



PENN
TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PA



Township News

Winter 2018/19 Edition

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE WINTER CLOSINGS

Nov 22 & 23: Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25: Christmas
Dec 31 & Jan 1: New Year's
Jan 21: Martin Luther King Jr.
Feb 18: President's Day

Penn Township Offices

Hours: Mon-Thurs...7am-5:30pm
Municipal Office 665-4508
Water & Sewer Billing.... 665-4508
Building/Zoning..... 665-4508
Sewage Enforcement 989-8439
Police Department 733-0965

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Congratulations to Daryl Lefever on 40 years of service at Penn Township!

Over the years, Daryl has served on the Public Works crew, Board of Supervisors, and currently serves as Public Works Director. We thank him for his years of service in the Township!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Penn Township has a number of committees and commissions that are staffed by volunteers. Members typically meet once a month, and regular attendance is required.

Penn Township is looking for a residents who would be willing to serve on the Township Planning Commission and the Northwestern Lancaster County Authority (NWLCA) Board of Directors. If interested, contact the Township Office at 717-665-4508 or complete the application at <https://penntwplanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/VolunteerApp-1.pdf>.

VOLUNTEERS PLANT 225 TREES AT DOE RUN ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT



On October 27, volunteers braved the cold, rainy weather to plant 225 tree seedlings on both sides of the stream at the Northwestern Lancaster County Authority's water treatment plant property on Doe Run Road. The property is also the location of the Township Sustainability Park, created several years ago as an educational site demonstrating techniques and technologies used to protect water resources.

For now, the trees are protected by 5-foot plastic tree tubes, resulting in the appearance of a "tree tube forest". As the trees mature, they will establish a forested riparian (another name for streambank) buffer. The riparian buffer will help to prevent the streambank from eroding, provide shade to cool the water for fish, and create habitat for wildlife. The

stream is a tributary to the Doe Run, which joins the Chiques Creek in Manheim Borough, and eventually flows into the Susquehanna River. The buffer will play a small part in preventing soil erosion from polluting the Chesapeake Bay.

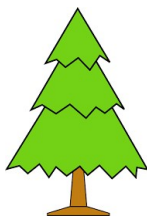
The riparian buffer planting is the first phase of a project at the water treatment plant that will re-establish sections of the Township's Sustainability Park. The second phase, which will be completed in spring of 2019, will involve replanting the two rain gardens in front of the parking lot. The rain gardens will be planted with low-maintenance native trees, shrubs, grasses, and perennial flowers. The plants will be selected with an emphasis on pollinator species that provide food for butterflies, bees, and other insects that are crucial to the food web we depend on. The rain gardens have also been designed so that no special knowledge is necessary to replicate them at home or business and maintenance is easier than mowing the lawn!

The project is being funded by two grants awarded to the Township: a Lancaster Water Week grant administered by the Lancaster County Conservancy, and a National Fish and Wildlife Fund grant administered by a partnership of agencies including Penn State University and the Lancaster County Conservation District. The trees were provided at no cost to the Township as part of the Greening the Lower Susquehanna program.

A big thanks to Penn State and the volunteers for the hard work and support!

Christmas Tree Recycling

Each year, Penn Township residents are encouraged to discard their live Christmas trees in the designated area behind the Township office from December 26 through the end of January. All decorations must be removed and discarded prior to bringing your Christmas tree for recycling.



WINTER

December | January | February

Flower and Vegetable Gardens

✿ Rake winter leaf mulch back onto beds if winds blow it off.



✿ Weed beds once during winter to prevent weeds going to seed.

Tree and Shrub Beds

✿ Prune fruit trees and other woody trees and shrubs while they're dormant (December–February). If you have questions, check with your local Cooperative Extension office or a nursery.

Lawns

✿ Tune up yard equipment; sharpen mower blades. Plan drip irrigation or soaker hoses for beds and container to conserve water.

✿ Winter is the time to plan for spring.

✿ Check storage areas for unwanted chemicals, and dispose safely. Call your local solid waste agency for details. Plan to replace plants that have disease or pest problems.

Watering

Let nature do the work.

Composting

✿ Continue to add fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, nut shells, and house plant leaves and stalks from inside your home to your compost pile year round.

Mailboxes

Proper placement of your mailbox will protect it from potential damage during snow plowing operations.

The Township asks that residents adhere to these mailbox placement guidelines:

The front face of the mailbox should be located one foot from the edge of the roadway pavement. The bottom of the box should be 42 - 48 inches above the road surface. Maintain three feet of clear zone below the mailbox, measured from the road surface. This allows room for the Township plow truck to clear snow from the street without damaging your mailbox.

Residents are encouraged to relocate or modify your mailbox to accommodate snow plowing operations.

Following Township guidelines ensures that your mailbox is accessible to the mail carrier and less likely to be damaged during snow plowing operations. Residents are also reminded that structures of brick, stone or other potentially hazardous objects are not permitted in the Township right-of-way. You may obtain specific guidelines from your local post office or by calling the Penn Township office at 717-665-4508, or emailing your question to secretary@penntwplanco.org.



2018 Accomplishments

- ✓ Performed \$300,000 sanitary sewer maintenance project
- ✓ Obtained land for sewer pump station upgrade
- ✓ Obtained 2 grants worth over \$11,000
- ✓ Upgraded computers, security, and cyber insurance
- ✓ Upgraded to a new, more secure website
- ✓ Replaced two aging Public Works trucks
- ✓ Seal-coated 13 roads and streets
- ✓ Paved 4,000 linear feet on part of Auction Rd, W Sun Hill Rd, and Buchnoll Rd
- ✓ Replaced aging storm pipe at the intersection of W Lexington Rd and Memorial Rd
- ✓ Replaced large storm pipe on Holly Tree Rd
- ✓ Widened, reclaimed and paved Evans Rd
- ✓ Widened Woodlot Rd to 24 ft
- ✓ Executed shared Public Works agreement with Rapho Township
- ✓ Adopted two Zoning amendments
- ✓ Better controlled park restrooms from vandalism
- ✓ Obtained Fruitville Pike traffic signal permit
- ✓ Replaced 21-year old office HVAC equipment
- ✓ Assisted Penryn Fire Company with the purchase of a new rescue pumper (fire truck)

All within budget.

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 secondary roads and development streets. All roads are usually plowed over twice. We make an effort to plow through all of the streets and 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.

- ◆ Stay back at least 100 ft, when following plow trucks or equipment
- ◆ Turn on headlights
- ◆ For your safety, DO NOT PASS A SNOW PLOW when it is plowing
- ◆ Clear a minimum 3 ft area around fire hydrants within 24 hrs
- ◆ A 3ft wide path must be cleared from sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hrs
- ◆ Snow and ice must not be deposited next to a fire hydrant, on a sidewalk or loading/unloading area
- ◆ Damage to mailboxes, nets, poles or other obstructions within the right-of-way are the property owner's responsibility



Northwest EMS

Because we know that an ambulance bill may be unexpected and unbudgeted for, Northwest EMS offers Subscription Memberships to all residents and businesses of our primary response area. Having pre-paid for a Subscription Membership offsets those unexpected costs.

A subscription year is a calendar year, January through December. For 2019, the subscription rates are; \$50 Single (1 person), \$65 Couple (two people of any relationship) or \$80 Family (three or more persons). Subscriptions are not retroactive or pro-rated.

For those persons with an active (or current) Subscription Membership at the time that they use an ambulance for an emergency, we will bill their insurance or assist with billing their insurance. If there is a balance on your account after we receive insurance reimbursement, we will waive payment of the balance. If the bill was applied to the deductible and we receive no reimbursement, we will reduce the balance by 50%. (If you owe \$1,000, we will forgive \$500). If insurance denies the entire claim because of lack of "medical necessity" or other reason, we will reduce what you owe us by 50%. (If you owe \$1,000, we will forgive \$500).

Some exclusions apply. Northwest EMS does not imply that there will be any benefits or a reduction in fees if you are transported by any other ambulance service.



2018 MEMBERSHIP NORTHWEST EMS, INC

Subscription Rates (Circle one)

FAMILY \$75

COUPLE \$60

SINGLE \$45

Subscription Rate _____

Donation (Optional) _____

Total Enclosed _____

(Check # _____)

Credit Card Type: (Circle one)



Card #:

 /

Expiration Date

3 Digit
Security Code

Receipt Issued Upon Request

Name: _____

Names of Additional House Hold Members:

Address: _____

Signature: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO NORTHWEST EMS, INC, 380 W Bainbridge St, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

The following haulers are registered or licensed to perform services in Penn Township:

Trash

A&A Refuse Services, Inc.
Charles White Disposal Services
Eagle Disposal
Environmental Recovery Corporation
Good's Disposal Service
Republic Services
Waste in Time Disposal Service
Waste Industries/Lebanon Farms Disposal
Waste Management of PA

For a complete list including addresses and phone numbers, please visit our website at www.penntwplanco.org or contact the office at 717-665-4508. Also, if you know of other haulers who perform services in the Township, please contact us. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Septic

Associated Products Services, Inc.
Baker's Septic Service
Bauman's Septic Service
Fins Environmental
Frank Sears Sanitation LLC
John Kline Septic Services LLC
Kauffman's Septic Service
Kline's Services, Inc.
Litzenberger's Septic Service
Lloyd Z. Nolt Trucking, Inc.
Nolt Services LLC
Sharp Septic LLC
Sonlight Services
Thomas H. Erb & Sons, Inc.
Walter M. Strohl, LLC
Walters Environmental Services, Inc.

Active Development Plans

Name	Location	Project	Status
Pleasant View Ret Cmnty	N Penryn Road	Two 18-Unit Apt Buildings	Plan pending approval
Manheim Imports	Lancaster Road	New Car Sales Lot	Plan pending approval
Pleasant View Ret Cmnty	N Penryn Road	New Implement Building	Plan conditionally approved
Speedwell Construction	Ditz Drive	Building Addition	Plan pending approval
Kreider Farms	Indian Village Rd	New Alpaca Barn	Plan conditionally approved
Pleasant View Ret Cmnty	N Penryn Road	New Parking Lot	Under construction
Manheim BIC Church	N Penryn Road	Building Addition	Under construction
Pleasant View Ret Cmnty	N Penryn Road	Dining Room Expansion	Under construction
Groff Poultry Barns	Mountain Road	New Poultry Barns	Under construction
Manheim Commons	Lancaster & Bucknoll Roads	192 Apartments & 3 Commercial Buildings	Plan conditionally approved, construction anticipated in 2019
Holly Tree Farms Lot 2	Holly Tree Road	12-Unit Apartment Building	Construction substantially completed
Penn Towne Center Ph 3	1223 Lancaster Rd	Retail Center	Retail spaces and restaurants opened
Walnut Run Farms	Elm Road	Dairy Farm Expansion	Plan conditionally approved, construction anticipated in 2019
Verizon Wireless	East Meadow Rd	Cellular Tower	Under construction
Kreider Farms	Woodlot Road	New Poultry Barn	Revised plan conditionally approved
Kreider Farms	Indian Village Rd	New Poultry Barn	Revised plan conditionally approved
Stable Hollow Construction	Mountain Rd	8,400 SF Addition to Contractor Building	Construction completed
Sun Hill Commons	W Sun Hill Rd	43 Single Family Dwellings	Under construction
Cedar Hollow	W Sun Hill Rd	75 Single Family Dwellings	Under construction, development nearly built out
Baron's Ridge	White Oak Rd	69 Single Family Dwellings	Under construction
Sweetbriar Creek	Bucknoll Road	200 Single Family Dwellings	Under construction

Recycling right
doesn't have to be hard.



JUST FOCUS ON THE **BIG 4!** PLACE **ONLY** THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.

1



CORRUGATED
CARDBOARD

Flattened

2



PLASTIC BOTTLES
& JUGS WITH NECKS

Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed

3



METAL FOOD &
BEVERAGE CANS

4



GLASS JARS
& BOTTLES

All other items, such as those below, **do not** belong in your recycling bin.



It's okay to throw **everything else** away. It will be turned into energy.

Lancaster County has an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy, powering local homes and businesses and helping to reduce our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. So, when in doubt, throw it out.

Visit recyclerightlancaster.org for more tips.



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15 East High Street, Manheim, PA 17545
 717.665.6700 manheimlibrary.org



WINTER READING PROGRAM

December 1—February 9

Stay warm with a good book and fun prizes this winter. All ages.

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

STEM & PLAY

Jan 2-17 | W, Th @ 10 AM

STORY TIMES

January 22-March 28

Preschool -T @ 10 AM @ Penn Twp

Preschool - W @ 10 AM @ MCL

Toddler— Th @ 9:30 AM

MOVIE AND A CRAFT

December 11 & 26, January 22 @ NOON

PJ STORY TIME

December 28 @ 10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN

December 31 @ 11 AM

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS

February 8th

LEGO CHALLENGE

2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 3:30 PM

TEEN PROGRAMS:

TEEN BOARD GAMES

1st Mondays @ 3:30 PM

TEEN DIY

3rd Mondays @ 3:30 PM

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

every other Saturday 11 AM-3PM

FULL STEAM AHEAD

3rd Saturdays @ 11 AM

ADULT PROGRAMS:

KNITTING CLUB

2nd Mondays @ 6 PM

BOOK CLUB

4th Fridays @ 9:30 AM



December 1 and 2

Join us at the Manheim Train Station as we welcome the holiday season as part of the Christmas in Manheim celebration.

Check out manheimlibrary.org for more details!

Low water pressure?

If you notice a decrease in public water pressure please first ask a plumber to check your system. We can tell when the public water mains lose pressure. If that happens we will notify you. Sign up for the Swift 911 Emergency Notification System on our website at <https://penntwplanco.org/swift911-emergency-notification/> or by contacting our office, 717-665-4508.

2019 Budget Update

Township officials have drafted a 2019 budget that is balanced. No tax increases or increases to public water and sewer rates are anticipated. The proposed 2019 budget is expected to be approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 12. A twenty day public review period follows and then the Board is scheduled to hold a hearing on the final 2019 budget on December 10, when it may be adopted.





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Winter Holiday Safety

-  Blow out lit candles when you leave the room and before going to bed. More than a third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
-  Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed. Forty-two percent of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Supervisor-Richard Landis
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Member-Leroy Stoltzfus
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Member-Aaron Kopp
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Alternate-Fred Hammond

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NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE

Chief-David Steffen

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Manager-Mark Hiester
Planner-Sharyn Young
Zoning Officer-Matt Reeser
Finance-Connie Weidle
Receptionist-Barbara Grable
Public Works Director-Daryl Lefever

Foreman-Neil Fittery
Maintenance Worker-Keith
Iehle
Maintenance Worker-Shannon
Martin
Maintenance Worker-Dave
Newcomer

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Len Spencer, III, SEO