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LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

# Township News

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## TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSINGS

December 23—26: Christmas

January 2: New Years

February 20: Presidents' Day

March 17: Penryn Fire Mud Sale

April 17: Easter Monday

## WINTER STORM SAFETY & TIPS

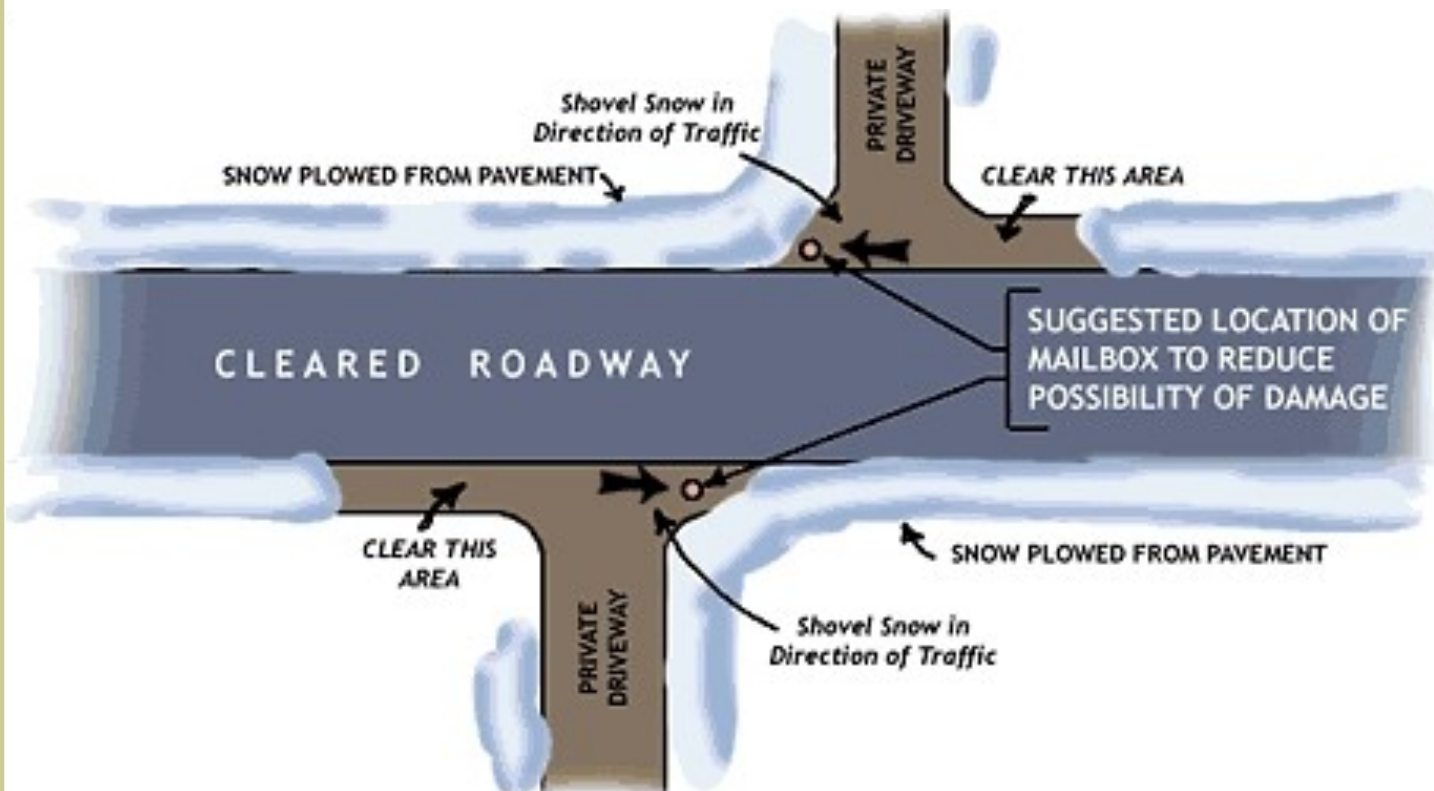
The Penn Township Public Works Department understands that when the snow flies, life on the roads can be a trying time. We try hard to do the best and quickest job possible to make the roads safe and clear of snow and ice. Cindering usually starts right after the snow begins to fall, with plowing starting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

# 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.



# 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 29th.

**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](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.*

# Lititz recCenter

## Open House, Membership Special &

## Free Programs Open to the Community

LRC OPEN HOUSE & MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS

SWIM IN THE POOL, PLAY IN THE GYM, WORK-OUT IN THE FITNESS CENTER, OR TRY ANY CLASS  
FROM THE GROUP FITNESS, AQUATIC, AND SPIN CLASS SCHEDULE

JAN 15: ALL DAY

JAN 18: 5:30AM-1PM

JAN 26: 5:30AM-1PM

JAN 28: ALL DAY

Waive the \$50 Joiner's Fee for any new 1 year membership all January!

### Holiday Sizzler Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve Try It's

Body Vive: 8am~~~Body Combat: 8:40am~~~Body Pump: 9:20am

### New Year's Resolution Fitness Freebies

Tuesday, Jan 3: Country Line Dance: 7-8:30pm

Thursday, Jan 5: POUND: 6-7pm, and Reiki: 7-8pm

Friday, Jan 6: PWR Moves Parkinson's: 1-2pm

Saturday, Jan 7: Kids Ballet 1: 10:15-11am, Kids Ballet 2: 11-11:45am

Kids Dance Party: 11:45am-12:30pm

### Les Mills Launch Party: January 14

Body Vive: 8am~~~Body Combat: 8am

Body Pump: 9am~~~Body Flow 10am

### Spin Launch Celebration Party: January 21

Spin Classes at 8, 9, & 10am

### Every Sunday in January - Pickleball Open Play

8:30am-12pm & 5pm-7:45pm

### Every Monday in January - Men's Pickup Basketball

7-9pm

### Every Tuesday in January - funZone

5:30-8pm - Ages 5-12

### 2017 Summer Outdoor Pool Memberships on sale now!



**Grand Opening**

**Sun. Jan. 1!**

**Open to the community!**  
**11:00am to 5:00pm**

**Membership Specials**

Located at 201 Rock Lititz  
Boulevard, Suite 10, Lititz, PA  
[www.lititzrecroc.com](http://www.lititzrecroc.com)



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717-626-5096

# Penn Township Residents receive resident pricing on any LrC Membership!

## Lititz Rec Center

### LrC Family Guest Pass for Penn Twp Residents

\*must fill out & present guest pass to front desk - valid for one time use per family\*



Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized by: Megan Vulatic

Expires: March 31, 2017

LrC Family Pass is valued at \$12 per Adult & \$8 per Child.

Not redeemable for cash

#### Lititz Rec Center

301 W. Maple St.

Lititz, PA 17543

717-626-5096

[www.lititzrec.com](http://www.lititzrec.com)



## Upcoming Programs at the LrC

Gingerbread House Making - Dec 20 \$15 family

Men's Adult Basketball Leagues (reg due 1/11/17)

Art and a Bottle Painting Classes

Beginner Country Line Dancing

Massage & Facials

Bus Trips - Sands Bethlehem Casino & Philly

Flower Show

Swim Lessons Offered Year Round

Approximately 100 fitness classes offered  
weekly

Preschool, Youth, Adult Programs, &  
Many, Many More!!



### Special Day Camp

Open to all School Districts for Kindergarten - 6th Grade. Available during non-major holidays, inclement weather days and Warwick in-service days.

**We're Fun!**  
**We're Active!**  
32 Years of Experience  
**We Love Kids!**



### Before & After School Care

Provided at Warwick Elementary Schools and the Lititz recCenter



### Preschool Academy

Register your child today!  
Located at the Lititz recCenter.  
Curriculum based programs and New! Weekly swim lessons, games in the gym and funZone activities.



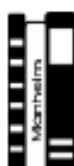
Email: [reckids@lititzrec.com](mailto:reckids@lititzrec.com)

[www.lititzreckids.com](http://www.lititzreckids.com)

Winter 2017 Program Registration: Available online [www.lititzrec.com](http://www.lititzrec.com)

December 14 - LrC Members; December 21 - Non-Members





# Manheim Community Library

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

Our mission is to welcome everyone into our community by providing the resources you need to find the information and possibilities you seek.

**We are your opportunity center.**

## Visit us!

**Monday— Thursday**  
10:00 AM— 8:00 PM

**Friday**  
10:00 AM— 5:00 PM

**Saturday**  
9:00 AM— 4:00 PM  
**Saturdays in July/August**  
9:00 AM— 1:00 PM



Love your local library?  
Join our Friends group today!

## Visit us to explore new possibilities!

We're more than just books—

- eBooks & eAudiobooks (Overdrive app)
- Free Museum Passes
- Audiobooks & DVDs
- Computers, Wifi, & Printing/ Fax Services
- Inter-Library Loans (Ask us to find you a book outside of the Lancaster County Library System.)
- Magazines & Newspapers
- Summer Reading Program
- Programs for all ages

**15 E. High Street**  
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# 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.



# 2017 Budget Approved

## No Tax Increase

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Projected Starting Balance</u>	<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	<u>Anticipated Expenses</u>
General	\$1,118,922.29	\$4,284,454.63	\$4,612,486.37
Sewer & Water	\$1,529,394.13	\$2,052,204.91	\$2,845,634.89
Agricultural Preservation	\$1,024,844.52	\$2,000.00	\$50,523.01
Street Improvement	\$392,915.17	\$371,393.78	\$764,308.95
Capital Reserve	\$929,255.23	\$81,440.63	\$0.00
Highway Aid	\$297,758.11	\$371,880.35	\$568,220.00
Parks & Recreation	\$5,754.93	\$42,060.00	\$40,760.00
Storm Water Management	\$86,392.41	\$32,419.25	\$98,500.00

## Compare Your Real Estate Taxes

	Penn Township	Manheim Central School District	Lancaster County	Total
Tax Mills	1.8	17.7731	3.735	23.3081
Percent	7.72%	76.25%	16.03%	100.00%
Typical Residential Assessment \$100,000				
Residential Tax Bill	\$180	\$1,777	\$374	\$2,331
Typical Commercial or Industrial Assessment \$500,000				
Commercial/Industrial Tax	\$900	\$8,887	\$1,867	\$11,654
Typical Agricultural Assessment \$300,000				
Agricultural Tax Bill	\$540	\$5,332	\$1,121	\$6,993

# Active Development Plans

Name	Location	Uses	Units	Status	Next Step
PA Classics	1461 Lancaster Rd	Miniature golf	1	Conditional approval	Meet conditions
Penn Towne Center	1201 Lancaster Rd	Commercial	6	Approval	Phase 2 construction
Sheetz	1205 Lancaster Rd	Convenience Store	1	Constructed	Open
Jonestown Bank	1209 Lancaster Rd	Bank	1	Conditional approval	Meet conditions
AutoZone	Doe Run Rd	Auto parts store	1	Plan recorded	Construction
Kreider Farms	S Penryn Rd	Shop expansion	1	Conditional approval	Meet conditions
Verizon Wireless	Elm Rd	Cellular tower	1	Applicant postponed	Conditional approval
Doe Run School	Doe Run Rd	Education	1	Under construction	Open
Holly Tree Farms	Holly Tree Rd	Apartments	12	Withdrawn	Resubmission
Sun Hill Commons	W Sun Hill Rd	Single dwellings	43	Under construction	Dedication
Cedar Hollow	W Sun Hill Rd	Single dwellings	75	Under construction	Dedication
Baron's Ridge	White Oak Rd	Single dwellings	69	Under construction	Dedication
Sweetbriar Creek	Bucknoll Rd	Single dwellings	200	Under construction	Dedication

# 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.



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