

Fall 2012

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OUR NATIONAL BIRD MAKES A VISIT!

Throughout the summer, several residents noticed a Bald Eagle keeping a vigilant eye on the ponds along Stiegel Valley Road. Dave Solon took this fantastic photo of the raptor during its visit as it was perched on top of a utility pole. Here are some interesting facts about the United States' national bird:

- The Bald Eagle was declared an endangered species in 1967, but has since made a considerable comeback—it was removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in 2007.
- Using it as the national bird was, in some ways, the Founding Fathers' link to the republic of the ancient Romans.
- Juvenile Bald Eagles (typically under five years old) do not have the white head and white tail that make this large bird very distinct.
- Their nests can weigh upwards of one ton (over 2,000 pounds)!

Sources: *The Sibley Guide to Birds* and "Symbol of a Nation: The Bald Eagle in American Culture" from the *Journal of American Culture*.



LANCASTER COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS "THANK A VET" DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Beginning in November 2012, Bonnie Bowman, Recorder of Deeds of the County of Lancaster will be launching this program, which will provide a photo ID FREE OF CHARGE to Lancaster County veterans who have their DD-214 honorable discharge papers filed on record. Participating merchants will agree to honor the card by providing special discounts on purchases or services. A poster or decal will be provided to participating merchants to proudly show their support of our Lancaster County veterans. A listing of all participating businesses will be available on the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds website.

Further information is available at www.lancasterdeeds.com or by contacting the Recorder of Deeds Office: 150 N. Queen Street, Lancaster, Pa.—phone 299-8240—email bbowman@co.lancaster.pa.us

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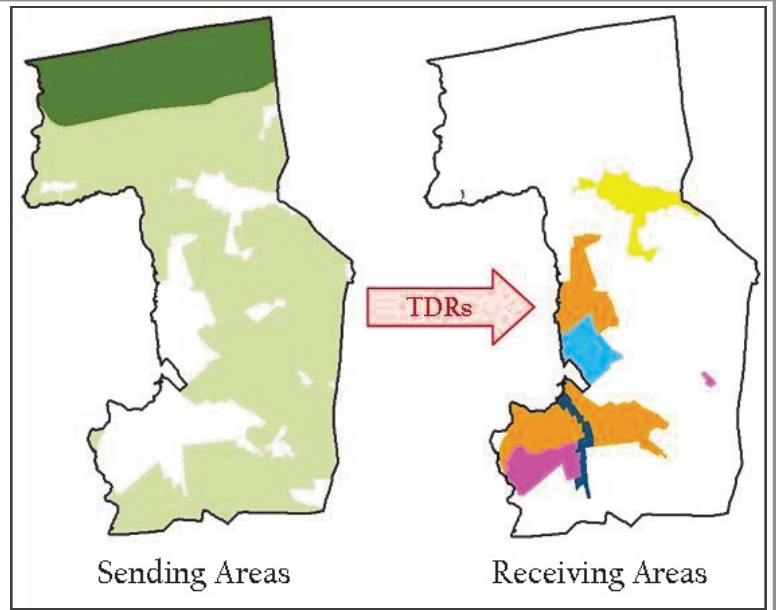
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Transfer of Development Rights Program



As Penn Township adopted a new Zoning Ordinance last year, it also put in place a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program with the goal of permanently preserving prime farmland, sensitive natural areas, and rural community character. Simply stated, landowners in Sending Areas may voluntarily transfer their rights to develop to other individuals or entities for use in the Receiving Areas.

The Program is designed to be market-based—in that landowners of eligible properties may sever and sell or convey TDRs to anyone. Currently, the Township holds 126 as a result of investing in the system's start-up in 2009. Using a contribution of \$1.2 million from the Manheim Auto Auction as seed money (a condition of approval for their facility expansion), we've created a "bank" from which property owners or developers can purchase TDRs at a price that covers the cost of obtaining them. Penn Township purchases TDRs in conjunction with perpetual preservation easements through the Agricultural Preserve Board and/or the Lancaster Farmland Trust. However, a transaction directly between a sending and a receiving property owner is completely acceptable if the established process is followed.

Under the Zoning Ordinance, there are circumstances that incentivize the purchase and use of TDRs—and even several situations that require them as a penalty for missing density targets. Common applications include building coverage, building height, and residential density increases up to specified limits. For example, construction of the Doe Run Road Medical Office (see photo at bottom right) incorporated the purchase of four TDRs to increase building size and lot coverage. This is the first project in Penn Township that involved the receipt of TDRs and will hopefully be the start of more to come, helping to preserve agricultural and natural lands through a sustainable funding mechanism.

Sending Areas (T-1 & T-2 Districts)



Photo Courtesy of Charles Smith

Receiving Areas (T-4, T-5R, T-5C, T-5MU, D-1, & D-3 Districts)





PENRYN FIRE COMPANY'S CELEBRATION CONTINUES WITH A PARADE AND FIREWORKS!

CHIEF SHANNON MARTIN & PENRYN FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 INVITE YOU

After planning for two years the big day is soon here. On September 15, 2012 the Penryn Fire Company will celebrate 100 years of service to the community. A full day of activities is planned, starting with a parade at noon. The parade will feature 4 bands, floats, marchers, and local business—and, of course, fire trucks. This will be the first parade Penryn has had since the Halloween parade in the 1970's and 80's. Parade parking will be available at St. Pauls Church in Penryn and the Penryn Fire Hall.

After the parade, we have several festivities planned. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Stillman have graciously offered to host these events at their home located at 1505 Newport Road. Parking will be available at the Stillman home. These events will start at 3 pm with a formal ceremony with local dignitaries and the Red Rose Honor Guard. Bring your lawn chairs and spend the day! Children's activities will take place from 2-5 pm and dinner will be served at 5 pm to the first 500 people that have a ticket—which are free. Tickets can be picked up at the Penryn Fire Hall (1441 North Penryn Road) on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm.

Starting at 6 pm, the Shuey Brothers Bluegrass Band will perform for your listening pleasure. And to close our celebration, the evening will end with a fireworks display which we hope the whole family will enjoy. We invite you to come and celebrate the Penryn Fire Company's 100 years of volunteerism!

Hats Off To All Who Made the Historic Tour of Penryn a Huge Success!

Many saw the tremendous efforts of the Penryn Fire Company, the residents of Penryn, and many other volunteers come to fruition during the June 16th Historic Tour. This labor of love drew enormous crowds throughout the day who were treated to a tour of the village while aboard wagons. Stopping at nearly two dozen stations, the route offered visitors many opportunities to learn about various people, buildings, and events that helped shape Penryn's colorful history.



For those who missed the **HISTORIC TOUR OF PENRYN** (or if you just want to relive the event), DVDs and Tour Guide Booklets are now available for sale.

Cost is only \$5 each - contact Ernie Martin at 665-4603 for details.

THE PENN TOWNSHIP STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: LINKING FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER QUALITY



Among the services and duties that Penn Township performs as a municipal government is that of stormwater management. For the most part, the major job is to safely channel runoff from public roadways into the conveyance system—a network of inlets, roadside swales, and underground pipes. You may have seen the Township Public Works Department in your area keeping this infrastructure clear of obstructions and draining properly.

But there is a whole other dimension to the Township's Stormwater Management Program that consists of six key elements. With the overarching need to reduce the amount of pollution that our stormwater system contributes to surface waters like the Chiques Creek, our Program is a direct requirement of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that Penn Township continues to achieve compliance with. We believe that a better-informed citizenry can be an asset to us as a whole in meeting the demands for pollutant reduction and water quality. The six elements are:

- ◆ **Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts**
- ◆ **Public Involvement / Participation**
- ◆ **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**
- ◆ **Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**
- ◆ **Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New and Redevelopment Activities**
- ◆ **Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations**

As you can see, a large emphasis is placed on involving and educating the residents and business owners in Penn Township. Some may have noticed changes to our website's Stormwater Management & Water Quality page since the beginning of this year, and more are in store in the upcoming months. We will be reorganizing the existing content into several pages for easier navigation and adding more information about this important topic that continues to demand a community effort to meet local and regional water quality standards.

Find this on our website
www.penntwplanco.org

Then click the link on the left titled
Storm Water Management Information

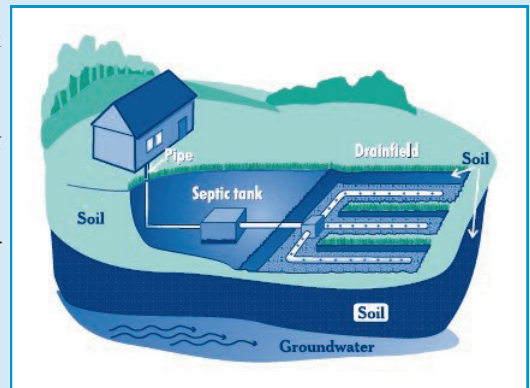
Starting in Summer 2013, the Penn Township Public Works Department will be out inspecting the storm sewer system's pipe outfalls for Illicit Discharges as part of the Detection and Elimination element. We will be looking for dry-weather flows through the public system that may be containing pollutants such as chemicals, oil, solvents, cleaners, and other contaminants that are working their way through our pipes and swales to streams and creeks. Ultimately, the Township is responsible for any contamination—which impacts all local taxpayers—unless we find the source, eliminate it, and ensure that it ceases. As always, please refrain from dumping anything into the storm sewers, and if you see anything unusual let us know.

REMINDER: Have Future Editions of the Penn Township Newsletter Delivered by Email
Thanks to all who have already requested the e-version...if you haven't already, give it a try!

Call us at 665-4508 or email Justin Evans: jevans@penntwplanco.org
Please provide your name, email address, and mailing address to ensure proper delivery.

Many Township residents rely upon an on-lot sewage treatment system—such as a septic system—to handle domestic wastewater. Proper maintenance is essential to keeping it in working order and ensuring that the effluent does not pollute the water table. Replacement systems can be expensive to install, so prolonging what is already in place should be a high priority. Here are some simple steps to extend an on-lot system's life AND conserve water at the same time:

- *Install water saving plumbing fixtures in your home. These include water dams for toilets, water saver aerators on faucets and water saving showerheads. Most building codes require that all new construction have these devices routinely installed.*
- *Check your toilets periodically for leaks. This can be done quite easily—Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. Do not flush the toilet for several hours. If the colored water appears in the toilet bowl during this time, your toilet is leaking. Have it fixed immediately.*
- *Fix leaking faucets.*
- *Operate the dishwasher only when full. Do not pre-wash dishes for the automatic dishwasher unless absolutely necessary. Wash dishes using a dishpan or by plugging the sink. Do not let water run for washing.*
- *Refrigerate a bottle of water for drinking to avoid letting the water run to obtain a cold drink.*
- *Select the proper load or water level on your washing machine. Do not wash multiple loads of laundry, one right after the other.*
- *Take a shower instead of a tub bath. Also try to limit the length of your showers.*
- *Do not allow the water to run while brushing teeth or shaving.*



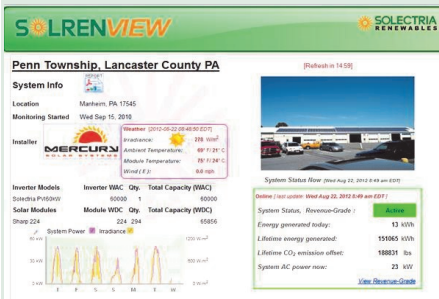
Additionally, there are several avoidable hazards to be aware of with an on-lot sewer system. Remember the six tips on the right and keep your treatment system healthy!

- *Contractors should pump the treatment tank through the main access, not the inspection port.*
- *Do not clean paint from rollers or dispose of thinners down the drain.*
- *Do not flush large numbers of unused antibiotics.*
- *Materials that do not rapidly decompose (e.g. sanitary napkins, coffee grounds, bones, eggshells, wet strength towels, disposable diapers, kitty litter, facial tissues, cigarette butts, baby wipes, etc.) should never be flushed into a septic tank.*
- *Do not use garbage disposals. Garbage disposals increase a treatment tank's workload. The increased organic solids load requires more frequent tank pumping.*
- *Do not dispose of oils and grease products.*

SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS UPDATE: ENERGY PRODUCTION & RECYCLING

Between the 200-kilowatt array at the NWLCA Water Treatment Plant and the 66-kilowatt roof installation at the Township Campus, we have converted a lot of the sun's energy into valuable electricity. Take for example the smaller system of the two on top of the Public Works Buildings—150,621 kilowatt hours (kWh) were produced between installation (September 21, 2010) and the end of July 2012!

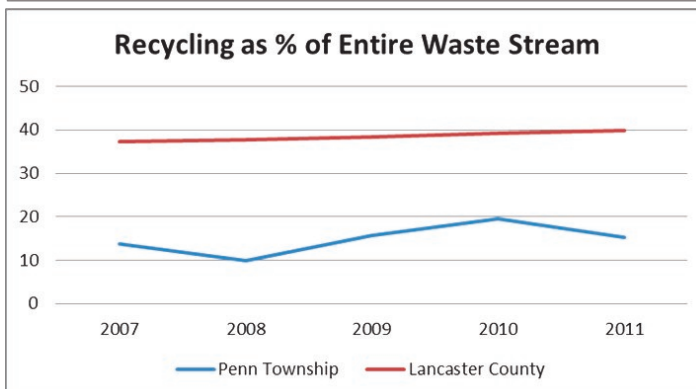
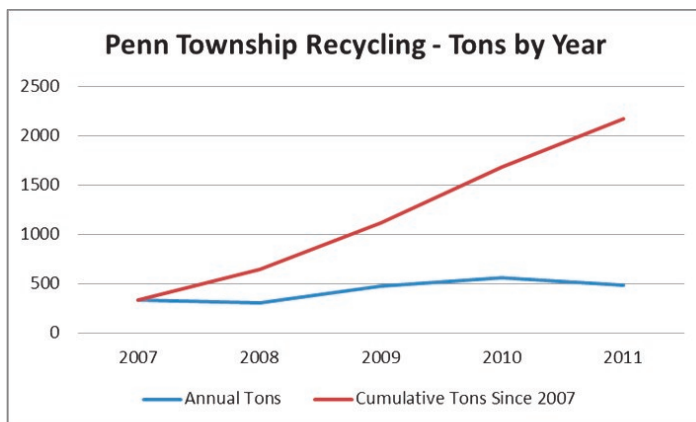
To put this number in perspective, a typical Pennsylvania home consumes 878 kWh per month according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Our roof-mounted system has produced enough electricity to power over 14 homes for an entire year. This installation reduced the Township Office and Public Works Buildings' electricity demands by 74% in the first year alone, and another 99.9% in the second year. Our electricity bill has been slashed by 65% in Year 1 and another 72% in Year 2—rays we can truly bank on!



Follow the Township's solar energy production on the web. Find live data by clicking through the "Community Development" button on our homepage, then go to "Enhancement Projects".



Ground-mount array at the NWLCA Water Treatment Plant (top); Roof-mount system at the Township Public Works Buildings (bottom)



Township-Wide Recycling is Having Cumulative Impacts

Looking back over the five-year period from 2007 through 2011, Penn Township residents, businesses, and other institutions have recycled nearly 2,200 TONS of materials! This is a huge diversion from the waste stream—about 15% of all waste from our Township over that time period was put to new uses rather than sent to the landfill or incinerator.

Your waste hauler makes it easy to recycle bottles, cans, and other materials, so take advantage! It saves them money to recycle, and should help keep your trash bill down as well. Remember, corrugated cardboard is accepted at the Township Campus' specially-designated dumpster. Thanks again to Good's Disposal Service for providing this service—but please no pizza boxes or other greasy cardboard that will attract animals and rodents.

MANHEIM COMMUNITY LIBRARY FALL ACTIVITIES

The library announces a full slate of fun for the whole family. Sign-up begins September 10 for these *free* programs.

- TEENS – It's the fall's hottest movie on DVD! You read about Catniss. Now, watch it with your friends. Then decide: the Movie or the Book? Saturday, Sep 15 at 1 PM in the Manheim Borough Community Room.
- Healthy Happenings returns! Preschoolers and their grown-up enjoy stories, related activities and playtime with a purpose in the Manheim Borough Community Room. Begins Sept. 17 at 10:00 – please sign-up. Programs will be alternate Mondays through mid-December.
- A fabulous visit with our friend from everyone's favorite neighborhood is scheduled for 6:00 PM on October 9. It is a PJ Story-time with the Big Red Furry Monster.
- Catch us with our Red Furry Monster friend at the Manheim Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo too. Story-time with You-Know-Who in the High School Gym will be at 9:30, 4 and 7 PM. Stuffed Book Bags to be given to preschoolers are made possible by a PNC *Grow Up Great Grant*.
- Teen Read Week Poster Contest: October 15- 20. PRIZES for winning Students (ages 10 to 15)! Submit a poster October 15 - 20 about your favorite book.

EVEN MORE:

EVERYONE – Mini-Book Sale at the Car Show - \$2 a bag (Oct. 20)

KIDS – Halloween Crafter-noon (Oct. 27)

ALL – Family Movie Matinee (Nov. 3)

STORYTIME TOO: ABC Read to Me. We are on a mission to make story-time even more special.

Your family will earn free books and gain valuable resources just for attending.

Tuesdays at 9:00 am - Mt. Hope Home in Mastersonville, begins October 23

Tuesdays at 11:00 am - Penn Township Municipal Building, begins October 23

Wednesday at 9:30 or 10:30 am in the Library, begins September 19

Check out
www.ManheimLibrary.org
for info on these and other
library events and services.

PLEASANT VIEW RETIREMENT COMMUNITY—EXPLORE RETIREMENT LIVING

Open House at Pleasant View and throughout Lancaster County: Friday, October 26, 3-6 pm & Saturday, October 27, 10 am – 2 pm

On October 26 & 27, all 17 continuing care retirement communities (CCRC) in and around Lancaster County will open their doors and welcome you to explore the many benefits this lifestyle has to offer. Pleasant View will offer tours of Independent Living, Personal Care, Rehabilitation & Skilled Care living accommodations.

For more details on the Open House, visit www.exploreretirementliving.org or contact Amanda Eckinger, Pleasant View Communications Coordinator, at 664-6207 or aekckinger@PleasantViewrc.org.

Pleasant View also invites the Penn Township Community to participate in the following events at their campus:

Tuesday, September 11 at 10:00 am in the Gathering Place – “Medicare Fraud Prevention”, presented by the Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE), learn how to protect your personal information, how to detect fraud, and where to report it. Contact Samantha Fitzpatrick, Pleasant View Independent Living Activities Coordinator, at 644-6344 for more information.

Thursday, September 20 at 2:00 pm in Hoffer Auditorium – “Things you absolutely need to know about your estate planning”, presented by Stephen R. Gible, Esq., of Gible & Honberger PC, and Christopher Kull, AAMS of PNC's Wealth Management group in Lancaster. Contact Samantha Fitzpatrick, Pleasant View Independent Living Activities Coordinator, at 644-6344 for more information.

LITITZ RECENTER SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Free Try- It Classes and Fitness Workshops for All Ages! September 4-8, mornings and evenings.

For complete list see www.lititzrec.com.

Starting Mon., Sept. 10 Group, Aquatic & Spin Fitness

Classes FREE with Membership!

New! Freedom Climbing Wall

New! Les Mills Body Pump

Events! Sat., September 15, 8:30am Pretzel Twist –

New Distance of 3.5 miles for Run & Walk

Celebrating 35 Yrs! Kids Run too!

Friday, Sept. 21 @ 4pm Youth Triathlon Swim-Bike-

Run, Ages 7-15

Indoor Pool

Splash Pool

Fitness Center

Gymnasium



Active Fun at Any Age!

Saturday, September 15, Open House!

Tours-Bounce-Swim-Workout

Join & Save \$50 Penn Twp. receives resident rates!

www.lititzrec.com 717.626.5096 for more details.

Are you looking to lose weight and feel healthier for life? Weight management programs are available starting in September. Highmark Insurance members are free.

Adult Men's Basketball League Register by Sept. 10. Starting Sept. 19 on Wed. evenings.

Need CPR/ First Aid Training? Starting Sept 1 -30 are various American Red Cross classes offered.

Fall Program Guide is now available at the LrC. Programs start the week of September 10.

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Water & Sewer Billing	665-4508
Building / Zoning	665-4508
Sewage Enforcement	625-1930
Northern Lancaster County Regional PD	733-0965
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	664-8400
Middle School	664-1700
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H. C. Burgard Elementary	665-8900
Stiegel Elementary	665-8800

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