

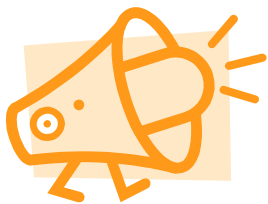


Township News

Winter 2014 Edition

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO FILL VACANCIES ON TOWNSHIP BOARDS



Penn Township's Boards and Commissions rely on hard-working volunteers to serve the public. Aside from the elected Board of Supervisors, there are five other bodies that perform various roles for the community. These groups are listed on our website at <http://www.penntwplanco.org/1025/Boards-Commissions>, which contains links to the individual boards' pages. Each page contains a brief overview of the body's function, current members, and meeting dates and times.

If interested in serving on one of the following boards, please submit a letter of interest to the Township Manager for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

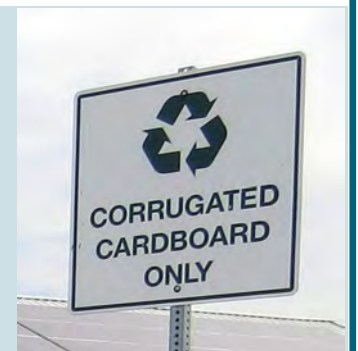
Current Vacancies:

- **Northwestern Lancaster County Authority**—one vacancy with a term ending December 2017
NWLCA is owner of the local public water and sewer facilities. Penn Township operates the authority's system under a lease agreement, but the authority board oversees the system.
- **Penn Industrial Development Authority**—one vacancy with a term ending December 2018
The IDA promotes economic development in and around Penn Township. Although not a lender, the IDA can act as a conduit for tax-exempt financing for qualified industrial projects or not-for-profit entities' construction projects and the Next Generation Farmer Loan Program.
- **Planning Commission**—one vacancy with a term ending December 2018
The commission is charged with guiding land use and development within the township. The commission makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning land use ordinances and maps, subdivision and land development plans, and comprehensive planning matters.

Have lots of cardboard packaging this holiday season?
Don't throw it in the trash...recycle it!

A free corrugated cardboard recycling drop-off is available outside the Township Office for our residents. If you notice that the bin is full, don't worry because Good's Disposal Service comes by to empty it on Tuesday afternoons.

We accept all clean, broken-down corrugated cardboard.



AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOWNSHIP'S "SIDEWALK & CURB" ORDINANCE FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER MONTHS

Township Ordinance No. 2014-07 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 8, 2014, which established responsibility for the maintenance of sidewalks and curbs in Penn Township. This can be found in Parts 3 & 4 of Chapter 21 of the Penn Township Code of Ordinances. The ordinance contains general requirements for the construction, replacement, and repair of curbs and sidewalks; and places the responsibility for these features on the owner of a lot with curb and/or sidewalk in the front of or along it.

This maintenance obligation extends to snow and ice removal. As we approach the holiday season and spending time with friends and family, snow and ice become regular visitors. If your property has a sidewalk or other publicly-accessible path on it, you should pay particular attention to the following winter weather maintenance requirements contained within Sections 21-402 through 404 of the Township Code:



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- * Snow and ice must be cleared within 24 hours after such snow and ice has ceased to fall or be formed so that there is a clear path along the walk at least 3 feet in width.
- * A 3-foot minimum clear zone around a fire hydrant must be provided within 24 hours of the snow or ice event.
- * Snow or ice must not be deposited or caused to be deposited on or immediately next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, street, or loading or unloading area.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED DURING WINTER WEATHER EVENTS

- **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**. Plowing 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.
- As stated above, **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. Depositing snow or ice onto the street is prohibited by Township law.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- **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!**

PENN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 2014 ACTIVITY

Despite having its first meeting only four months ago, the Penn Industrial Development Authority (IDA) has already conducted quite a bit of business. This activity is headlined by the approval of a \$4.25-million tax-exempt revenue note for the Jewish Community Center of York's facility expansion and upgrade. Penn IDA's emergence this past summer was timely, given that the York IDA had reached its maximum capacity for facilitating non-profit lending. Penn IDA was able to generate transactional fees and make a proper announcement that it was officially open for business.



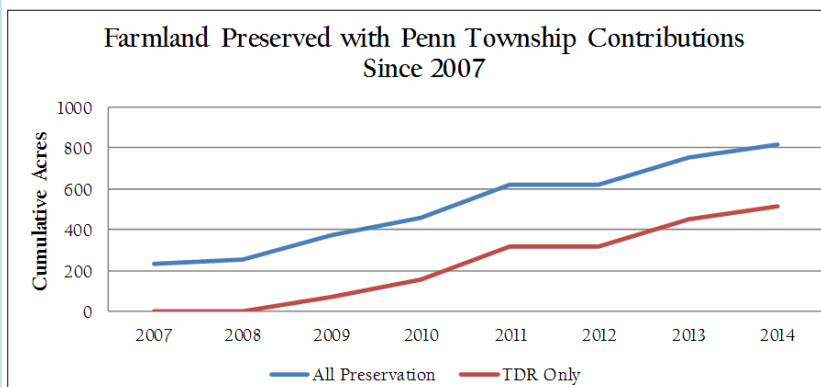
Photo of York Jewish Community Center courtesy of www.merchantcircle.com

In addition to this project, Penn IDA has approved four Next Generation Farmers Loan Program projects. The applicants purchasing their four respective Lancaster County farms received a total of \$1,734,000 in tax-exempt loans. This amount was part of over \$3.8 million in total project costs used to acquire 457 acres, purchase equipment and livestock, and make other improvements to these agricultural properties.

Looking ahead to 2015, the IDA anticipates seeing several more agricultural projects throughout Lancaster County under the Next Generation Farmers Loan Program. Connections are being made and the message sent to area businesses that tax-exempt funding can be made available for qualifying industrial activities and non-profit facilities. Although Penn IDA's bylaws enable it to conduct business throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, projects in the Manheim Central region that grow the local employment base, serve its economic well-being, and keep the agricultural industry moving forward are highly desired.

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION CONTINUING TO GROW IN PENN TWP.

Penn Township's commitment to long-term agricultural viability is evident in our active partnerships with the Lancaster Farmland Trust and the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board. In 2007, the Township began contributing its Agricultural Preservation Fund dollars to purchase the development rights on just over 300 acres. This fund was created from a Manheim Auto Auction contribution offsetting their expansion over a decade ago. In 2009, the Transferable Development Rights program took effect and an additional 500+ acres has been preserved with the help of that program. In total, over 800 acres have been preserved with these local contributions—at the same time creating a renewable funding stream for future projects.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ON DISPLAY AT THE SUSTAINABILITY PARK

The Northwestern Lancaster County Authority/Penn Township Sustainability Park was host to two educational opportunities with the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU13) this year. Amanda Pavaglio from IU13—who is also a Penn Township resident—brought a group of about 50 math and science teachers to Kreider Farms and the park for a day of outdoor education. The teachers in the middle of the two-week PULSE (Partnership for Understanding and Leading STEM Education) program experienced the water quality enhancement projects and viewed the solar energy array.

Months later, Janice Estabrook from the IU13 brought two dozen students from several schools around Lancaster and Lebanon to Penn Township for a day of education. The topic was environmental stewardship, focusing on our water resources. Half of the day was spent touring the Authority's water treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant, and the Sustainability Park.

The group had a lunch break at Mummau Park in Manheim Borough near the stream restoration site along Rife Run before being joined by Rapho Township and Borough officials for their final learning experience of the day. They discussed the importance of keeping our creeks and streams clean as well as the philosophy of using natural systems to manage flood surges that are common in our area. A full day of learning where drinking water comes from and how it can be made cleaner left the kids with a better understanding of what the hydrologic cycle really is all about!

These field trips were great experiences, and could not have been possible without the hard work of the IU13 staff and the volunteers who shared their knowledge and enthusiasm for keeping water clean!

LOCAL WATERSHED GROUP ACTIVITY:

Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance—

- * Received final piece of funding to construct the Logan Park Floodplain Restoration Project in Manheim Borough. Project is expected to break ground in Summer 2015.

www.chiquescreekwatershed.org

Lititz Run Watershed Alliance—

- * Working with local environmental firm LandStudies to oversee the floodplain restoration project at the Rock Lititz site in Warwick Township.

www.warwicktownship.org/lititz-run-watershed-alliance

Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance—

- * Updating the Little Conestoga Creek Watershed Action Plan that builds upon existing data and prioritizes opportunities for improvement projects and activities in the future.

www.littleconestoga.org



Left: Andrew Korzon from LandStudies shows students the seeds inside of a milkweed plant at the Sustainability Park.

Right: Zachary Dennis, plant operator with Severn Trent Environmental Services, provides a guided tour of the Northwestern Lancaster County Authority's Water Treatment Facility.

HOLIDAY STORYTIMES

★
 at
 10AM
 in the
 Library

Have fun
 with Christmas
 Stories and Crafts
 Wednesdays in Dec.

Regular
STORYTIMES
 resume in February.*
 For more detail check
www.manheimlibrary.org in
 January

The Public is invited.
 Please Register. Call 665-6700

First Friday Family Fun:
December 7: Library open 'til 8PM.
 • Join us for the a special *Movie Night*
 • Vintage Holiday programming. Shows run
 consecutively starting at 5:00.

1000 Books before Kindergarten

Give your child a great head start.

Packets available at the Library!



Holiday Toddlertime with Stay and Play

Enjoy this short Lap-sit program at 9:30 on Tuesday, December 6, 13, & 20

Stories and rhymes followed by playtime in the Borough Community Room for confident walkers to age 3



Daddy & ME Block Party *

Building skills using blocks, manipulatives and your imagination

Building vocabulary, storytelling skills, self-esteem & Memories

Dec 20 & Jan 24 at 10AM

At the Library! Designed for an adult with children ages 3-7.

HOLIDAY CROSSINGS

At the Historic Manheim Railway Station
 December 6 & 7

❄️ Cozy Café ❄️ Pony Cart ❄️ Raffle Baskets ❄️
 ❄️ Gift Shop ❄️ Santa & Mrs. Claus ❄️
 ❄️ Live Holiday Music ❄️ Miniature Train Layout ❄️

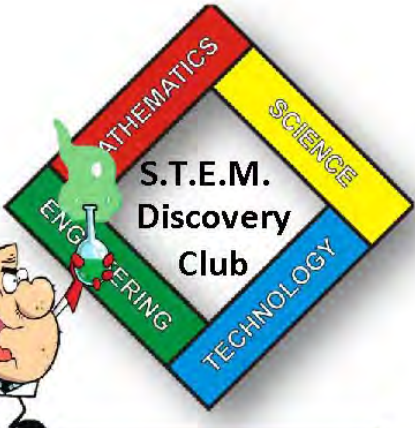


S.T.E.M Tuesdays *

In February and March
 @ 4:00

SPACE: It is Out of this World!

Please Register



Discovery Club is for children 7-12

CHRISTMAS IN MANHEIM WEEKEND: DECEMBER 5, 6, & 7

HIGHLIGHTS BELOW - MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WITH THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th—FIRST FRIDAY!

Reindeer Games: a buy local campaign to encourage residents of all ages to explore the businesses in Manheim from November 20th through December 20th. (<http://manheimdowntown.org/>)

Holiday Movie Night at the Manheim Community Library: will be hosting a holiday Movie Night showing holiday classics showing from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. (www.manheimlibrary.com)

Sugar Plum Party at Cricket's Performing Arts, located at 1 North Main Street: dance performances, photo opportunities with the Sugar Plum Fairy herself and delicious goodies starting at 6:00 PM. (www.cricketperformingarts.com or 664-4018)

The Baron Stage at the Manheim Central High School presents: The Good Doctor, by Neil Simon and Anton Chekov at 7:30pm. Cost is \$3/student \$5/adult

The Women's Club of Manheim will also be selling their sugary concoctions of delicious cookies. The one pound cookie trays are available for pick up at Divine Consign and Shaub's Dry Cleaning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Saturday brings a fun filled day for the whole family! Start your morning at St. Paul's United Church of Christ located at 50 North Main Street for a delicious breakfast from at 9:00am – 10:30am with the jolly old man himself! Breakfast includes grandma's favorite mouth-watering pancakes, farm fresh sausage, and coffee, tea and juice. The breakfast is free and open to the public. (www.stpaulsucc@dejazzd.com)

Christmas Bazaar at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 90 South Charlotte Street: featuring jewelry, yard art, baskets, baked goods, scentsy displays and poinsettias from 8:00am – 2:00pm.

Holiday Crossings begins Saturday at the Manheim Railroad Station, located at 210 South Charlotte Street: From 10:30am – 4:30pm, this free event will feature miniature train display of Manheim in the 1930's, photo opportunities, miniature horses and carriages, family themed raffle prizes, musical entertainment, locally made craft items and holiday gifts, and tantalizing menu items. Benefits the Manheim Community Library.

Stiegel Glassworks 1976, located at 210 South Charlotte Street: open 10:30am to 4:30pm. Take a step back in time as the glassblowers create beautiful hand blown, one of a kind pieces.

Manheim Development Group and the Lion's Club of Manheim 14th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Historic Market Square: The annual Christmas Tree Lighting is a special event for the young and old, running from 5:00pm – 6:30pm with performances by Cricket's Performing Arts. Residents and visitors can buy a chance to "Flip the Switch" on the lights illuminating the tree that will adorn our beautiful and historic Market Square this holiday season! Other event festivities will include tuba playing, holiday carols and the lighting of the tree!

Baron Stage at the Manheim Central High School will perform All the King's Women: a series of small cast plays and monologues that describe various women's encounters with Elvis Presley Saturday 7:30pm. A saleswoman, television secretaries, White House secretaries, car saleswomen, a housewife and a Graceland guard all describe their encounters. Cost is \$3/student \$5/adult



CHRISTMAS IN MANHEIM WEEKEND, CONTINUED...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Sunday will round out the weekend! The Women's Club of Manheim will host their annual Holiday Tour of Homes. The tour will feature an array of six Manheim area homes decorated for the holiday season:

- ◇ Dennis and Eunice Metzler, 429 Hossler Road
- ◇ The Booking House, 210 South Penn Street
- ◇ Julie and Jeremy Horst, 250 West Colebrook Street
- ◇ Adam and Shauna Buchmoyer, 160 North Linden Street
- ◇ Mark and Marilyn Martin, 575 Warehouse Road
- ◇ Rob and Niki Lannigan, 606 Auction Road

Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$10 at Shaub's Dry Cleaning, Longenecker's Hardware, Divine Consign, or from any WCM Member. For more information, please contact Sandy at 575-8179.

Sunday will also be the final day of the Holiday Crossings which will begin at 12:30pm - 4:30pm at the Manheim Railroad Station located at 210 South Charlotte Street.

Heat up your Winter with Lititz recCenter Activities!

Gymnasium - Main Pool - Splash Pool- Fitness Center

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

FREE Activities in December—Come and Celebrate 70 Years with Us!

December 1 - High Intensity Water Fitness Class 8:15am

December 5 - Holiday Bingo 9:30am and Triple Challenge Class 9:30am

December 6 - Holiday Gym, Swim & Movie - The Grinch! Families welcome 6:30pm-9pm

December 7 - Master Swim Clinic 11am to Noon

December 11 - Aqua Boot Camp Blast 9:15am

December 30 - Holiday Cheer with recKids! Inviting children ages 3-12

Story time with Rita Clarke, Hot Cocoa and art project.

Splashtacular! Free Activities on Sunday, Feb 22

Lititz recKids Child Care Celebrating 29 Years!

Preschool Academy! Kindergarten Enrichment- After School and Before School Care!

(Kids from all school districts for special day camp - flexible schedules membership not required.)

December Membership Specials!

SilverSneaker and Silver & Fit Accepted

LrC Open House on Saturday, January 3

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.)



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

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