



# Township News

## *Fall 2014 Edition*

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### PENN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OFF AND RUNNING

In July 2014, the Penn Industrial Development Authority (Penn IDA) commenced business with its first board meeting. The inaugural meeting capped the preparatory efforts that date back over a year, including the Township Board of Supervisors' enactment of Ordinance No. 2013-06 in December 2013 to create the IDA. Penn IDA was organized under the Economic Development Financing Law with the intent to promote economic development in and around Penn Township. Although not a lender, the IDA can act as a conduit for tax-exempt financing for qualified industrial projects or not-for-profit entities' construction projects.

The Township formed a strategic partnership with the EDC Finance Corporation (EDCF) to guide the Authority and connect potential users of IDA financing with the body. EDCF was established by the Economic Development Company of Lancaster County to provide Lancaster County businesses access to state and local economic development incentive financing programs. Although the stimulation of industrial development through federal tax-free financing may have complex standards and qualifiers, the philosophy of offering another tool for job growth is straightforward. Navigation through the qualifications is one strength that EDCF brings to the partnership, as is their broad knowledge of other financing programs that has successfully helped bring deals together.

Another initiative of EDCF has been to find a Lancaster County-based IDA for the Next Generation Farmer Loan Program transactions. Currently, Lancaster County farmers looking to use this financing avenue often work with EDCF staff and the Lancaster County Commissioners but end up using a Chester County-based IDA to approve these applications. This new strategic partnership could keep most of these deals in Lancaster County. Due to this collaboration, Penn IDA has the ability to foster industrial job growth as well as help the next generation of farmers obtain financing for agricultural land and operations.

Visit the Penn IDA page on the Township Website at:

<http://www.penntwplanco.org/2229/Penn-Industrial-Development-Authority>



#### Members of the Penn IDA Board

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Mark Stivers, Secretary  
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## AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA REVIEW COMPLETED; CHANGES ADOPTED

On Monday, July 28, 2014, the Penn Township Board of Supervisors completed the Seven-Year Review of the Agricultural Security Area (ASA). As part of the review, several changes were adopted at the request of landowners. Five farms totaling 144 acres were added, while the Manheim Auto Auction property was removed. According to Township records, only 106 acres of the Auction site was in the ASA (the former Cassel farm) so these changes result in a net increase of about 38 acres.

### *Adopted Changes to the Penn Township Agricultural Security Area:*

#### Additions—

1906 Airy Hill Road  
383 Elm Road  
404 Elm Road  
598 White Oak Road  
775 White Oak Road

#### Removal—

1190 Lancaster Road

**Current Total Area in ASA: ±5,092 acres**

A special “Thank You” goes out to the landowners within the ASA, the petitioners, and the Township’s Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee for playing important roles in the review.



## PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Penn Township website has a new page that is home to a variety of safety tips and information. Currently, there are four tips provided by the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department to help improve your awareness of safety-related topics. We anticipate adding to this page as more of these helpful pieces become available from the police department or other reputable sources. In addition to gaining access via the hyperlink below, the page can be found under the Residents & Businesses heading in the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Dept. section.

#### Topics posted on the Public Safety Information page include

- Vacation Crime Prevention Tips
- Wildlife Safety Tip—Bear Awareness
- Internet Safety
- Crime Prevention Tip—Date Rape

Visit the Public Safety Information page on the Township Website at:


<http://www.penntwplanco.org/2228/Public-Safety-Information>


## NEED TO GET RID OF LEAVES, CLIPPINGS, & GRASS FROM YOUR YARD?

Although we do not have a municipal drop-off site at this time, Penn Valley Farm Quality Compost located at 952 Temperance Hill Road accepts some yard waste materials for recycling. For more information, contact Robert Keller at (717) 665-7462.



**JOIN US  
FOR A  
MANHEIM**





**Thursday, Sept. 25, from 6 – 8 p.m.**  
Manheim Central Middle School, 261 White Oak Road  
In conjunction with Manheim Borough leaders, I've invited officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to give updates and address your questions.

**Here are a few topics you can anticipate will be part of the discussion:**

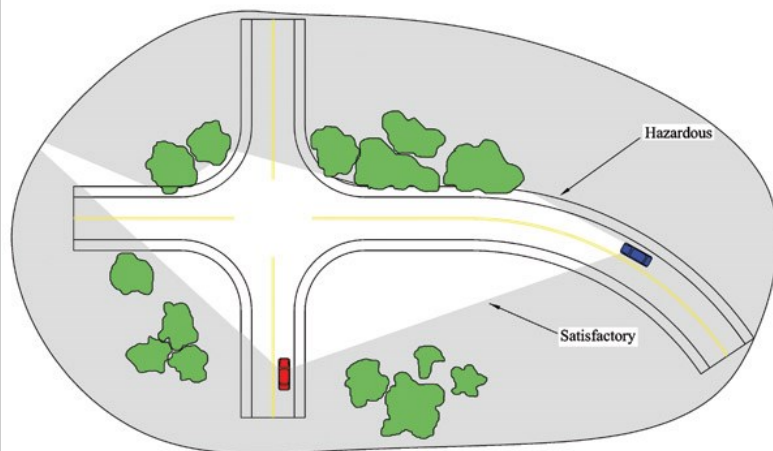
- The latest updates on the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act (BW-12).
- The new draft maps and the impact on homeowners who are going to be within the FEMA flood zone.
- Who must have flood insurance and why?
- FIRMS (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) – What are they and why are they important.
- How to obtain an elevation certificate.
- The difference between “minor” and “substantial” flood damage and repetitive claims associated with both.
- Disaster Recovery funds and how they work.
- The roles of FEMA and PEMA in helping local residents deal with flooding.

**So that we have enough materials for all attendees, please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 18 to my Manheim office at 717-664-4979 or online at RepFee.com.**

## IMPROVING INTERSECTION SAFETY IN PENN TOWNSHIP

Traffic safety is highly important to Penn Township and our Public Works Department. Maintaining the public roads and the storm drainage system is a critical function of the municipality. Intersections often prove to be the most dangerous parts of the roadway network, primarily because of the conflicting traffic patterns and turning movements from one road to another.

Vegetation can be an impediment to vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians having adequate visibility of cross-street traffic. While rows of corn, hedges, and large trees are valued in our community, they can obstruct these sight lines when located too close to an intersection. Providing adequate clear sight triangles is critical to the safety of all users, so we ask that property owners at roadway and railroad intersections ensure that vegetation or other objects do not obscure these important sight lines.



Here are some recommended tips to improve safety at intersections:

- Instead of hedgerows and trees, try planting plants and shrubs that stay lower than 36" in height.
- Plant lower-growing crops like soybeans near corners rather than taller crops like corn directly in the sight lines.
- As always, DRIVE CAREFULLY and stay alert when driving, biking, or walking.



## CONVERTING TURF TO MEADOW—DOES IT MAKE SENSE FOR YOUR PROPERTY?

Do you have over an acre of land in turf? Are you looking for a lower-maintenance natural solution for some of that area? If so, consider transitioning some of that turf grass to a meadow. Meadows generally require less upkeep and fertilizer while providing significant ecological benefits like groundwater filtration, flood control, and habitat for birds and pollinators like butterflies.

Creating effective grasslands and meadows isn't quite as simple as stopping mowing and allowing the grass to grow freely. To convert a turf area, simply mow it only once or twice a year. This allows the grass to mature and for the diversification of foliage species. Typically, this means that native warm-season and cold-season grasses will colonize the area, but may not be fully evident for a few years.

Over seeding of warm-season species and targeted planting of wildflowers can increase the effectiveness of meadow creation and provide quicker impact. There are many resources available online or through the Lancaster agricultural extension office demonstrating what native plant species may be the best fit for the situation. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center's Native Plant Database is an outstanding resource that allows for you to define criteria (location, lifespan, bloom characteristics, etc.) to find desired species of grasses and wildflowers, among other types of flora. Backyard naturalists will appreciate visits from a more diverse range of songbirds and butterflies that can add pops of color and activity to this type of habitat.



Regular mowing should be maintained in certain areas for safety and aesthetic purposes. Such areas include along roadways and at intersections, around structures, and along fence rows or property lines. Since the Township's Property Maintenance Code does not typically allow for grass to grow higher than 6 inches, it is important that grasslands and meadows are cared for in a systematic manner. Also, be conscious of your property's context. If you live in a dense area where the meadow could generate a lot of complaints, this may not be a good fit. Useful tips on proper establishment and maintenance can be found on the Penn State Extension and Pennsylvania Game Commission websites.

An important point to remember when considering this a transition is the tradeoff between "the look" of a manicured lawn and the low maintenance and ecological benefits of meadows and grasslands. Where appropriate, these areas can add more interest and usefulness to your property while reducing costs and runoff. Wildlife, stormwater absorption, and diversity in the landscape are all positive benefits to consider.

### What's the difference between meadows and grasslands?

Both are areas that are uncultivated, dominated by herbaceous, or soft-stemmed and leafy, plants with soils that are not saturated year-round. The major difference is in the species that they contain.

**Grasslands:** areas covered more than 50 percent by grasses.

**Meadows:** areas covered more than 50 percent by forbs, which are herbaceous plants other than grasses like sedges and rushes.

### What species of songbirds could I expect to see visiting my meadow?

American goldfinch  
Bobolink  
Common yellowthroat  
Eastern bluebird  
Eastern meadowlark  
Field sparrow  
Grasshopper sparrow  
Red-winged blackbird  
Savannah sparrow  
Song sparrow, and more...



## UPDATES FROM THE NORTHWESTERN LANCASTER COUNTY AUTHORITY

### Well No. 3 Project

The Authority is nearing completion of the construction project related to the development of Well No. 3. Well No. 3 is anticipated to be in service by the end of September 2014. The permitted yield will provide water capacity for the foreseeable future. This additional permitted capacity will provide for additional redundancy and security in the system for current public water customers and permit sustainable system growth.

### Water Storage Tank Reconditioning Project

Anticipated to occur in Spring 2015. The Water Storage Tank Reconditioning Project involves the sandblasting, re-priming, and coating of the interior tank and spot repairing, cleaning, re-priming, and painting of the exterior of the tank. Project will extend the useful life of the Authority's existing 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank.



### Doe Run Road/South Penryn Road Water Line Extension Project

Anticipated to occur in Spring 2015 in coordination with the Doe Run Road/Penryn Road Intersection Improvement Project. The Doe Run Road/South Penryn Road Water Line Extension Project involves the extension of the Authority's public water distribution system to service the existing residential properties on the south side of Doe Run Road east of the intersection of Doe Run Road and Penryn Road and the existing residential properties on the east and west sides of South Penryn Road. In addition to providing for logical system growth, the project will provide additional opportunity to loop the public water distribution system, which will provide the potential for minimizing customer impacts in the event of a water main break in this part of the system.

### Update to Tapping Fees

In accordance with the process prescribed by Pennsylvania's Act 57 of 2003, the Authority Board recently adopted Resolutions 01-2014 and 02-2014 amending the tapping fees for connection to the Authority's public water and sanitary sewer systems. The effective date of the changes was July 1, 2014. The water tapping fee per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) was reduced to \$1,480.00 and the sanitary sewer tapping fee per EDU was increased to \$5,250.00.

## PENN TOWNSHIP & NWLCA SEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO WENGER FEEDS



Wenger Feeds recently made a very generous donation towards the restoration and supplementary plantings in the Sustainability Park's meadow at the Water Treatment Facility. Be sure to visit the park and the 1/4-mile walking path located at 306 Doe Run Road. Come see the progress being made there and learn about the various water quality elements and the solar power array on the site.

# CHIMNEY SAFETY INFORMATION FROM THE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

## Chimney Fires can be prevented!

The most important thing you can do is to have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a certified chimney sweep. The National Chimney Sweep Guild and the Chimney Safety Institute of America are two sources for locating certified chimney sweeps in the US. Both of these web sites are excellent places to find information about chimney safety. Having your chimney cleaned removes creosote buildup and keeps the smoke passageway open so your fire can breathe properly.

A full inspection is just as important as the cleaning job. Chimney damage or plain old wear and tear needs to be discovered and repaired to make your chimney safe for the heating season. Prevent chimney fires by burning dry fuel only! Using firewood that is not fully seasoned is the main cause of creosote buildup inside of chimneys. Creosote inside a chimney is what burns with a hot fire that damages the chimney and can start a house fire.

- Burn only dry wood that has been seasoned at least six months.
- A small hot fire is better than a big slow burning fire for keeping the chimney clean.
- Burning plastic, Christmas trees, cardboard and other materials can ignite creosote inside the chimney.

## What does a chimney fire look like?

A bad chimney fire will have a big cloud of dense smoke billowing out of the chimney and have flames or sparks shooting out of the top of the chimney. Because you are inside the house, you may not see a chimney fire. Noise and hot smell are the other two indicators. When you have a chimney fire, you may hear a loud crackling or popping noise. A bad chimney fire will make a loud rumbling or roaring noise. It may sound like a freight train or a jet engine. Be aware a small chimney fire can go un-noticed but burn hot enough to damage the chimney. A damaged chimney can let fire migrate to the house.



## What should you do if you have a chimney fire?

If you realize a chimney fire is occurring, follow these steps:

1. Get everyone out of the house, including yourself.
2. Call the fire department. If you can do so without risk to yourself, these additional steps may help save your home. Remember, however, that homes are replaceable, lives are not.
3. Put a chimney fire extinguisher into the fireplace or wood stove. Close the glass doors on the fireplace. Close the inlets on the wood stove. Use a garden hose to spray down the roof (not the chimney) so the fire won't spread to the rest of the structure.

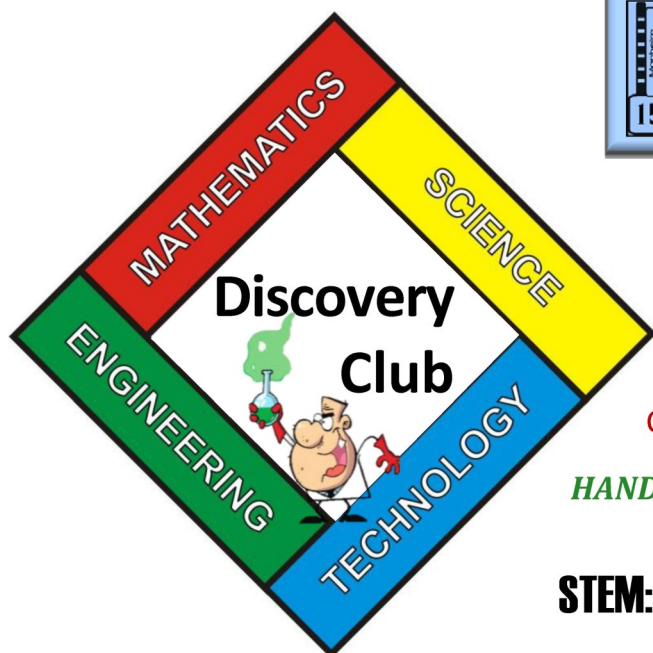
## What to do to be ready for a chimney fire:

If you are heating with wood, you should have a large dry chemical fire extinguisher fully charged and ready to go. Get a bigger extinguisher than is normally found in homes. One in the ten to twenty pound size range is recommended. Store the fire extinguisher by the door of your house, not by the fireplace or wood stove. When you have a fire, your first action should be to get everyone out. Then after calling for help evaluate the situation. If you decide you can safely fight the fire, pick up the extinguisher on your way back in.

With the fire extinguisher by the door, you can get it ready from a safe distance and then move toward the fire with your back to the escape route. Discharge the fire extinguisher into the fireplace or wood stove. Close off the airflow into the fire as best you can and get outside! Expect a real mess to clean up after the fire and the dry chemical extinguisher. When the firefighters get there they will do what needs to be done, but they will add to the mess. Be sure to thank them. It is your house and your fire so it is your mess to clean up. Just be thankful that you still have a house to clean.

For more information visit the Chimney Safety Institute of America web site at <http://www.csia.org/>.





**Manheim Community Library**  
 15 East High Street, Manheim, PA 17545 Phone: 665-6700 Fax: 665-2470

## Tuesdays

Beginning  
 October 14  
 @ 4:00

Children ages 7-12

*HANDS-ON Science for Your  
 HANDS-ON Kid!*

**STEM: It's a Physical World**

**1000 Books before  
 Kindergarten**  
 Give your child a  
 great head start.



Packets only available at the Library!

## TODDLERTIME WITH STAY & PLAY AT THE LIBRARY

**Thursdays at 9:30**

Explore rhyme, rhythm, and word play with stories and  
 activities just right for your inquisitive toddler.  
 Registration required.

Toddlers ages 18 months and up with a caregiver!

## Falling for Books LIBRARY STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 11AM Penn Township Building  
 Wednesdays at 10AM at the Library

Age-appropriate books. Activities with rhyme and rhythm.  
 Have fun with language, sounds, and print.  
 Registration required.

## BOOK AND MEDIA SALE

Preview Sale: Friday, Oct. 17 – 6-8 PM (\$5 admission)

Book and Media Sale: 9-1:00

Gently used donations being accepted proceeds benefit  
 Friends of Manheim Community Library



September 18

**Meet Author HOLLY BUSH!**

Have you wondered how you  
 get a book published?

Round table discussion at 6:30 (sign-up)

Book Signing in the Library at 7:30

Virtual Library Resources including  
 Tutor.com and EBSCO periodicals



@ [www.ManheimLibrary.org](http://www.ManheimLibrary.org)

## Craft Supply Swap 'n Shop

DROP-OFF: September 22 and 23 – 10AM to 8PM.  
 SWAP: Wednesday, September 24 from 6-7:30 PM.



Bring in those craft supplies you no longer  
 need and swap for materials new to you!

**Visit the Library to Sign-up, or call 665-6700 or email [bbsile@manheimlibrary.org](mailto:bbsile@manheimlibrary.org)**

# LITITZ RECENTER FANTASTIC FALL ACTIVITIES!

## CELEBRATING 70 YEARS!!!

Labor Day Week-Sept. 2 – 8 **TRY THESE CLASSES FREE!**

Group, Spin & Aquatic Fitness and Select Special Interest Classes  
(check schedule [www.lititzrec.com](http://www.lititzrec.com))

Zumba for Kids **Sept. 3, 5:30-6pm (ages 5-12)**

Family Goshi Shun Karate **Sept. 3, 7:30-8:30pm**

Kids Hip Hop **Sept. 4, 4:15-5pm (ages 6-12)**

Kids Ballet **Sept. 6, 10:15-11am (ages 3-9)**

Pre-School Open Gym **10:30-noon** & Swim **11:30-1pm Sept. 12**



Sept. 20—**Lititz recCenter Open House**

The community is invited to enjoy the facility for FREE & Membership Special!

Sept. 20—**37th Annual Pretzel Twist**

5 Mile Run / 5K Walk / Kids Fun Run / Starts at 8:30am

Sept. 26—**8th Annual Youth Triathlon**

Ages 7-15 SWIM, BIKE & RUN! / Starts at 4:30pm

GYMNASIUM-FITNESS CENTER-MAIN POOL-SPLASH POOL-RECKIDS CHILD CARE  
Coming Soon – New Fitness Studios/Center, New Gymnasium and More Parking!



[www.lititzrec.com](http://www.lititzrec.com) 717.626.5096 301 W. Maple St. Lititz, PA 17543



# 2014 Northwestern Lancaster County Authority Water/Sewer Rates:

## Public Water Service:

Customer charge of \$23.48 per EDU\* per quarter

Usage charge of \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons of usage

## Public Sewer Service:

Customer charge of \$46.81 per EDU\* per quarter

Usage charge of \$8.20 per 1,000 gallons of metered water usage

\*EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)

## Septic Tank Pumping Reminder

All properties that had their septic tanks pumped in 2011 have until the end of 2014 to do so again. A FINAL NOTICE will be sent out in October...don't be late!

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