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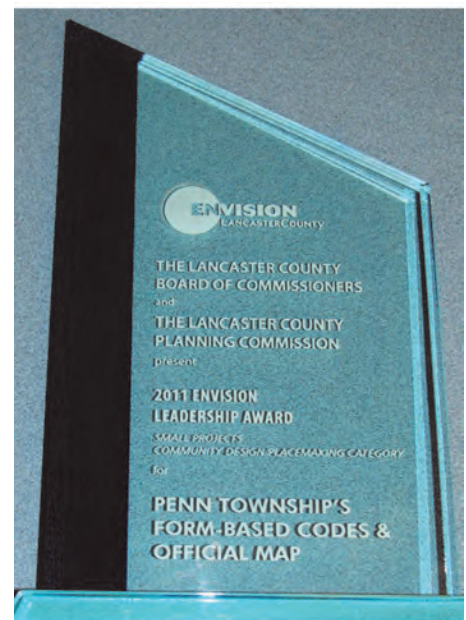
# PENN township

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## Penn Township Receives 2011 Envision Lancaster County Leadership Award

We are proud to announce that Penn Township is one of three recipients of a Leadership Award given by the County of Lancaster and the Lancaster County Planning Commission at the 2011 Envision Lancaster County Leadership Award Ceremony held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the Turkey Hill Experience in Columbia. The award was given in recognition of the Township's adoption of Form-Based Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances and supporting Official Map and represented the only wholly-sponsored municipal project that was recognized.

The new Ordinances promote balanced, smart growth and its implementation through their focus on form, mass, scale, and placement of structures and include provisions, which promote, among other things, the mixing of land uses, compact building design, walkability, agricultural and natural resource conservation and preservation, and housing choice. In conjunction, the Official Map reinforces the character and form of development through its identification of desired street layouts and connections.



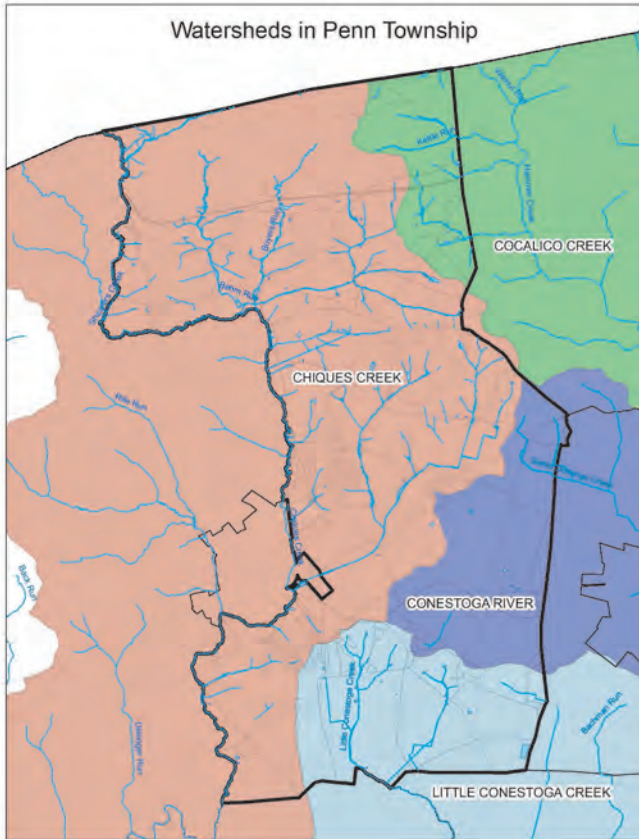
### *Stay Connected with Penn Township Online*

Visit our website [www.penntwplanco.org](http://www.penntwplanco.org) for current information, events, and programs taking place.



Now you can find us on Facebook to get updates about Township and community events, projects, and other announcements! Directly access our Facebook page through the icon on our website.

## WATER QUALITY & WATERSHEDS—INFORMATION WE CAN ALL USE



A watershed is a geographic area where all water draining from it goes to the same place. Divides between watersheds are usually ridgelines that direct runoff into lower areas where tributaries, streams, and rivers call home. We have four major watersheds in Penn Township: the Chiques Creek, Conestoga River, Cocalico Creek, and the Little Conestoga Creek.

Many of us already know how important water quality is in our lives. In fact, decisions – good or bad – that each of us make on our properties has the potential to impact neighbors as well as people miles downstream. This places an added emphasis on all of us continuing to be good stewards of the land and our water resources.

The map to the left shows how all of our surface waters drain to four major watersheds, the largest of which in Penn Township is Chiques Creek. This waterway is a major part of our natural, recreational, and cultural heritage...but is in need of dramatic improvement. Activities in the vast majority of our built areas and agricultural lands directly affect the Chiques. Efforts of citizens like you and the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance are helping to make a positive difference, but they must be sustained. Here are some examples of ways to improve water quality daily:

- Dispose of water properly.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Use fertilizers properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Store hazardous materials that could pollute storm water indoors.

Learn more and find links to other resources on the Storm Water Management and Water Quality page of our website: [www.penntwplanco.org](http://www.penntwplanco.org)

## PENN TOWNSHIP RECYCLES!

As always, Penn Township residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to recycle glass, plastics (only those marked with a #1 or #2), newspapers, and whatever else your hauler accepts! Check out more information by going to our website, clicking on the Community Development button and following the recycling logo on that page.

The Township has been contacted recently about what residents can do with their cardboard, and we are gauging interest in setting up a centralized drop-off station here at the Township Building for residents to use. If you are interested, please contact the Township Recycling Coordinator, Justin Evans, at 665-4508 or by email at [jevans@penntwplanco.org](mailto:jevans@penntwplanco.org).

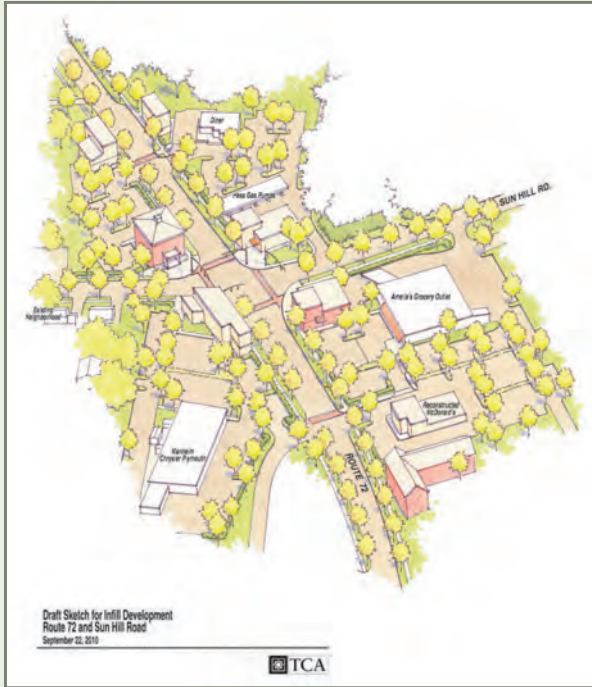
Also, don't forget about the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. Open 6:30 AM—4PM Monday through Friday and Saturday 8:00 AM—Noon, this free service takes your old batteries, computer equipment, cables, in-home medical waste, and more! Don't throw these hazardous items in the trash...recycle them.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

As the year 2012 began, more capacity to further our community development goals was added by hiring Justin Evans to the staff. Last year, we adopted two brand new Form-Based land use ordinances and continued to make strides in preparing our Designated Growth Areas for well-designed development, infill, and redevelopment projects. But the idea of community development is much bigger than approving plans – it is about taking the necessary actions to make the Township’s motto “*Preserving Our Past, Sustaining Our Future*” more than just a catchphrase.

Early, effective interaction with applicants is critical to our plans and ordinances facilitating sound development and redevelopment opportunities. Public projects can form strong bones for important private sector investments in our Township that result in quality residences and more job-producing businesses. The new Form-Based Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances were created together to work in tandem, informing the design of projects with the entire community in mind. By focusing on partnerships with developers, instilling that lofty concept “sense of place” has a better chance of coming to fruition.



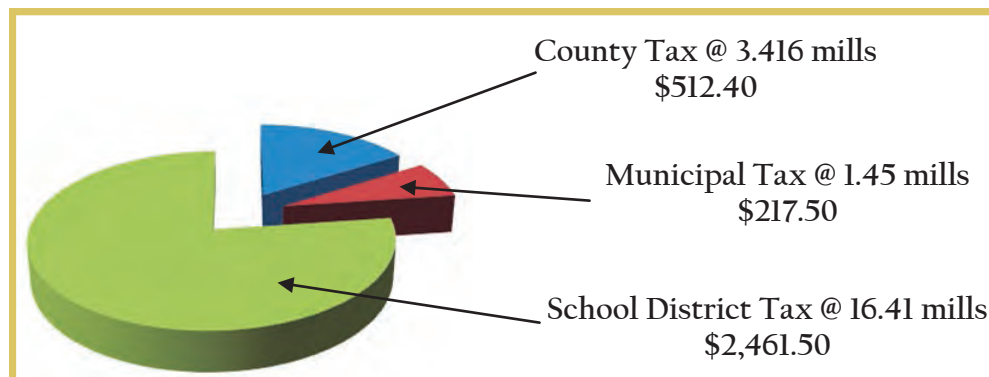
And all of this is built on the foundation of engaging the citizens and business community by providing more information and better customer service. Some of this mindset can already be seen on our website, which we have dramatically enhanced in the early months of the year. Among many other additions, user-friendly discussion on the new Form-Based Codes and How-To Guides are now at the public’s fingertips. The How-To Guides address a number of topics like “Establishing a Home Business” and “Building a Fence” from the standpoint of navigating permitting and planning procedures, giving prospective applicants a brief rundown of

this information either on the web or at the Township Office. We feel that improved public outreach will only lead to a better-informed citizenry and more buy-in to the sound principles of community development succinctly stated in those six words: “*Preserving Our Past, Sustaining Our Future*”.

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## BREAKING DOWN YOUR 2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real estate taxes are comprised of three parts: Municipal, County, and School District taxes. The chart below shows your total annual tax bill by millage (amount per \$1,000) - the total in 2012 being 21.276 mills. Dollar amounts for a \$150,000-valuated property are also provided as an example.





## PERMANENT LONG-TERM SOLUTION BEING IMPLEMENTED

State of the art water treatment facility to be completed by June 2012



We recognize and can appreciate the frustration and inconvenience that many customers of the Northwestern Lancaster County Authority's (Authority) public water system have experienced over the course of the past 24 months. In June 2010, we experienced a bout with cryptosporidium, which ultimately required the Authority to install a temporary, mobile microfiltration unit at a cost of \$20,000.00 per month to its current customers. Since the installation of this state of art microfiltration unit, the clarity and overall quality of the water being distributed to customers has been better than ever and has greatly exceeded regulatory standards with one exception; that exception being nitrate levels.

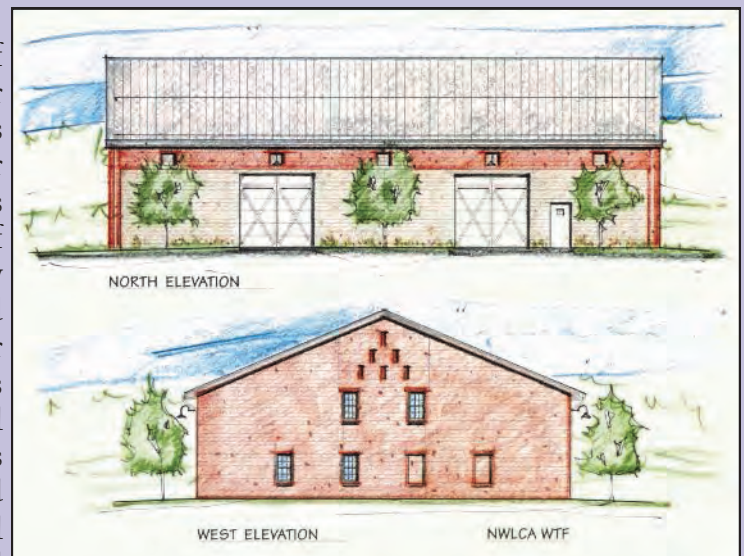
As each customer knows, nitrate levels in our drinking water have been elevated. While not a new phenomenon in Penn Township or many other communities in Lancaster County and throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the circumstance has been no less frustrating and concerning. All customers of Authority's public water system received an initial notification in February 2010 and continue to receive monthly notices in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP). Unfortunately, microfiltration does not treat or remove nitrate but a solution is currently being implemented.

Through self reflection, we have identified an area of needed improvement and want to express our commitment to improve. By no means is this deficiency the result of a lack of leadership, effort, or staff capacities and capabilities. The Authority's Board of Directors is a diverse and talented group of individuals with expertise that any community would be blessed to have; including a registered professional engineer with a focus on wastewater systems, a licensed water system operator who is the current president of the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association and serves on the Governor's Taskforce for Water-Related Issues, a retired industrial water specialist, and two successful business executives who bring a unique practical perspective.

In regards to our operations staff, we are fortunate to have Severn Trent Environmental Services (Severn Trent) as our system operator. Severn Trent is consistently recognized as a leader in its field and its reputation and capacities are second to none.

Our deficiency has been in effectively communicating with our customers. We could have done better in communicating our progress towards achieving a long-term solution and the efforts that have been made and continue to be made. With this said, it is important to note that effective communication requires a dialogue and each of us has a shared responsibility to become informed.

For example, it could have been more effectively communicated that the Authority Board's decision relative to the nitrate notification ultimately represented, in our opinion, a responsible and transparent policy decision. Through the past 24 months, it is important to note that nitrate levels have not continuously exceeded the regulatory standard. While consistently elevated, at many times, the Authority could have played the "game" with the regulatory requirements and rescinded the notice and resumed the required quarterly testing for nitrates. However, we believe that this would not have been representative of a responsible and transparent policy decision recognizing that no means of treatment currently exists on the Authority's public water system to remove nitrate. While perhaps not a popular decision, instead of rescinding the notice and



gambling on “luck,” the Authority voluntarily went to weekly testing instead of the required quarterly testing and posts weekly sample results on the Township’s website in an effort to inform its customers. The Authority has committed to maintaining the notice until a permanent long-term solution is implemented.

The good news is that the permanent long-term solution is coming. After a thoughtful and thorough evaluation of the available alternatives and a laborious design, permitting, and bidding process, we are currently constructing a state of the art water treatment facility on Doe Run Road, which is anticipated to be completed in June 2012. In addition to microfiltration, this roughly \$5 million facility (paid for solely by the customers of the public water system through user fees) will provide for nitrate removal and position us to be able to provide a product, which will be second to none. This facility was designed and is being constructed to ensure future expandability from a treatment capacity standpoint when the customer base warrants such and will provide us with the ability to not only meet today’s regulatory standards but potential future changes in regulations. This approach ultimately creates the potential for more cost effective solutions in the future.

In closing, we appreciate your continued patience and remain empathetic to your circumstance but please recognize that we are committed to excellence and will strive to achieve such through the implementation of solutions that are both effective and efficient. Part of this broader commitment is a commitment to communicate more effectively with our customers. In making this commitment, please always remember that effective communication requires a dialogue and represents a shared responsibility for each of us. As such, please consider attending the Authority’s public meetings regularly scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, visit the Township’s website at [www.penntwplanco.org](http://www.penntwplanco.org) for information relative to the public utilities systems, and always feel free to call with any questions that you may have.

## Notes From the Authority:

### Northwestern Lancaster County Authority’s Wastewater Treatment Plant

Congratulations to Severn Trent Environmental Services for being recognized for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year by Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. for exceptional operation of the Northwestern Lancaster County Authority’s Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### Upcoming NWLCA Projects

Summer/Fall 2012 — Water line installation on Doe Run Road (east of its intersection with Penryn Road) and water line installation on South Penryn Road; project will provide a necessary looping of the water line on Doe Run Road and serve the residential properties on Doe Run Road immediately east of the intersection and involve an extension on South Penryn Road to serve the residential properties fronting the road immediately south of the intersection of Doe Run Road and Penryn Road .

Winter 2012/Spring 2013 — Development of an additional groundwater source to serve the current and future needs of present and future customers of the Authority

Spring/Summer 2013 — Water line installation on Brandt Street and Grandview Drive; project will provide a looped water line spur off of the main located on North Penryn Road

Individuals are encouraged to visit the Township website and/or attend an Authority meeting regularly scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month for additional information on these and other Authority-sponsored projects.

# YOUR COMMUNITY PARKS: GREAT PLACES TO ENJOY THIS SPRING...

Although we've been fortunate to have quite a few mild days to be outside in this winter, it's great to know that the first day of Spring is March 20th! Don't forget that we now have these three community parks that, for most of you, are right down the road. For directions and park rules, head to the Parks & Recreation page of our website.

## Penn Township Community Park at Barons Ridge/Mallard Ponds



### Park Amenities:

- playground
- walking trails

## Penn Township Community Park at Sweetbriar Creek



### Park Amenities:

- soccer field
- baseball field
- basketball court
- volleyball court
- recreation areas
- playground
- walking trails
- public restrooms
- pavilion
- on-site parking

## Penn Township Community Park at Cedar Hollow



### Park Amenities:

- soccer field
- baseball field
- gazebo
- playground
- walking trails
- public restrooms
- on-site parking

## Park and Recreation Advisory Board

The Township is looking for interested volunteers to serve on a to-be-created Penn Township Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Consistent with the Second Class Township Code, this advisory body will consist of 5-7 members and be charged with identifying the open space, recreation, park and trail needs of the Township; recommend plans, programs, and policies regarding the provision of recreation and park services; advise the Board of Supervisors in the acquisition and development of future parklands; and undertake other recreation and park tasks as requested by the Board of Supervisors. Those interested should contact the Township office for additional details.



## Penn Township-Pleasant View Community Day Set for May 5th

Join us for food, fun and fellowship at the annual Penn Township-Pleasant View Community Day, set for Saturday, May 5th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This rain or shine event held on the campus of Pleasant View Retirement Community (544 N. Penryn Road, Manheim) will include a 5K run, live and silent auction, bake sale, food, artisans, community organizations tent, day-long entertainment and more! All proceeds from Community Day benefit the Benevolent Care Endowment Fund which provides quality care for Pleasant View residents regardless of their financial position. Everyone is invited to attend, but there are also a variety of ways you can get involved in Community Day:

**Calling all Crafters:** New this year, local artisans and crafters can share their handiwork with Community Day visitors. Registration is \$25 per table or a donation of one quality item for the Benevolent Care Endowment Fund auction. Space is limited; contact Vicky Jenkins at 664-6237 or [vjenkins@pleasantviewrc.org](mailto:vjenkins@pleasantviewrc.org).

**Town Square 5K:** This run/walk through Pleasant View's campus and the surrounding neighborhood kicks off Community Day at 8 a.m. Register at the Town Square Health Club or online at <http://townsquare5k.wordpress.com>. Your business can also be a 5K sponsor; contact the Town Square Health Club at 664-6305 for more details.

**Auction Donations:** Your business can support Pleasant View and receive free advertising at the same time by making a donation of goods or services to the Live/Silent Auction. Contact Amanda Eckinger at 664-6207 or [aekinger@pleasantviewrc.org](mailto:aekinger@pleasantviewrc.org) for more information.

See you May 5th!



## The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has finally arrived.

While ringing in 2012 together at Dancin' on the Square New Year's Eve, we heralded in 250 years of Manheim in the making. Special thanks go out to all the volunteers who have worked hard to set a slate of commemorative activities for us all to enjoy. Get out your calendar and save some dates! 2012 is going to be a year to remember!

Baron Stiegel Gala - Join Your friends and neighbors April 29 at the beautiful Cedar Hollow Farm, 181 Loghes Dr, Manheim.

Fireman's Festival Celebrating 200 years of service - May 5

Manheim Central High School Graduation - May 8 @ LCBC

Manheim Community Library Summer Kick-Off Party, -May 8 at 7:00

VPW's Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 28.

Visit [www.manheim250.org](http://www.manheim250.org) for more event information.

## WELCOME PENN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS TO THE LITITZ REC CENTER

### Lititz recCenter Upcoming Programs for All!

SilverSneakers fitness insurance program now at the LrC!

LrC Summer Camps: registrations start Wed. March 14 for ages 3-12

Register before May 15 and save \$8 off each camp.

LrC recKids open Child Care registration is Wed. March 14

Adult Summer Volleyball League registrations due May 14

Adult Summer Men's & Women's Basketball League registrations due May 16

Spring 2 Programs begin the week of April 16.

LrC Swim Lessons for Kids & Adults - New! Women in Water (nonswimmers) and Master's Swim Clinic.

*April 1<sup>st</sup> only - 30 day individual membership special!!!*



For more information on programs and membership information, go to [www.lititzrec.com](http://www.lititzrec.com) or call 626-5096.

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

Actively Shaping Families! Visit the recCenter, a superb recreational facility!

Two Indoor Pools - Splash and Main Pool, spacious-fully equipped Fitness Center, Gymnasium with Walking Track, group exercise studios and programs for all ages!

Clip & use guest pass, one per visit per guest. Exp 4/30/12

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**Penn Township Offices**

Municipal Office	665-4508
Water & Sewer Billing	665-4508
Building / Zoning	665-4508
Sewage Enforcement	625-1930
Northern Regional Police Department	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	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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Director - Daryl J. Lefever

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

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**BUILDING INSPECTOR / ZONING OFFICER**

Harry S. Smith

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Justin S. Evans, AICP

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