

Winter 2012 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

PENN township

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PENN TOWNSHIP AWARDED \$15,000 GRANT FROM TREEVITALIZE!



Launched in 2004 by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), TreeVitalize has a statewide goal to plant 1 million trees in urban or urbanizing areas throughout Pennsylvania. With their local partner, LIVEGreen Lancaster, DCNR has awarded Penn Township \$15,000 to enhance our tree canopy at the Park at Sweetbriar Creek, the Park at Cedar Hollow, and along a segment of North Penryn Road.

Next spring, we will be planting 87 trees in the two parks – volunteer help from all ages will be greatly appreciated. Stay tuned to the Township website over the next few months if you are interested in being part of this momentous undertaking. The more hands on deck to plant, mulch, and water...the merrier!

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE LANCASTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY:

Effective January 24, 2013 residents and businesses may no longer place “covered devices” at the curb for disposal or throw them away as trash. Covered devices include desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, etc. They can be recycled free of charge at the LCSWMA’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster.



www.lcswma.org

PLEASE NOTE:

This is the second-to-last print edition of the Penn Township Newsletter that will be produced regularly. Beginning with the Summer 2013 edition, it will be offered only in electronic format to reduce costs. You will be able to receive the newsletter either by download from the township website or sent via email. Announcements will also be made through our Facebook page. If interested in email delivery, please provide your email address to:

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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE

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As is customary at the conclusion of each year, individuals, families, and organizations often tend to reflect on the concluding year and plan for and establish goals and objectives for the upcoming year. In this regard, the Township is no different. In order to continue to progress and to avoid repeating mistakes made and to learn from challenges, it is important for the Township to engage in this customary year-end process of self reflection. Such an exercise is ultimately important for the governing body, management and staff, and constituents for a number of reasons. In addition to creating a recognition and awareness of deficiencies so that improvement can be made and success can be achieved, a process of self reflection can strengthen resolve when faced with difficult decisions or affirm the appropriateness of a particular decision or approach when questioned by others. It can also serve as a means to create recognition of and provide motivation for continued progress and effort for those either making a decision or implementing a decision or approach. The process of self reflection may also result in a general sense of pride amongst those being served.

Recognizing all of this, we thought it important to publically self reflect on the decisions and actions of the Township over the course of past couple of years and to articulate how we believe we have furthered our organizational mission of “Preserving Our Past and Sustaining Our Future”. This guiding mantra of preservation of the past but sustainment of the future has served as the foundational basis for all decisions made and actions taken by the Township in the recent past. It is our belief that stagnation and mediocrity are unacceptable and irresponsible options if we are to collectively ensure a vibrant and healthy future for our community.

While certainly mistakes have been made and will continue to be made given human involvement, from an organizational standpoint, a number of successes have been realized and a number of important decisions have been made on foundational matters. The following is an abbreviated listing of items that we believe will be pivotal in ensuring our future success and progress:

- ◇ The development and implementation of a Transferable Development Rights (TDR) Program, which directs growth to appropriate areas of the Township in a way that strives to efficiently and effectively utilize areas planned for growth while providing a mechanism to perpetually preserve the agricultural and natural areas of the Township. Additionally, the Township’s ability to sell TDRs to the development community provides the Township with a sustainable funding mechanism to finance preservation efforts without the need to use general tax revenues.
- ◇ The construction of a state-of-the-art water treatment facility, which has the ability to be cost effectively expanded as the customer base dictates and is technologically capable of meeting future changes in regulation.
- ◇ The development of an additional water source, which provides both security for existing customers and available capacity for growth of the customer base for the foreseeable future.



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- ◇ The formation of the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department, which provides opportunities for improved levels of professional police service due to the pooling of resources amongst three communities and has already resulted in stabilization of costs to provide this important service.
- ◇ The development and implementation of new land use ordinances, which provide the necessary tools to manage growth, preserve the rural character of the Township, encourage private investment in the community, and have been recognized by the County of Lancaster and others for their innovation and progressivity.
- ◇ The development of three community parks consisting of approximately 30 acres of usable open space.
- ◇ The development and implementation of a comprehensive communications strategy/program to reach and inform various constituent groups; includes the use of printed newsletters, an enhanced website, a Facebook page, and an emergency notification system.
- ◇ The construction of two solar energy systems to provide electricity to municipal facilities. These systems provide shelter from the current and future natural volatilities of the energy markets and create the potential of additional revenue from the sale of renewable energy credits and overproduction.
- ◇ The receipt of over \$400,000.00 in federal, state, local, and private grants.
- ◇ Two fully-funded municipal pension plans in an environment of global recession and one in which many find themselves facing pension funding crises.



As said, in addition to individuals, families, and organizations typically looking back at the conclusion of the year, it is also customary to look forward. Recognizing that having a future-oriented prospective is fundamental to our continued success. The following is a brief listing of objectives and efforts planned in 2013:

- ◇ The development of a multi-year Transportation Improvement Plan, which seeks to make investment in the transportation infrastructure of the Township for the purposes of improving safety and convenience, maintaining existing infrastructure, and leveraging private and other governmental investment. In this environment of limited transportation dollars, it is important to ensure that transportation improvements are not considered and made in a vacuum but rather serve to promote and further other policy objectives.
- ◇ The enhancement of the Sustainability Demonstration Project, which has been developed on the site of the new Water Treatment Facility and which purpose is to provide an educational and informational facility that promotes and encourages the protection of our valuable water resources through effecting changes in the approach and behaviors of various target audiences, including homeowners, businesses, students, and the development community.
- ◇ Adoption and implementation of a “Plan for Penryn,” which seeks to leverage the degree of excitement and involvement resulting from Penryn Fire Company’s 100th Year Anniversary Celebration in 2012. The purpose is for the benefit of preserving and reenergizing this important historic village through the telling of its story and the creation of a sense of place.
- ◇ Creation of an Industrial Development Authority in conjunction with the Economic Development Company of Lancaster County to provide a tool to attract investment in appropriate areas of the Township in an effort to create additional family sustaining employment opportunities and expanding and diversifying the Township’s tax base and utility customer bases.

If interested in participating in any of these efforts or initiatives or if you have questions or concerns related to past or ongoing efforts or initiatives, please contact the Township Office at (717) 665-4508.

STORMWATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN WITH ALL OF US

As many of you know, Penn Township has reapplied for its Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection earlier this year. Our work to improve the quality of water flowing through the storm pipes and into waterways like the Chiques Creek or Little Conestoga Creek needs the involvement of as many people as possible. Soon, the *Integrated Public Education and Outreach & Public Involvement and Participation Programs* will be posted on the Township website. In early 2013, you will also find the “Storm Water Management Information” page retooled into a set of pages addressing a wider range of water resource topics beyond stormwater, such as drinking water supply and local watershed groups.



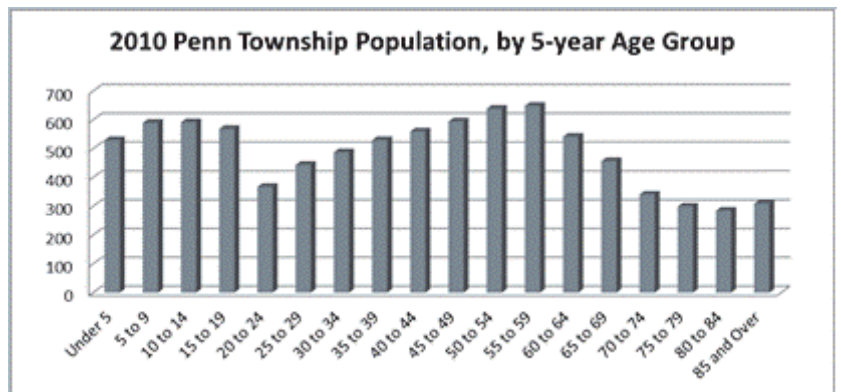
Stenciling is an effective and inexpensive way for community members of all ages to help promote education of the link between runoff and our streams. (example from King County, WA)

The public outreach and participation document serves as Penn Township’s roadmap for engaging various stakeholders over the next five years to achieve mutually-beneficial outcomes affecting our water. Whether it is the agricultural community, local businesses, or school children; there are unique ways by which we can contribute to the solution. It looks at the driving forces behind the need to protect our water resources and how to deliver the message to various audiences.

Not only does public involvement include being better informed about runoff and water issues, it means taking action. This spring, be on the lookout for announcements about inlet stenciling events. Our plan is to host them in several neighborhoods to let people of all ages spray paint public property—all for a good cause! We hope to see you out there in 2013.

TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS SUMMARY NOW ONLINE

So the 2010 U.S. Census reported that Penn Township has 8,789 residents...but do you want to know more to the story? Head to the “About Us” page on the Township website to see some interesting ways to look at the data, like this chart:



MANHEIM BOROUGH SWIMMING POOL PASSES ON SALE NOW **PRE-SEASON DISCOUNT AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER**

Contact the Manheim Borough Office at 665-2461 for more information, or visit their website www.manheimborough.org. During this limited time, Penn Township residents are offered the same discounted rate as Manheim Borough and Rapho Township residents, so act now!

CHRISTMAS TREE DROPOFF AVAILABLE BEGINNING DECEMBER 26TH

Bring your used Christmas tree by the Township Campus for recycling when your family is ready to take down the season’s decorations. Feel free to leave your tree in the orange-fenced area between the Public Works Buildings and the rear of the Township Office, near the cardboard recycling dumpster. The facility will be available through January 13th.

PENN TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

The Penn Township Public Works Department understands that when the snow flies, life on the roads can be a trying time. We try real hard to do the best and quickest job possible to make the roads safe and clear of snow and ice. Cindering usually starts right after the snow begins to fall, with plowing starting around 3" of accumulation. Cindering and plowing routes are set up to clear the more heavily traveled roads first. Then we take care of the secondary roads and development streets. All roads are usually plowed over twice. We make an effort to plow through all of the streets/roads once to get everything at least passable and then the second time to get the snow to the edge of the road or curb. Penn Township is committed to providing excellent snow removal service.



In order to help us do a better job, we ask that township residents help us in a couple of areas:

- **ALL CARS** are to be parked in driveways or off the street, during a snow event, to allow the public works department to clear the street back to the edge of the road or curb. This allows for the next storm or water to run from the snow melt.
- **NO CARS should be parked in a CUL-DE-SAC.** Cul-de-sacs can be time consuming, and having cars on the street make it very difficult to clear and/or turn around.
- During a plowing operation, snow will go into your driveway. If possible, **wait until the street or road is plowed before clearing driveway openings. Shovel the snow to the right side of your driveway as you face the street.** This allows the snowplow to take the snow away from your driveway.
- **PLEASE DO NOT THROW OR BLOW SNOW ONTO THE STREET!** This creates a hazardous and unsafe condition on an already cleared roadway. If this is done and the snow refreezes overnight it can become quite icy and dangerous to traffic and a potential liability for the homeowner, if an accident should occur.
- For safety reasons, **shovel out fire hydrants** if they are located on your property.

Mailboxes: Heavy snow, as it is plowed, will occasionally damage or topple mailboxes. Heavy, wet snow exiting the plow increases the potential for mailbox damage. To lower the potential for damage, make sure your mailbox is secured tightly, on a sturdy post. It is Penn Township's policy that the repair of mailboxes and lawns is the property owners' responsibility, since the right-of-way extends further onto your property than you realize. The Road Department makes every effort not to damage mailboxes or property, but it does happen.

Basketball Poles/Nets: Basketball poles are not acceptable items within the right-of-way. As an unapproved structure within the legal right-of-way, the following applies:

- Penn Township will not pay for any damage to basketball poles, nets, or other recreational equipment located within the public right-of-way that is damaged by plowed snow or struck during plowing operations.
- Penn Township will seek full payment for damage to salting/plowing equipment caused by recreational equipment located within the public right-of-way.

Winter Safety Tips for Drivers:



1. **Stay back at least 100 feet**, when following trucks or equipment that is plowing or cindering and is displaying a flashing amber strobe light.
2. **Always follow in a manner that the truck driver can see you in his side mirrors.**
3. **Turn on headlights**, to make your vehicle more visible.
4. Snow removal trucks or equipment may have to **slow down, stop, or backup! BEWARE!**
5. Because of safety, **DO NOT EVER PASS A SNOWPLOW**, while it is in the process of plowing.
6. **SLOW DOWN, DRIVE DEFENSIVELY, AND HAVE A SAFE WINTER SEASON!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PENRYN FIRE COMPANY AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF PENRYN FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEARLONG CELEBRATION!

Throughout this year's 100th Anniversary Celebration, a group of dedicated volunteers came together to put on a series of events in Penryn. From the historic tour to the grand finale complete with a parade and fireworks display, thousands of people made their way to Penryn to see all of the hard work come to fruition. Penn Township is proud of the Penryn Fire Company and everyone who pitched in with planning, funding, and participating in the ambitious schedule. An amazing aspect of all this is that no money from the Company's operating budget was used to pull it off—donations, volunteer labor, and proceeds from the sale of Richard Martin's book financed it all!

But as 2012 comes to a close, the history of the Fire Company and Village of Penryn that has been brought to life must not simply fade away. A number of the volunteers that participated in the Anniversary Celebration have worked with Township Staff to put together ideas for ensuring the Penryn's longevity. Keep your eyes out in early 2013 for the Cultural Heritage Plan to see how the people, places, and events that made this community unique will live on for the next 100 years and beyond.

DEDICATION OF THE J. CALVIN WENGER HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AT PLEASANT VIEW RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

On Wednesday, October 24, 2012, Pleasant View Retirement Community held the dedication of the J. Calvin Wenger Health and Wellness Center. More than 350 guests, including donors, residents, family members and local dignitaries, were in attendance to honor Dr. Wenger. Tours of the new facility as well as hors d'oeuvres and lite fare prepared in partnership with the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (Mt. Joy) and Pleasant View Food Service Staff were a treat for the guests of the Pleasant View Campus.

Included in the dedication was the honorific naming of the J. Calvin Wenger Health and Wellness Center, an honor that resident and current chairman of the board Dr. J. Calvin Wenger said he never expected. "I can sincerely say that the honor of having this Health and Wellness Center hold my name is something that I never expected. I'm overjoyed and delighted with what Pleasant View has done over the years and I'm privileged to be a part of it," Wenger said.

A Manheim native, Dr. Wenger dedicated his professional career to the health and wellness of the Lancaster community through his chiropractic practice. The Wenger Chiropractic Group was founded in 1938 by his father S. G. Wenger with Calvin joining the practice in 1956. With more than 100 years of combined experience, they treated six generations of patients and is the second oldest chiropractic practice in the county. Dr. Wenger has been a large part of the Pleasant View community for many years as well. In 1993, Dr. Wenger joined the Board of Directors and accepted the role of Chairman of the Board in 1996, dedicating nearly two decades of time and energy in service and in leadership to Pleasant View.

The completion of the J. Calvin Wenger Health and Wellness Center allows all residents to have private sleeping rooms and also represents Pleasant View's ability to deliver resident-centered care as they switch to the "household" format. Residents are organized into "neighborhoods," with each neighborhood having its own dining area, several living rooms and smaller gathering areas. This format allows residents more choices when possible and practical, while staying within government regulations.



Pictured in photo (from left to right):
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce President Tom
Baldrige, State Senator Mike Brubaker, PVRC CEO
Colleen Frankenfield, Dr. J. Calvin Wenger, Penn
Township Board of Supervisors Chair Travis Rohrer,
Penn Township Manager David Kratzer, Jr.



Manheim Community Library

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

Manheim Community Library offers the community a wide range of material and programs designed to satisfy their informational and recreational reading needs. Start the library habit today. In-home book delivery available for shut-ins by Library volunteers.

Join Manheim Community Library staff for activities and events to stimulate the love of learning. Winter programming includes storytimes, family movie nights, craft programs, gardening, and Read Across America. Sign up for programs by calling the Library at 665-6700 or visit the website: www.ManheimLibrary.org to learn more. Winter program sign-up begins January 14.

Free Preschool Storytimes will continue at the Penn Township Municipal Building on Tuesday Mornings at 11:00. Join us for "ABC Read to Me." Songs, stories, crafts and friends await you Tuesdays from January 22 through the end of March.

Traditional Storytime will also be held at the Library on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30. J is for January is the first program of the winter session.

Healthy Happenings resumes on alternate Mondays beginning on January 28. Miss Renee makes indoor time fun and educational. Preschoolers, stories and play time collide with a practical purpose.

Dates to Remember:

- January 19 is Crazy Craft Day: Make and take your creation. Drop-in from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.
- February 1 at 5:30: Family Movie Night features a fabulous flick about a very Brave Princess. Bring your friends and find out what happens.
- February 5 at 6:00 PM meet *The Berenstain Bears*, Brother and Sister, at the Manheim Community Library. Don't forget the camera!
- February 14 at 6:00 is Movie Night for Teens and Tweens. Bring a friend and share popcorn as we watch a new release.
- March 1 is Dr. Seuss's Birthday and the day we *Read Across America* join us for the craziest birthday cake of all, and sign-up for the Winter Reading Program.
- Winter Reading Program February 26 – March 23. Readers win prizes!
- March 23, end Winter with an Easter Storyhour at 10:00 for young and old alike!
- Date to be announced: a local Master Gardener will present "Getting Ready for Spring Planting" at the Library.

LITITZ RECENTER ACTIVITIES

Holiday FREE Try Its for everyone in the community!
Starting December 26!

For Kids and Youth

Wed, Dec. 26 Kids Hip Hop (ages 6-12) 4:20-5:00pm
Wed, Dec. 26 Kids Tap Fitness (ages 3-7) 5:15-6pm
Fri, Dec. 28 Preschool Open Gym 10am-12pm
Sat, Dec. 29 Kids Ballet (ages 3-9) 10:15-11am
Wed, Jan. 2 Zumbatomic (ages 6-12) 5:30pm

For Adults

Wed and Fri 8am-12 and Thurs 7pm Adult Pickleball
Wed, Dec. 26 and Fri, Jan. 4 Stress Reduction Program 9:30am or 6:30pm
Wed, Dec. 26 Jazzercise 9:15-10:15am
Wed, Dec. 26 Yoga 7:00-8:00pm
Thurs, Dec. 27 Jazzercise 6:10-7:10pm
Thurs, Dec. 27 Seminar "Eat to Support Lean Muscles" for females 6:00-7:00pm
Thurs, Dec. 27 Flirty Girl Fitness 7:15-8:15pm
Sat, Dec. 28 Foam Rolling 9:00-10:00am
Wed, Jan. 2 Zumba Gold 6:00-6:30pm
Wed, Jan. 2 Zumba 6:30-7:00pm
Thurs, Jan. 3 Seminar on Back Pain & Exercise 6:00-7:00pm
Thurs, Jan. 3 New! Club Dance Fitness 6:15-7:00pm
Thurs, Jan. 3 Flirty Girl Fitness 7:00-8:00pm
Thurs, Jan. 3 New! Foam Rolling 7:00-8:00pm



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For College Students a Winter Break College Pass for \$55. Students (ages 18-22) may purchase starting November 16, 2012 to January 31, 2013.

December Special! Purchase a one year membership starting 12 days before Christmas on December 13 through December 24 to Save \$25 off the joiner's fee.

OPEN HOUSE at the LrC on Saturday, January 19!

Bring the family or come with a friend to swim, exercise, or play in the gym and experience the LrC. Sign up for a one year membership today and the LrC will waive the joiner fee of \$50! Also, we will include you in a drawing for one free water personal training and one free individual fitness personal training to start a new you!

Membership now includes over 50 Group, Aquatic and Spin Fitness Classes per week!
SilverSneakers memberships available and classes are free!

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