



# Township News

## Winter 2020/21 Edition

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### TOWNSHIP OFFICE WINTER CLOSINGS

Nov 26 & 27: Thanksgiving  
December 24 & 25: Christmas  
Dec 31 & Jan 1: New Year's  
Jan 18: Martin Luther King Jr.  
Feb 15: President's Day

### Penn Township Offices

Hours: Mon-Thurs...7am-5:30pm  
Municipal Office .....717-665-4508  
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Police Department....717-733-0965

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### Manheim Fire Department, Penryn Fire Department, and Northwest EMS Thank the Community and Share Stories

On Monday, July 20th Manheim Fire Department Fire Chief Kirchner and Assistant Chief Kupres travelled to Weis to meet with Store Manager John Sullivan. Weis Markets did a 5 day collection of Gatorade and Water this summer to support the local fire company. It was very apparent that our community had come through in a huge way. It took every available store associate as well as additional members from the Fire house to retrieve all that had been donated. Chief Kirchner contacted the Mastersonville Fire Chief as well as Penryn Fire Chief to arrange for them to also enjoy this extremely generous gift from our Manheim area residents.



Our members consume a lot of fluids during the summer. As well as popsicles, but mostly fluids. The summer heat can cause extreme dehydration for people without Fire Fighting gear on, let alone for the men and women wearing it. Gatorade and water help keep these members stay hydrated on the hottest days.

We want to thank John and his amazing Team at Weis Markets in Manheim for all the hard work putting this together and an even bigger THANK YOU to our amazing community for always supporting us!

Manheim Fire Chief

#### Behind the scenes....

One of the really beneficial things that resulted in response to Covid-19, is that we began collaborative efforts with our public safety and response peers (neighboring EMS leaders, Law Enforcement, hospitals, the Department of Health (DOH) and others) by taking part in web-based meetings and/or phone conferences where we would share information on PPE resources and mitigation strategies. While daily conversations have ceased, we've forged a deeper mutual aid relationship that strengthens all of our capabilities.

Northwest EMS

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## Manheim Fire Department, Penryn Fire Department, and Northwest EMS Stories (cont'd)

On July 21st as training was wrapping up, Penryn Station 28 and Manheim Rescue 26 were dispatched for a farm rescue in Penn Township.

Crews from both stations and EMS responded immediately and were advised of a young child entrapped in corn up to his neck in a bin wagon. The Penryn Fire Chief and EMS Lieutenant put LifeLion 1 on standby.

Since Penryn Fire crews were there first, they began the process of stabilizing the remaining



corn as best as possible along with patient care. With the combined efforts of crews from Penryn, Manheim and NWEMS, the patient stabilized and secured, the bottom of the wagon was cut out freeing the patient. Within a minute, he was handed off to the awaiting medic.

Total time from dispatch to extrication was 20 minutes. Thankfully, LifeLion was not needed and the patient was transferred to Hershey Medical Center with no apparent life-threatening injuries.

Thank you to all involved.

Penryn Fire Department

*Rescued meets Rescuer is the best way to caption this picture. Penryn Fire Company and Northwest EMS were dispatched for a farm rescue. Paramedic, Erle Smith, and EMT, Lori Shenk, responded as the EMS crew.*

*These types of dispatches can cause even the most seasoned responders to take stock of what's important in life. Thankfully the ending was happy and at the evenings after action review with the fire company, the crew was able to meet their young patient under happier circumstances.*

*After action reviews are important for responders to plan how best to improve should another, similar incident occur. And in spite of listening to Erle's knock knock jokes the whole way to the hospital, someone still finds the jokes funny.*

Northwest EMS

## Thank you Penn Township community for your continued support!

Let's keep our community safe for everyone—Move Over For Emergency Responders

And one of the really fun things NWEMS did this spring was to participate in drive-by celebrations in partnership with local Law Enforcement agencies in an effort to brighten everyone's days during the stay-at-home orders. The drive-by celebrations were organized by the police chief's of Elizabethtown and Northwest Regional Police Departments who coordinated the staging areas for apparatus and the routes of travel. During an approximately 4 week period, fire, EMS and police did a drive-by parade past more than 40 locations to celebrate a milestone such as a retirement, a birthday and even to celebrate a coming home from the hospital for an individual who was an in-patient for more than 60 days.

Northwest EMS

### Can Fire, Police, or Ambulance find your home or business if you have an emergency?

The Penryn Fire Company can help you by making a green reflective sign for your property. These signs can be purchased to help first responders locate you quickly in an emergency. To order call the station at 717-665-2535 to order your address marker sign.





# Spotted Lanternfly ALERT!



Photos are provided by Grant Robinson Photography, Inc.

1. **Squish all Life Stages** ✓
2. **Report to Penn State** ✓
3. **Check your Vehicle** ✓
4. **Protect the Economy** ✓



Penn State Extension



For more information  
about managing and  
controlling spotted lanternfly  
scan the QR codes:



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## 2021 Budget

Township officials have *drafted* a 2021 budget that is balanced. No tax increase or increase of public sewer or public water rates are anticipated. The *proposed* 2021 budget is expected to be approved by the Board of Supervisors at its 7pm, November 23 public meeting. A required 20-day public review period follows. Then the board is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the *final* budget at its 7pm, December 14, 2020 public meeting, when it may be adopted.

## 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 by contacting our office, 717-665-4508.

## 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.

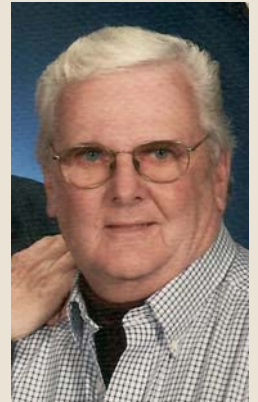
# We remember...



### J Scott Shank

J. Scott Shank, 77, of Manheim, PA passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at home. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Albert Shank and Waltanna Scott Shank. He is survived by his wife Sara Shirk Shank, with whom he was married for 57 years, two children, Karen (Tim Singleton) and William, and one grandson.

Scott worked for Penn Township as the Water and Sewer Superintendent from 1991-2008. He also served as a Supervisor for several years.



J Scott Shank

### J. Wilbur Hess

J Wilbur "Wip" Hess, 87, of Manheim, PA, formerly of Lititz, peacefully entered the presence of his Lord and Savior on August 11, 2020 at home. Born in Penn Township, he was the son of the late Elmer and Lottie Graybill Hess. He is survived by his wife Barbara Graybill Hess, with whom he was married 61 years, three sons, Michael (Denise Witmer Hess), Richard (Jane Bechtel Hess), and Kevin (Gerry Boll Hess), six grandchildren, and one sister. He is predeceased by three sisters.

Wip worked for Penn Township on the road crew for 17 years, retiring in 2008.



J Wilbur Hess



## 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 3ft 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

## WINTER STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

Start shoveling early! The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need. Here are some do's and don'ts when shoveling or plowing snow.

### DO:

- ✓ Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- ✓ Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- ✓ Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains.

### DON'T:

- x Do not pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- x Do not pile snow onto rain gardens or bioretention areas.

### TIPS TO AVOID USING SALT AS A DEICER

More salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts.

When temperatures hit 15°F or below, salt is not effective. Consider using

traction materials that contain an acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal instead of sand or kitty litter.



Pay close attention to places that may have eroded during the snow melt. Plan to improve these areas in the spring by using native grasses, meadow plants, or native trees and shrubs.

Normal snow accumulation does not pose a threat to rain gardens, so there is no need to shovel a rain garden. However, heavy snow loads can weigh down and saturate your garden and hurt plants. Pile snow uphill from the rain garden so when the snow melts the rain garden can do what it is designed to do.

## It's still important to Recycle Right!

As a reminder, please include only "Big 4" materials in your curbside recycling bin, including:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastic bottles and jugs with necks
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Glass bottles and jars



Before putting those items in the bin, remember to flatten boxes, empty, rinse and remove lids from containers.

For more information on recycling in Lancaster County or questions about what items belong in the bin, visit [www.recyclerightlanaster.org](http://www.recyclerightlanaster.org).

In addition to proper recycling, it's also important to know how to properly dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) such as electronics, paint, batteries, cleaning products, chemicals and more.

Lancaster County residents can dispose these items and more for FREE at LCSWMA's HHW Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. The HHW Facility is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 – 11 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, we are asking residents to please unload their own vehicles, if they are physically able.

For a complete list of accepted materials, please visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) or call 717-397-9968.

## Active Development Plans

Name	Location	Project	Status
Pleasant View Retirement Community	North Penryn Road	Two new 18-unit apartment buildings	Under construction
Cedar Hollow	West Sun Hill Road	75 single family homes	Built-out; nearing completion
Sweetbriar Creek	Bucknoll Road	200 single family homes	Built-out; nearing completion
Zug Dentistry	Doe Run Road	Commercial alteration	Under construction; nearing completion
Residential Subdivision	Fruitville Pike/S. Oak Street	Development	Development plans pending
Manheim Commons	Lancaster Road and Bucknoll Road	192 apartments and 3 commercial buildings	Conditionally approved, pending construction phase
Sun Hill Commons	West Sun Hill Road	43 single family homes	Under construction
Baron's Ridge	White Oak Road	69 single family homes	Under construction
Manheim Imports	Lancaster Road	Commercial alteration	Completed
Pleasant View Retirement Community -Implement Building	North Penryn Road	Non-residential structure	Completed
Manheim BIC Church	North Penryn Road	Non-residential addition	Completed



## Penn Township 2020 Accomplishments

- Saved \$769,270 in interest payments over ten years by refinancing \$9,406,000 of debt from 2.71 percent to 1.26 percent.
- Obtained up to a \$1.45 million state transportation grant for the Fruitville Pike, Temperance Hill Road, and Holly Tree Road intersection project.
- Obtained a \$200,000 NFWF Grant for a state-required stormwater (MS4) project.
- Applied for a state \$200,000 Growing Greener grant to construct a state-required stormwater (MS4) project.
- Negotiated with a developer to get a previous \$305,543 recreation fee to be used by the township for state-required stormwater (MS4) projects.
- Applied to receive \$120,000 of Federal CARES Act funds through the county.
- Obtained a new \$150,000 Western Star single-axle dump truck to replace a 1997 International dump truck.
- Refurbished a 2001 Tandem axle dump truck for \$27,000.
- Sold a 1997 International Dump Truck and a Box Salt Spreader for a total of \$9,650.00.
- Saved \$4,649 by replacing property and liability insurance and got increased coverage and service.
- Created a partnership for a state-required street sweeping service, from East Petersburg Borough.
- At the request of the landowner, and with the support of the County Agricultural Preserve Board, rezoned 14.4 acres of a farm from Commercial to Agricultural so the farm can be preserved. Preserved 98.14 acres to farmland.
- Started drafting new zoning and land development codes.
- Continued Non-residential (sewer) Wastewater Program: limiting fats, oils, and grease -and extending the life of the treatment plant.
- Performed road maintenance on Bedington Circle, South Copehill Drive, Goldfinch Lane, Hallmark Drive, Sunrise Drive, Wood Duck Drive, Warehouse Road, North Copehill Drive, and South Oak Street with Manheim Borough.
- Performed paving projects on Sego Sago Road, Bucknoll Road and Woodlot Road, including modest widenings at each intersection.
- Performed paving on Airy Hill Road, between North Penryn Road and Locust Grove Road, with a \$46,528.87 Lancaster County Conservation District, Low Volume Roads, Grant.
- Added wastewater treatment plant garage improvements so workers there can perform equipment repairs in all weather.
- Arranged for food trucks to be permitted in Township parks.
- Employee pension plan is a very high, 112 percent funded.





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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4: NOON - 7 PM**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5: 9 AM - 4 PM**  
**MANHEIM FARM SHOW EXHIBITION HALL**

### **MURDER AT MOUNT HOPE MANSION**

**SAVE THE DATE:** March 21, 2020

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**Join us for online Story Time.** Toddlers (ages 2&3) and Preschoolers (ages 4&5) will enjoy fun stories, games, songs, and activities that help build a foundation for early learning and literacy. Check the website for details!

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**make us**  
**THRIVE**



**#STAYINGSTRONGTOGETHER**

At Lititz recCenter, we are strong TOGETHER. For 75 years, our organization has adapted to changing recreation, sports, fitness, and wellness needs and desires in our community. Today, we are responding to unprecedented challenges - TOGETHER. We are here for, with, and because of our dedicated Members!







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-  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. 42% of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

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