Township News

Summer 2013 Edition

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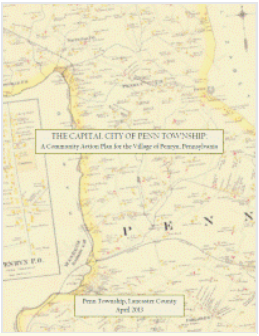
New Township Logo Making Its Way Onto the Scene

In early 2013, we began development of a new logo that would better capture the Township's spirit, add a pop of color, and incorporate our motto "Preserving Our Past, Sustaining Our Future". Two orientations of the logo (see above and below) give us flexibility to use it in a variety of formats and media such as letterhead, website, Facebook, and much more. It is a sharp improvement from the old colorless version, and we are proud to have it symbolize the Township's agricultural heritage and our view toward the future.

Penryn Community Action Plan Adopted and Set in Motion

On April 8, 2013, the Penn Township Board of Supervisors adopted the *Community Action Plan for the Village of Penryn, Pennsylvania*. After a one-year planning process, the Plan is complete but the work has only just begun. An action committee and an affiliated "walking club" are already making things happen in Penryn. These dedicated volunteers began regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month to keep momentum going and continue with the improvements to Penn Township's historic village.

Currently, the community is creating designs for new, durable banners to hang from the utility poles in Penryn. They will proudly display themes such as "Heritage" and "Tradition" for locals and passers-by to see. Gateway signage, a historical marker, traffic calming, and walking routes are all projects being looked at right now. It's a full plate, but the people of Penryn have proven that they can get it done. Stay tuned!



Download the Plan from the Township website—click on the "Reports and Studies" link in the left nav bar.

Community Tree Planting Events a HUGE Success!!!

Over 100 people from Penn Township and beyond showed up ready to work on two sunny Saturdays in late April. The large task was to plant 87 trees in the Cedar Hollow and Sweetbriar Creek Parks, and another 13 at the Township Campus. With the added benefit of great weather for that time of year, all 100 trees were planted! These events were a testament to the power of volunteerism and pride in community. The Township Staff and Board of Supervisors have nothing but gratitude for everyone who made it all possible! We hope that you enjoy your parks and the trees that add another element to these public spaces.

Check In at Your Township Parks Using Foursquare

All three of Penn Township's parks (Cedar Hollow, Sweetbriar Creek, and Barons Ridge/ Mallard Ponds) are on Foursquare—and the "Mayorship" is up for grabs. Next time you're at one of the these facilities, check in and stake your claim! For more information on the parks, head to the Penn Township website (www.penntwplanco.org) and look for the "Parks & Recreation" link on the left. You'll find pictures, directions to the facilities, and more.

TreeVitalize
A partnership to restore tree cover in Pa. communities
www.treevitalize.net

Previous Page: Images from the 25-tree planting at Sweetbriar Creek Park on April 27th, which spilled over to the Township Campus to finish the remaining 13 trees.

Current Page: Images from the tree planting at Cedar Hollow Park on April 20th. 62 trees were planted, mulched, and given a good start for a long, healthy future.

SUMMERTIME ZONING AND CODES COMPLIANCE INFORMATION
SWIMMING POOLS, HOT TUBS, & SPAS

Summer is almost here, and that means time to go swimming for many people. If you have a pool, hot tub, or spa at your home—or are looking to install one—please take note of the following important information:

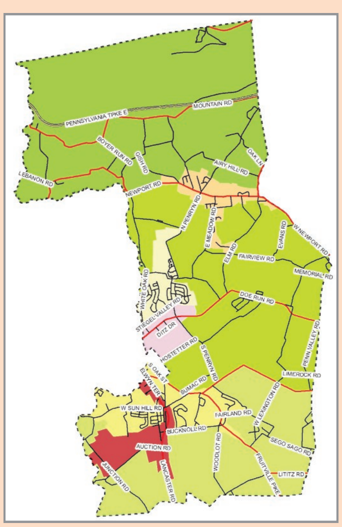
§403.26 of the PA Uniform Construction Code, as adopted by your elected state officials requires inspections of swimming pools capable of holding water deeper than 24", including the storable "inflatable ring" pools and all permanently installed hot tubs & spas.

Barriers or fences are required around all pools over 24" in height or depth. Above ground pools with outside walls of 48" or higher are considered their own barrier if they do not have a permanent means of access to the pool.

For storable pools, Penn Township requires a permit only for the first year if you are placing the pool in the same location in subsequent years.

The Township office has handouts for your review if you are considering a pool purchase.

THE PENN TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



In the previous edition of the Newsletter, we announced the commencement of this planning process as a way to assess the Township's transportation network, make critical decisions, and allocate resources to its long-term viability. Background data collection and future demand modeling has begun, based upon existing conditions and adopted planning documents.

An important aspect of the process is to conduct a series of public meetings to introduce the Plan, and solicit input from citizens and business owners. This input will be factored into the formulation of goals and objectives that support this tool. Even more importantly, public feedback will aid in the prioritization of safety enhancement and capacity building projects. Unfortunately, dates and locations for community meetings have not been set at this time.

Keep an eye out on the Township website or Facebook page for community meeting announcements. If you would like to be personally contacted about these events, call the Penn Township office at **665-4508** or email Justin Evans at **jevans@penntwplanco.org**.

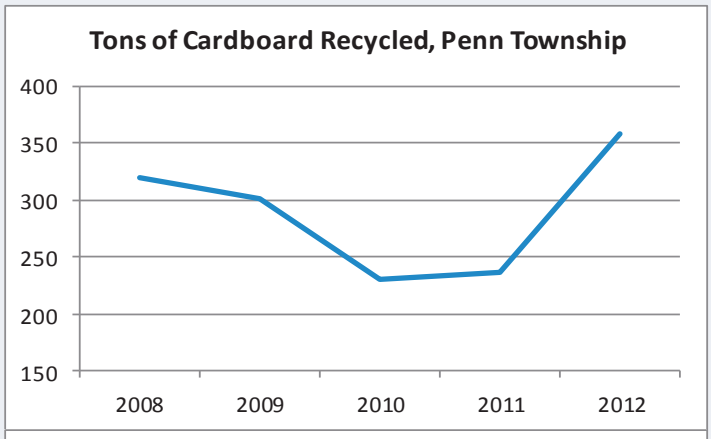
Penn Township Recycling Program Update

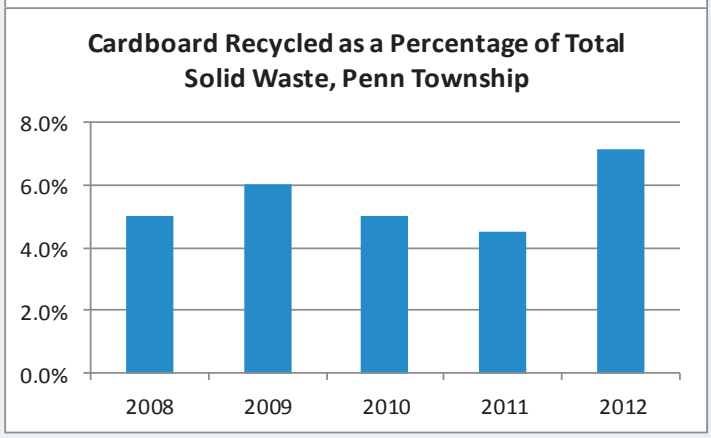
2012 municipal recycling data have been released by the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, and Penn Township showed an overall increase in recycling activity last year.

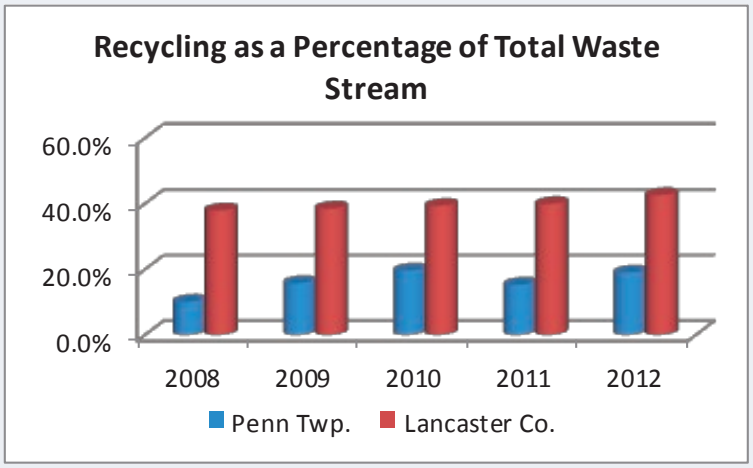
After essentially a full year of having a corrugated cardboard drop-off bin at the Township Campus, the results were noticeable: annual cardboard recycled in our municipality jumped from 237 to 359 tons! To put this in perspective, the amount of recycled cardboard as a percentage of total solid waste increased from 4.5% to 7.2%. Please remember that this bin accepts flattened, corrugated cardboard that is not stained by food or grease.

Thanks again to Goods Disposal Service, Inc. for providing the cardboard bin free of charge to Penn Township residents.

Overall, 18.9% of Penn Township's total solid waste stream was recycled. Residential and commercial; curbside and drop-off; bottles, cans, and cardboard—all of this is part of the equation. Although our municipality's recycling rate is less than half of the Lancaster County average, this rate was improved from 2011 as well. Keep up the good work!







Trash Hauler Survey Results Compiled

In the Spring 2013 edition of the Township Newsletter, we asked you whether Penn Township should contract with a single hauler on behalf of all residents. Within weeks of publication, 69 people responded and shared their thoughts on the issue.

While 23 respondents were in favor of some sort of a Township-contracted program, the other two-thirds felt that the current system that allows each household to choose their trash hauler works just fine. These results were shared with the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting, and no further action on moving to a single-hauler system was taken.

Thank you to all who responded and gave feedback for us to consider.

WATERSHED EXPO 2013

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Lancaster Liederkranz

722 South Chiques Road, Manheim

Sponsored by the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance

The Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance (CCWA) would like to invite you to our second Watershed Expo at the Lancaster Liederkranz!

The 2013 Watershed Expo will be held on June 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Liederkranz, located at 722 South Chiques Road. It will be a family-friendly event with informational speakers and table displays, hands-on activities for kids, and food will be available (including free ice cream!). Come learn about home composting, agricultural conservation, and best management practices to protect the creek in your backyard. Tours will be given of the streambank restoration project currently underway at the Liederkranz site.

CCWA is also seeking project locations for tree plantings, removal of invasive species, and stream clean-ups. Please contact us if you have a site on your property where you would be willing to allow volunteers to work. For more information about CCWA or the Watershed Expo, please call the Rapho Township office at 665-3827 or check out our web page at chiquescreekwatershed.org.

Featuring live music by the Ragtime Willi Band

Some of the Scheduled Presenters and Activities:

Stream restoration - Liederkranz and Land Studies
Home composting - Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority
Auction Road bridge project - Harbor Engineering
Protecting habitats - Lancaster Environmental Center
Fish print T-shirt making - Lancaster County Conservation District
Lancaster Agricultural Council
Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium
Lancaster Conservancy
Jim Benedict, local farmer participating in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
PA Rural Water Association Source Water Protection Program
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance
Lititz Run Watershed Alliance
Lancaster Farmland Trust
Face painting, free ice cream, and more!

We hope to see you on June 19!

- Volunteers of the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance

The mission of the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance is to promote good stewardship of the land within the Chiques Creek Watershed, and to protect and preserve the Chiques Creek for our present community and for future generations.

Learn more at chiquescreekwatershed.org.

Manheim Community Library

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

Summer 2013 FUN!

"Learn Something New Every Day"
at the Library
5 Readers categories this year:
Birth to age 4 * 5 through 9 * 10 through 12 * 13 through 17 * ADULTS
Prizes selected for each age group!

MONDAYS:
Discovery Club *(Penn and Rapho)*
Teagan and Tucker – Reading Dogs
STEM-Ortunity *(Science)*

TUESDAYS:
Crafter-Noons *(Arts & Cratft)*
Lunch Bunch *(ages 10 & up)*

WEDNESDAYS:
Summer Reading Events at Stiegel

THURSDAYS:
Book Buddies *(Storytime & Friends)*

www.ManheimLibrary.org

Summer Fun at the Lititz recCenter!

Weekly Summer Camps for ages 3-15 ◊ Lititz reckids Summer Child Care Celebrating 28 Years!
(Kids from all school districts – flexible schedules - membership not required.)

Indoor and Outdoor Swim Lessons
Over 60 group, spin & aquatic fitness classes free with membership!
Membership specials for college students and July 1-4. (Penn Twp residents receive the resident rates.)

Full Facility - Gymnasium - Main Pool - Splash Pool - Fitness Center

The lititz recCenter Summer Program Guide is available online.
Visit www.lititzrec.com and see what the LrC can offer you!

Shaping active lifestyles at the LrC!

June 23, 2013—4th Annual Rectric Century Bike Ride Sunday,
September 12, 2013—Pretzel Twist 5 Mile Run/5KWalk/Kids Run
September 27, 2013—Youth Triathlon

Sign up your kids today at the lititz recCenter for tennis and other sport camps this summer!

lititz recCenter

www.lititzrec.com 717.626.5096 301 W. Maple St. Lititz PA 17543

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Municipal Office	665-4508
Water & Sewer Billing	665-4508
Building / Zoning	665-4508
Sewage Enforcement	989-8439
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
Doe Run Elementary	665-8850
H. C. Burgard Elementary	665-8900
Stiegel Elementary	665-8800

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