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Penn Township Received \$219,162.00 Pennsylvania Conservation Work! Grant

On November 17, 2009, Governor Edward G. Rendell announced that **Penn Township** was **one of 99 recipients statewide** and **one of 4 recipients in Lancaster County** to receive a Pennsylvania Conservation Work! Grant. The amount of the received grant is **\$219,162.00**. Conservation Works! provided grants of up to \$250,000 to individual local government and non-profit entities to conserve or reduce energy use. Eligible governments included boroughs, townships and cities with fewer than 35,000 residents and counties with fewer than 200,000 residents. With this grant, **Penn Township** will be installing a **55 kilowatt roof mounted photovoltaic solar system** consisting of roughly 248 230-watt panels on the roof of Penn Township's existing Public Works Facility. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2010 and to be completed by August 2010. The designed system will generate approximately **60,500 kilowatt hours annually** or approximately **60% of the electricity** needed to power the offices of the administration, public works, and police departments and serve both economic and educational purposes. The following benefits of reduced emission of air pollutants are anticipated: **118,218 pounds less CO2 per year, 796 pounds less SO2 per year, 166 pounds less NOX per year, and about 1,529 milligrams less mercury (Hg) per year.**

We are particularly proud of this accomplishment and would like to express a special thank you to State Senator Mike Brubaker, 36th Senatorial District, for his support of this important community project.

Did You Know?

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is offering residents of Lancaster County a **FREE prescription drug discount card**. Penn Township is pleased to partner with the Commissioners by making the Lancaster County Prescription Drug Discount Card **available for you to pickup in our office.**

The Lancaster County Prescription Discount Card will provide a discount on prescriptions not covered by another health plan at any of the **91 participating pharmacies in Lancaster County** and **over 59,000 participating pharmacies nationwide.**

Any County resident without prescription drug coverage can use this program. However, even if you have insurance for prescription drugs, you may still benefit from the card by receiving a discount on prescription drugs your existing plan does not cover.

There are **no eligibility requirements, enrollment forms, or membership fees** to use the **Lancaster County Prescription Drug Discount Card**. Simply pick up a card and take it to a participating pharmacy to receive a discount. One card can be used for the whole family.

For additional information about the program or to find a participating pharmacy near you, please visit www.caremark.com/naco, www.co.lancaster.pa.us, or call toll free at 1-877-321-2652. The discount card is available through the Commissioners' partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and is administered by Caremark.

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Congratulations Penn Township! Recycling Rate has increased by 6.3% in 2009

Recycling plays an important role in reducing the amount of waste generated by Penn Township residents and businesses. Township and County-wide recycling efforts allow for the substantial **reduction** of waste that would otherwise be put in the Landfill or processed at the Resource Recovery Facility.

Preparing your Materials for the Recycle Bin DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLE BIN

- **Glass:** Clear, green and brown glass food and beverage bottles and jars should be thoroughly rinsed and lids should be removed. Throw the lids in the trash. It is not necessary to remove labels.
 - **Do Not Put in the Bin** - Light bulbs, window and auto glass, drinking glasses and cookware are not recyclable and should be put in the trash.
 - **Metals:** All food and beverage cans which are made from aluminum, steel, tin or a combination of metals should be rinsed prior to placing in the recycling bin. **Do Not Crush the Cans.**
 - **Do Not Put in the Bin** - Other aluminum and metal products like foil, pie plates, and hangers are not recyclable and should be put in the trash.
 - **Plastic Bottles:** Plastic household bottles with a #1 (PETE) such as water, soft drink and juice bottles or #2 (HDPE) like milk and detergent bottles. Throw the lid in the trash. Rinse, smash and put the plastic bottle in the recycling bin.
 - **Do Not Put in the Bin** - plastic tubs such as yogurt and butter containers, toys and other plastic packaging.
 - **Newspapers:** All newspapers, including the inserts, should be tied into bundles with biodegradable string or placed in strong paper bags (not exceeding 30 pounds). Put the bag or bundle next to or on top of the recycling bin. **Do Not put newspapers out for collection when it is raining.**
 - **Do Not Put your Newspapers in Plastic Bags** - Recycle your plastic bags at your local grocery store.

Penryn Fire Company is collecting any Aluminum Cans to recycle. This is a win, win benefit. You are recycling and helping the volunteer Fire Company. Cans may be dropped off in the dumpsters behind the Fire House in the fenced off area. If you have any questions, you can call 665-2535.



Buy Recycled
Just ask for it !

Recycling helps preserve our environment, supports our economy and can save you money. The best way to really make recycling work is to use recycled products and packaging. It's up to you to **close the recycling loop**.

If you want to get in on the "Recycling Loop", and you need a recycling bin or battery bags, stop by the Penn Township Office Monday-Thursday 7a.m-5:30 p.m.

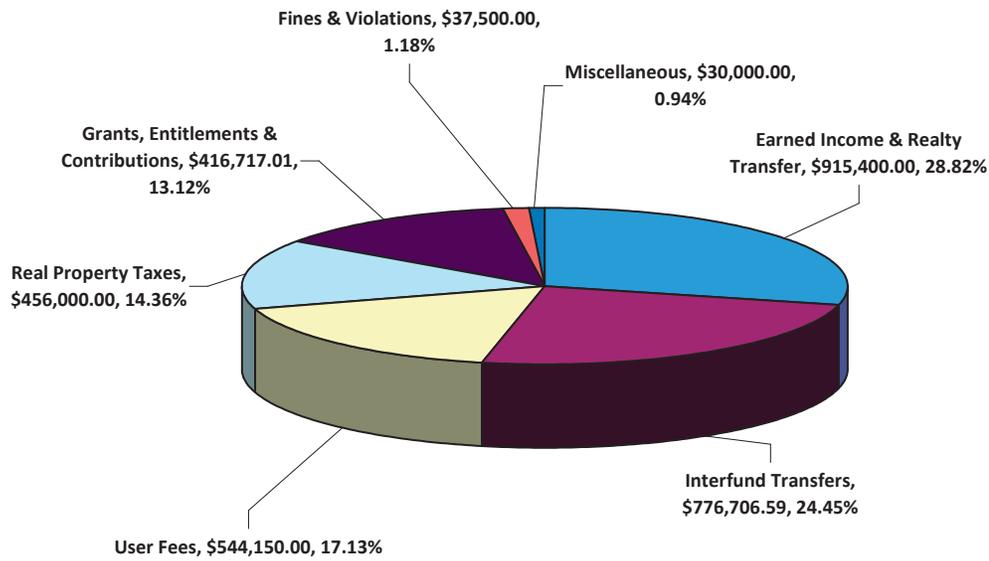
*Residents and Businesses of Penn Township
Keep up the Good Work
Recycling does make a difference!*

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF

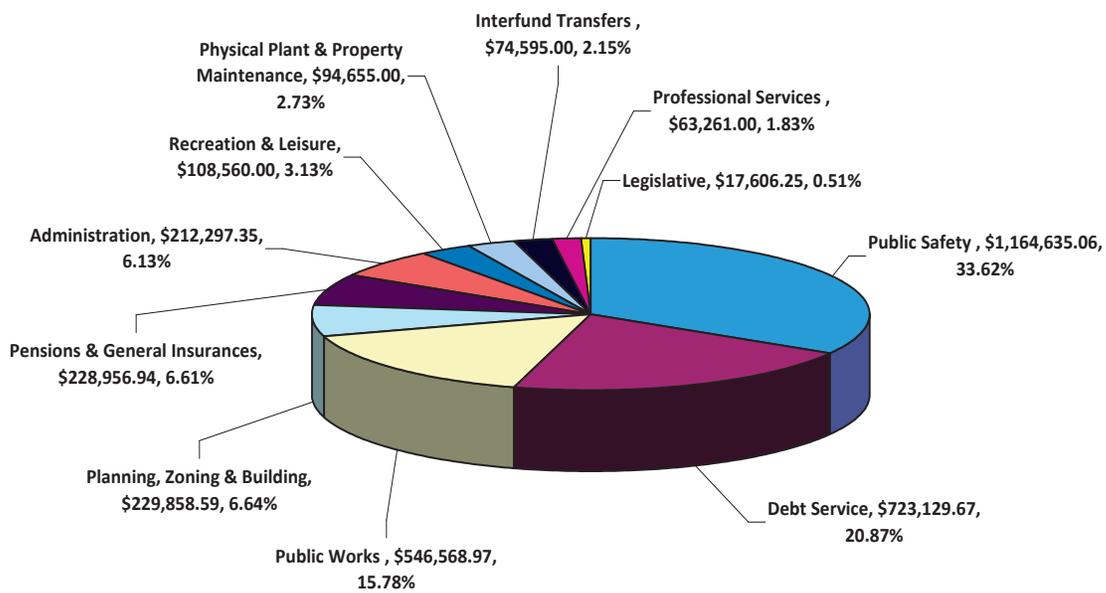
Christmas trees can be dropped-off at the Municipal Building (in orange fenced area) at 97 N. Penryn Road from December 28, 2009 to January 15, 2010. The Township processes trees into mulch.



Budgeted Revenue, by Category 2010



Budgeted Expenses, by Category 2010



PENN TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES:

The Penn Township Public Works Department understands that when the snow flies, life on the roads can be a trying time. We try real hard to do the best and quickest job possible to make the roads safe and clear of snow and ice. Cindering usually starts right after the snow begins to fall, with plowing starting around 3" of accumulation. Cindering and plowing routes are set up to clear the more heavily traveled roads first. Then we take care of the secondary roads and development streets. All roads are usually plowed over twice. We make an effort to plow through all of the streets/roads once to get everything at least passable and then the second time to get the snow to the edge of the road or curb.

In order to help us do a better job, we ask that township residents help us in a couple of areas:

1. **ALL CARS** are to be parked in driveways or off the street, during a snow event, to allow the public works department to clear the street back to the edge of the road or curb. This allows for the next storm or water to run from the snow melt.
2. **NO CARS should be parked in a CUL-DE-SAC.** Cul-de-sacs can be time consuming, and having cars on the street make it very difficult to clear and/or turn around.
3. During a plowing operation, snow will go into your driveway. If possible, **wait until the street or road is plowed before clearing driveway openings.** Shovel the snow to the right side of your driveway as you face the street. This allows the snowplow to take the snow away from your driveway.
4. **PLEASE DO NOT THROW OR BLOW SNOW ONTO THE STREET!** This creates a hazardous and unsafe condition on an already cleared roadway. If this is done and the snow refreezes overnight it can become quite icy and dangerous to traffic and a potential liability for the homeowner, if an accident should occur.
5. For safety reasons, **shovel out fire hydrants**, if they are located on your property.

Heavy snow, as it is plowed, will occasionally damage or topple mailboxes. Often it is because they are too close to the roadway or were poorly constructed or supported. Heavy, wet snow exiting the plow increases the potential for mailbox damage. It is Penn Township's policy that the repair of mailboxes and lawns is the property owners' responsibility, since the right-of-way extends further onto your property than you realize. The Road Department makes every effort not to damage mailboxes or property, but it does happen.

Winter Safety tips for Drivers:

1. **Stay back at least 100 feet**, when following trucks or equipment that is plowing or cindering and is displaying a flashing amber strobe light.
2. **Always follow in a manner that the truck driver can see you in his side mirrors.**
3. **Turn on headlights**, to make your vehicle more visible.
4. Snow removal trucks or equipment may have to **slow down, stop, or backup! BEWARE!**
5. Because of safety, **DO NOT EVER PASS A SNOWPLOW, while it is in the process of plowing.**
6. **SLOW DOWN, DRIVE DEFENSIVELY, AND HAVE A SAFE WINTER SEASON!**

Daryl J. Lefever / Public Works Director / Penn Township

Water Use in the Home

1. How much water does the average American use each day for household activities?
2. Eighty percent of the earth's surface is water. This amounts to how many gallons?
3. People can live longer without food than they can live without water. *True or false?*
4. Name an animal that doesn't drink water.
5. Popular bottled waters have no minerals in them. *True or false?*
6. The ancient Romans built aqueducts to bring fresh water from the mountains to the city. They are still in use. *True or false?*
7. Fluoride occurs naturally in some water sources. *True or false?*
8. On the average, how many inches of snow equal one inch of water?
9. Everything we eat uses water. How much water does the typical American meal "cost" ?
10. In water treatment, chlorine is used for?

This material was excerpted from the educational booklet "Groundwater" by Kendra S Johncock, George Williams College Resident Outdoor Program, Williams Bay, WI 53191

Answers on page 5.

Penn Township / Pleasant View Community Day
Saturday, April 17, 2010

Dear Friends and Neighbors Across Penn Township,

It's hard to believe that it's December already and time to start planning Penn Township / Pleasant View Community Day. This will be a fun and informative day for the whole family. This spring's event scheduled for April 17, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. will have on hand many of the organizations and municipal boards that service our community. We will be offering games, music, activities, food, refreshments and many fun informative services that will be available for all ages.

We are currently looking for residents to volunteer their time to help plan and organize this year's event. We also want to hear from any organizations interested in having a booth or table. If you have any questions, ideas or organizations interested in Community Day, or would be willing to volunteer your time to help out, please plan to attend our First Steering Committee meeting on February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Penn Township Municipal Building. You may also call the Township Office at (717) 665-4508 or email your ideas to us at penndavewood@dejazzd.com.

Mark your calendars and plan on coming to have some fun at our Annual Penn Township / Pleasant View Community Day. Look for more information in our newsletters or on the website www.penn.co.lancaster.pa.us.

David Wood, Penn Township Supervisor

How to Properly Dispose of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products

Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCPs) are one class of emerging contaminants that are being discovered in our nation's waterways and waste water systems. In an effort to minimize the levels of PPCP contamination in these systems, please adhere to the following recommendations relative to the disposal of PPCPs:

- ✦ Take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of original containers and throw the prescription into the trash.
- ✦ Prescription drugs may be mixed with an undesirable substance such as coffee grounds or kitty litter or place in a sealable bag before throwing PPCPs into the trash. Such provides an added safeguard so that the prescription drugs will not be diverted elsewhere.
- ✦ Flush prescription drugs down the toilet **ONLY** if the label or drug information **SPECIFICALLY** states this as a disposal option.

Water Wisdom Answers

1. The average American uses about 70 gallons of water each day for dishwashing bathing, lawn care, etc.
2. The water on the earth's surface totals about 362 trillion gallons. Only one percent is the freshwater that we use for drinking. The rest is salt water (97%) and glacier ice (2%).
3. True. People may live without food for two months, but would probably die in less than a week without water.
4. The desert rat and koala bear are two animals that get their liquid from the food they eat (koala means no water). Although they don't actually drink, they still need water from their food.
5. False. Only distilled water has no minerals. Other bottled water has a variety of minerals and salts in them.
6. True. Some of the ancient Roman aqueducts are still in use. One aqueduct, 16 miles in length, has operated without a break except for one repair made in 1926.
7. True. Fluorides do occur naturally in water. In areas where fluoride does occur naturally, it was found that children had less cavities. This is how scientists came to realize what fluoride does, and encouraged that it be added to drinking water in areas where fluoride does not occur naturally.
8. Approximately ten inches of snow equals one inch of water.
9. It could easily cost between 500 and 2000 gallons of water to produce a typical American meal. For example, it takes 408 gallons of water to get a serving of chicken to the table, 12 gallons for a baked potato, 18 gallons for a serving of green beans, and 6 gallons for a salad. On average, it takes about 1,630,000 gallons of water to feed one American for a year.
10. Chlorine is used to disinfect water. Since the adoption of chlorine in our drinking water, diseases such as typhoid and cholera have all but disappeared. The disinfection of water has saved more lives than all the doctors and hospitals in the world.



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www.lititzrec.com

Welcome Penn Township Residents and Employers!

As the newest municipal partners of the Lititz recCenter many recreational opportunities have opened up for you and your families. There are many benefits to membership at the Lititz recCenter:

Free babysitting 'kidZone'

In 2010 Fitness Center doubles the space!

Two 1 hour sessions with a fitness trainer

Free body composition analysis

Free Friday senior exercise class 8am

EX Fit X card

Free Monday Mom's Spin class 11am

Lap and rec swimming

Water Walker program

Kayaks Saturdays 1-3pm

Lap swimmers program

Water Polo Saturdays 3-5pm

Fit to Swim Program starts Jan 1

Air conditioned Gymnasium

Indoor Walking track

Free Monday night pick up B-ball and

Volleyball

Free Preschool Open gym ever other

Friday

Free Pickle ball Fridays 9-11am

Early Member Registration

Reduced fees for programs

The center is open most mornings at 5am and closes most evenings at 10pm. In January 2010 we will be celebrating the grand opening of the expanded Fitness center and plans are under way for a new recreational pool.

Come visit, take a tour and receive a one day guest pass to try the facility. All of this at reduced Resident rates! See you in 2010.

Happy New Year!

Karen Mailen

Executive Director

WELCOME PENN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYERS

Come visit the Lititz recCenter!

Indoor Pool

Gymnasium

Fitness Center recZone



Valid family guest pass for one visit, offer expires Jan. 31, 2010, must reside in Penn Twp.

WELCOME PENN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYERS

Join Now and the LrC will waive the joiners fee on any one year membership for Penn Township Residents. This is a \$50.00 Value!

Offer expires Jan. 31, 2010.



Valid one coupon per person, not valid with any other offer, must reside in Penn Twp.

LETTER TO OUR RESIDENTS

Dear Resident:

Over the course of the last year, there has been a considerable amount of public discussion relative to our involvement with the Manheim Central Parks and Recreation Commission (commonly referred to as McRec). You may have also read or been told that we have recently made a decision to establish a partnership with the Lititz recCenter beginning January 1, 2010. Rightfully so, some may continue to have questions relative to this issue and how our decision is going to affect you. As such, we feel it important to clarify some potential misconceptions and to more importantly share what we believe to be some exciting news for our residents.

First, it is important to note that we see this new partnership with the Lititz recCenter as a broadening of partnerships rather than a threat to our past and/or present relationships. To truly understand this point of view, one must first understand the roles played by the current recreational organizations operating within the Manheim Central Region. The Manheim Athletic Association (MAA) plays perhaps the most significant and visible role, in terms of sheer numbers of participants, in providing youth athletic programs, including baseball, cheerleading, football, flag football, and slow and fast pitch softball. The Manheim Soccer Club provides the opportunity to participate in boys and girls soccer at both intramural and recreational program levels. Manheim Swim offers instructional and competitive youth swimming for both boys and girls. In addition to MAA, Penryn Athletic Association offers youth little league.

There is a common misconception that these organizations fall under the umbrella of McRec. Such is inaccurate. These organizations are completely independent of McRec and in most cases are maintaining the facilities that they use through the use of volunteers, independent seasonal employees, and/or independent contractors which have no affiliation with McRec. This is important to note because our policy decision to withdraw as a formal partner in McRec should have no impact on your involvement with any of these independent organizations. It is also important to note that we have and will continue to financially support these groups. For example, in the case of MAA, we have historically been and are the largest municipal donor to the organization. In 2010, we will again be increasing the amount of our financial support to MAA.

Second, you may be aware of the fact that one of the effects of our decision to withdraw as a formal partner of McRec was a separate decision by the McRec Board to increase the fee charged to you to a price point which on average is 18% above the fee charged to Manheim Borough and Rapho Township residents or approximately 2% less than the fee charged to nonresidents of the Manheim Central Region. This 2% difference is in recognition that you will continue to support McRec through school taxation as the Manheim Central School District is a contributing party to McRec. McRec's programs are held at the Manheim Middle School at no cost to McRec and maintained with your tax dollars.

Recognizing the impact to our residents, we, as part of our deliberations relative to this issue and the Township's 2010 fiscal budget, are committed in 2010 to reimbursing the difference between the fees being charged to our residents and those being charged to the residents of Manheim Borough and Rapho Township. To receive this reimbursement, proof of payment must be provided to us and we will issue a check for the amount of the difference. This reimbursement in 2010 will be applicable to both program fees and pool memberships. Requests can be submitted to us as frequent as you desire as long as such is submitted in the same calendar year as the increased fee was incurred. If you have additional questions relative to this reimbursement process, please contact our office.

Lastly, we feel that it is appropriate to express our excitement over our new partnership with the Lititz recCenter. As outlined elsewhere in this newsletter, the recCenter offers an opportunity to access a diverse portfolio of programming and health and wellness opportunities ranging from specialized exercise courses to year-round swim lessons to recreational leagues in a local, year-round facility. We encourage you to visit the recCenter to take a tour of the space and/or talk with recCenter staff about the available opportunities. We are confident that if you take this opportunity you will be truly impressed with both the quality of the facilities and the diversity of opportunities. Don't miss the FREE GUEST PASS included in this newsletter. It is also important to note that while we believe that you will have more opportunities available to you in 2010 as compared to 2009, the Township will realize a gross savings of over \$20,000.00 in 2010 alone during this challenging economic time.

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Penn Township Offices

Municipal Office	665-4508
Water & Sewer Billing	665-4508
Building / Zoning	665-4508
Sewage Enforcement (Tues, 6-8pm)	665-7676
Sewage Enforcement (M-F, 6-7:30 am)	626-8769
Police Department	665-6959
District Magistrate	665-4525
Township Constable - J.F. Dittoe, Jr.	575-1929

Manheim Central School District

District Office	664-8540
Business/ Tax Office	664-8520
High School	665-2451
Middle School	665-2246
Doe Run Elementary	665-9766
H. C. Burgard Elementary	665-2209
Stiegel Elementary	665-6836

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