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Township

News

Spring 2018 Edition

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Primary Election Day

May 15, 2018

Poll Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote by mail
or online: April 16, 2018

Last day to request absentee
ballot: May 8, 2018

You can now register to vote through the Pennsylvania Department of State's online application. Before you begin, be sure to have your Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card handy. If you don't have one, there are other options. Once you submit your online application, it will be forwarded to the appropriate county voter registration office for processing.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE SPRING CLOSINGS

May 28: Memorial Day



Penn Township Offices

Hours: Mon-Thur	s 7am - 5:30pn
Municipal Office	665-4508
Water & Sewer Bil	ling665-4508
Building/Zoning	665-4508
Sewage Enforceme	ent989-8439
Police Department	733-096

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Northwest EMS, Inc. is proud to serve the Manheim community, including Penn Township with 24/7 Advanced Life Support ambulance service. We believe in *Serving Our Community—One Patient at a Time*, striving to do so by giving each patient the kind of care and treatment we would want for our own loved ones, without losing that small-town community ambulance feel.

Northwest EMS is a regional EMS company, operating from four stations (Elizabethtown, Manheim, Maytown and Brickerville), with the stations strategically located to ensure a timely and efficient response to over 200 square miles of northern Lancaster County and portions of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties.

We offer Subscription Memberships to help offset the cost of an emergency ambulance bill, as well as a variety of outreach services including health and

wellness education, CPR training, first aid training, home safety, concussion awareness, Cribs for Kids® safe sleep education and a variety of other topics. We are involved in our community in a variety of ways through our outreach events, conducting a month-long food drive during the month of February, hosting Teal Pumpkin Project Allergy Free Trick-or-Treat events, participating in National Night Out with our police departments, welcoming visitors to our stations for tours and education, and we are a collection site for the U.S. Marine Corps, Toys For Tots® toy drive.

We are a company built from the merger of many community ambulance companies and we believe that our success comes from the passion and commitment of our EMTs and Paramedics. Our success is measured, not only by our corporate business practices, but also on the satisfaction of our customers. We are proud to be *YOUR* EMS company! We value the trust and support of our communities in our endeavors, and welcome you to contact our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, at 717-371-8282 or lshenk@nwems86.org for more information.





Friday, March 16th - Preview of items 12 PM – 8 PM; Chicken BBQ meals available starting at 12 PM

Craft, Nursery, Tool & Grocery/Frozen Food Auctions - 5 PM

Saturday, March 17th - Good, homemade food available all day 8:00 AM – Small items/Wagon loads/Crafts; Farm Related Wagon Loads; Antiques // 9:00 AM – Shrubbery and Flowers // 10:00 AM – Quilts; New/Used Furniture; Lawn & Garden Equipment; & Misc. Wagon Loads, Tools // 10:30 AM – Outdoor Furniture/Sheds // 12:00 PM – Produce // 1:00 PM – Hay/Straw, Farm Equip, Vehicles



For more information visit our website or call 717.664.2825

TERMS BY: PENRYN FIRE COMPANY # 1 and LIMEROCK PAROCHIAL SCHOOL Sale Bill Subject to Errors and Omissions

Penryn Specialty: Chicken Corn Soup & Fried Oyster Sandwiches Friday & Saturday



1441 N. Penryn Rd; Manheim, PA 17545 http://www.penrynfire.com/mud-sale



WEEDS

The Township Property Maintenance Code limits weeds and plant growth on



properties (not in agricultural production or forested) to a height of six (6) inches. This includes the area within the right-of-way. Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs. This term does not include cultivated flowers and gardens, protected wild flowers and wetlands.

We ask that you keep this requirement in mind as we get into the summer season.

Basement Finishing

In February 2014, the Board of Supervisors amended the Code of Ordinances to require a permit for the conversion of any residential storage basement into residential living space. A living space includes any space used for living, sleeping, cooking, or eating. It does not include closets or utility spaces. Contact the Building Code Official at 717-665-4508 for more information.

In the News...

Manheim Community Library plans to move to Town Square at Pleasant View Retirement Community in the fall of 2019. For more information, visit www.pleasantviewrc.org/town-square-life/.

SWIMMING POOLS

The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code requires all in-ground swimming pools and above-ground swimming pools less than 48" in height above the ground to be surrounded by a fence at least 4 feet high. Gates in these fences must be self-latching and self-closing. All above-ground pools capable of holding 24" of water, including portable, temporary, inflatable pools, are included in this requirement. Aboveground pools with walls at least 48" high do not have to be fenced if the ladder access is removable or is able to be locked in the upright position at least 48" above the ground. Note that the height is measured from finished grade around the entire pool circumference.

Permits are required for both the swimming pool and the fence. Contact the Building Code Official at 717-665-4508 for more information.



PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS 2018 PROPOSED ROADWAY PROJECTS

Road Name	Project Area/Improvement
W Sun Hill Rd	Parkhill Dr to Loghes Dr-Pavement Overlay
Auction Rd	Lancaster Rd to MAA old entrance-Pavement Overlay
Bucknoll Rd	Lancaster Rd to Parkhill Dr-Pavement Overlay
Woodlot Rd	Fruitville Pk to Lititz Rd-Widening
Holly Tree Rd	Franklin Dr to Hill St-Pipe/Inlet work
W Lexington Rd	W Lexington Rd/Memorial Rd Intersection-Pipe/Inlet work
N Penryn Rd	N Penryn Rd/Oak Ln Intersection-Pipe/Inlet work
Doe Run Rd	Replace Pipe from HiView Dr to Creek-Pipe/Headwall work
Northview Rd	Temperance Hill Rd to Fairland Rd-Pipe Replacement work
Woodlot Rd	Woodlot Rd/Lititz Rd Intersection-Pipe/Inlet work
Evans Rd	Fairview Rd to Newport Rd-Widen/Reclaim/Pave
E Pleasant View Rd	N Penryn Rd to White Oak Rd-Sealcoat
Northview Rd	Fairland Rd to Sego Sago Rd-Sealcoat
Gish Rd	Newport Rd to Sanctuary Rd-Sealcoat
Meadow Rd	Cool Spring Rd to Newport Rd-Sealcoat
Cool Spring Rd	N Penryn Rd to Doe Run Rd-Sealcoat
Limerock Rd	W Lexington Rd to Penn Valley Rd-Sealcoat
Fairland Rd	Fruitville Pk to Sego Sago Rd-Sealcoat
Hill St	Bucknoll Rd to Holly Tree Rd-Sealcoat
Holly Tree Rd	Hill St to Bucknoll Rd-Sealcoat
Mallard Dr	Stiegel Valley Rd to the end-Double Sealcoat
Meadowlark Ln	Stiegel Valley Rd to Mallard Dr-Double Sealcoat
N Penryn Rd	Newport Rd to E Pleasant View Rd-Pipe Replacement
N Penryn Rd	Oak Ln to Scenic Dr-Pipe Replacement

Fireworks

The Pennsylvania House and Senate recently passed regulations regarding the new fireworks act. The new legislation states in part:

A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge:

- Consumer fireworks on public or private property without the express permission of the owner.
- Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.
- Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.
- Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.
- Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

What is a plot plan, and why is it required to be submitted with a permit application?

A plot plan (sometimes called a site plan) is a detailed drawing of a property that shows the dimensions of lot lines and all existing and proposed buildings and structures. It also shows actual distances of the proposed building or structure from lot lines and other features on the property. Examples of these features are easements, decks, septic systems, and wells. Plans are very important because they allow the Township to determine if the proposed project meets the requirements for property line setbacks, maximum allowable impervious lot coverage and distances from the features mentioned above. Each Zoning District in the Township has a different maximum permitted impervious coverage. A detailed plot plan will allow the applicant and the Township know if the proposed project falls within the permitted lot coverage. If it doesn't, the applicant may need to reduce the size of the project or get a variance from the Township Zoning Hearing Board. If a plot plan is inaccurate or one hasn't been submitted with a permit

Spotted Lanternfly Threatens Agricultural Commodities

application, construction on the proposed project may be delayed. If you have questions about a plot plan or a proposed project, please call the Township.

The spotted lanternfly (seen here) is an inch-long black, red and white spotted invasive insect that "threatens to destroy \$18 billion worth of agricultural commodities here like apples, grapes and hardwoods, inflicting a devastating impact on the livelihoods of our producers and businesses" said Russel Redding, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary.

Lancaster County is in the quarantine zone. People in quarantined counties are asked to destroy spotted lanternfly egg masses they see on trees, vehicles or other surfaces by scraping them off, double bagging them and putting them in the garbage or by placing them in alcohol or hand sanitizer. Eggs are laid in the fall and the masses initially are waxy-looking, grey-brown

Anyone who finds insects or egg masses outside the quarantined counties is asked to notify authorities by emailing badbug@pa.gov or by calling the Invasive Species Report Line at 1-866-253-7189. Please have details ready.



blobs, and later look like dried mud.

"The more this pest spreads through Pennsylvania, the more susceptible we are to trade restrictions," Redding said. "That is something we simply cannot afford."

For more information, see the Penn Township 2017/18 Winter Newsletter or visit www.agriculture.pa.gov/plants_land_water/plantindustry/entomology/spotted_lanternfly/pages/default.aspx.



Be a Sensible Neighbor: Plan before You Plant Trees

Every spring, many homeowners run out to the local tree sale or nursery and pick up an assortment of trees and shrubs to add curb appeal or privacy to their home, but may not have planned ahead. Planning before purchasing and planting not only saves you hassle in the long run but can also help you be a better neighbor.

A great way to add privacy or curb appeal to your house is to plant trees along your property line. But you need to be mindful of what you want to plant and when you are planting near a property line; it is always a good idea to have a discussion with your neighbor. Although you are not required to talk with your neighbors about the trees you plant, it is important to talk with them early on to help minimize issues that could arise in the future. You may think you're planting a good distance from your property line but some trees grow and reach their branches across your property line. Oaks and Maples for example can have a spread of over 40 feet and Sycamores can spread out up to 70 feet wide, if branches break off they can do damage. Trees like Colorado Blue Spruce, an evergreen, or small shrubs, like Silky Dogwood and Northern Bayberry, work well; they are smaller trees but still provide much needed privacy and curb appeal.

Items to be mindful of when planning include power lines or other overhead utility lines. It is important to treat the overhead utility lines running through your property like another neighbor. Be aware of what trees you plant under or around the lines, selecting those that won't grow too big or deep, and cause damage or other issues. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, plant small trees, White Flowering Dogwood or Red Chokeberry, that have a mature height of 25 ft. or less within 20 ft. of a utility line. Medium sized trees like Redbud or Sweetbay Magnolia, should be planted about 20 ft. to 50 ft. from the utility line and should have a mature height of less than 40 ft. Larger trees such as Oaks, Maples, Spruces, and Pines should be planted further than 50 ft. from utility lines. When you plan what trees to plant near utility lines you can avoid damage to your trees and the lines as well as avoiding unsightly tree trimming.

For more than 40 years, the Lancaster County Conservation District has held a tree seedling sale every spring. The tree sale not only benefits the educational programs relating to watershed, wetlands, and conservation practices but as well as a way to get trees out into the community. Whether this is your first time buying trees at the Tree Sale or your 40th, it is always important to plan before you plant!

-Eric Knoll, Aq Conservation Technician

Lancaster County Conservation District Tree Sale

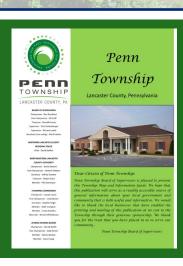
For more than 40 years, the Lancaster County Conservation District has held a tree seedling sale. The event features a diverse collection of Conifers, Hardwoods, Wildlife, Native and Multiple Use Species, Perennial Potted Stock and Ground Cover.

Only *pre-paid* orders will be accepted until mid-March. Distribution day held at the Farm and Home Center typically falls on either the second or third week of April. Our courteous and knowledgeable staff will color code your seedlings for identification, dip the seedling roots in gel (preservative) to prevent drying, and bag your order for transport. Take a moment to browse our current order form, and reference the description of tree sale items to provide clarification on age/size, growing conditions, and characteristics.

If you'd like to be added to our Tree Sale mailing list, please contact the Conservation District at (717) 299-5361 ext. 5 and speak to one of our receptionists.

COMING SOON— Penn Township is once again printing a new and updated Township Community Map and Guide. Look for it in your mailbox.

Coming Spring 2018!



Backyard Conservation and Garden Events Coming Our Way this Spring!

Stormwater Workshop for the Homeowner

Wednesday, March 21 - 6:30-7:30 pm at Milanof-Schock Library

This stormwater workshop for the home owner will be presented by the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center. Learn why streams need our help and how to use 6 simple practices on your property to make a big difference. The Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater will give you all the tools you need to get started. Register at https://mslibrary.org/event/storm-water-workshop-for-the-home-owner/

Making Insects: A Guide to Restoring the Little Things That Run the World - Doug Tallamy

Thursday, March 22 - 7:00-9:00 pm at Franklin & Marshall College

Noted author and professor Doug insects, and animals that support the ecosystems that sustain us. Register at http://lancasterconservancy.org/ am event/doug-tallamy-public/

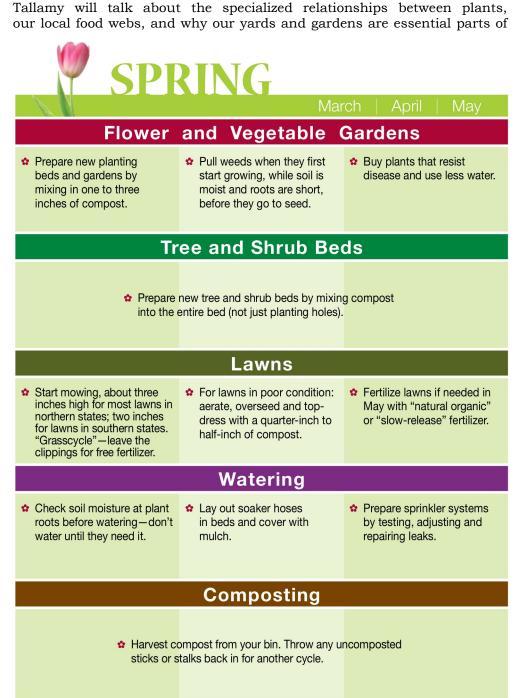
Lancaster County Native Plant & Wildlife Festival

Saturday, April 28 – 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Manheim Township Overlook Park

Check out this annual event featuring many native plant vendors, nature-themed artists and craft vendors, and information sessions presented by local nature organizations. This event is a great opportunity to purchase hard-to-find native plants.

Annual Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance Expo

Wednesday, June 6 - 6:00-8:00 pm at Manheim Farm Show Center This will be the 7th year for the Expo! This early summer event is a fun way for adults and kids to learn more about the Chiques and the things everyone can do to help protect it. Come enjoy good music and food, games and activities for the kids, and the opportunity to talk to representatives from dozens of conservation natural resources organizations. Attendees at last year's event collected bugs from the creek, saw honey bees, snakes, and turtles up close, learned about backyard composting, and took home free trees.



We need your help... keeping our community clean and bright!!!

Spring is a time for renewal, so this year, help renew your community and environment with these tips from the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA).

Figure out what items belong in your recycling bin. While each municipality in Lancaster County handles recycling differently, the following materials are accepted by *all* garbage haulers: glass bottles and jars (any color), steel and tin cans, plastic bottles such as water, soda or juice bottles, detergent containers and milk jugs and paper, including newspaper and inserts, phone books, junk mail and magazines. If you have specific questions about what can be placed in your recycle bin, contact your municipality or garbage hauler directly.

Organize a cleanup or beautification event in your community as part of the Great American Cleanup of PA (GAC), happening March 1 through May 31. During the GAC, residents from across the state gather together to clean up litter and trash along roadsides, streams, beaches, parks, forests and neighborhoods. In addition to litter pickups, groups can also hold recycling drives or plant trees and flowers. Register a cleanup event at www.gacofpa.org in order to receive supplies and equipment, free of charge. Contact Allison Vollmer, who coordinates the Keep Lancaster County Beautiful program (an initiative of LCSWMA), at 717-397-9968 prior to a cleanup event for information on free disposal of litter at any one of LCSWMA's facilities.

Take advantage of free disposal programs. LCSWMA accepts household hazardous waste (HHW), such as paint, electronics, fluorescent lightbulbs and more, from Lancaster County residents for FREE at its HHW Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. This permanent drive-through facility is open 6 days per week: Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 717-397-9968 or visit www.lcswma.org for more information. By utilizing the HHW Facility, you are helping to keep household hazardous materials out of the waste stream, thus helping to build a more sustainable future for our community.

Commit to composting. Composting is an excellent way to recycle vegetable scraps, grass clippings, leaves and other organics, turning those materials into a useful and valuable product to naturally improve the soil. Not sure where to begin? LCSWMA is offering FREE Home Compost Workshops on the following dates: April 19 at the City of Lancaster's Recycling Drop-Off Center at 6 p.m., May 20 at the East Donegal Township Municipal Building at 10 a.m. and June 7 at the Manheim Farm Show building at 6 p.m. Call 717-397-9968 for more information or to sign up for one of the workshops.



RECYCLING REFRESHER

Recycling plays a vital role in minimizing the impact of solid waste on our environment. Every time you recycle, you're helping to protect the environment and extending the life of our landfills by removing materials from the waste stream.



The Township *does not* provide your curbside recycling pick-up.

Contact your trash hauler for a complete list of materials you can recycle. However, the Township does provide two



dumpsters for *Cardboard recycling* behind the Township Municipal Building and *CFL recycling* inside the Municipal Office.



Recycling bins are available at the Township office during normal office hours. There is no cost for additional bins.



Helpful Tips when preparing recycling materials for the bin:



Clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars should be thoroughly rinsed to remove any residue. Remove the lids and dispose in the trash. No need to remove the labels. Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window, or automotive glass in the bin.



This only applies to bottles, jars, jugs, and anything else with a neck with a recycling symbol. Remove lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put plastic bags, toys, packaging, cups or tubs like from yogurt or butter containers in bins. DO NOT place plastics without the recycling symbol in bin.



Place newspapers, papers, and glossy inserts directly in your recycling bin. Do NOT place any paper in plastic bags or out for collection when it is raining.



All food and beverage cans made from aluminum, steel or tin should be thoroughly rinsed to remove any residue. Do NOT put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans or other scrap metal like foil and pie plates in the bin.

A NOTE ON <u>PLASTIC BAGS</u>: **Do NOT** put any plastic bags in the recycling bin. Reuse the bags or ask your local grocer if they offer plastic bag recycling. To learn more visit <u>www.abagslife.com</u>.



97 N Penryn Rd, Manheim, PA 17545

***NOTE: Want to receive the quarterly newsletter? Send your e-mail address to secretary@penntwplanco.org with the subject "Newsletter"

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE

Numerous materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered They must be recycled at an approved facility. Covered devices include household hazardous waste (HHW). They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation and for disposal facilities. Residents may use the Lancaster County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility for FREE. The HHW Facility is located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike Lancaster, PA 17603. They are open Mon - Fri: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sat: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM There is no charge for qualifying items. We accept only the following materials:

- → Adhesives Automotive fluids (5 gallon container max)
- → Batteries, including automotive and household
- ✓ Chemistry sets
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Floor and furniture polish
- ▼ Fuel, including kerosene, gasoline and propane
- ✓ Household cleaners
- ✓ Lawn treatments, including herbicides and pesticides
- ✓ Mercury containing items (max of 30 per month), including ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers
- ✔ Paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine and thinners
- → Photographic and pool chemicals

Important Reminders: Only the items listed are accepted at the HHW Facility. All other materials, including appliances, are considered trash and may be disposed of for a fee. Empty containers, from paint and other items that previously contained liquids, are not accepted and may be disposed of as regular trash. We do not accept items from institutions, industries or manufacturers. From businesses, we accept only the following items: Batteries, Covered devices (see E-WASTE section for more information), Fluorescent bulbs (max of 30 per month)

Covered Devices: Pennsylvania instituted a law called the Covered Devices Recycling Act which prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash, and bans haulers from collecting these items as trash.

only the following items:

- Desktop computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Computer peripherals, including a keyboard, mouse, printer and
- Televisions
- E-readers that browse the internet

Covered devices will be accepted from residents and businesses for FREE at the HHW Facility, with the following restrictions: Limit of 10 total covered devices per customer, per day (ex: 10 televisions, 10 computers and peripherals, or any combination up to 10 total covered devices) All electronics must be intact and will not be accepted otherwise

Other E-Waste: We also accept the following e-waste materials from residents and businesses for FREE at the HHW Facility, with a limit of 10 ewaste items per customer, per day:

- ✓ Cameras: photo and video
- ✓ Cell phones and smart phones
- ✓ Cell phone peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases
- ✓ DVD and VCR players
- ✓ MP3 players and iPods
- ✔ PDA's
- ✔ Portable electronic game players and video game consoles
- ✓ Stereos and peripherals: CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers (no wooden materials)

LCSWMA reserves the right to inspect, delay or deny deliveries of covered devices and e-waste materials for any reason, at the discretion of our staff. For a list of additional facilities that accept covered devices and other e-waste materials, visit www.earth911.com or contact your local municipal office. Visit www.lcswma.org for more information.