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LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

Township News

Summer 2019 Edition

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE SUMMER CLOSINGS

May 27: Memorial Day

July 4 & 5: Independence Day

Sept 2: Labor 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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NLCRPD Honors Officers



On March 14, 2019, the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department, NLCRPD, honored its Officers during an awards ceremony representing 2017 and 2018. Chief David Steffen and Chairman Anthony Chivinski presented numerous awards as listed below. The evening also included the swearing-in of our newest Officer, the promotion of four Officers to the rank of Corporal, a presentation to Corporal Ochs from the F.O.P. Red Rose Lodge #16 for his Life Saving actions during an early 2019 incident and the PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement & Education Program acknowledging the efforts of the NLCRPD Traffic Safety Unit for their work battling DUI and aggressive driving.

Awards Presented:

Years of Service: Detective Eric Zimmerman, 30 years, Sergeant David Burdis, 15 years, Officers Alex Good, Christopher Daugherty and Robert Leh, 5 years

Chief's Commendation for Unit Service & Achievement: Sergeant David Burdis, Sergeant Joshua Kilgore, Sergeant Rodney King, Corporal Curtis Ochs, Corporal Adam Webber, Detective Eric Zimmerman, Detective Theresa Stauffer, Officer Matthew Hinkle, Officer Alexander Wildberger, Officer Matthew Speicher, Officer Robert Leh and Officer Alex Good

Merit: Corporal Curtis Ochs & Detective Eric Zimmerman

Life Saving: Officer Alex Good. Also, with Officer Good was civilian, Kali Distler, who rendered CPR during this event while Officer Good deployed his AED. Both of their efforts resulted in the patient making a full recovery following this cardiac arrest.

Baby Delivery: Corporal Anthony Smith

Traffic Safety Unit: Officer Matthew Speicher, Officer Matthew Klinger, Officer Robert Leh, Sergeant Rodney King, Officer Derek Oleszczuk

Officer of the Year 2017: Officer Alexandria Parisi

Officer of the Year 2018: Corporal Curtis Ochs

Promotions to rank of Corporal: Corporal Anthony Smith, Corporal Adam Webber, Corporal Curtis Ochs & Corporal Ryan Sweigart

Newly Sworn-in Officer: Officer Christian Bean

Township Supervisors Make Tough Job Look Easy

Those unfamiliar with the role of a Township supervisor may wonder: What exactly do they do? It's a good question, and one worth exploring as Pennsylvania prepares to elect the Commonwealth's public servants. If you ask David M. Sanko, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, which represents the Commonwealth's 1,454 townships of the second class, he is pretty clear about the role of these local officials. "Well, for one, supervisors make a tough, complex, and often thankless job look incredibly easy," he says. People who do it are very committed to their communities. "I mean, how many state or federal officials would answer their own phone? And how many of them do you see at the grocery store, the ballfield, or the post office? That's almost unheard of, and it just goes to show that Township supervisors are a rare and special breed."

Keeping the wheels on the bus

The official duties of the Board of Supervisors can be found in the Second Class Township Code. There, Section 607 spells out the responsibilities, which take up about a page and require local leaders to do what you might expect: Hire staff, carry out state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, and maintain Township equipment and facilities.

Most important, though, the code charges the board with "the general governance of the Township and the execution of legislative, executive, and administrative powers to ensure sound fiscal management and to secure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Township." Unclogging sewer drains, plowing snow at 2 in the morning, fielding complaints from residents, spending evening after evening at meetings, and eating a cold dinner because a resident wanted to have a two-hour discussion about a pothole aren't even mentioned. But guess what? Township supervisors do those things, too, and much more. Balancing budgets and stretching tax dollars, providing quality services at an affordable cost, managing people and places, understanding state and federal laws, writing and passing ordinances, responding to residents and their complaints, working with developers, overseeing volunteer boards and committees, purchasing equipment and supplies, negotiating contracts, and making unpopular decisions also come with the territory.

Trust, confidence remain high

A recent Gallup poll finds that voters have a lot of faith in their local leadership. In 2018, the group quizzed a random sampling of 1,035 adults across the United States as part of its annual governance poll. The study revealed that 72 percent of U.S. adults say they have a "great deal" or a "fair amount" of trust in their local government, compared with 63 percent who say the same about their state government. "Americans' trust in local government has remained stable over the past decade while their trust in state government and other institutions associated with the federal government declined and has yet to fully recover," the organization says in a news release. "The latest ratings," Gallup says, "mark a continuation of fairly high levels of trust for local governments – a trend that has varied little over the past two decades. Meanwhile, confidence in state government has varied more, from a high of 80 percent in 1998 when the economy was robust and unemployment was low, to a low of 51 percent in 2009, as states across the country struggled to balance budgets amid the Great Recession." Similar surveys conducted here in Pennsylvania have given municipalities equally high marks, and Penn State's Walt Whitmer isn't surprised. "If the general public could hear the stories that I hear [from local leaders]," he says, "they would have an even deeper appreciation for their local officials."

"Being a Township supervisor is a far more difficult job than most people realize. It's a volunteer position with professional expectations."

'The Township truly is my life'

Although Township supervisors campaign for office and hold an elected position, that's where the similarities with their counterparts in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C., end. They don't have expense accounts, canned speeches or teleprompters, drivers or taxpayer-funded transportation, large staffs of advisers, or even comfy, wood-paneled offices. Instead, Township supervisors are regular folks — your neighbors and friends — who aren't in office for the glory, the glamour, the power, or the money, for that matter. Many earn just a few thousand dollars a year before taxes, and some are paid much less. Still, many supervisors have been in office for decades. Why? It's out of a desire to improve their community and help their neighbors. As one long-time Township official put it: "My day is supposed to end at 3, but I can't tell you the last time I left then. I'm not complaining, though. I enjoy what I do. The Township truly is my life."



Board of Supervisors serving Penn Township:
(l-r) Richard Landis, Ron Krause, Ben Bruckhart,
Jill Groff, Gary Stevens

Full Article: PSATS: Townships Today Newsletter—first quarter

GREEN SATURDAY

June 22, 2019

9:00 – Noon

Pleasant View Retirement Community

544 N Penryn Road

Manheim, PA 17545

Event will be held outside in main parking lot (look for the digital sign)

The following organizations will be present:

SHRED IT – anyone attending may bring any documents for shredding

LCSWMA – Nicole DiGiorgio – will have a table set up with information about recycling. She will answer any/all questions that attendees may have about the Recycling Crisis.

Manheim Central Food Pantry – Jim Hershey – will deliver his pick-up truck and attendees may place their non-perishable food donations directly into truck

PSPCA – Rachel Golub – will have a table set up with information, as well as a dog in attendance. Attendees may donate towels and blankets – NO comforters. Any washed/used food bowls and toys. All items should be placed in garbage bags for Rachel to place into her box truck.

This event is open to the public.

Did you know???

- Plastic is forever. It doesn't biodegrade and go back to nature. It photo-degrades into smaller pieces of itself, continually polluting the environment throughout its life cycle.
- The world uses 160,000 plastic bags every second. Plastic bags are now banned from supermarkets in most developing countries.
 - The US throws away enough plastic bottles in a week to encircle the Earth 5 times

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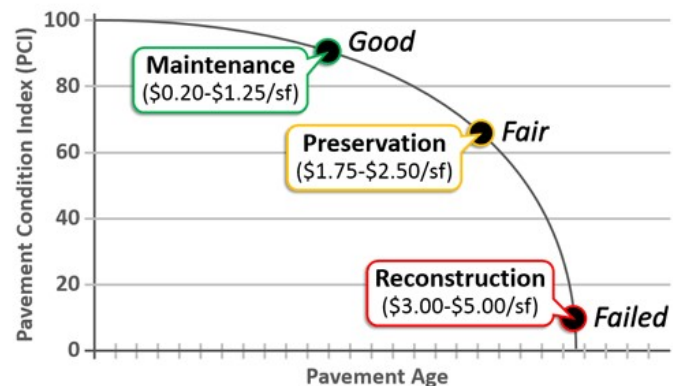
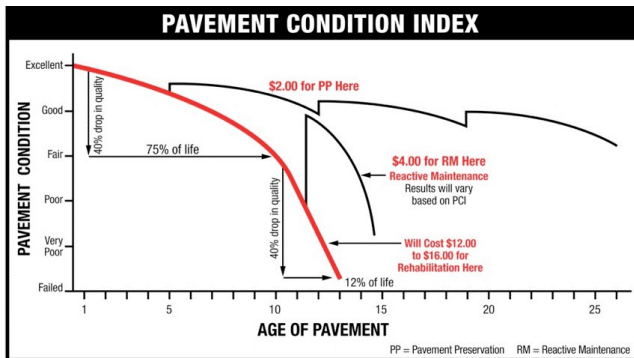
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Why Do We Crack Seal Roads?

Because it saves maintenance costs over time. Our friends at LTAP (PA Local Technical Assistance Program) find that putting \$2 per square foot of pavement preservation in the early part of a road's life can save multiple times that amount later. It extends the life of the road, limiting when the road will next need to be resurfaced. It is less costly over time to put a few dollars into a good road than to wait until the road deteriorates and have to put much more money into it. The township has a road maintenance program to do just that. So, next time you see us work out there, please keep this in mind. And do us all a favor by driving safe.



Oil & Chip Road Surfacing – Saving YOU money!

The township uses oil and chip surfacing because it costs about 10 times less than resurfacing with asphalt or concrete. Oil and chip is used on lower-traveled and lower speed roads. Oil and chip resurfacing is approved by PennDOT for these kinds of roadways. It typically takes about two days for the loose stones to become embedded in the road surface. Until then you may want to travel slower on that road. The oil and chip provides a protective wearing surface to prolong the road's service life. This process typically adds five to seven years to the life of a road and will provide a safe, skid-resistant surface. The contractor applies only the amount of 'chip' stone needed and guarantees a maximum 'whip-off' of two percent excess stone. The whole process has dramatically improved over the years with the better efficiency of techniques and equipment.

FRESH
OIL AND
CHIPS

GO NATIVE, PLANT A TREE!

- Trees are beautiful and practical.
- Trees produce life-giving oxygen and improve air quality
- Trees provide protection from sun and wind and beauty that changes with the seasons.
- Trees reduce noise and moderate temperatures.
- Trees reduce soil erosion, flooding and water pollution.
- Trees provide wildlife habitat and food.
- Trees increase property values and cut utility costs significantly.
- Trees provide net financial benefits worth 2 to 3 times the cost of planting and caring for them over a 30-year period.

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation has a list of native plants and trees excellent for our area. Check out the list at http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/DCNR_20031352.pdf. Choosing native trees and plants ensures that they are:

- Adapted for local climate and conditions
- Bird food
- Pollinators
- Low maintenance
- Maintain native biodiversity



Penn Township Staff Helps PSU Students Develop Stormwater Educational Videos

When the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium (LCCWC) called on Penn State Harrisburg to develop a communications program of informative videos, Russell Kirkscey saw the perfect opportunity to combine students' scientific expertise with newfound communications skills. Kirkscey, assistant professor of English in Penn State Harrisburg's School of Humanities, teaches technical writing for science and engineering majors.

The Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium focuses on the local streams that flow into the Susquehanna River and ultimately to the Chesapeake Bay, and seeks to educate the public on ways to improve water quality for waterways in Lancaster County.

Students in Kirkscey's classes worked in teams to produce three-minute videos that will be used to inform the public about best practices for protecting water quality in streams. The videos addressed a number of topics, including proper disposal of used auto oil, safer lawn care practices with minimal use of fertilizers, efficient car washing techniques, cleaning up after pets, and farmers not allowing livestock in streams.

Kirkscey said that developing a message, targeting an audience, writing scripts, creating storyboards and filming educational videos can challenge students who are more at home in a laboratory or doing research.

LCCWC members Sharyn Young, Penn Township planner, and Kristen Kyler, project coordinator of the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center agree. "The Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium was excited to partner with Penn State Harrisburg students on this video project. It was a great opportunity to educate the students about stormwater and water quality problems locally, while also getting to utilize their creativity to further educate the community," said Kyler.

The students benefitted as well.

"Working on a project like this with such a remarkable team gave me an opportunity to see how much we can affect our community, if we put time and effort into it," said Ganga Bajgai, a junior information sciences and technology major.

As Kirkscey pointed out, "Projects like this contribute to the Penn State Harrisburg goal of creating sustainable living through emphasizing the need for clean water today and in the future. We hope to do more projects like this, which benefit everyone."

To read the full article: <https://news.psu.edu/story/569587/2019/04/17/research/students-develop-educational-videos-lancaster-county-clean-water>

Unused or Unwanted Prescription Medication

Is your medicine cabinet full of expired drugs or medications you no longer use? Your medicine is for you. What's safe for you might be harmful for someone else. Don't be the dealer and be liable for lost, stolen, misused drugs or worse, death. You can dispose of your expired, unwanted, or unused medicines through a drug take back program or by using a Rx DropBox located near you.

Flushing drugs down the toilet or throwing them in the trash are also not good ways of disposing of medication. When you do, they become part of the environment either in the water supply, ground or plants changing wildlife behaviors including fish and deer. We in turn consume water from these streams and eat fish and wildlife that have consumed plants and water contaminated or changed by the medication that has been improperly disposed.

Local locations which accept unused/unwanted RxDrugs:

- **Sloan's Pharmacy:** 73 South Main Street, Manheim, PA 17545 Ph. 717-665-2223 (Note: no liquids or controlled substances, medication must be clearly labelled, additional restrictions may apply)
- **Manheim Borough Police Department:** 211 North Charlotte Street, Manheim, PA 17545 Ph. 717-665-2481
- **Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department:** 860 Durlach Road, Stevens, PA 17578 Ph. 717-733-0965 M-F 8am-4:30pm
- **East Hempfield Township Police Department:** 1700 Nissley Road, Landisville, PA 17538 Ph. 717-898-3103 M-F 8am-4pm
- **Lititz Borough Police:** 7 Broad Street, Lititz, PA 17543 Ph. 717-626-6393 M-F 8am-4:30pm



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 resident who would be willing to serve as the Alternate on the Township Zoning Hearing Board. 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>.

Bill options from PPL Electric Utilities

High electricity demand seasons like winter and summer usually bring increases in your monthly PPL Electric Utilities bill.

To help customers better manage their electric bill budget, PPL offers budget billing. PPL will even out your payments over 12 months and adjust your payment every three months. There are enough surprises in life. With budget billing, your PPL bill amount won't be one of them. Enroll online at pplelectric.com.

Another billing option is changing your bill due date. If your due date gives you financial heartburn because it doesn't jibe with when you get paid, that's not a problem. PPL Electric Utilities customers can change their due date once every 12 months. It could take one or two bill cycles to take effect. Get all the details at pplelectric.com under My Account.

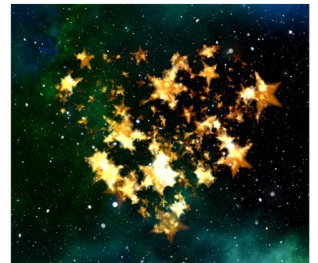




June 1 @ 10 AM

A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program Kick-off: Sharing Kindness and Love Concert

A concert with Steven Courtney goes beyond entertainment as he weaves positive social behaviors, creativity and imagination into every show. Steven delights his audiences with all original songs, witty humor, physical comedy and engaging stories! Sponsored by a grant from Women's Club of Manheim. Register online. All Ages



July 1 @ 12:00-12:45 PM Performance, 1:00-1:45 PM Playshop

Whirled of Wonderment

A fun-filled, interactive hoop performance by Jenny Hill that will have everyone whirling, twirling, and spin-spired by circus! Sponsored by a grant from Women's Club of Manheim. Register online. All Ages



August 8 @ 2 PM

The Secret (Magic) Show

Part serious, part silly but overwhelmingly Magical. "The Secret (Magic) Show" is a psychologically engaging demonstration of the numerous techniques a magician uses to deceive his audience for entertainment purposes. This performance draws from Magician Ran'D Shine's playful interactive relationship with his audience and his mastery of sleight of hand and mind reading. Register online. All Ages



Join us for these and many more Summer Reading Program events.

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Filling your Swimming Pool

If you use your water to fill your swimming pool, you may get a reduction on your sewer bill. In order to receive a reduction, property owner(s) who are Penn Township customers must contact Penn Township during office hours prior to filling or topping off a pool in order to obtain a water meter reading. Immediately after filling the pool, property owner(s) must call again to obtain a post-fill meter reading. This must be done within 3 days or credit will be forfeited. Credits will not be given for less than 1000 gallons of usage.

MAWSA water customers must contact MAWSA to obtain an Annual Pool Filling Registration Form. MAWSA will contact Penn Township with the water usage amount so credit can be applied to your sewer bill.

Delinquent accounts will not be eligible for sewer credits.

Penryn Fire Co #1 and Limerock Parochial Schools 14th Annual Mud Sale

On Behalf of the Penryn Fire Company and The Limerock Parochial School Mud Sale Committee we would like to thank the businesses and citizens of Penn Township for the support they showed at our recent Mud Sale on March 16th & 17th, 2019. Once again the event was a huge success for the Fire Company and the local Amish community. Our thanks go out to everyone that donated items to be sold or consigned. We also want to thank the many businesses that loaned equipment or were sponsors. Without this support the sale would not have been the success it was. Please remember to support your local businesses when purchasing items or contracting services.

This year's sale broke our past records for total amount of sales ever. And even though we had buyers from 143 towns in PA outside of Lancaster County and 16 other states, almost half of the 1,580 buyers that attended this year's sale came from right here within 5 miles of Penryn. Thank you to the citizens of Penn Township and surrounding areas who attended the sale. Without this support we would not have had as successful of a sale as we did.

Mark your calendars; the 15th Annual Mud Sale is March 19th & 20th, 2020.

**THANK
YOU**



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



Public Works staff prepare a rain garden at the Township Sustainability Park for replanting. The planting, planned for the second week in June, includes native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowering perennials. Rehabilitation of the rain gardens is the second phase of a project funded through Lancaster Water Week and National Fish and Wildlife Fund grants awarded to the Township.

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Maintenance Worker-Dave Newcomer

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