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Township News

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSINGS

December 24—25: Christmas

December 31: New Years Eve

January 1: New Years Day

February 15: Presidents' Day

THANK YOU FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

David W. Kratzer, Jr., ICMA-CM



It is with a true sense of appreciation and pride that I extend my thanks to the residents of Penn Township for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving you as your Township Manager for the past 7.5 years. At the end of this year, I will be leaving this great community to accept the position of Township Manager at Susquehanna Township in Dauphin County.

When reflecting on these past 7.5 years, I am proud of the accomplishments and progress that we, as an organization and community, were able to collectively achieve. Such accomplishments include maintenance and enhancement of the community's strong financial position despite and through a significant global recession; regionalization of police services; development of a transferable development rights program, which has provided a tool and financing mechanism that will enable continued investment in the productivity, viability, and perpetual preservation of agriculture in Penn Township; construction of a state-of-the-art water treatment facility and additional source for the public water customers of the Northwestern Lancaster County Authority; implementation of one of the larger solar energy portfolios of any municipal operation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; creation of the Penn Industrial Development Authority, *(continued on next page)*

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an economic development tool that's purposes are to enhance the community's non-residential tax base and create family sustaining jobs; and development and implementation of new land use ordinances, which have and will continue to provide innovative tools to enable the long-term maintenance and enhancement of the community's character and sense of place. I could go on and on about specific programmatic and project successes; however, in reflecting on my time of service, I am proud of the now-common recognition and description of Penn Township as a leader amongst municipalities in Lancaster County and beyond. This change and sentiment is a direct result of the quality and depth of the community's commitment and leadership as embodied in your Board of Supervisors, volunteer boards and commissions, community organizations, and municipal staff. It is these people who I am ultimately most proud of and who I will truly miss and remember.



CHRISTMAS
December 5 & 6
IN
MANHEIM

**Join us for all the fun and joy
that is Christmas in Manheim!**

Friday - December 4
3:30 - 8:00 Crafts at the library

Saturday - December 5
9:00 - 10:30 Breakfast with Santa at St Paul's UCC
10:00 - 4:30 Holiday Crossings at the historic Manheim Railway Station
10:00 - 4:30 Stiegel Glassworks open
5:00 - 6:30 Christmas Tree Lighting festivities

Sunday - December 6
12:00 - 4:30 Holiday Crossings at the historic Manheim Railway Station
12:00 - 4:30 Stiegel Glassworks open
12:30 - 4:30 Holiday Tour of Homes

Manheim stores will surprise you with their variety and wonderful gift ideas. Shop local!

In reflecting on organizational and community successes and changes, I also find myself reflecting on the personal growth and changes that have occurred during these past 7.5 years. The birth of my two children and countless new friendships and professional relationships to name a few. It was within this context and environment of this community that I was able to grow and develop personally and professionally and for that I will remain forever grateful. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve and best wishes for continued success in the future.

MEET YOUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD SUPERVISORS

RICHARD LANDIS

Richard moved into the Penn Township community in 1980 when he purchased the farm where he and his wife currently reside from his father. From a poultry farm to the current home the family business, Haldeman Mills, Richard and his wife Becky raised two children on their farm in the Penn Township community. After being approached and encouraged by community members to run for the Penn Township Board, the decision was carefully considered and prayed about by the family. The decision to run was made, and the rest is history.

Having lived in the Township for over 35 years, Richard and the Landis family have realized the benefits of living in this community. When an accident kept Richard off his feet for a few weeks two years ago, the outpouring of support and concern from the community was overwhelming.

Having benefited from the community, Richard is looking forward to giving back. Building new, and expanding on existing positive relationships that exist in the township is a main goal of Richard's. Moreover, balancing the demands of a growing and expanding community with the tradition and history of where it came from is both the challenge and goal that Richard is looking forward to addressing.



RICHARD "DICK" SHELLENBERGER

Dick has resided in Penn Township since 1973. He enjoys the diversity of the Township, including the preserved and unpreserved farm land, the farmers that take the conservation of the soil and streams seriously, and the planned growth for housing and industry. Currently working at Esh Foods, Dick was previously a County Commissioner and the owner and operator of The Eatery at Granite Run along with his wife Pam. He also worked for Kreider Farms, as a General Manager of their Retail Division.

Dick has always had a desire to be involved in local government. He feels it is his civic duty to be involved in his community. In today's challenging times, Dick feels it is important to do what is right for the residents of our township, but also be frugal and wise in spending taxpayer's dollars.

As a Township Supervisor, Dick will endeavor to seek the counsel of the residents of the Township, and, along with the other members of the Board, to make prudent decisions that affect all of us.



VOLUNTEER
NEEDED



Penn Township is looking for a resident who would be willing to serve on the Manheim Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) Board of Directors. MAWSA is a non-profit municipal authority providing public water supply and sanitary sewer service to 3,000 residents in Manheim Borough, portions of Penn Township, and Rapho Township Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Meetings are on the second Thursday once a month at 7:00 p.m. If interested, contact the Township Office at 665-4508.



WINTER STORM SAFETY & TIPS



The Penn Township Public Works Department understands that when the snow flies, life on the roads can be a trying time. We try hard to do the best and quickest job possible to make the roads safe and clear of snow and ice. Cidering usually starts right after the snow begins to fall, with plowing starting around 3" of accumulation. Cidering 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.

Snow Removal Tips

In order to help the Public Works Department do a better job of clearing the roads, we ask that township residents help us in a few 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.

To reduce the amount of snow in your driveway, clear a 6'-8' space in the area before your driveway (see diagram below). The snow being pushed by the plow will be deposited in the cleared space, rather than at the end of the driveway.



Special Thanks

At the November 9th Board of Supervisors Meeting, Linda Mamourian presented the Board of Supervisors with a donation of \$500.00. She wanted to express her gratitude to the Public Works Department for plowing and salting the roads last winter. The Board was honored and thankful for the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Mamourian.



WINTER STORM SAFETY & TIPS



WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

- * **Stay back at least 100 feet**, when following trucks or equipment that are plowing or cinderling and are 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.



TOWNSHIP CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

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.

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.



PLOWING OBSTRUCTIONS

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:

1. 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.
2. Penn Township will seek full payment for damage to salting/plowing equipment caused by recreational equipment located within the public right-of-way.



HOLIDAY RECYCLING GUIDE

The holidays tend to produce even more trash than usual. A lot of that extra material can be recycled. If you follow these simple guidelines, recycling can be part of your holiday.



CARDBOARD

Corrugated cardboard can be dropped off at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Look for the Good's Disposal Service, located between the Township Office and the Public Works Building.

Boxes must be flattened.



LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

Recycle your Christmas tree at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Trees can be dropped off behind the office within the orange safety fence until January 25th.

All stands, lights, decorations, and tinsel must be removed. Artificial trees cannot be recycled.



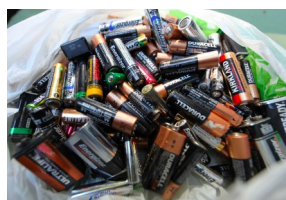
CELLPHONES & TABLETS

Don't toss out those old cellphones. You can get money back for them through companies such as Best Buy, GameStop, Gazelle, or Usell. There are also programs available to donate them to a charity, such as Cell Phones for Soldiers or the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



STRING LIGHTS

Retailers such as Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart, and Target will often sponsor Christmas light recycling. Often there are instructions on how to recycle your old lights when you get new lights. You can also send them to a company in Texas called Christmas Light Source. More details can be found at http://www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program_c_210.html



BATTERIES

Batteries will be picked up by your trash hauler, if placed in a separate orange bag. The bags are available at the Township Office. Check with your trash hauler on where to place the bag. Some prefer it in with the recycling, and some prefer it to be placed near the recycling bin. Rechargeable batteries will also be taken by Home Depot, Staples, and Lowes.



PACKAGING PEANUTS

The UPS Store will take your foam peanuts for recycling. They will only take the plastic ones, not the biodegradable ones. You can also use a mail-back program such as the Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers. Since EPS is extremely lightweight, it can be economically shipped to a regional collection location, but in most cases reuse is your best disposal bet for those old peanuts.



ELECTRONICS

Old electronics cannot be thrown out with the trash. They must be disposed of properly. Best Buy and Staples will both take some electronics. Check out their website to verify what they will take. They can also be taken to The Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority—Household Hazardous Waste Facility.



PLASTIC BAGS & FILM

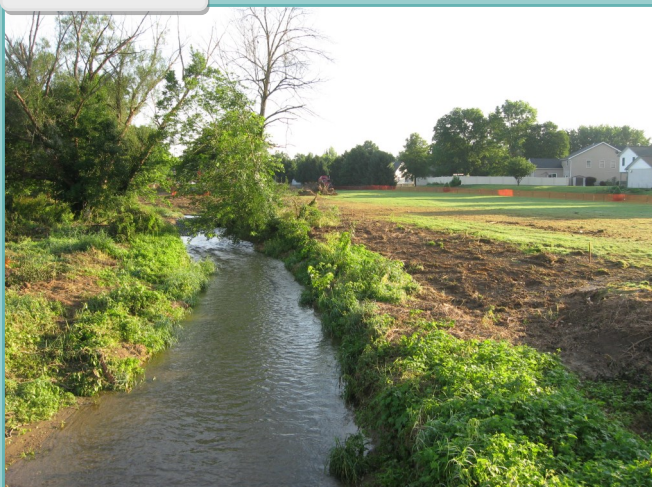
Do not put plastic bags in the recycling bin. Reuse the bags or recycle at a nearby grocery store. Weis, Amerli's Grocery Outlet, and Giant Food Stores all take plastic bags. In addition to plastic bags, clean plastic film can be recycled. This includes bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags. *All materials must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.*

KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN

Logan Park—Rife Run Floodplain Restoration Project

The Logan Park Stream Bank Restoration Project is now complete. This was a grant funded project to restore the floodplain of Rife Run within Logan Park. The success of this project was due to the collaborate effort of all parties, including the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance, LandStudies, and the Borough of Manheim who will be responsible for maintaining the park. This area was prone to severe flooding. Previously, water flowed rapidly through the park. Now, a meandering stream slows down the water. The widened stream bed creates a natural floodplain. A community tree planting event is planned for the spring. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

BEFORE



AFTER



Low-Salt Diet for our Water

Doctors tell us to stick to a low-salt diet. Our lakes and streams should follow the same advice. When winter comes and snow and ice build up on roads, parking lots, and sidewalks, one of the most common reactions is to apply salt, which contains chloride, a water pollutant.

How Does Ice Removal Affect Stormwater?

- ◆ Salt used to melt ice on streets, sidewalks and steps runs off into our storm sewers and eventually into the streams and rivers.
- ◆ Salt can damage and kill vegetation as well as endanger freshwater ecosystems and aquatic life.
- ◆ It takes only one teaspoon of road salt to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water.

Best Practices for Safe and Effective Winter Ice Removal

- ◆ The best strategy is to **use as little as salt or de-icer necessary.**
- ◆ Some de-icers have less of an impact on the environment. Use products containing an acetate, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.
- ◆ Shovel before applying de-icers, **Shovel early.** The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be.
- ◆ Salt and de-icers are **NOT EFFECTIVE** when more than **3 inches of** snow have accumulated or when the temperature is **15° Fahrenheit or below.**



- ◆ More salt does not mean more melting. Apply appropriately, salt takes time to work. **Use hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount.**
- ◆ **Sweep up excess.** Salt or sand on dry pavement is no longer doing any work, sweep it up before it is washed away.
- ◆ Try an alternative for traction. **Cracked corn can be an alternative** to sand or kitty litter that is more environmentally friendly.



Manheim Community Library

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

More at www.ManheimLibrary.org

Or visit us on **FACEBOOK**



Find our Mitten Tree at
*Moove-in Storage, 28 Doe Run
Road, Manheim*
Mittens, Hats, Scarves, Umbrellas
and more will be collected and
donated to families in need.

Don't forget the big kids!

HOLIDAY EVENTS @ the Library

Dec. 4: Country Christmas Crafts from the Big Woods** – 3-7 PM, drop in for fun family crafting. Based on the Little House Books by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Dec. 5 & 6: Holiday Crossings at the Train Station
Family activities at this 3rd annual Library fundraiser. Café, gift shop, and a visit from Santa himself.

Dec. 9 Christmas Storytime – J is for Jingle**

Dec. 16 Christmas Storytime – W is for Winter**
Stories, songs and activities based on the jolliest parts of the holiday season.

****Sign-up requested Call 665-6700**



Storytime Celebrates author Jan Brett

Winter Storytime Session begins on
January 26 and runs all through
March. Hear a cozy Jan Brett tale and
learn the letter of week with Miss Lisa.
Crafts * Music * New Friends

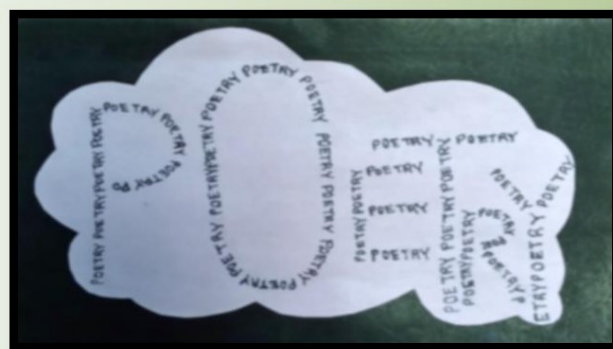
1. **Tuesdays** at 10AM beginning
January 26 at the Penn Township
Building.
2. **Wednesdays** at 10 AM beginning
January 27 at the Library.

Sign-up Party:

January 20 at 10 AM at the Library



* Sign up after January 20 – 665-6700 *



Meet and write with
Lancaster County Poet Laureate

SANDY ASHER

Saturday, January 23
Students aged 8 and up**

Participate in a Poetry workshop

Those interested may also illustrate the poem and
display it at the Ware Center in Lancaster on April 1.

Share your thoughts like Taylor Swift:
*“Poetry and lyrics are very similar.
Making words bounce off a page.”*



SKY LANTERNS

While sky lanterns set off in the night may look pretty, they can be very dangerous. Similar to balloons, sky lanterns fall back to Earth as harmful litter. They have seriously burned people, killed animals, and started huge fires far from where they are released.

Because of the fire hazard presented by these lanterns, the Penn Township Board of Supervisors is amending the Open Burn Ordinance to prohibit sky lanterns from being used in the Township.

WOODSTOVE & CHIMNEY FIRE SAFETY

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

- * Be sure the stove you are purchasing to burn wood or coal is approved by Underwriter's Laboratory or another recognized testing laboratory
- * A building permit must be obtained prior to the installation of fireplaces, wood or coal burning stoves. They must be inspected by the local building inspector prior to their initial use as required by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code.
- * Allow at least 36 inches of space around the appliance to prevent combustibles from coming into contact with a heat source.
- * Solid fuel heating appliances cannot share a common flue with chimney flues utilized by other solid fuel, fossil fuel, or gas fired appliances.
- * Have the chimney and flue inspected by a qualified mason prior to use. Cracks in the flue or mortar joints can allow flames and heated gases to extend into the structure.
- * Most chimney fires occur due to a build-up of creosote, a tarry byproduct of burning wood. Have your chimney flue cleaned before each heating season. Burn only dry, well-seasoned, hardwood to reduce creosote accumulation.
- * Do not use flammable liquids to start the fire.
- * Never leave children unattended near the stove.
- * Check that the damper is open before lighting the fire. Failure to do so can result in an accumulation of smoke and carbon monoxide within the home. Do not close the damper before the fire has died out and the embers are cold.
- * Use a fireplace screen to prevent flying sparks and embers from falling out onto the floor.
- * Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to provide protection for your family.



LITITZ REC CENTER



Celebrate with us the entire month of January
Free classes, membership special and more!

NEW EXPANSION

- ◆Gymnasiums ◆Fitness Studios ◆funZone
- ◆Functional Training Center ◆Cardio Center
- ◆Massage & Facials ◆Main Pool ◆Splash Pool
- ◆Expanded kidZone ◆recZone

Go to: www.lititzrec.com for special classes open to the community in December and January
(Penn Twp residents receive resident rates)

*SilverSneaker and
Silver & Fit Accepted*



Shaping Active Lifestyles!
www.lititzrec.com
717.626.5096
301 W. Maple St.
Lititz PA 17543

Lititz recCenter recKids

Open House Preschool Academy
& Kindergarten Enrichment
Located at the Lititz Church of the Brethren
300 W. Orange St.

January 19 & January 25 from 6:00-7:00pm.
Snow date on January 26 from 6:00-7:00pm



We Appreciate Your Service

*There are several important people who have served the Township for many years whom are leaving.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions to Penn Township.
You have made a difference.*

Travis Rohrer
Chairman
Board of Supervisors
12 years of service

John Kegaris
Vice-Chairman
Board of Supervisors
3 years of service

David Kratzer, Jr.
Township Manager
7.5 years of service

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairperson - Travis E. Rohrer
Vice Chairperson - John H. Kegaris
Treasurer - Ronald H. Krause
Supervisor - Ben Bruckhart
Supervisor - Jill Groff
Secretary (non-voting) - David W. Kratzer, Jr.

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Vice Chairperson - Rich Whitehouse
Secretary - Linda Brown
Member - Mark Compton
Member - Stephen Engle

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Vice Chairperson - Dale Rohrer
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Member - Gerald Wolfe
Member - Justin Wolgemuth
Secretary (non-voting) - Harry S. Smith, Jr.

BOARD OF AUDITORS

Chairperson - J. Meredith Miller
Secretary - Amy J. Minnich
Member - Nancy P. Auker

Penn Township Offices

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 - Edward Tobin	626-0258
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

NORTHWESTERN LANCASTER COUNTY AUTHORITY

Chairperson - David Stewart
Vice Chairperson - Herbert Mattern
Treasurer - Paul Steinweg
Secretary - Jeff Sweater
Member - Robert Kurtz

NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE

Chief - David Steffen

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director - Daryl J. Lefever

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

David W. Kratzer, Jr.

BUILDING INSPECTOR / ZONING OFFICER

Harry S. Smith, Jr.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Elizabeth S. Logan, AICP

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Len Spencer, III, SEO

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