



Township News

Spring 2019 Edition

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE SPRING CLOSINGS

May 27: Memorial 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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A word from the Township Manager...

Adopted in late 2018, the 2019 budget has no millage rate increase.

What do my taxes pay for?

At 1.4326 mills, a \$200,000 property pays \$287 a year, about 79 cents a day. For that you get police; fire; EMS; road, pipe, and bridge work; plowing-salting; stormwater management; parks; building code; zoning; planning; grants; property maintenance; right-to-know; partnerships; and the administration that makes those possible – finance, bookkeeping, insurance, records management, and help with questions. The budget is a plan that reflects our commitment to effectively and efficiently provide township services: responsibly enhance our infrastructure, protect natural resources, manage appropriate rates of development, meet funded and unfunded mandates, and embrace our organizational mission to preserve and respect our past while building and sustaining a better long-term future for our community. Despite having contracted pay increases of about 3.5 percent, the Northern Lancaster County Police Department is charging each participating township a modest 2.4 percent increase, largely due to sound financial management at the NLCRPD. With police costing our township about 33 percent of our general fund and as our single biggest spending item, this helps keep our budget balanced.

How does the Township get paid?

Tax revenues are expected to increase a bit from 2018 - in property, realty transfer, (cont'd on pg 2)

NO TAX INCREASE!!!

2019 millage rate remains the same as last year at 1.4326 mills

A word from the Township Manager... (cont'd from pg 1)

local services, and earned income. We are fortunate to have increasing earned income tax revenues. Some municipalities and school districts are expecting decreases as their populations age, more retire, and fewer work. Unfunded mandates, on the other hand, including MS4 stormwater management, continue to absorb more and more of the township's finances. Nevertheless, our pension plan is well-funded and we continue to invest substantial funds in road, bridge, pipe, and related work – to the tune of almost \$1 million. This includes work supporting a new traffic signal at Fruitville Pike and Temperance Hill Road. A developer is to pay for and install the signal. The Township continues to increase its investment in fire and emergency medical services in 2019, knowing that these essential duties are facing financial and other challenges.

Public Sewer & Water Fees?

Public sewer and public water fees are unchanged. Our sewer and water systems are run by our vendor, Inframark – at a high level of regulatory compliance. The municipal authority's engineer, Becker Engineering, helps these systems run effectively and plan for the future even as we face increased needs.

The 2019 budget can be accessed online at <https://penntwplanco.org/government/township-budget/>. If you have any questions regarding the 2019 budget or have additional questions or concerns related to any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Hiester, Township Manager, at (717) 665-4508 or via email at manager@penntwplanco.org.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG - It's the Law

If you plan to dig on your property for any reason (to plant a tree, dig a hole, install a flag pole, footers, add an addition, deck, etc), **you** are required to call 811 or 1-800-242-1776 three days before you begin. This helps keep you, your neighborhood, and workers safe.



**Safe digging is
no accident!**

**Know what's
below.**

**Call 8-1-1
before you dig.**



Primary Election Day

May 21, 2019

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

Last day to register: April 22, 2019

Last day to request absentee ballot: May 14, 2019

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 either of these, there are other options. Once you submit your online application, it will be forwarded to the appropriate county voter registration office for processing.

Richard “Dick” M. Shellenberger, 72

Richard “Dick” M. Shellenberger, 72, of Manheim, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, January 21, 2019. He was the faithful husband of Pamela (Givler) Shellenberger for 41 years.

Dick was a 1964 graduate of Lancaster Mennonite School. His post-secondary education consisted of the Ice Cream Short Course from Penn State University and a Training and Leadership Certificate from Dale Carnegie Institute. He helped to teach courses for the institute in the early 1970s. Throughout his career, Dick worked in food service management as well as local government positions. He was the General Manager for Kreider Farms Retail Division and served as past president of National Ice Cream Retailers Association in 1992. Dick had been appointed by PA Governor Milton Shapp as a PA Dairy Promotion Board Member. He was the owner of the Eatery at Granite Run. From 2004 to 2008, he served as Lancaster County Commissioner and more recently as Penn Township Supervisor, serving as a board member for the Lititz Recreation Center. Dick served as a Republican Committeeman since the '90s. He was a current board member of the Lancaster County Conservation District, plant manager at Hy-Line International and member of the East Petersburg Rotary. Most recently Dick was employed by Esh Foods, LLC in Gordonville as Human Resource director.

Dick was a man of great faith and was a member of Calvary Church where he previously served as the Adult Sunday School Superintendent, was a member of the church choir, the Building Committee Chairman for the new Calvary Church building, and a member of the Moldova missions ministry team. Dick was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed deer and turkey hunting and was a member of the Garden Spot Hunting Club. He also loved snowmobiling and boating at Raystown Lake.

In addition to his wife, Pamela, Dick is survived by two children: Melissa (Eric) Jeanes; and Richard “Richie” (Allison) Shellenberger; grandchildren: Katie, Thomas, Reese, Lincoln, Gavin, and Caleb; and siblings: Donald (Ann) Shellenberger; Eileen (Donald) Detweiler; Henry (Joan) Shellenberger; and Harold (Cindy) Shellenberger. He was predeceased by his parents Shelley and Margaret (Miller) Shellenberger.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Calvary Church.



We have had....rain & snow !

As we all know, the past year we've experienced rain and snow melt amounts well over the typical annual average. As a result, you may have had water in your basement or ponding on your property. Large grass detention basins and swales designed to withstand 100 year storms were filled to overflowing during more than one storm event.

Stormwater facilities are structures that capture, transport, slow down, or retain rain and snowmelt that flows over the ground.

As water flows, it picks up trash, debris, sediment, mud and other stormwater pollutants that clog stormwater facilities. Proper maintenance is essential to prolong the life of the facility, prevent failure and expensive repairs, and reduce water pollution.

What can you do?

Property owners are responsible for any facilities on their property. To keep them functioning properly, follow these important guidelines:

- Remove trash/debris from drainage swales and keep areas mowed to about 3 inches in height.
- Remove trash/debris from rock-lined facilities.
- Vacuum porous pavement to remove leaves, grass and accumulated dirt. Do not pressure wash porous pavement.
- Remove trash/debris from detention and retention basin pipes and clean out accumulated sediment.
- Check storm drains for debris before and after storms.
- Remove trash and debris from inlet/outlet facilities so water can enter and exit as designed.

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS 2019 PROPOSED ROADWAY PROJECTS

Road Name	Project Area/Improvement
HICKORY LN	N Penryn Rd to White Oak Rd-Scratch and Overlay
INDIAN VILLAGE RD	S Penryn Rd to Doe Run Rd-Overlay sections
AIRY HILL RD	Locust Grove Rd to N Penryn Rd-Reclaim & Overlay
N PENRYN RD	Newport Rd to E Pleasant View Rd-Pipe Replacement
WOODLOT RD	Woodlot Rd/Lititz Rd Intersection-Pipe/Inlet Work
N PENRYN RD	Airy Hill Rd to Oak Ln-Pipe Replacement
N PENRYN RD	N Penryn Rd/Oak Ln Intersection-Pipe/Inlet work
DOE RUN RD	Hiview Dr to Creek-Replace Pipe, Pipe/Headwall Work
N PENRYN RD	Oak Ln to Scenic Dr-Pipe Replacement (Design)
ELM RD	Brooklawn Rd to Newport Rd-Pipe Replacement (Design)
HOSTETTER RD	S Penryn Rd to Township Line-Road Work
POWER RD	W Sunhill Rd to Manheim Borough-Road Work
MEMORIAL RD	W Lexington Rd to Warwick Twp Line-Sealcoat
BOYER RUN RD	Mountain Rd to Sanctuary Rd-Sealcoat
LOCUST LN	Newport Rd to Boyer Run Rd-Sealcoat
SOUTHVIEW RD	Locust Grove Rd to Sanctuary Rd-Sealcoat
SANCTUARY RD	Mountain Rd to Newport Rd-Sealcoat
WOODLOT RD	Fruitville Pk to Lititz Rd-Sealcoat (Widening Area)

Volunteers Needed – Tree Planting and Stream Restoration

Saturday, April 6 - 9am-12pm – Penn Township Sustainability Park

Do you love getting outdoors, helping the environment, or volunteering in your community?

Volunteers are needed to help Penn Township and the Penn State Greening the Lower Susquehanna program to continue restoring the stream that runs through the Sustainability Park on Doe Run Rd. Last fall, volunteers helped plant over 200 trees at this site. This spring we will supplement these trees using a restoration practice known as live staking. We will be planting dormant dogwood and willow tree stems directly into the eroding stream banks where they will grow into new trees and create a network of roots to hold the banks together.



Don't worry, we start out with a quick lesson for all volunteers so that everyone can take part in this fun activity. We will be wading in a shallow stream so waterproof boots will be required. There may be mud or silt on the stream bottom, so balance may be required to maneuver the less-than-firm ground.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please register by contacting Kristen Kyler at klk343@psu.edu or 717-948-6609. (Exact meeting locations will be provided to all registrants, along with all of the details you need to prepare for the events.)

No GRASS CLIPPINGS in the street or storm sewers!!!

WHY?

Disposing of grass clippings in the street after mowing blocks storm inlets so water will not flow through the storm sewer system. This causes flooding on roads.

Grass clippings also create water quality issues. Grass clippings are considered an illicit discharge if they get into the storm drains. Grass clippings contribute excess nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in our streams and rivers, polluting the water.



WHAT SHALL I DO?

Grass clippings left on the lawn act as free fertilizer. Cut grass should be blown towards your lawn, not the street. Sweep or blow any leftover clippings (or fertilizer) back onto your lawn. If you don't have a mulching mower, a couple of passes may be necessary.

Spotted Lanternfly Threatens Agricultural Commodities

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 blobs, and later look like dried mud.



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.

"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.

Creating Bird-friendly Habitats



There are a number of ways to attract birds to your garden, from planting native plants to providing safe stopover areas for them to eat, drink and nest.

Provide water year-round - A simple birdbath is a great start. Change water every 2-3 days in summer and use a heater in the winter. Place the water container about 10 feet from dense shrubs or other cover that predators may use.

Install native plants - Select a variety of native plants to offer year-round food in the form of seeds, berries, nuts, and nectar. Evergreen trees and shrubs provide excellent cover through all seasons. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center has lists of recommended native plants by region and state.

Eliminate insecticides in your yard - Insects are the primary source of food for many bird species and are an important source of protein and fats for growing juvenile birds.

Keep dead trees - Dead trees provide shelter from bad weather, cavity-dwelling places for birds to raise young and as a source to collect insects for food.

Put out nesting boxes - Make sure the boxes have ventilation holes at the top

and drainage holes below. Do not use a box with a perch, as house sparrows are known to sit on a nesting box perch and peck at other birds using the nesting box. Be sure to monitor the boxes for invasive animal species known to harm or out-compete native species.

Build a brush pile in a corner of your yard- Start with larger logs and top with smaller branches. Some birds will hunt, roost or even nest in brush piles.

Offer food in feeders - Bird feeders are great sources of food during times of food scarcity, and also provide bird viewing opportunities.

Remove invasive plants from your wildlife habitat Many invasive plants out-compete the native species favored by birds, insects and other wildlife. Check with your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative Extension System office for information on plant species to avoid.

Reduce your lawn area - Lawns have little value to birds or other wildlife, and they require more energy for mowing, applying fertilizers and watering.

Keep your cat indoors - Domestic cats kill millions of birds every year.

Observe and identify your bird visitors - Find tips about birding and how to identify birds in your habitat at www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutVirds/birding123

For information about attracting hummingbirds, visit <https://www.nwf.org/Home/Garden-for-Wildlife/Wildlife/Attracting-Birds>.

			
SPRING			
March April May			
Flower and Vegetable Gardens			
✿ Prepare new planting beds and gardens by mixing in one to three inches of compost.	✿ Pull weeds when they first start growing, while soil is moist and roots are short, before they go to seed.	✿ Buy plants that resist disease and use less water.	
Tree and Shrub Beds			
✿ Prepare new tree and shrub beds by mixing compost into the entire bed (not just planting holes).			
Lawns			
✿ Start mowing, about three inches high for most lawns in northern states; two inches for lawns in southern states. "Grasscycle"—leave the clippings for free fertilizer.	✿ For lawns in poor condition: aerate, overseed and top-dress with a quarter-inch to half-inch of compost.	✿ Fertilize lawns if needed in May with "natural organic" or "slow-release" fertilizer.	
Watering			
✿ Check soil moisture at plant roots before watering—don't water until they need it.	✿ Lay out soaker hoses in beds and cover with mulch.	✿ Prepare sprinkler systems by testing, adjusting and repairing leaks.	
Composting			
✿ Harvest compost from your bin. Throw any uncomposted sticks or stalks back in for another cycle.			



YOUTH PROGRAMS

STEM & PLAY

April 3 -- May 16 | 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

DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY BASH

March 6th | 10 AM

STORIES & STUDIES: Dr. Seuss

March 4 | 4 PM

MOVIE AND A CRAFT

March 8 & March 29 | 1 PM

EARTH DAY STEM

April 22 | 4 PM

LEGO CHALLENGE

2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 3:30 PM



TEEN PROGRAMS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Every other Saturday 11 AM-3PM

3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/18

FULL STEAM AHEAD

3rd Saturdays | NOON



ADULT PROGRAMS

KNITTING CLUB

2nd Mondays | 6 PM

BOOK CLUB

4th Fridays | 9:30 AM



DINE OUT FOR THE LIBRARY

Select dates and restaurants.

MURDER AT MOUNT HOPE MANSION

Interactive Dinner Theatre Benefit Event

Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire

March 31 | 1 PM Tickets \$50.95/advance at the Library

CURIOUS GEORGE CHARACTER BREAKFAST

April 27 | Pleasant View Retirement Community.

SPRING BOOK SALE

May 15-18 | Manheim Farm Show Building



For current Library happenings,

visit manheimlibrary.org

or follow us on



Splash Into Spring!

March 3 OPEN HOUSE - Be our Guest and start your Membership with a \$50 savings and Penn Township Resident Discounted Rates

SPRING PROGRAMS start March 4 Session 1 and April 22 Session II Youth, Adult, Family and Senior Programs! Sports, Fitness, Wellness

Dive into the Action!

Sat. March 9 - Boulder Bash at recROC in Pod2 Rock Lititz

Sun. August 4 - Annual Triathlon Swim, Bike, Run in Lititz and Penn Township - Teams or individuals welcome!

Sat. September 21 - Annual Pretzel Twist 5K & Kids Run

Fri. October 4 - Annual Youth Triathlon Swim, Bike, Run kid-style



Think Spring... and SUMMER!

Summer Camps for preschool to pre-teens run all summer. Fun themes for week-long camps or fun with friends each day in our child care program.

Penryn Fire Co. & Limerock School

14th Annual Consignment Auction

March 15-16, 2019



Friday, March 15th - 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 16th - 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

Quality Donations and Consignments are being accepted

March 13 & 14: 8AM - 8PM; March 15: 8AM - 5PM

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



Est. 1912

1441 N. Penryn Rd; Manheim, PA 17545

<http://www.penrynfire.com/mud-sale>



Est. 1970

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

A plot or site plan is a detailed drawing of a property that shows the dimensions of the lot and all existing and proposed buildings and structures (sheds, decks, patios, sidewalks, driveway, pool, ag building, greenhouse, etc). It also shows actual distances of the proposed building or structure from lot lines and other features on the property (ie. features are easements, septic systems, and wells). Plot plans allow the Township to determine if the proposed project meets the requirements for setbacks, lot coverage and distances from the features mentioned above. If a plot plan is inaccurate or one hasn't been submitted with a permit 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.

Depending on the nature of your project, zoning, building, sewage disposal, stormwater, or other permits may be required.

Driveway permits are required for the installation of a new driveway as well as repaving or widening an existing driveway.

Northwest EMS



Northwest EMS, Inc. is proud to be serving Penn Township and the Manheim Community. We believe in *Serving Our Community - One Patient at a Time* by giving each patient the kind of care and treatment we would want for our own loved ones. When you see and hear our ambulances responding to a medical emergency, you witness the most visible way that Northwest EMS serves the community. But we are much more than your 911 emergency ambulance service. We are your source for CPR and first aid training, Hands Only CPR® training, Stop the Bleed hemorrhage control training, as well as your resource for a variety of home safety and prevention information.

Our 2019 Subscription Membership Drive is underway. If have not paid your 2019 Subscription or no longer have the Membership Card that was mailed to you, please contact our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, at 717-371-8282 or lschenk@nwems86.org.



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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**

**BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**
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