



Township News

Spring 2020 Edition

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE SPRING CLOSINGS

May 25: Memorial Day

Penn Township Offices

Hours: Mon-Thurs...7am-5:30pm

Municipal Office717-665-4508

Water & Sewer Billing717-665-4508

Building/Zoning.....717-665-4508

Sewage Enforcement.....717-989-8439

Police Dept (NLCRPD)717-733-0965

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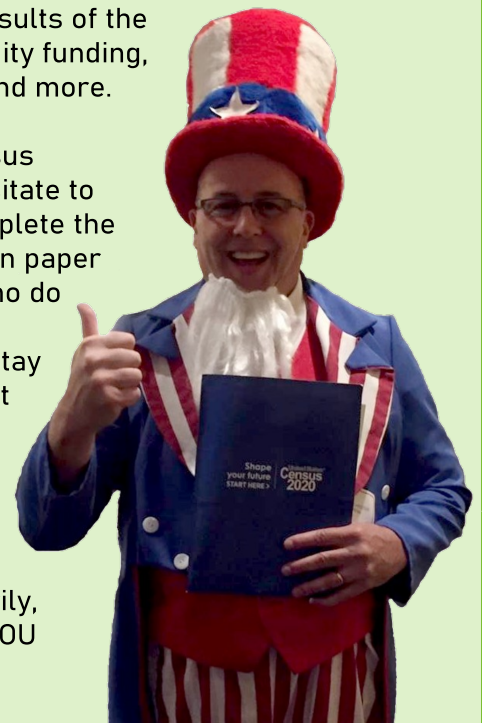
Count Me In!

April 1, 2020 is Census Day. You are important to your community, state, and country. Information collected determines how many and what kind of businesses and services are available to you and your community, how much federal funding flows into each state and community each year, how many representatives your community/state sends to make decisions in Washington D.C. on your behalf, whether the community needs schools or hospitals, funding for roads and so much more.

Participating in the 2020 Census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

When you receive the 2020 Census documents this spring, don't hesitate to respond. It's safe and easy. Complete the form online, over the phone or on paper and return by mail. For those who do not respond, Census takers will come to your home. For tips to stay safe and spot census scams visit www.penntwplanco.org.

The count is for EVERYONE including, newborns, children, disabled persons, roommates, those staying with you temporarily, and so on, so COUNT ME...AND YOU IN!





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Where does your trash go???

In the last edition of the newsletter, we shared about Lancaster County's Solid Waste Authority and what happens to your trash.

The process is absolutely fascinating so if you have not had a chance to check it out, we would highly encourage you to do so. Copies of the winter newsletter are available on our website at www.penntwplanco.org or at the office. For a full learning experience, go on a tour at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA). It's a great learning experience for all!

For more information on LCSWMA, visit www.lcswma.org/tours or call Allison at 717-397-9968.



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Trillions of loving, beneficial bacteria constantly treat and decompose raw sewage. The effectiveness of these bacteria can be impaired if harmful substances and chemicals are put into an on-lot or public sewer system. Harmful substances/chemicals include:

- oils and grease
- gasoline
- antifreeze
- varnishes, paints and solvents
- harsh drain and toilet cleaners
- laundry detergents with high sudsing elements
- bleach
- pesticides

Remember, what goes into your toilet and drains may eventually end up back in your drinking water. So instead of using caustic toilet bowl cleaners or bleach, try mild detergent, baking soda or 1/2 cup borax per gallon of water.

NEVER flush bulky, hard to decompose items such as sanitary napkins, diapers, paper towels, cigarette filters, eggshells, bones or coffee grounds down the toilet. They can clog the system costing you \$\$\$.



Department of Environmental
Protection

Penn Township Recycling Program for Local Businesses

Recently, letters and forms were sent out to local business owners asking about recycled content. Thank you to everyone who responded, we appreciate your efforts in making a greener community! Some asked, "Is this new?" or commented, "I've never seen this before." Both are accurate statements. The municipality *should* be sending these letters out yearly, but unfortunately this appears to have fallen by the wayside. We are going to work harder in 2020 and 2021 to ensure that your local business receives this letter annually.



If you are a local business owner and **did not** receive a letter and form, please contact the Penn Township Municipal Building so we can update our records. And again, thank you to everyone who participated!

The table represents a general timeframe for when you might hear from us again, look for the letter next December/January.

Date Due	Task
December 31, 2020	Municipality sends cover letter and annual recycling report form to commercial, municipal and institutional establishments.
February, 2021	Commercial, municipal and institutional establishments send completed annual recycling reports to municipality.
February, 2021	Municipality reviews and submits original copies of completed annual recycling reports to LCSWMA.
March, 2021	LCSWMA reviews, compiles data from reports, and submits the annual Lancaster County recycling reports to PADEP.
August - Sept 2021	LCSWMA prepares and submits 904 Performance Grant applications to PADEP.
Late 2021 - Early 2022	PADEP issues a 904 Performance Grant check to municipality.



PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS 2020 PROPOSED ROADWAY PROJECTS	
Road Name	Project Area/Improvement
WOODLOT ROAD	Fruitville Pike to Lititz Road-Scratch and Blacktop Overlay
BUCKNOLL ROAD	Fruitville Pike to Woodlot Road-Scratch and Blacktop Overlay
SEGO SAGO ROAD	West Lexington Road to Green Acre Road-Scratch and Blacktop Overlay
AIRY HILL ROAD	Locust Grove Road to North Penryn Road-Widen and Reclaim
WOODLOT ROAD	Woodlot Road/Lititz Road Intersection Work
NORTH PENRYN ROAD	Airy Hill Road to Oak Lane-Pipe Replacement
NORTH PENRYN ROAD	North Penryn Road/Oak Lane Intersection Pipe/Inlet Work
DOE RUN ROAD	Replace Pipe from HiView Drive to Creek Pipe/Headwall Work
SOUTH OAK STREET	Fruitville Pike to the Railroad-Double Sealcoat
NORTH COPEHILL DRIVE	Northview to the end-1/2" Sealcoat
WAREHOUSE ROAD	Junction Road to Auction Road-1/2" Sealcoat
BEDINGTON CIRCLE	East Meadow Road to the end-1/4" Sealcoat
BLAIRTON COURT	Walnut Drive to the end-1/4" Sealcoat
SOUTH COPEHILL DRIVE	Fairland Road to the end-1/4" Sealcoat
GOLDFINCH LANE	Mallard Drive to Barons Ridge-1/4" Sealcoat
HALLMARK DRIVE	South Copehill Drive to the end-1/4" Sealcoat
SUNRISE DRIVE	Fairland Road to the end-1/4" Sealcoat
WALNUT DRIVE	East Meadow Road to the end-1/4" Sealcoat
WOOD DUCK DRIVE	Meadowlark Drive to Goldfinch Lane-1/4" Sealcoat

Toxic Algae Blooms

The Chesapeake Bay is an estuary, a body of water formed where freshwater from rivers and streams flows into the ocean, mixing with sea water. But when we speak of "saving the Bay" we are not speaking only of saving the 200-mile-long estuary that runs from Havre de Grace, Maryland to Norfolk, Virginia.

We are also speaking of the 50 major rivers and streams that pour into the bay each day, and the creeks that feed those rivers and streams. We are talking about the roughly 64,000 square mile watershed covered with forests, farms, and wildlife habitat; cities and suburbs; waste water treatment plants and heavy industry. A watershed that starts as far north as New York and runs through six states, including Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia on its way to the ocean.



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As the saying goes, "**everything flows downstream.**" If we are to "save the Bay" we must also save the hundreds of waterways that flow into it. Hundreds of waterways from New York to Virginia have been listed on the Clean Water Act's "dirty waters" list. Not only do they have a negative effect on local communities, they also contribute to the Bay's ills.

We can "save the Bay" only if we clean up our local creeks, streams, and rivers.

So what contributes to this "dirty water"? What can you do to prevent sickness and disease from causing harm to our neighbors, animals, fish and wildlife or the local ecology?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), harmful algal blooms (HABs) are the rapid growth of algae that can cause harm to animals, people, or the local ecology. A HAB can look like foam, scum, or mats on the surface of water and can be different colors. HABs can produce toxins that have caused a variety of illnesses in people and animals. HABs can occur in warm fresh, marine, or brackish waters with abundant nutrients and are becoming more frequent with climate change.

Factors that contribute to "dirty water", rapid algae growth or blooming of these organisms include:

- Increased nutrient levels (phosphorus and nitrates) from fertilizer run-off from residents, agricultural lands, sewage discharges and run-off from urban areas and industrial facilities
- Changes in nutrient levels associated with ocean upwelling (El Niño, El Niña)
- Changes in water temperature, particularly increases in temperature
- Changes in chemical factors such as pH or turbidity
- Changes in ocean currents
- Changes in the local ecology (how organisms interact with each other)

In 2018, the Chesapeake Bay report card received a 33 out of a possible score of 100 or the equivalent of a D+ (70 or better is A). Last year, the Bay suffered a massive assault. Extraordinary weather flushed enormous amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and debris—mostly from Pennsylvania, but also from other regions—off our lands and into the Bay. As a result, the health of the Bay fell one point to 33 from 2016.

So what can you do?

- **Buy local:** Local ingredients for your families meals. Most foods travel 1300 miles before they get to your plate and locally-grown food not only supports the local economy but minimizes transportation-related emissions
- **Plant a native tree or trees.** Trees produce life-giving oxygen, increase property values and reduce soil erosion, flooding and water pollution.
- **Use a mulcher when mowing** your grass and keep the clippings out of creeks, ponds, and streams and off of paved areas, including driveways and streets. Grass clippings provide valuable nutrients to your lawn decreasing the amount of fertilizer it needs to stay healthy.

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

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.

To avoid algal blooms like the one shown in the Toxic Algae Blooms article (see page 4), here's how to take care of grass clippings.

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.



Road to the 2020 Census



January 21
Counting begins in remote Alaska

March 12-20
Households begin receiving official 2020 Census documents in the mail

March 30-April 1
US Census Bureau counts people experiencing homelessness

April 1
Census Day is observed nationwide

April 1-30
Census takers begin visiting colleges and senior living centers and begin quality check interviews

May-June
Census takers will begin visiting homes who have not responded

December
The Census Bureau will deliver counts to the President & Congress

March 31, 2021
Complete delivering redistricting summary files to all states

15th Annual Penryn Mud Sale Penryn Fire Company & Limerock Parochial School March 20-21, 2020

Quality items for donation and consignment will be accepted from 8am to 8pm on Wednesday and Thursday March 18th and 19th and until 5pm on Friday, March 20th.

One big auction with all kinds of items for sale and lots of great food.

You can find a little bit of everything being sold at auctions located throughout the grounds including crafts, quilts, shrubbery, tools, furniture, antiques, sheds, just to name some of what is for sale.

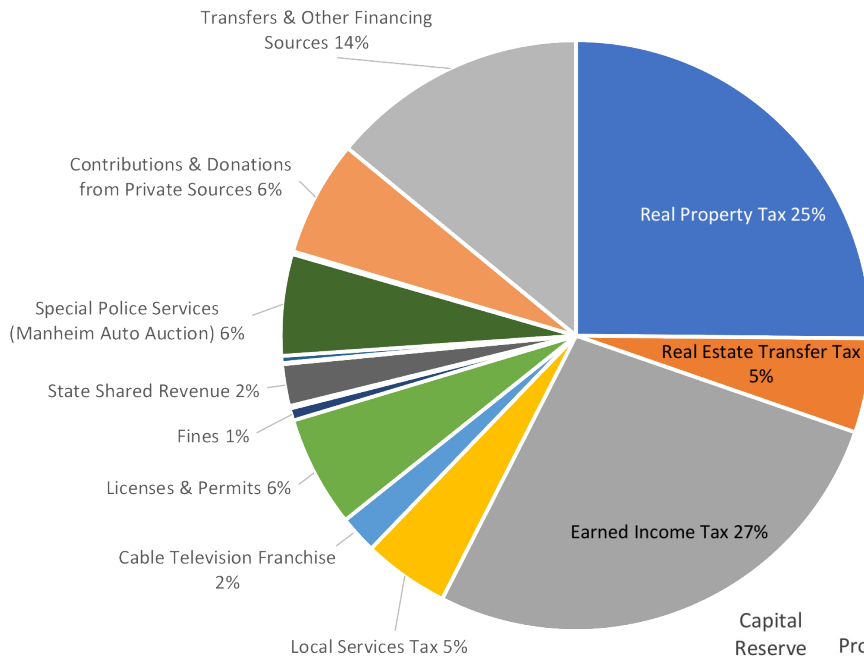
Friday: As in past years, we will be selling barbeque chicken dinners starting at noon on Friday with drive-up service available. At 5pm, we will have several auctions starting with tools, grocery items, crafts and shrubbery.

Saturday: Auctions will resume at 8am on Saturday until everything is sold. There will be lots of delicious food for sale all day. So why not come out and see what's for sale and help support your local Fire Company!



A look ahead... to 2020.

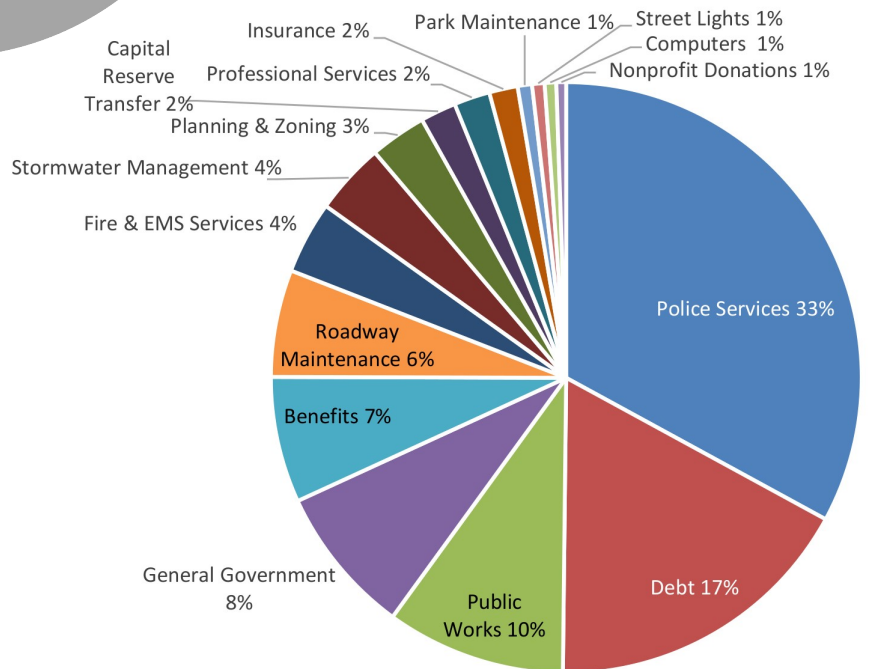
2020 Proposed General Fund Revenue



NO TAX INCREASE!!!

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

2020 Final General Fund Expenses



The 2020 budget can be accessed online at <https://penntwplanco.org/government/township-budget/>. If you have any questions regarding the 2020 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.

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. Our 2020 Subscription Membership Drive is underway. As a subscribed member, you receive substantial benefits in the event of an emergency.

Through your subscription and donations, you help support the education and equipping of Northwest EMS crews so they are here to serve you and your neighbors. **THANK YOU** for your support.

For more information, contact our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, at 717-665-2904 or lshenk@nwems86.org.





MARCH

Read Across America Celebration

APRIL

Spring Story Time / Toddler Time | April 6—May 21
 National Poetry Month
 National Library Week

MAY

Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program
 begins May 30th

For more details and a complete list of Library programs and events, visit manheimlibrary.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

MARCH 22

Murder at Mount Hope Mansion Benefit Event

MAY 14-16

Spring Book Sale
 Farm Show Building

DINE OUT FOR THE LIBRARY

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Primary Election Day ***April 28, 2020***

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

Last day to register: April 13, 2020
Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot: April 21, 2020

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. Visit www.votespa.com for more information.

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Supervisor-Thomas Walsh
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