



Township News

Spring 2015 Edition

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PENRYN FIRE COMPANY AND LIMEROCK PAROCHIAL SCHOOL 10TH ANNUAL MUD SALE AT 1441 NORTH PENRYN ROAD



Friday, March 20th, 2015

Grocery Auction: time TBA

Chicken Barbecue Meals will be available starting at 12 Noon
(Take-out/Drive-through available)

Saturday, March 21st, 2015

Auction begins at 8:00 AM

Homemade food will be available day of sale.

Parking not available at sale site. Satellite parking with shuttle bus service will be available at various neighboring locations.

Check the web at www.penrynfire.com or call 717.664.2825 for more information including parking locations and shuttle bus routes and schedules.

Auction Includes: Wagon Loads; Small Items; Crafts; Farm Related Items; Antiques & Collectibles; New & Used Furniture; Quilts & Wall Hangings; Outdoor Furniture; Sheds & Gazebos; Small Equipment; Flowers, Shrubbery, & Trees; Hay, Straw, & Feed; Farm Equipment; Carriages; Buggies; Wagons; and Tack.

Donations and Consignments will be accepted March 18th and 19th from 8AM to 8PM and March 20th from 8AM to 5PM. Chicken Barbecue Meals will be served on Friday, March 20th, starting at 12 Noon. Homemade food will be available the day of the sale.



RECEIVE THE TOWNSHIP NEWS VIA EMAIL

This special "year in review" edition of the Penn Township News has been mailed to all Township addresses. However, typical editions are distributed electronically by email and are posted on the website. If you have not provided us an email address and wish to receive future editions electronically, contact Justin Evans at jevens@penntwplanco.org.

2015 BUDGET AND YEAR IN REVIEW



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On December 22, 2014, the Penn Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 2015 Budget. As in years past, the budget reflects our collective commitment to effectively and efficiently provide a broad range of health and safety services, responsibly maintain and improve our infrastructure, protect and preserve our environment and natural resources, balance and manage appropriate rates of residential and commercial growth and development, and embrace our organizational mission to preserve and respect our past while building and sustaining a better long-term future for our community.

The 2015 Budget incorporates *no millage rate increase or increases in the various user fees* charged by the Township.

For the third year in a row, revenues realized exceeded expenses and it appears that the structural deficit that existed in the general fund during the economic downturn has been eliminated. This reality has enabled the Township to not only add to its unallocated general fund balance but also transfer monies to the Township's various special purpose funds to pre-fund future capital expenses; an important point recognizing the ebbs and flows and sometimes unpredictability in the Township's cash flows and paramount to the Township's ability to maintain its strong long-term bond credit rating from Standard & Poor's of A+/stable outlook. Other accomplishments and positive outcomes in 2014 included the following:

- Development of a Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) for the public drinking water sources of the Northwestern Lancaster County Authority (NWLCA) in cooperation with Manheim Borough Authority and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection;
- Commencement of the design and permitting process relative to the signalization of the Fruitville Pike, Temperance Hill Road, and Holly Tree Road Intersection;
- Operationalized an additional well source for the NWLCA public water system;
- Preservation of 58.67 acres of prime agricultural lands in partnership with the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board; also, resulted in the banking of an additional 29 transferable development rights (TDRs);
- Sale of 28 TDRs resulting in revenues of \$84,000.00, which is available for reinvestment to preserve additional agricultural and natural lands;
- Completion of a comprehensive annual road improvement program, which included the multi-year roadway improvement project on Elm Road, the replacement of one of two existing culverts on Bucknoll Road, and the installation of a three-way stop intersection at Bucknoll Road and Holly Tree Road, which has dramatically improved safety at this intersection;
- Completion of the required 7 year review of the Township's Agricultural Security Area;
- Adoption of a new Township Storm Water Management Ordinance consistent with the County's recently adopted Act 167 Plan; and
- Operationalized the Penn Industrial Development Authority in July 2014; transactions that closed in 2014 included the York JCC Project (\$4,250,000.00 loan) and two Next Generation Farmer Loans (\$850,000.00 cumulative loan amount).

While not all inclusive, some of the goals and objectives for 2015 include the following:

- Development of a multi-year organizational strategic plan for the Township in cooperation with the SCORE Lancaster;
- Adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program/Plan. In conjunction with this, consideration of the adoption of a Traffic Impact Fee program consistent with state enabling legislation;
- Implementation of a web-based performance analytics system to track and manage the Township's performance using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). System also provides the capability to benchmark the Township's performance against that of like communities, self-established targets, and industry standards;
- Development of performance-based employee compensation system;
- Adoption of the Source Water Protection Plan for NWLCA's water sources;
- Completion of the Doe Run Road/South Penryn Road Water Line Extension Project in conjunction with the planned intersection project;

- Continued expansion of the work of the Penn Industrial Development Authority;
- Continuation of the partnership with Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board and Lancaster Farmland Trust to preserve prime agricultural lands within the Township;
- Adoption of the new federal Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and conduct of the associated public outreach program;
- Continue to work cooperatively work with the Manheim Central Region to address the flooding in Manheim Borough and the surrounding townships;
- Begin work on the required Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) consistent with the obligations of the Township's forthcoming National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit; and
- Continuation on work to ensure that the Township's land use ordinances support and enable desired private investment within the Township, which is consistent with the Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan.

The budget consists of the following operating, special purpose, and reserve funds:

- Fund 01 GENERAL FUND
- Fund 04 PARKS AND RECREATION FUND
- Fund 05 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FUND
- Fund 09 SEWER AND WATER FUND
- Fund 18 AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION FUND
- Fund 19 STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND
- Fund 30 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
- Fund 35 HIGHWAY AID FUND

In addition to the respective fund budgets, the budget incorporates a number of supplemental items, which are intended to provide a better and more comprehensive understanding to the reader. Such supplemental items include: narratives for the General Fund and Sewer and Water Fund (the Township's two primary operating accounts); a breakdown of the tax liability of Penn Township residents; comparative charts articulating recent revenue, expenditure, and fund balance trends; and a debt review statement. We are hopeful that these supplemental items will provide a more comprehensive understanding as to the operations and financial position of your Township.

It is our belief that a budget represents one of the Township's most fundamental policy documents and as such should be able to communicate a clear and transparent policy direction so that various constituents have the necessary information to engage themselves in their local government. As such, we commit to continuing to build the content and resource of this document in the future.

The 2015 Budget can be accessed online at <http://penntwplanco.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/458>. If you have any questions regarding the 2015 Budget or have additional questions or concerns relative to any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact David W. Kratzer, Jr., Township Manager, at (717) 665-4508 or via email at dkratzer@penntwplanco.org. Thank you and we look forward to another productive year.

DOE RUN ROAD—EAST HIGH STREET PEDESTRIAN PROJECT UPDATE

You may have already seen a survey crew out along Doe Run Road or East High Street in Manheim Borough gathering important information to help design this project. In 2017, we anticipate utility poles being relocated and dirt moved in order to extend sidewalks from the Memorial Drive area in Manheim towards the Manheim Shopping Center. This 1/4-mile connection covers areas that are dangerous to pedestrians (like the railroad crossing shown on the right) and will make conditions much safer for these users.

Construction costs of this joint Penn Township—Manheim Borough project are being funded through the Lancaster County Smart Growth Transportation Fund.



Stay up to date with this important project and find out more about past notable initiatives on our website's [Community Enhancement Projects](#) page. You can find it under the "Residents & Businesses" dropdown menu at the top of the page.

CFL RECYCLING DROPOFF NOW AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

If you're one of the millions of households in Pennsylvania that uses at least one compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL), congratulations! You've made a step toward becoming more energy efficient at home and helping the environment. CFLs use 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and can last 10 times longer.



When your bulb does burn out, continue protecting the environment by recycling it. PPL Electric Utilities is pleased to announce a partnership with Penn Township to make CFL recycling available and easy to do in your community!

CFLs contain only 4 mg or less of mercury on average, which is far less than other household products and is about the size of the period at the end of this sentence. But to ensure your energy-efficient bulb remains environmentally friendly from the time you install it to the time it burns out, it's important to recycle it.

So bring your bulbs to the Penn Township Office at 97 North Penryn Road!

Thank you for lighting smarter AND recycling smarter, too.

NWLCA WATER CUSTOMERS: UPDATED CONTACT INFO NEEDED

Northwestern Lancaster County Authority and Penn Township are attempting to notify all of our **public water** customers by **telephone, text or email** in the future event of any water emergency situation that might occur. Public notification is a procedure used by water suppliers to notify its customers in the case of an event that makes the water supply unsafe.

We are asking that you take a moment to fill in the information below and return the completed form to the Penn Township Office. You may choose to mail in the form with your billing statement, fax it to 717-665-4105, scan and email it to cweidle@penntwplanco.org, or mail it separately to 97 N. Penryn Road, Manheim, PA 17545.

The Northwestern Lancaster County Authority and Penn Township will not furnish any personal information to outside sources. The information herein is solely for the use of the Authority and Emergency Management.

Property owners are required to provide tenant contact information. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Name _____

Account Number _____

Water Service Address _____

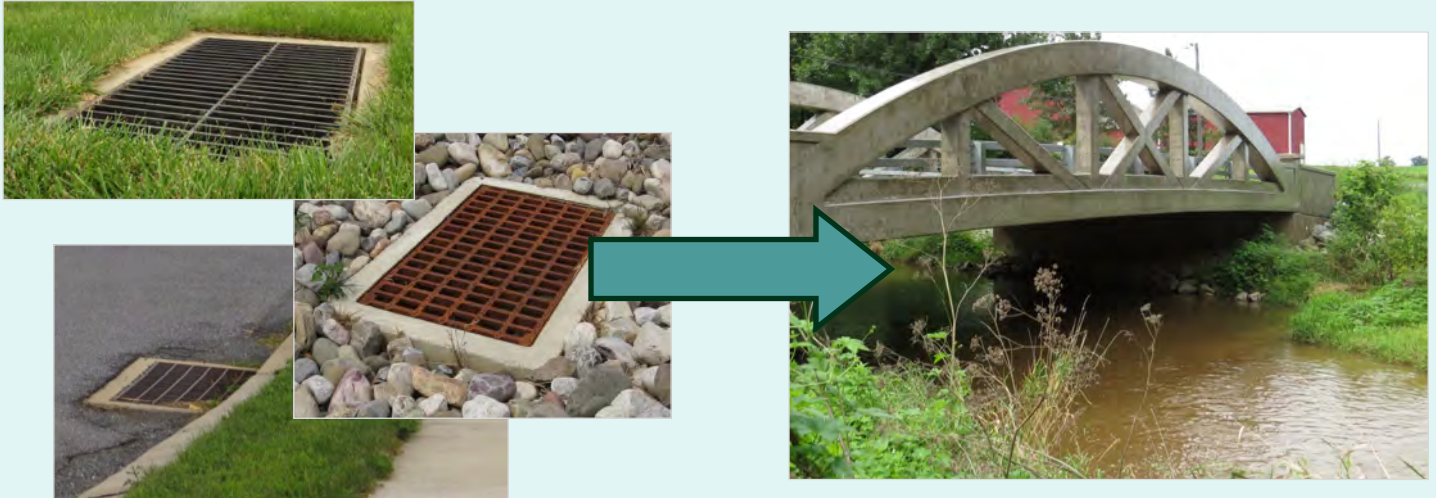
Home Phone Number _____ Preferred #

Cell (Mobile) Phone Number _____ Preferred #

Email Address _____

CLEAN WATER IN, CLEAN WATER OUT

Ideally, the only thing that should leave your property and enter a storm drain is rainwater—clean, uncontaminated rainwater. Recognizing potential hazards to surface waters and removing them is one simple but effective way everyone can help the quality of our waters. By reducing the number of pollutants entering the storm drain system you will help to ensure that our waters are safe for drinking, wildlife, and recreation.



What can you do about non-permitted discharges?

- Sweep extra fertilizer, grass clippings, or dirt back onto your lawn from driveways or roads. Never hose your driveway down.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, and fertilizers away from any storm drains or road shoulders.
- Never dump motor oil, chemicals, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down a storm drain.
- Pick up after your pet, even in your own yard.
- Store hazardous chemicals properly, and take hazardous waste to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- Wash your vehicle on a lawn where the water can soak into the ground.

If you notice the following, please contact Penn Township so we can help stop the discharge and initiate a cleanup:

- Anyone dumping anything into a storm drain
- Unusual odors in or near the storm drain
- Dumped waste in or near the storm drain
- Flowing water in the storm drain during dry periods
- Unusual colors or staining in or around a storm drain



Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization that offers free services to commuters about their options for getting to and from work. Our Rideshare and Emergency Ride Home programs provide necessary tools to commuters in order for them to successfully switch from driving alone to a commuting alternative; such as carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling, walking or riding transit. Using a green commute mode is a great way to save money and help improve air quality.

For more information visit www.PaCommuterServices.org or call 1.866.579.RIDE.

LOCAL VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JOE LYONS

How long have you lived in the community?

14 years. We returned to the area in 2001 after living here for 3 years in the late 80's. We enjoyed it so we came back when we could.

What drew you to the area, and what's made you stay so long?

In 1987 a job opportunity brought us here and again in 2001 after leaving that job we said we would make the area home. I have worked out of the Philadelphia area 10 years, but continue to live here for the peacefulness and quality of life.

How would you describe the quality of life here in Penn Township and the greater Manheim area?

Slower pace than the more city areas and friendlier people, especially when driving. The farms and countryside provide a more relaxed environment.

What Penn Township board do you serve on, and how long have you been doing so?

I have been on the Planning Commission for 3 years and now serve as Chairman.

Why did you decide to get involved in public service?

I served in public service in my hometown and found it rewarding to help direct how our town will grow for the future. I believe we are all called to give back to community and to society. I encourage everyone to give back in some way—community service or at church. The cost of time is very valuable but the reward is well worth it. Give and it will come back to you in many ways.



A MESSAGE FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT ABOUT POOL SAFETY...

Residential swimming pools are a great source of recreation for the entire family and the recent introduction of low cost swimming pools has expanded the availability of this fun to many people. However, you should be aware that the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code mandates that building permits are required for all pools, including portable pools, of more than 24" in depth.

This January, the Penn Township Board of Supervisors reduced the permit fee for storable pools. Additionally, these permits are good for the life of the pool, you are not required to obtain a permit each spring when you re-erect the pool after storing it for winter.

The building code addresses pool safety in two ways. The first concerns barriers and accessibility. The purpose of these regulations is to ensure that no unauthorized users can enter the pool. The second concern is electrical safety. Regulations have been adopted to reduce the danger of electric shock to the absolute minimum. Permit applications and additional information are available at the Township Office.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Lititz Run Watershed Alliance Stream Cleanup Day—Saturday, March 21st


For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, you can call the Warwick Township Municipal Office at (717) 626-8900. The Alliance is also online at the Warwick Township website: www.warwicktownship.org.

Save the Date! Penn Township-Pleasant View Community Day—Saturday, June 6th

This year's Community Day will coincide with the anniversary of the first resident moving to Pleasant View 60 years ago, and will be a fun-filled day for all ages to enjoy a variety of food vendors, games, music, and entertainment.

Cozy up to a Good Book This Winter

LIBRARY BOOK SALE



May 14-May 16
 at the Farm Show

Gently used
 Books and Media

Many are Like-New.

Fiction Non-Fiction
 Adult and children's

READ ACROSS AMERICA at Manheim Community Library. Incentives to make your reading projects fun. Pick up your map at your Library after March 1.

Finish the requirements by March 31.



Library STORYTIME

2 Storytimes to choose from

- 10 AM Tue. at Penn Township Municipal Building
- 10 AM Wed. at the Library

We read stories, sing songs, do age appropriate crafts and have fun!
 Help your child get ready for success in reading!

Programs through April 7 & 8



Programs are FREE! Sign-up: call 665-6700, email basile@manheimlibrary.org or stop by Today!

BLOCK PARTY

Playing with blocks helps children develop critical pre-reading and math literacy skills.



March 28 & April 25 @ 10AM
 Please Register

Block Party for children ages 3-6 and an adult.

Spring into Spring at the Lititz recCenter!

Gymnasium—Main Pool—Splash Pool—Fitness Center
 Over 80 group, spin & aquatic fitness classes weekly and more!
 Try the facility free on Saturday, March 7 Open House and Membership Special

www.lititzrec.com Join Today!

(Penn Twp residents receive resident rates.)
 SilverSneaker and Silver & Fit Accepted

Weekly Summer Camps

Early registration starts March 16! Enrich your child's summer.
 \$8 off each camp when registered before May 31, 2015



Lititz recKids Child Care Celebrating 30 Years!

Open Registration for Summer & 2015/16 School Year on Wednesday, March 18
 7am-6pm at the Lititz recCenter

Preschool Academy! Kindergarten Enrichment ♦ After School and Before School Care!
 Kids from all school districts for special day camp ♦ flexible schedules ♦ membership not required

The LrC is expanding! Opening May 2015.



www.lititzrec.com 717.626.5096 301 W. Maple St. Lititz, PA 17543

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