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CORRUGATED CARDBOARD RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE TO PENN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

We are pleased to announce that a recycling bin for corrugated cardboard is now available at the Penn Township Municipal Campus at 97 North Penryn Road. Courtesy of Good's Disposal Service, the container is located between the Township Office and the Public Works buildings near the rear of the Office. Come on by and recycle all those old moving boxes and shipping containers!



Feel free to bring your flattened corrugated cardboard, but please do not put trash, paper goods, or other recyclables in the container. Good's is providing this to the Township free of charge as long as it is not abused. Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in this over the last few months.



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If you have an email address and capability to read Adobe PDF files, consider receiving the newsletter electronically. It's fast, convenient, and saves us (and ultimately you) money!

*Start with the Fall 2012 newsletter by calling us at
665-4508 or emailing Justin Evans:
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agendas, community events, and other
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and much more!



Anyone who has recently passed by the NWLCA Water Treatment Facility site at 306 Doe Run Road probably noticed a lot of activity. Construction of this State of the Art facility has been on schedule and is nearing completion, poised to go online later this month. The Spring 2012 Township Newsletter detailed much of the benefits that this upgrade will bring to our public water customers. We are certainly proud to see things moving along at a brisk pace.



As seen in the picture to the left (taken in late May), the main structure on the site had all four walls up and was under roof. Having a barn-like aesthetic, it has been built to last decades and designed to integrate into Penn Township's agricultural landscape, respecting the local heritage.

You also may have noticed the array of solar panels that have been in place on the site since spring 2011. These are part of the Authority's broader Sustainability Project intended to be a demonstration area for everyone to visit, enjoy, and learn from. Bridging the gap between increasingly-stringent

water quality standards, public stormwater improvements, and individual homeowner actions is a central theme to what will unfold there throughout the rest of 2012.

After the site work is complete, all are welcome to take a stroll along the walking trail loop that will offer nice views of the streamside area and the surrounding farmland. A variety of natural and structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) ranging from a wetland meadow and riparian buffer to pervious pavement and an infiltration basin will be present. Tying all of these elements together will be a collection of interpretive sign panels identifying the various features and providing tips on how to bring these ideas to your home. We recognize that the most effective way to meet our water quality goals is for everyone to pitch in and be part of the solution. That's why this project is designed to demonstrate how effective these natural techniques can be. Be on the lookout for updates on this exciting project!

See the collection of conceptual drawings for this project on the NWLCA page at our website:

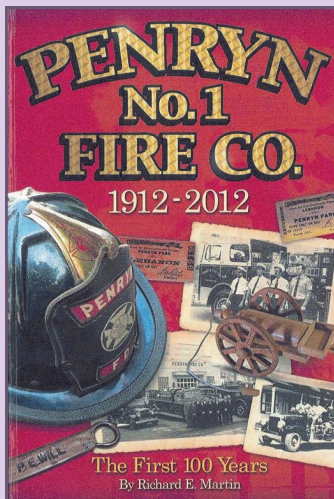
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2012: THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PENRYN FIRE COMPANY



In 1912, Penryn was a thriving commercial hub with a butcher shop, barber, blacksmith, general store, and much more. Work on the new Lutheran Church had begun and on November 6th, the Penryn Fire Company was born. For 100 years, the Penryn Fire Company (as it came to be known in 1927) has served the community, extinguishing blazes and rescuing people from all sorts of disasters and mishaps. Ranging back to the earliest European settlers of the mid-1700's, Penryn has been known as White Oak, Liberty, and Unionville before its current name stuck in 1891. The level of commerce and type of services in Penryn may have changed over the past one hundred years, but the community pride and village character still remain strong. And so does Penryn No. 1.



Read more about the history of Fire Company No. 1 and the Village of Penryn in Dick Martin's fantastic book.

Many people know the Fire Company for its fundraisers and events, but none are as recognizable nowadays as the Mud Sale. Run in conjunction with the Limerock Parochial School, this event always draws a crowd—even if there is no mud to be sold. It takes hundreds of volunteers to manage the masses of people in attendance that bid on furniture, equipment, food, and more. This year's sale marked the eighth time this fundraiser was held, and what a success it was!

But this year, the Penryn Fire Company is celebrating its centennial with a whole schedule of events. Just weeks ago, a Memorial Service commemorating all who served in the organization's storied history was held at St. Paul Lutheran on Newport Road. Between this service and the Mud Sale, the 100th Year Celebration has officially begun for the community to take part in.

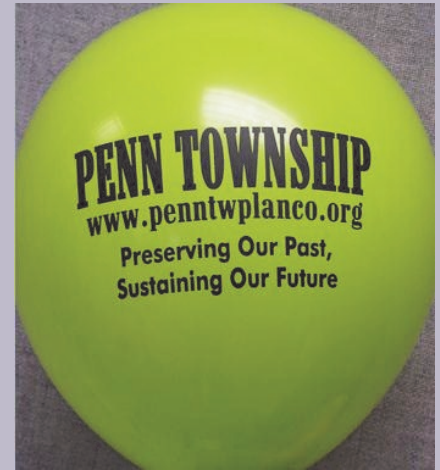
Chief Shannon Martin and his entire crew welcome you all to come out to the upcoming events on their schedule. Next on the calendar is the Historic Tour of Penryn on **June 16th**. Come out and see local heritage sites and hear the stories that go with them. And to prepare for the day, you just may want to check out Richard Martin's book, *Penryn Fire Company No. 1: 1912 - 2012 The First Hundred Years*.

The public will again be invited to the culmination of the year's events: the 100-Year Parade and Celebration. Penryn will be the center of action on **September 15th** for this full-day celebration of the Fire Company and the Village. With a parade at noon, celebration at 3:00 PM, and dinner at 5:00 PM, there is certainly no shortage of family enjoyment planned for that autumn Saturday. Although everyone is invited to the parade and celebration, there is only room for 500 to attend the dinner. So for all those that are interested, mark your calendar and reserve your seats early!



THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE COMMUNITY DAY 2012 A SUCCESS!!!

To all the volunteers, community organizations, local business sponsors, and residents who made this annual celebration possible—THANK YOU. We want to especially thank the Penn Township Planning Commission and the other generous donors for contributing towards the balloons that were handed out to children and other fun-loving people around the Pleasant View campus on May 5th.



Event photo (left) courtesy of Charles Smith. Find the full album on our Facebook page!

Stormwater Management and Your Property

The Big Picture

As Penn Township grows with more homes, businesses, roadways, and services for our population, the amount of land covered by buildings, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces also increases. Throughout time, this incremental change has a dramatic effect when it comes to stormwater: less area is available to soak up rain, while at the same time there is more area that water hits and runs off of. This is a critical driver for why we have enacted and kept current the Stormwater Management chapter of our municipal code. In the Ordinance are several stated principles guiding the regulations, including “control accelerated runoff and erosion and sediment pollution problems” and “encourage recharge of groundwaters”.

Many people often associate stormwater management requirements with large development projects or subdivisions, and the noticeable detention basins that have been typical over the last few decades. The design principles that produced those basins are evolving with time, just as many technologies do. Early methods often involved channelizing runoff and getting it from point A to point B as quickly as possible. Engineering



solutions gradually changed to include basins and ponds to detain stormwater in order to reduce the threat of flooding properties downstream with a more gradual release of water. But the same thought that underlies both schools of thought has been moving water offsite to be dealt with somewhere else.

We view stormwater management facilities as an integral piece of public infrastructure that is a necessary part of providing a safe and healthy place to live and do business in. The pipes, basins, swales, and roadside gutters that make up this interconnected utility require continuous maintenance and improvement to stay effective.

Innovation in Stormwater Management

The need to reduce pollutants from runoff heading to our waterways is also an important aspect of managing stormwater. Rainwater often picks up leaked fluids from automobiles, lawn fertilizer, sediment, or a variety of other pollutants. This has provoked innovative thinking and actions to combine traditional management facilities with natural functions that can help clean runoff before it reaches surface waters.



Butterfly Acres in Lititz combines flood control, groundwater recharge, and runoff filtration into a beautiful, park-like setting. Photo courtesy LandStudies, Inc. Visit landstudies.com for more information about this and other water-based restoration projects in our area.

Large developments and public improvement projects implement innovative solutions such as constructed wetlands, pervious paving, and green roofs more often to address runoff. Individual landowners can also help on a smaller, but still quite effective scale. A rain garden, like the one pictured to the right, is a fantastic way to combine the function of a stormwater basin with the aesthetic of a flower garden—along with the benefits of disconnecting your lot's runoff from the storm sewer utility system and the filtration of pollutants. Flood reduction and water quality enhancements for the common good can be realized through projects both big and small.



Exemptions Under the Ordinance

Our Stormwater Management Ordinance is compliant with both Lancaster County and Commonwealth standards for quality and quantity measures. It currently allows for some exemptions to the regulations involving the addition of impervious areas to your property where additional lot coverage is permitted under the Zoning Ordinance.* Driveways, parking lots, buildings, and other areas under roof are the most common examples of impervious surfaces—essentially anything covering the ground that will not allow water to soak in. This exemption applies only in certain circumstances for lots that are already improved, or for properties within the T-1 Natural District or T-2 Agricultural District.

In the first situation, a home or business could add up to an additional 1,000 square feet of impervious area, provided that the flows leave the site in the same manner as they did before the construction with no adverse effects to adjacent properties. The amount of exempted area for lands in the T-1 or T-2 Districts varies from 500-20,000 square feet depending on two criteria: parcel size and distance between the new impervious surface and the downstream property line. In case you may be wondering if or how much exempted area remains on your property, we track the amount remaining with a property based on zoning and building permit applications made in the past. Contact the Township Office for more information, especially if you are looking to build a shed, expand your driveway, or make other improvements involving impervious surfaces.

*Please note that as water quality regulations become strengthened at the State and Federal levels, our Ordinance may need to be adapted to comply. Exemptions cannot be guaranteed in case of amendments that would reduce or eliminate this provision.

WATER QUALITY SPOTLIGHT: THE CHIQUES CREEK WATERSHED ALLIANCE



The Chiques Creek embodies cultural and natural significance for current and past residents, recreation enthusiasts, and many others who visit the area. Flowing for over 31 miles from Lebanon County to the Susquehanna River near Marietta, it drains approximately 126 square miles and its waters ultimately reach the Chesapeake Bay. This large watershed also encompasses most of our municipality, including nearly all of the area north of Doe Run Road. The Chiques serves as a recognizable boundary between our neighbors, Rapho Township and Manheim Borough.

Established in the year 2000, the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance was formed to “promote good stewardship of the land within the Chiques Watershed in order to protect and preserve the Chiques Creek for our present community and for future generations; to provide opportunities for restoring and improving the streams within the watershed by sponsoring conservation projects; to provide information on watershed protection through written materials and educational projects to oversee the ongoing scientific evaluation of the Chiques Creek Watershed.”



One of the first undertakings of the Alliance was to restore the Rife Run stream channel flowing through Mummau Park in Manheim Borough. This restoration has been the home of the past two annual cleanup efforts, bringing volunteers out to the park to pick up trash from the riparian area and remove invasive growth from the newly planted saplings. Maintenance of the stream buffer is critical in the first few years to ensure that the plantings get a good foothold and grow to provide natural enhancements to the waterway.

Downstream from Mummau Park and across Rt. 772 is Logan Park, which is heavily used by recreation leagues for soccer and baseball. It is the current

target of CCWA's restoration efforts. Drafted by LandStudies, Inc. of Lititz, the masterplan for Rife Run will build upon Mummau Park's successes by enhancing the riparian area as the waterway joins with the Chiques Creek. Since this is a highly-used park by families, the Alliance is focusing on the dual goals of upgrading water quality in the watershed while improving the athletic fields that are a destination for many visitors.

An overarching objective of the CCWA and its partnering municipalities is to provide outdoor education at the demonstration sites accessible to the public. The Mummau and Logan Park projects are two good examples, as is the NWLCA Sustainability Project detailed earlier in the newsletter. When completed, these three sites will broaden our community's educational and recreational opportunities while improving water quality.

Learn more and find links to other resources like the CCWA on the Storm Water Management and Water Quality page of our website:
www.penntwplanco.org

MANHEIM LIBRARY UNVEILS SUMMER SCHEDULE!

Manheim Community Library invites everyone to **Dream Big: READ** this summer. The Library will host a wide variety of Activities, Programs, Prizes and more for every age. Pick up your packet today and start earning your points.

- ◆ **Teagan and Tucker**, our favorite Dogs will be back Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 to hear younger readers practice their skills during the summer. Beginning readers will find these furry friends the best audience of all.
- ◆ Children of all ages are invited to help celebrate Manheim's 250th Anniversary. **Manheim: YOU are Here – Scavenger Hunt** begins July 1 - Prizes will be awarded to children who complete the hunt by Wed, July 11. Forms may be picked up and returned at the Manheim Community Library Circulation Desk. Be amazed at your fabulous hometown.
- ◆ Teens, Manheim Community Library has programs just for you. The Teen Coffee House is open Mon, June 18 at 6 pm for Hunger Games. On July 2 at 6:00 PM the coffee shop will be buzzing about *Fahrenheit 451*, and *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* is the topic of conversation on July 12 at 1:30 PM.
- ◆ **Storyhour: The Sky's the Limit.** Join us at Manheim Community Library Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 AM from Jun 21 to August 2 as we learn to love reading with stories, songs, and crafts! Kick off with Miss Maggie Sings at 10:30 AM on June 21 (Ages 3-6)
- ◆ For both younger and older children: **Manheim Community Library Book Buddies** – Teens are invited to read with younger buddies in the library on alternate Tuesdays from 1:00 to 1:30 PM. Sign up to volunteer today. Book Buddies begins June 26th. (ages 3-7 and Teens)
- ◆ Aspiring young adult writers will want to visit with award-winning author Linda Oatman High when she conducts a writing workshop at Manheim Community Library on Thu. June 21 at 1:30 PM. *Code Name Verity* author Elizabeth Wein will also meet with teens on July 26 at 1:30 PM.

For more details about these programs and other library services (like e-books), check our website at www.manheimlibrary.org. Seating may be limited for programs, so call 665-6700 to reserve your space today!

LITITZ RECENTER SUMMER PROGRAMS—SHAPING ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

- ◆ **Summer Camps** for kids ages 3-12 starting June 11. Sports, dance, fitness, science camps and more! Register before June 30 and receive \$5 off every camp.
- ◆ **Swim lessons** for kids and adults! Lititz recCenter kids' swim lessons are outdoors at Lititz Springs Pool and indoors at the Lititz recCenter. Register now!
- ◆ **Youth recLeagues basketball** for boys and girls in grades 4-6, Thursday evenings starting in June. Contact AmyHowett@lititzrec.com.
- ◆ **Tennis Me Silly 2** – Kids Learn Tennis! Saturday, August 4 at the Lititz recCenter.
- ◆ **Pretzel Twist** - New Distance Celebrating 35 years! 3.5 Run/3.5 Walk/Kids Fun Run Saturday, Sept. 15@ 8:30am.
- ◆ Lititz recCenter 6th Annual Youth Triathlon, Friday, September 21 starting at 4pm for ages 7-15.
- ◆ 3rd Annual recTric Century Bike Ride—Sunday, June 24 -30 & 72 mile ride- Ages 18 and up. Info at www.reccenterslanco.com

Did you know Penn Township residents are eligible for resident membership rates at the Lititz recCenter? For more information on programs, membership, or other promotions going on throughout the summer, call 626-5096 or go to www.lititzrec.com.



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