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Address Markers

Can Fire, Police or Ambulance find your home or business if you have an emergency? The Penryn Fire Company can help you by making a green reflective sign for your property. The signs can be purchased for \$20.00 to help first responders locate you quickly in an emergency. Stop by the Penryn Fire Company any Monday evening from 7pm-9pm or call the station at 717-665-2535 to order your address marker sign.

Manheim Fire Company also has reflective address signs available. Contact them at 717-665-3661 for more information.

New Traffic Signal on Rt 72

The Penn Towne Center developer is paying to install a traffic signal near the southern side of the site, over 1,000 feet from the signal at Auction Road. The new signal will help provide the additional left turn movement in and out of the shopping center, when built out. This can help keep movement at the Auction Road signal within reasonable time limits.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE FALL CLOSINGS

September 4: Labor Day
October 9: Columbus Day
Nov. 23 & 24: Thanksgiving
December 25 & 26: Christmas

Penn Township Offices

Hours: Mon-Thurs...7am-5:30pm
Municipal Office 665-4508
Water & Sewer Billing... 665-4508
Building/Zoning..... 665-4508
Sewage Enforcement 989-8439
Police Department 733-0965

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10-digit dialing in Lancaster County set to begin August 26

-by Ad Crable, Lancaster Online

Consider this a two-minute warning.

Residents in Lancaster County and 15 other central Pennsylvania counties in the 717 area code have been asked by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to start the switch to 10-digit dialing for all local calls.

It's practice until 10-digit dialing becomes mandatory on Aug. 26. On that date, you will no longer be allowed to make local or long-distance calls in the 717 area code just with someone's seven-digit number. If you do, you will be greeted by a recorded message instructing you to hang up and dial again using the area code. You will have to start using 10 digits because the 717 area code will run out of unused phone numbers sometime in September. When that happens, all new phone numbers issued in the 16-county region will get a 223 area code, not 717.

Anyone who currently has a 717 area code will keep it. But they will have to use 10 digits to make phone calls, even local ones within the same area code. The new 223 area code was announced in November by Neustar Inc., the neutral third-party area code relief planner for Pennsylvania. Neustar chose the new area code for new phone orders based on comments submitted to the PUC by the public and the telecommunications industry.

The other choice was to split the 717 region geographically, allowing some communities to keep the area code and others to get a new area code. Those against dividing the area code region feared it would create confusion and inconvenience more customers if they lost their 717 number. Businesses and other organizations would have had to incur the expense of changing their phone numbers on stationery and signage.

The 223 number was chosen because it is not similar to other area codes in areas surrounding the 717 area code. Three other areas of Pennsylvania, including the 610 area code that includes Reading, now have alternate area codes in use.

Burn Permits

Burn Permits are required for all fires within the Township and are available free of charge at the township office.

The burning of trash, household garbage, rubbish, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, furniture, crockery, masonry, construction materials, Styrofoam, aerosol cans, by products of manufacturing and processing operations, etc. are strictly prohibited.

Many items are recyclable and the burning of recyclable items is prohibited.



Don't burn your ag plastics.
There is now a recycling option.

We recycle:

- Greenhouse covers and plastics
- Flats, trays, pots, etc.
- Drip tape and possibly mulch film

We also can recycle bale wrap, trench covers, baler twine and PVC.

Plastic must be fairly dry and clean!

Call us today for more information:
West of the Susquehanna River contact **Justin Geisinger • 717-658-9660**
East of the Susquehanna River contact **Ron Davis • 717-689-0645**

NWLCA

The Northwestern Lancaster County Authority (NWLCA) is a small water and wastewater authority supplying 668 drinking water customers and 1,456 wastewater customers in Penn Township. These numbers do not include 668 water customers in the southern part of the township who are supplied separately by the [Manheim Area Water & Sewer Authority](#), and 51 water customers in the southern Fruitville Pike area who are served by the [City of Lancaster](#)'s public water system.

NWLCA's customer drinking water demand is roughly 140,000 gallons per day (GPD) with a permitted capacity of 504,000 GPD from two wells. The water system has a state-of-the-art water treatment facility, constructed in 2012, including membrane filtration, ion exchange nitrate removal, pH adjustment and sodium hypochlorite disinfection. A 500,000 gallon water tower provides volume and pressure to the distribution system. A booster station provides pressure to the 51 water customers in the southern Fruitville Pike area who are served by the City of Lancaster's public water system.

Discharging into the [Chiques Creek](#), the NWLCA wastewater treatment plant was originally constructed in the early 1990's and upgraded to meet the demands of the growing community as well as new [Chesapeake Bay Program](#) initiatives in 2005. The upgrade included expansion to a four basin Sequencing Batch Reactor with dissolved oxygen control for biological nutrient removal, chemical phosphorus removal, aerobic digestion, influent screening, ultra violet disinfection, and sludge thickening. The wastewater plant's permitted hydraulic capacity is 650,000 GPD, with an average flow of 325,000 GPD from residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Six pump stations convey flows to the treatment plant. Since the upgrade, the plant has easily met the Net Total Nitrogen and Net Total Phosphorus mass load effluent limits set by the facility's [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System](#) Permit.

Things to do in Manheim....

- Pretzel Twist & Kids Mile Marathon sponsored by LititzRec Center—Sun., Sept 24
- Youth Triathlon sponsored by LititzRec Center—Fri., Sept 29 at 4:30pm
- Concerts at WJTL's Junction Center Hall/Landis Hall—September 16, 19, October 7, 28, November 17, 19
- Manheim Community Farm Show—October 9-13
- Lancaster County Women's Expo at Spooky Nook Sports—October 14
- Gospel Sing—The Chuck Wagon Gang in concert at Manheim BIC Church—October 1
- Veterans' Expo & Job Fair at Spooky Nook Sports—November 2
- Manheim Library Book Sale—early November
- ExtraOrdinary Give—support your community by giving—November 17
- 5k Santa Run sponsored by Manheim Lions Club—December 2
- Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by Manheim Lions Club—December 2 (rain date is December 3)

Christmas Tree Lighting

This year the Manheim Lions Club will be sponsoring the 16th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Market Square in Manheim on December 2nd from 5:00 – 6:30 (rain date is December 3rd). This year's festivities will include performances from Cricket's Performing Arts and the Manheim Brass Band. We will be caroling, visiting with some Hershey Characters as well as Santa Claus! Children can get their photos taken with Santa Claus too! Residents and visitors will be able to win a chance to "Flip the Switch" to illuminate the lights on the Christmas Tree. Food Vendors will be available and people attending the event are encouraged to bring a new toy for the Toys for Tots Collection box sponsored by the Northwest EMS.

Yard Care for Water Quality

Autumn Leaves

Autumn leaves are beautiful but they can also cause problems if they aren't collected and properly disposed of. When leaves and yard clippings are raked into the street or ditches, the vegetative debris can clog storm drains. During heavy rains, blocked storm drains and ditches can cause flooding. Leaves and grass clippings that make their way to local streams and rivers release nutrients that contribute to the accelerated growth of algae. This can be harmful to fish and other aquatic wildlife. By taking the following steps we can reduce the threat of flooding and nutrient loading to local waterbodies.

Fertilizer & Lawn Tips

Fall is often the time homeowners seed and fertilize their lawn. Fertilizers are among the many common stormwater pollutants that can degrade water quality. Though fertilizers contain chemicals that are good for lawns and plants when used properly, excessive amounts applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams.

Fertilizers are made of nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus. When it rains, these nutrients are carried by stormwater into the nearest stream, river, or other water body. Too many nutrients in water can cause algae to grow, which uses up the oxygen in the water. Low levels of oxygen in water can hurt aquatic wildlife and even lead to fish kills.

Penn Township does not have a yard waste disposal site, however there are two property owners within the township that accept some or all yard waste.

Contacts:

Leaves, yard waste, branches & limbs (fees may apply)
J. Robert Keller
952 Temperance Hill
Ph. 665-7462

Leaves only (no bags)
Daniel Lapp
246 Fairview Rd
Ph. 572-1686

Mulch: An easy and beneficial way to deal with leaves is by mulching them back onto your lawn. Simply mow the leaves and leave them on the lawn. The mower will chop the leaves into small pieces that will decompose and provide valuable nutrients to the soil.

Compost: Add autumn leaves to a compost pile or place them in planting beds or gardens to provide an inexpensive and nutrient rich fertilizer for your garden. Composting is nature's truest form of recycling.

Rake: At this time, Penn Township does not collect leaves and brush. Check with your contracted waste hauler to find out if a leaf collection service is available. Leaves should never be placed in the storm drain, gutter or street.

- ◆ If you've been in the habit of fertilizing more than once, consider cutting back and fertilizing just in September.
- ◆ For the greatest benefit to your lawn, be sure to use a "slow release" fertilizer. This long-lasting type of nutrient also is more likely to stay in the root zone rather than washing off the lawn and into the street and down the storm drain during the next rainstorm.
- ◆ More is not better! Use only the amount directed. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Read the label. More application does not mean a greener lawn – it means more watering and mowing.
- ◆ Check the weather forecast. Never apply fertilizers if a heavy rain is anticipated.
- ◆ Clean up any spills by sweeping the product back onto the lawn. Never sweep or hose fertilizer toward a paved surface or a storm drain.
- ◆ Water the lawn with about 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch of water after a fertilizer application. This helps move the fertilizer into the soil and reduces the potential of being lost in stormwater runoff.
- ◆ Mow only when grass is dry to get a clean cut and minimize the spread of diseases.
- ◆ Mow grass to a height of not less than 3 inches! Longer grass blades allow it to out-compete weeds, reducing the need for herbicides.

Do Your Part, Be SepticSmart:

The Do's and Don'ts of Your Septic System

Learn these simple steps to protect your home, health, environment and property value:

NOTE: The Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection **requires** systems are pumped and inspected every **three (3) years**.

Protect It and Inspect It:

Do:

- Have your system inspected (in general) every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.

Think at the Sink:

Don't:

- Pour cooking grease or oil down the sink or toilet.
- Rinse coffee grounds into the sink.
- Pour household chemicals down the sink or flush them.

Do:

- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal.
- Properly dispose of coffee grounds & food.
- Put grease in a container to harden before discarding in the trash.

Don't Overload the Commode:

Don't:

- Flush non-degradable products or chemicals, such as feminine hygiene products, condoms, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, pharmaceuticals.

Do:

- Dispose of these items in the trash can!

Shield Your Field:

Don't:

- Park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines.
- Plant trees or shrubs too close to your drainfield, roots can grow into your system and clog it.

Do:

- Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic tank location.

Don't Strain Your Drain:

Don't

- Concentrate your water use by using your dishwasher, shower, washing machine, and toilet at the same time. All that extra water can really strain your septic system.

Do:

- Stagger the use of water-generating appliances. This can be helpful especially if your system has not been pumped in a long time.
- Become more [water efficient](#) by fixing plumbing leaks and consider installing bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators and water-efficient products.



For more SepticSmart tips, visit: www.epa.gov/septicSMART

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Lititz recCenter

Membership Special

&

Free Programs Open to the Community

LRC/RECROC MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS

SEPT. 19-24 - WAIVE THE JOINERS FEE

NOV—WARWICK COMM. CHEST FOOD DRIVE - DONATE AND RECEIVE
\$25 OFF THE JOINERS FEE

WINTER BREAK COLLEGE PASS - \$65 FOR LRC OR RECROC OR
\$95 FOR BOTH FACILITIES

Free Try It Classes - Sept 5-9

Tue: Cardio Kickboxing 9:15am, Kids Hip Hop 5pm

Wed: Kids Ballet & Tap Combo (ages 3-5) 9:30am, Family Goshi Shun Karate 7pm

Thurs: POUND 7pm

Sat: CoreFit 9:15am, kids Ballet 1 10:15am, Kids Ballet 2 11am,

Kids Dance Party (ages 6-12) 11:45am

Les Mills Celebration Party - Oct 7

Body Combat: 8am~~~Body Vive: 8am

Body Pump: 9am~~~Body Flow 10am

Zumba Party Night Out

Oct. 13 & Nov 10 - 6pm

Black Friday - Nov 24

Free Group Fitness & Spin Classes

Holiday Sizzler - Dec. 23 & 30

Body Vive: 8am~~~Body Combat: 8:40am

Body Pump: 9:20am~~~Body Flow 10am

Special Events: Save the Dates

Doggie Swim at Lititz Springs Pool - Tue., Sept 5 4:30-7:30pm

40th Annual Pretzel Twist & Kids Mile Marathon—Sun., Sept 24

11th Annual Youth Triathlon—Fri., Sept 29 at 4:30pm



Membership Specials
September, October, and
November
****see website for details**

Located at 201 Rock Lititz
Boulevard, Suite 10, Lititz, PA
717-874-3281
www.lititzrecroc.com

Upcoming Programs at the LrC

recBasketball for Boys and Girls grades 1-12

Massage & Facials

recCares Fitness & Wellness Cancer Program

Preschool & Youth Fun Night (every 2nd Fri)

Swim Lessons Offered Year Round

Approximately 100 fitness classes offered weekly
(included in membership)

Pumpkin Carving

Gingerbread House Making

Preschool, Youth, Adult Programs, & Many, Many
More!!

Lititz Rec Center /Lititz recROC

LrC Family or Lititz recROC Guest Pass for Penn Twp



Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Authorized by: Megan Vulatic

Expires: December 31, 2017

LrC Family Pass is valued at \$12 per Adult & \$8
per Child.

Lititz Rec Center
301 W. Maple St.
Lititz, PA 17543
717-626-5096



www.lititzrec.com

Ph. 717-626-5096

Storytime!

It's time for Storytime! Storytime will begin the week of September 12th and will continue for 10 weeks through the week of November 16th. The Manheim Community Library offers three storytimes a week. Preschool Time is for your 3-5 year-old's literacy preparedness. Your child will enjoy stories, games, songs and activities that will help build a foundation for his or her early learning. Join us for Preschool Time on Tuesday 10 AM at the Penn Township Building or Wednesday 10 AM at the Library.



Toddler Time with Stay and Play is a place for your 1-2 year-old to engage with other toddlers, develop crucial fine and gross motor skills, sing songs and listen to fun stories. Toddlers and a caregiver are invited to a short lap-sit and then an indoor playtime. Come learn through play with us at the Library, Thurs. at 9:30 AM.

Sign-up is required for all the programs. You may sign up by calling 665-6700, or registering online www.ManheimLibrary.org.

Programs & Book Clubs! Check our website manheimlibrary.org for more information

Mark your calendars now

Friends of the Manheim Community Library Book Sale

To be held in early November in the Manheim Community Library basement. Visit manheimlibrary.org for details!

Lancaster Extraordinary Give on November 17, 2017

We'll be participating in Lancaster County's Largest Day of Giving online at <https://extragive.org/>.



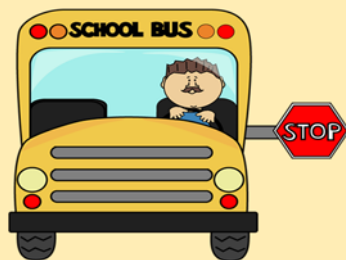
Refinancing to Save Money

Penn Township and the Northwestern Lancaster County Authority are expected to refinance a 2012 general obligation bond and a 2014 general obligation note with a 2017 general obligation note at lower interest rates. The move would save at least \$236,000 in debt payments by 2034. The township's broker provided an RFP for the 2017 debt refinance and got six competitive proposals from lenders.

The \$3,570,000 bond in 2012 was issued to pay for the planning, designing, acquiring, and constructing of the water treatment plant, a new well, and a water line extension. The interest rate increases from 0.55 percent to 3.65 percent to 2033. The \$1,500,000 loan in 2014 was obtained to pay for much of the planning, designing, acquiring, and constructing of the Doe Run Road and Penryn Road Improvement Project, now completed. It has a 2.17 percent interest rate.

The proposed \$4,755,000 note in 2017 will have interest rates for two components: fixed 2.55 percent (tax-free) for 10 years, followed by a floating rate at prime with a cap of 3.50% for the duration of the loan (2012 bond); and 2.15 percent (tax free) fixed for 7 years (2014 loan) – about \$95,000 of the \$236,000 savings will be realized in 2017.

Stop for Buses



Schools are back in session, and children will be running to catch the bus.

You **MUST STOP** when you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red

signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, including at an intersection.

Stop at least 10 feet away from the bus.

Wait until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm has been withdrawn, and all children have reached a place of safety.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles

5K Santa Run & Walk

The Manheim Lions Club is pleased to sponsor the 3rd Annual Manheim Santa Run & Walk 5K to be held on Saturday December 2, 2017 beginning at 8:30 AM. This is a time for family and friends to get together and share in the holiday spirit by joining many other Santas as they run/walk through the streets of Manheim. The race begins and ends at Market Square. Entry cost is \$35 for adults (15 and older) and \$30 for youth (14 and younger). Adults who register may receive a Santa Suit or Long Sleeve Tech T-shirt and youth will receive a Long Sleeve Tech T-shirt and a Santa Hat if the registration is received before November 15th. There is no guarantee on Santa Suits or Long Sleeve Tech T-shirts after November 15th. Race day registration will be accepted beginning at 7:00 AM at Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church located at 48 Market Square but will not include a Santa Suit or Long Sleeve T-Shirt. Trophies will be awarded for both overall male and female finisher, as well as top finishers in each age category. Participants are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. For more information please visit the Manheim Lions website www.manheimlions.org or register at www.active.com.



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