use will also require a Zoning Permit prior to change of use (not zoning).

All rental units must be licensed. The license is valid for three years and is issued by the Building Code Official after the rental unit receives a satisfactory inspection.

All signs require a permit application and approval.

*Permits are required for the following:*

Driveways and Lanes – Both new and existing stone or blacktopped drives and lanes being blacktopped or re-blacktopped must have the approval of the Township Roadmaster.

Timber Harvesting – Contact the Zoning Officer before beginning timbering operations.

On-Lot Sewer Systems – A permit is required for a new or replacement on-lot sewer system. Contact Township Sewage Enforcement Officer Quinn Haller at Technicon Enterprises II – 610-286-1622 Extension 114.

Zoning Permits – A permit is required for signs, fences, new businesses, temporary structures, home occupations, change of use or business.

Building Permits – Obtain a permit before beginning construction of new homes, additions to homes, decks, dormers, porches, spas and hot tubs, patios, garages, sheds, farm buildings, structural changes, pools, chimneys, fireplaces, commercial/assembly structures, and replacing structures that were destroyed or damaged.

Contact the Zoning Officer/Building Code Official or his assistant to obtain a Zoning Permit, Building Permit or Zoning Hearing Board application.

# JOINT MUNICIPAL SEWER EFFORT

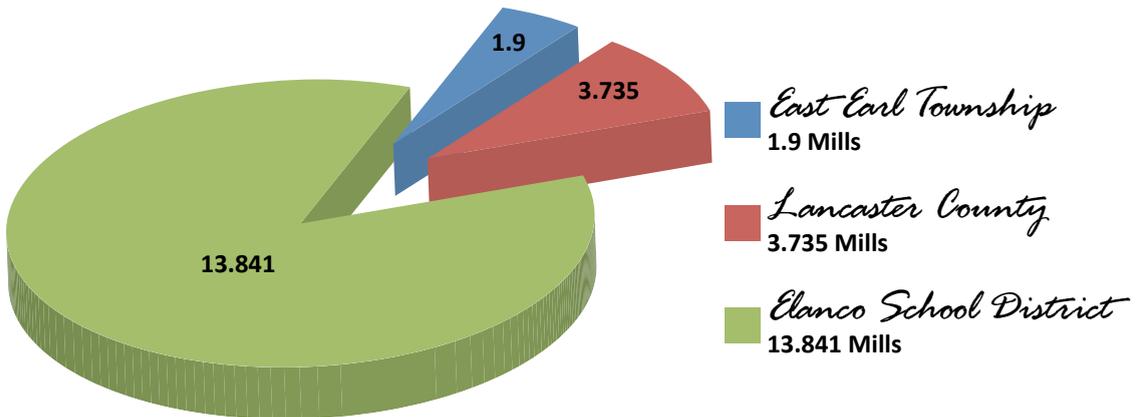
In June of 2012, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) entered into a Consent Order and Agreement with East Earl Township that required the Township to resolve well water contamination within the Village of Goodville. The DEP typically enters into Consent Orders with local municipalities to resolve further groundwater contamination and protect public health. As a result of the Consent Order, the Township hired an engineer to study the most feasible option to resolve Goodville's well contamination issues. Laboratory testing of raw well water within the village showed that malfunctioning on-lot sewage disposal systems contaminated groundwater. It was determined that the most cost effective option to resolve the groundwater contamination was to construct a low pressure sewer system and wastewater treatment plant with a stream discharge. As part of that determination, the Township's engineer used a 20 year loan repayment period, similar to a home mortgage, to determine the most cost effective sewage treatment and disposal alternative in terms of construction, operation and maintenance.

Immediately following submission of the Goodville study to DEP, Terre Hill Borough approached East Earl Township about the possibility of creating a joint authority and regional wastewater treatment plant to reduce long-term sewage treatment costs for both municipalities and their residents. Since the Borough's wastewater treatment plant is approaching the end of its useful life and should be replaced within the next 5 years, and East Earl Township needs to build a wastewater treatment plant to resolve Goodville's groundwater contamination, the engineer was requested to prepare a preliminary cost analysis for a regional treatment alternative. This analysis showed that operating a regional wastewater treatment plant could be more cost effective over a 20 year period; however, construction costs for a regional plant may be higher than building two separate treatment facilities due to additional sewer conveyance needed. The Township and Borough, in an effort to ensure the most efficient use of tax dollars, entered into a joint Consent Order and Agreement with PA DEP in March 2014 to evaluate the feasibility for construction and operation of a regional wastewater treatment plant. The Township's engineer will prepare a detailed analysis over the next year and recommend to both municipalities the most cost effective sewage treatment alternative based on a 20 year loan repayment period. Comments from the residents are welcomed throughout this process; however, an official public comment period will begin in early 2015. During the public comment period residents will be able to view the study and provide official comments for consideration prior to the municipalities' decision.

Starting in the summer of 2014, 25% of the properties within the regional planning area with on-lot wells and sewer disposal will be tested to determine the extent of groundwater contamination in the Township. The analysis will generally focus on communities along SR 625 south of Terre Hill and along SR 23 between Blue Ball and Goodville. Property owners will not be charged for well water testing, and the results of the sampled wells will be provided to them.

A municipality's eligibility for grant money to construct a regional or non-regional treatment plant is directly related to the extent of groundwater contamination. The more residents that participate in well water testing and return mail surveys, the greater the eligibility will be for grant money. Regardless of this new study, the DEP is requiring sewer upgrades as a result of the groundwater contamination in Goodville. If a regional treatment plant is the most cost effective option, then low resident survey and well sampling participation may reduce eligibility for grant money and increase the costs to residents for these upgrades. Therefore, cooperation is of the utmost importance to assist in reducing costs.

# WHERE DO MY REAL ESTATE TAXES GO?



## TOWNSHIP FACTS

East Earl Township is a Township of the Second Class incorporated in 1851 and governed by a three-member Board of Supervisors elected for staggered six year terms. They establish policies and regulations in order to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township. They appoint members to the various advisory and authority boards.

The Township is in the Eastern Lancaster County School District and has over 56 miles of Township roads maintained by four full-time road and property department employees. The 2010 census counted 6,507 residents.

## SEPTIC SYSTEM CARE

Failure to maintain an on-lot sewage system can lead to system back-ups and overflows that can result in costly repairs, polluted waterways and risks to public health and the environment. Here are some tips for Homeowners with on-lot systems:

- Pump your septic tank routinely – at least every three years (every two years in the Goodville area).
- Don't put fats, grease and solids down drains or toilets that can clog the system's pipes and drainfield.
- Don't put coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers, flushable wipes, feminine hygiene products, cigarette butts or cat litter down sinks or toilets.

# FIRE PROTECTION

## *Garden Spot Fire Rescue*

Garden Spot Fire Rescue (GSFR) was established in January 2013 as a result of the merger between Blue Ball Fire Company and Liberty Fire Company from New Holland. A steering committee was formed with members on the committee from both Blue Ball Fire Company and Liberty Fire Company, and also included two members of the community, one from each company's running area. From there, the steering committee assigned sub-committees, again with people serving from both companies, to work on what the new combined company would look like and how it would be governed. The reason for the merger was to combine equipment and manpower of two fire companies that worked well together for years. The hope was to avoid duplication of equipment and give better fire and rescue service to the community.

GSFR Auxiliary members are actively conducting fundraisers that include dinners four times a year and craft shows in the fall and spring. They also have many events and fundraisers including fire trucks visiting neighborhoods during trick or treat night handing out fire prevention items to kids and visiting the local schools to educate the kids about fire prevention. GSFR also has two car cruises a year. There are always opportunities for community involvement. All of the fundraisers not only help with the cost to maintain the apparatus but also help send fire fighters for training so that they can be ready to serve the community when there is any type of emergency.

GSFR presently has a total of 140 members, including auxiliary, and they are always looking for community involvement.

## *Weaverland Valley Fire Department*

Weaverland Valley Fire Department (WVFD) was established in February 2013 through the merger of Goodville Fire Company and Terre Hill Fire Company. The fire companies had been working and training together and decided a merger would make more efficient use of available manpower, equipment, training and fund raising activities. WVFD operates from stations located in Goodville and Terre Hill. Apparatus includes engines, a tanker, rescue truck and a squad vehicle. They also help with community activities including Terre Hill Days. The WVFD Quick Response Service (QRS) provides ambulance assistance for major medical emergencies.

The WVFD is a volunteer organization that relies on donations from an annual fund drive mailing in addition to holding several fundraising activities throughout the year. Some of these are dinners, breakfasts, chicken barbecues, a car show and a community sale. Members of the community are welcome to assist with these activities. Proceeds are used to keep firefighting equipment up to date and to provide training for the volunteers so they can safely and effectively respond to an emergency. The WVFD can always use additional volunteers. Anyone wishing to help with fundraising or by providing emergency services should contact any member or stop by one of the stations. Monthly meetings and training are held Tuesday evenings.

# AMBULANCE SERVICES

Both the New Holland Ambulance Association located at 101 East Franklin Street, New Holland, and Fivepointville Ambulance Association located at 1094 Dry Tavern Road, Denver, provide ambulance service in East Earl Township.

You are encouraged to support all of these emergency service providers through you donations, support of their events and by volunteering.



Dear East Earl Township Property Owners & Residents,

The East Earl Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide you with this municipal information guide and map. We hope it will be a useful source of information about the community and the Township's programs and personnel.

We sincerely thank the businesses that made it possible to provide this guide to you by purchasing advertising space, and we encourage you to support them and thank them for their generosity.

East Earl Township Board of Supervisors

# TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

## *Business Office*

Monday through Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday ..... 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

## *Tax Office*

Monday through Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## *Zoning Office*

Wednesday & Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday ..... 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

***Other hours by appointment; call to arrange.***

## *Public Water & Sewer*

Monday through Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

***All office hour changes are posted at the municipal office building. During adverse weather conditions, the business office will follow the same schedule as Lancaster County offices for delayed opening or office closure. Check the Lancaster County website ([www.co.lancaster.pa.us](http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us)) or wgal-tv 8 for listings.***



# CONTACT INFORMATION

## TOWNSHIP OFFICE (4610 DIVISION HIGHWAY, EAST EARL)

Tax Collector/Bookkeeper	717-354-5593 Ext. 21
Township Secretary-Treasurer	717-354-5593 Ext. 22
Zoning Officer/Building Code Official	717-354-5593 Ext. 24
Zoning & Office Administrative Assistant	717-354-5593 Ext. 26
Public Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant	717-354-5593 Ext. 25
Township Fax	717-355-0426
Township Website	www.eastearltwp.org

## MAINTENANCE BUILDING (PHYSICAL ADDRESS -155 EWELL ROAD)

Roadmaster & Storm Water Specialist	717-354-5593 Ext. 27
Road Foreman	717-354-5593 Ext. 34

## POLICE (128 TODDY DRIVE, EAST EARL)

Police Department	911 or 717-354-2211
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## SEWER

<b>On-Lot Sewage Enforcement Officer</b> Quinn Haller, <i>Technicon II</i>	610-286-1622 Ext. 114
Public Sewer (report problems)	717-355-2555

## VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

## EMERGENCY - 911

Garden Spot Fire Rescue	
Weaverland Valley Fire Company	

## VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES

New Holland, 101 East Franklin Street	717-354-5181
Fivepointville, 1094 Dry Tavern Rd., Denver	717-445-4933

## DISTRICT JUSTICE

Rod Hartman	717-354-4206
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## POST OFFICES

Blue Ball	17506	717-354-5465
East Earl	17519	717-354-7253
Ephrata	17522	717-733-2390
Goodville	17528	717-445-5055
Narvon	17555	717-354-5955
New Holland	17557	717-354-2257
Terre Hill	17581	717-445-5044

# CONTACT INFORMATION

## UTILITIES

### CABLE

Blue Ridge CATV (Terre Hill area)	717-733-4111
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Comcast Cable (Goodville, Blue Ball, south area)	800-336-4236
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### ELECTRIC

PPL	800-342-5775
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### TRASH

Private hauler arranged by property owner

### TELEPHONE

Frontier Communications	717-355-7301
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24-hour Repair Service	717-355-7300
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## ELANCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

717-354-1500

School Tax Office	717-354-1508
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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

William J. Shirk	717-314-5496
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Eastern Lancaster County, 11 Chestnut Dr., New Holland	717-354-0525
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## STATE & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

### State Representative Gordon Denlinger (99<sup>th</sup> District)

607 East Main Street Ephrata, PA 17522 717-733-4002	163A E. Wing Main Capitol, H.B.202099 Harrisburg, PA 17120 717-787-3531
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### State Senator Michael Brubaker (36<sup>th</sup> District)

301 East Main Street Litzitz, PA 17543 717-627-0036	Senate Box 203036, 16 E. Wing Harrisburg, PA 17120 717-787-4420
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### U. S. Representative Joe Pitts (16<sup>th</sup> District)

150 North Queen Street, Suite 716 Lancaster, PA 17603 717-393-0667	420 Cannon House Building Washington, D.C. 20515 202-225-2411
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### U. S. Senator Robert Casey

22 South Third Street, Suite 6A Harrisburg, PA 17101 1-866-461-9159	383 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 202-224-6324
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### U. S. Senator Pat Toomey

228 Walnut Street, Suite 1104 Harrisburg, PA 17101 717-782-3951	B-40B Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 202-224-4254
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# RECYCLING, TRASH, AND YARD WASTE

Residents should make arrangements with private haulers for trash removal and obtaining a recycle bin from the hauler. Eagle Disposal continues to provide a recycle bin behind the Township Municipal Office building for disposal of newspapers, glass, plastic and aluminum for the use of residents.

The Covered Devices Recycling Act requires desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals, televisions and e-readers cannot be disposed of through trash removal. They must be recycled at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster ([www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)), Lanchester Land Fill or one of the businesses listed at [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com).

Do not place grass trimmings along roadways as this blocks normal water flow and can end up in storm water inlet boxes. Terre Hill Borough has a yard waste recycling facility that can be used to dispose of yard waste for a reasonable annual permit fee. To use this facility, contact the Terre Hill Borough Office at 300 Broad Street, Terre Hill – phone 717-445-4581. Their office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.





# BLUE BALL WATER & EAST EARL SEWER AUTHORITIES

## **What do I do when the light on my sewer grinder pump is flashing?**

If you have a sewer grinder pump, you will have a control panel on your property with a light attached. If the light is flashing, it means there is a problem with the pump and/or control panel. As soon as you see the light flashing, call the Sewer Authority at 717-355-2555. Please do not wait to call!

## **What do I do if I suspect a water or sewer leak?**

If you suspect a water or sewer leak, please notify the Water or Sewer Authority immediately by calling 717-355-2555.

Please keep all water meters and sewer control panels clear of plants/shrubbery and snow. If there is a problem with your grinder pump, our operator needs to be able to easily access both the tank and the control panel.

It is illegal to connect sump pumps, down spouts and any other surface water conduits to the public sewer system. Although many homeowners that use sump pumps feel the small amount they discharge has no impact on sewer operations, they are mistaken. If a sump pump discharges approximately one (1) gallon of water per minute for a day, this could add nearly 1,440 gallons of clean water to the sanitary sewer system in a twenty-four (24) hour period. Many sump pumps can average five (5) gallons per minute or more.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

The East Earl Township Police Department is located at 128 Toddy Drive. Officers are dispatched through the Lancaster County-Wide Communications Center that may be reached by calling either 911 or 717-354-2211.

## *Prescription Drug Turn-in Program*

The East Earl Township Police Department is a participant in the Lancaster County District Attorney's Prescription Drug Turn-in Program. This program provides a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused or out-of-date prescription medication. Drugs can be placed in the drop box located in the lobby of the Police Department at 128 Toddy Drive (across from Shady Maple Smorgasbord). If the lobby door is locked, ring the bell or follow the instructions on the door.

# MESSAGES TO FARM OWNERS

- > All farms are required to have a conservation plan implemented. If you do not have a plan or your plan is outdated, please contact the Lancaster County Conservation District at 717-299-5361. They will be able to assist you.
- > When planting crops along roadway intersections, please consider sight distances for vehicles as the crops grow.
- > No-till farming and cover crops help keep valuable topsoil in the fields. This keeps the soils from eroding and ending up in the Chesapeake Bay. Please consider these two practices for your farm.



# ROAD DEPARTMENT

The following roads in East Earl Township are state roads maintained by PennDOT. Any issues or concerns with these roads should be reported to PennDOT's Lancaster Maintenance office at 717-299-7621.

*Division Highway (Rt. 322)*

*Reading Road (Rt. 625)*

*Weaverland Valley Road (897 N)*

*Lancaster Avenue (Rt. 1010)*

*Main Street (Rt. 23)*

*Springville Road (Rt. 897 S)*

*Union Grove Road (Rt. 1044)*

There are many private lanes and roads in addition to the many Township roads. Residents are responsible for upkeep of private lanes and roads.

## *Message from the Roadmaster*

Ditches along roadways are designed to drain the stormwater off the roads. Proper drainage results in safer roads for all of us to travel on. Please do not place yard trimmings, mulch or leaves in the ditches.

Please be aware of our public works team along the roadways as they perform road work and work on water and sewer projects. Slow down when you see the flashers, the signs and fluorescent yellow for the safety of everyone. Thank you!

## *2014 Road Projects*

- > **Roadways to chip seal:** Bridgeville, Briertown, Reservoir, Rancks Church, Airport, Redwell and Quarry.
- > **Roads/Streets that will receive a blacktop overlay:** Conestoga View Drive, Hayfield Drive, Fairview Avenue and Long Lane Road.
- > **Roads that will be rebuilt:** Sheep Hill Road from Route 897 to Witmer Road. *(This road will be ground up, regraded and repaved. It will be closed for several weeks.)*

## *PA Byway*

PA Route 23 in East Earl and Caernarvon Townships between Blue Ball and Morgantown has been designated as a Pennsylvania Byway. This section of Route 23 has been named Conestoga Ridge Road and will be promoted on Pennsylvania's tourism website. It was recognized previously by the Lancaster County Planning Commission as a Lancaster County Heritage Byway. Part of becoming a State Byway required strict sign regulations to be imposed along the route. A committee comprised of local officials and residents from both municipalities worked diligently to get this accomplished.