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LANCASTER COUNTY'S 100,000TH ACRE OF PRESERVED FARMLAND LOCATED HERE IN PENN TOWNSHIP

On December 5th, the Bruce & Patricia Lefever farm at 745 Fruitville Pike will be preserved through a partnership consisting of Penn Township, the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board, and the Lancaster Farmland Trust. Securing this Agricultural Conservation Easement is a big part of the township and countywide goal to preserve large, productive areas of farmland for generations to come, sparing them from the path of growth.

The Lefever farm will bring Penn Township's preserved farm acreage closer to 3,400—but more importantly, it will break through the 100,000-acre threshold in Lancaster County! Not only will our county be the first in Pennsylvania to reach this tremendous milestone, it will be the first in the United States. This is very fitting, given that Lancaster County contains the most productive non-irrigated soils in the entire nation. But at the same time, we have seen considerable growth pressures over the past several decades from our location on the fringes of several major metropolitan areas.



Photo courtesy of Ann DeLaurentis

Penn Township's involvement in local preservation efforts has been ramped up since the adoption of our Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. (For more information on TDRs, see the article in the Fall 2012 edition of the Township News.) As part of this transaction, the township will acquire TDRs that can be purchased by landowners and developers to intensify residential and commercial uses. Promoting agriculture in our community AND providing a way to

incentivize more efficient use of land within planned growth areas are two ways to move Penn Township into the future without losing sight of its rural heritage.

Congratulations to the Lefever family, the many proud generations of Lancaster County farmers, and the leaders of agricultural preservation in our community.

TREE PLANTING WRAPPED UP AT THE TOWNSHIP PARKS

If you've been keeping up with the Township News this year, there has been no shortage of articles detailing the tree planting events at the township parks. October 5th was a bittersweet day at Sweetbriar Creek Park, where the last of four planting days took place. The first shovels hit the ground all the way back on April 20th in Cedar Hollow Park, where the first of 100 trees were put in the ground.

At least the original plan was to plant 100 trees—but with the great volunteer support and cost-effective tree stock, we were presented with a fantastic opportunity to take another bite at the apple and round out the parks with evergreens and ornamentals in the fall. 66 more trees made their way to the parks thanks to the help of nearby residents and Boy Scouts. Only one tree didn't make it into the winter (it was replaced by the vendor at no charge) and many survived attacks from Japanese beetles. Like many of the people that helped, we are excited to see the trees grow over the coming years!



A huge thanks goes out to everyone who got their hands dirty and made this great project possible!

The Tree Planting Project by the Numbers

- ⇒ 166 trees planted
- ⇒ 154 volunteers involved
- ⇒ 304 hours of volunteer labor
- ⇒ \$6,830.57 equivalent value of volunteer labor
- ⇒ \$15,500 grant awarded
- ⇒ only \$5,501.56 Township dollars spent on project



Tree Species Planted at the Parks

Shade Trees:

Allee Elm
Bald Cypress
Black Gum
Frontier Elm
Ginkgo
Greenspire Linden
Halesia "Arnold Pink"
Katsura Tree
Plane Tree
Red Maple
Red Oak
River Birch
Sugar Maple
Varigated Sweetgum
White Oak

Ornamental Trees:

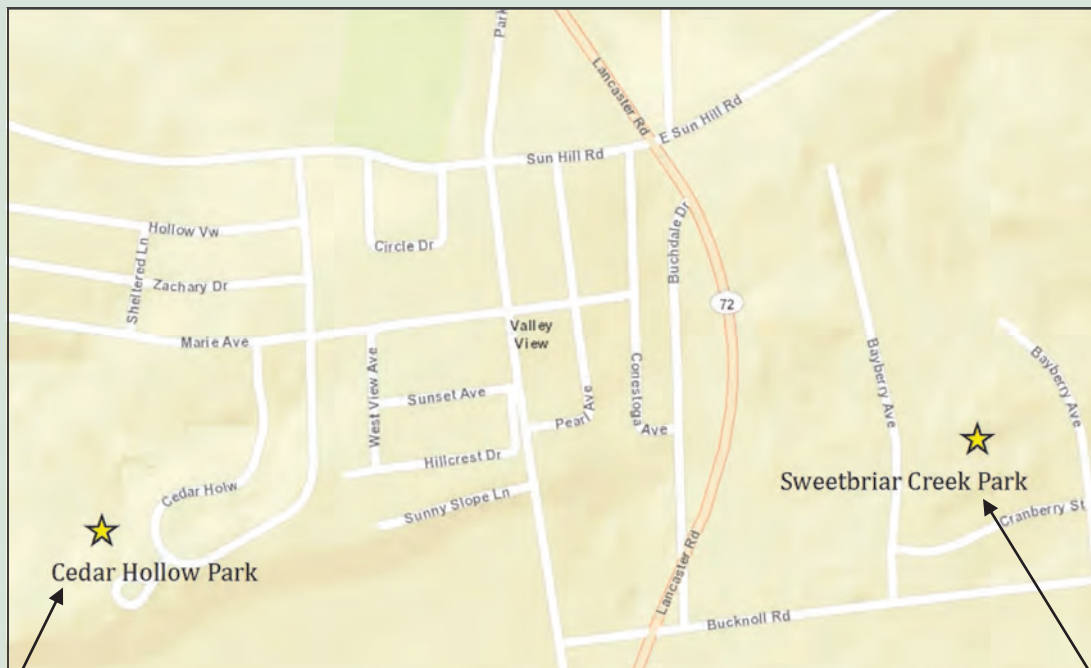
Eastern Redbud
Flowering Cherry
Pagoda Dogwood
Robinson Crabapple

Evergreens:

Eastern White Pine
Norway Spruce

PARKS & RECREATION

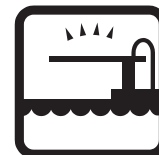
The parks at Cedar Hollow and Sweetbriar Creek are two of the four township recreation areas available to the public. These are our largest park spaces, and offer both passive and active recreation opportunities for individuals, families, and athletic leagues. You'll find baseball and soccer fields, walking trails, picnic shelters, restrooms, playground equipment—and, of course, a whole lot of new trees.



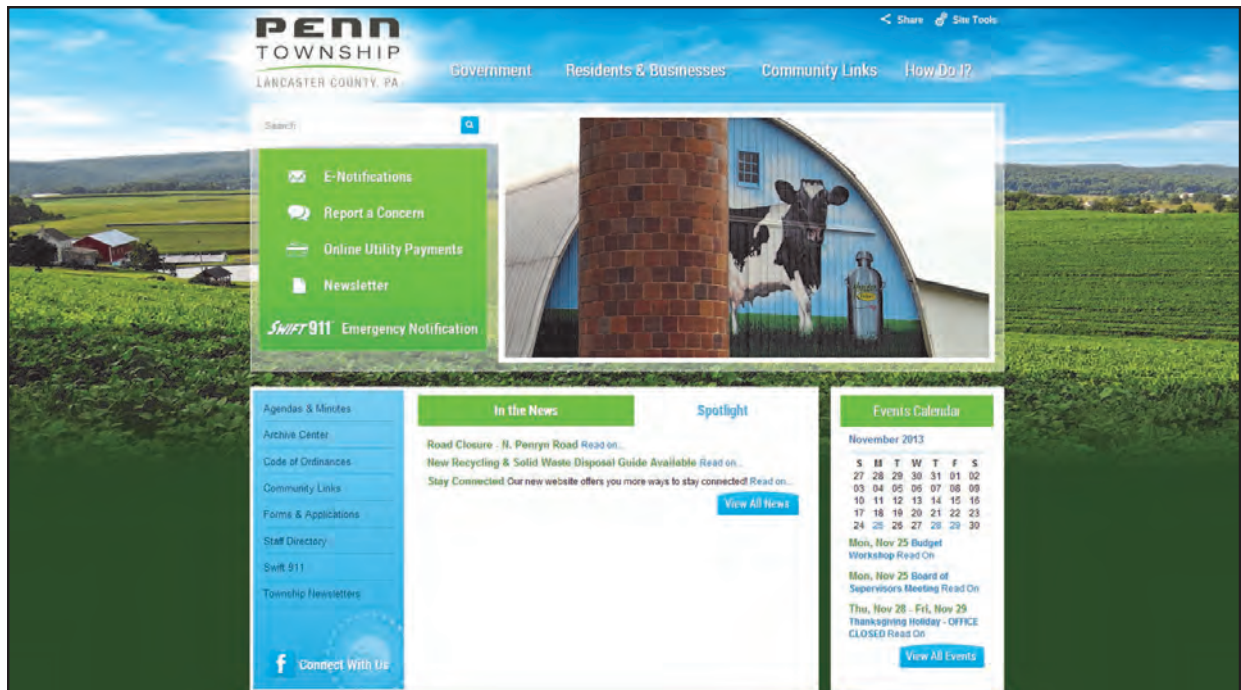
Visit the Parks & Recreation page on our new website @
<http://www.penntwplanco.org/1082/Parks-Recreation>

2014 MANHEIM COMMUNITY POOL PASSES

Pool passes are now available through Manheim Borough at the lowest rates of the season. For more details, call the borough office at 665-2461 or visit their website at www.manheimboro.org.



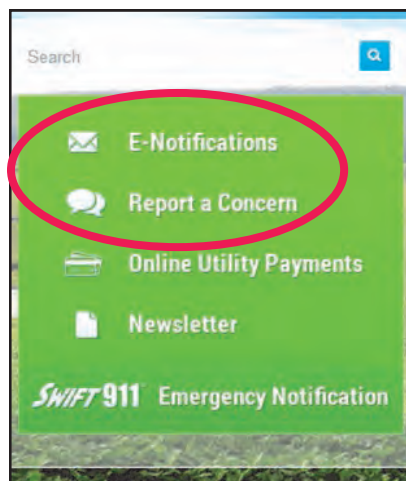
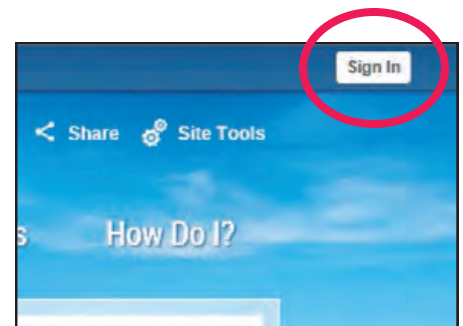
NEW & IMPROVED TOWNSHIP WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING LOG IN TO STAY CONNECTED



After months of transition preparations to move from our outdated web platform, Penn Township's new site went live over the first weekend in November! You'll find that navigation is much easier—nearly every page is accessible from the front page's drop-down menus at the top. Even though the site has drastically changed, our address hasn't: www.penntwplanco.org. Please note, however, that an outdated address established through Lancaster County (www.co.lancaster.pa.us/penntwp) is no longer in use.

There are several functions that we hope you will find useful to keep in touch with us, but they all start with creating a user profile. Find the "Sign In" button at the top right corner of the front page (on right) and follow a few simple steps to create your profile. This will enable you to access additional features such as E-Notifications and Report a Concern.

Once your profile is set up, you can find these features in the left column of the homepage (see below). E-Notifications is a messaging service that



will contact you either by email or text message when various parts of the site are updated. It can be customized so that you receive messages when meeting agendas are posted, the events calendar is updated, or news flashes are added.

Another new feature is Report a Concern, which allows you to submit information about a number of issues. Currently, this function is set for you to report abandoned vehicles, property maintenance violations, road repair concerns, street lights out, and illicit discharges into waterways or gutters. Once the report is submitted, it is sent directly to the appropriate staff members for action. It also enables us to communicate back to you regarding progress or completion of the task.

All of this starts by heading to the website and signing in. Please contact us if you have trouble finding content or services—we'll be happy to help.

SNOW SEASON IS ALMOST HERE—GET FAMILIAR WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S 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 Public Works 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

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

FRIENDS OF THE MANHEIM COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOSTS HOLIDAY CROSSINGS

Holiday Crossings is a free event sponsored by the Friends of the Manheim Community Library at the historic Manheim Railway Station. The Station, Caboose, and miniature railroad annex will be open for visitors from 10:00 to 4:30 on Saturday, December 7 and 12:30 to 4:30 on Sunday, December 8. Enjoy a Polar Express experience right here in Manheim!

Everyone is invited. Spread some holiday cheer at the up-scale coffee and tea shop complete with festive baked goods for purchase. Find treasure at the Silent Art Auction. Take a family portrait at the Caboose Picture Stop. Stop and shop at the holiday gift store featuring local artists' work including Stiegel Glassworks.

The miniature railroad annex will be open throughout. The unique layout portrays Manheim in its manufacturing heyday. Check out the switches, hear the whistle, and see how many of the old buildings survived the workday world of the 1930's and '40's.

Other December events include Crafts, Cookies and Cocoa at the Library's annual open house. All are welcome for this drop-in program from 10:00-2:00 on December 7. Join us for delicious homemade cookies, cocoa and three special craft stations for the whole family to enjoy.

Elf school continues through December 23. Children ages 4 to 12 are welcome to earn their Elf School diploma. Pick up your reporting card at the Library.

Golden hour continues with programs for Grown-ups in the library. Check the website for details, dates and times!

Sign-up for Winter Storytime and Toddler time begins January 21.

For more details about these programs and other library services, (like e-books) check our website at www.manheimlibrary.org.

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Over 60 group, spin & aquatic fitness classes free with membership!

www.lititzrec.com

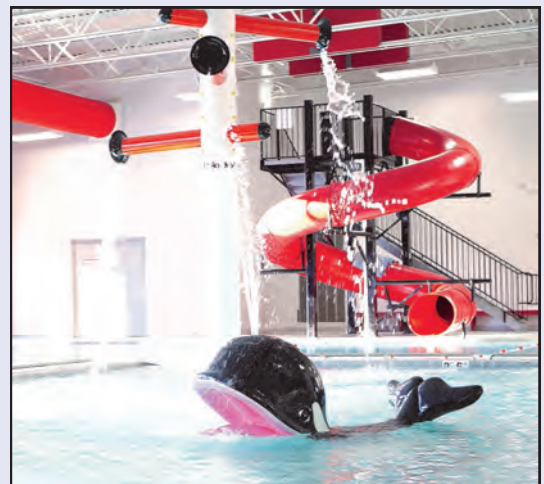
December Membership Specials for College Students and Juniors!
SilverSneaker and Silver & Fit Accepted

LrC Open House on Saturday, January 18

The community is invited to enjoy the facility today for FREE!
Take a tour, swim, workout or play in the gym.
Membership special today only!
(Penn Twp. residents receive the resident rates.)

Splashtacular 3rd Birthday!
Special offerings during the week of Feb 23!

Lititz recKids Child Care Celebrating 28 Years!
New Preschool Academy! Kindergarten Enrichment - After School and Before School Care!
(Kids from all school districts for special day camp - flexible schedules - membership not required.)



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