



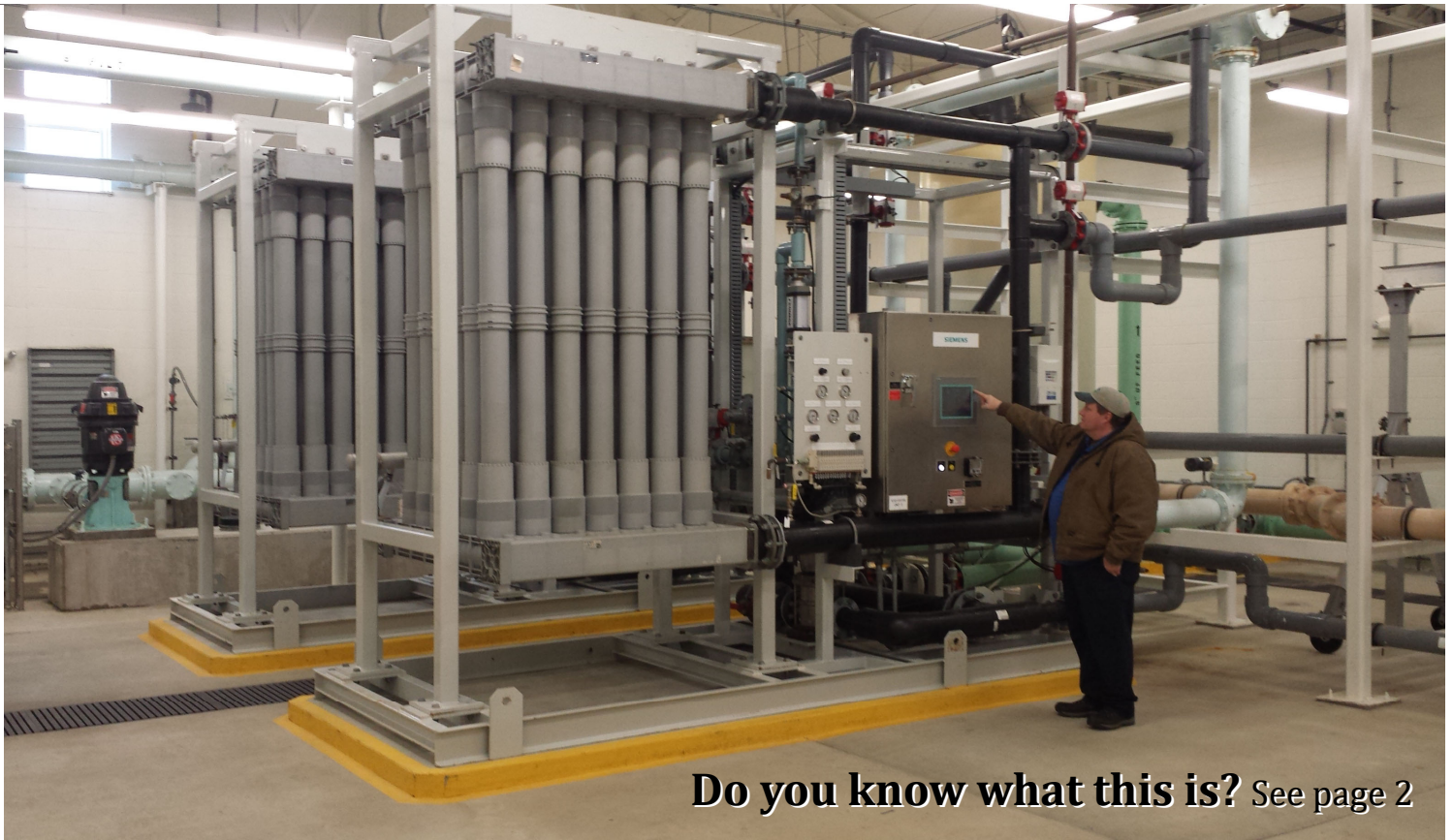
Township News

Fall 2021 Edition

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Do you know what this is? See page 2

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Contractors, Sub-Contractors, & Residents

If a permit is required, it is your responsibility to obtain or see that a permit is obtained for the project. Both the contractor and the property owner can be held liable.

Do I need a Permit?

The answer is “YES” if you are:

- Adding a bedroom
- Starting a home-based business
- Adding or removing anything structural/supporting a load
- Installing or replacing an above-ground or in-ground pool
- Installing or replacing a fence, including fencing for animals or pools
- Changing use of a structure or land
- Installing a retaining wall, deck, patio or sidewalk
- Installing or enlarging a greenhouse
- Repaving or adding to your driveway
- Finishing a basement
- Changing office, attic or storage space to a bedroom or living space

The list above is not all-inclusive. If you have ANY questions about permitting, please call the office at 717-665-4508.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE — FALL CLOSINGS

September 6: Labor Day

October 11: Columbus Day

November 25 & 26: Thanksgiving

Penn Township Offices

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

Municipal Office.....717-665-4508

Water & Sewer Billing717-665-4508

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

Sewage Enforcement717-989-8439

Police Dept. (NLCRPD).....717-733-0965



**Safe digging is
no accident!**

**Know what's
below.**

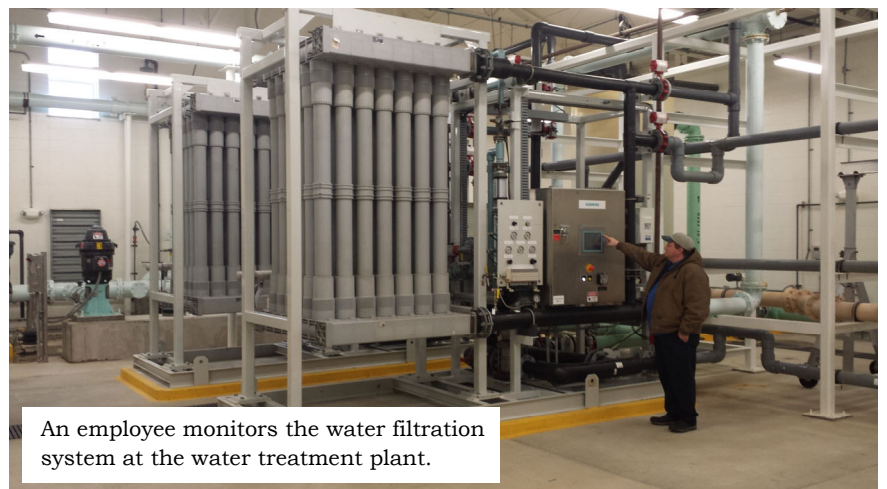
**Call 8-1-1
before you dig.**



Sewer and Water Improvements

The NWLCA, Northwestern Lancaster County Authority, has recently made some upgrades to the public sewer and water systems.

To the sewer plant, the Authority added a SCADA Remote Control System, at a cost of \$130,000 allowing employees to monitor and control the facilities process remotely.



An employee monitors the water filtration system at the water treatment plant.

To the water treatment plant, the Authority replaced the water filter membranes (see picture, above) at a cost of \$69,000 to clean impurities out of well water making it safe for community members to drink and use.

The Authority hires Inframark to operate its public sewer and public water systems.

PENN IDA Tax Exempt Loans are provided through EDC Finance Corporation in conjunction with the Penn Industrial Development Authority (Penn IDA). Tax-exempt bond financing opportunities are available to certain entities throughout the Commonwealth through Industrial Development Authorities. EDC Finance Corporation provides staff support for Penn IDA to assist entities with pre-qualification and structuring options.



PENN
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY

One of the key benefits is that qualified borrowers receive below market interest rates for qualified bank loans – interest earned by the bank is exempt from federal and state income taxes. Most of these loans are Next Generation Farmer Loans for beginning or first-time farm owners.

In 2020, the Penn IDA and the Economic Development Company of Lancaster partnered to process 13 new Next Generation Farm Loans, totaling \$5,962,000. The PA NextGen Farmer Loan Program helps beginning and first time farmers purchase real property and equipment through tax-exempt financing. The IDA-EDC leads the state with 82 NextGen loans since 2014 totalling \$36,336,900.

Funding Uses & Purposes include:

- Land acquisition
- Building construction, expansion, renovation
- Designated infrastructure
- Long-term machinery & equipment (new only)
- Bond refunding



To learn more visit, <https://penntwplanco.org/government/boards-commissions/penn-industrial-development-authority/>.

Fall Yard Cleanup

Autumn leaves are beautiful but they can also cause problems if they aren't collected and disposed of properly. When leaves and yard clippings are raked into the street or ditches, the vegetative debris can clog storm drains or run into creeks and streams polluting our waterways. During heavy rains, blocked storm drains and ditches can cause flooding. Leaves and grass clippings that make their way to local streams and rivers release nutrients that contribute to the accelerated growth of algae. This can be harmful to fish and other aquatic wildlife. By taking the following steps we can reduce the threat of flooding and nutrient loading to local waterbodies.

Autumn Leaves

Mulch: An easy and beneficial way to deal with leaves is by mulching them back onto your lawn. Simply mow the leaves and leave them on the lawn. The mower will chop the leaves into small pieces that will decompose and provide valuable nutrients to the soil.

Compost: Add autumn leaves to a compost pile or place them in planting beds or gardens to provide an inexpensive and nutrient rich fertilizer for your garden. Composting is nature's truest form of recycling.

Rake: At this time, Penn Township does not collect leaves and brush. Check with your contracted waste hauler to find out if a leaf collection service is available. Leaves should never be placed in the storm drain, gutter or street.

******Penn Township does not have a yard waste disposal site, however West Earl Township allows non-residents to bring yard waste to their facilities. Contact the Township office before bringing items to the facility. Fees apply.***

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL. DO NOT BRING TRASH OR ITEMS NOT PERMITTED TO THE COMPOST PARK or YARD WASTE FACILITY.

West Earl Township

161 Locust Street, Talmage, PA

Ph. 717-859-3201

Website: <https://www.westearltwp.org/pages/compost.html>



Each year, Northwest EMS responds to hundreds of traffic accidents. Many of these accidents involve distracted drivers. With school back in session, you can expect to encounter school buses, children walking to and waiting at bus stops, and children walking or riding their bikes to school.

Please put your phone down and avoid other activities that distract you while driving! It only takes a second to change someone's life forever.

Pennsylvania's school bus laws are very clear. Motorists **MUST STOP** at least 10 feet away from buses that have their red lights flashing and arm extended. Motorists **MUST STOP** when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus **MUST STOP** until the red lights have stopped flashing, the bus arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. Additionally, it is the motorist's responsibility to proceed only after having made sure that all children have reached a safe location off of the roadway.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW



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Do not proceed until all children have reached safety



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Len Spencer, III, SEO

Home Composting

The Basics of Home Composting

Composting is a natural process. Organic materials such as leaves, grass, and vegetable scraps are broken down by microorganisms, forming a rich soil-like substance called compost or humus.

What Do you Need to Home Compost?

All you need to compost is enthusiasm, yard or food waste (except meat or dairy products), and some space. Compost piles don't need to be enclosed, although many people use a bin or similar enclosure. Compost bins can be purchased or you can easily construct one with common materials such as chicken wire, snow fencing, lumber or used pallets. Other tools that come in handy for composing are a garden hose, wheel barrow and common garden tools.

Getting Started

A 4x4x4-foot area out of direct sunlight is ideal for your compost pile. Chose an easily accessible spot on a grass or soil base. Composting can begin any time of the year, but many people start in the fall when leaves are abundant. As a note, trimmings from bushes and shrubs are usually not suitable for composting.

Organic materials should be mixed, adding water as needed so that the materials feel like a moist, wrung-out sponge. The compost pile should be turned after a few weeks so that the outside layers are exchanged with the center of the pile. Turn compost piles about once a month, except in cold winter conditions. Water can be added during turning, if necessary.

Using Compost

Compost is ready to be used when it looks dark and crumbly and none of the starting ingredients are visible. One way to test if your compost is finished is to seal a small sample in a plastic bag for 24 to 48 hours. If no strong odors are released when you open the bag, the compost is done.

Compost can be applied directly around the base of trees and shrubs to serve as a mulch. It also can be worked into the top six to eight inches of the soil to provide increased water retention and valuable nutrients.

Information on the different types of compost methods, the affects various materials have on the composting process, and how to use compost can be found at <http://www.compostguide.com/>.



Keys to Home Composting

Organic Materials: A good mix consists of three parts "browns" (materials such as dead leaves that are high in carbon) and one part "greens" (such as fresh grass clippings and garden prunings that are high in nitrogen).

Moisture: Composting materials should feel moist but not overly soggy.

Temperature: Compost should feel warm to the touch except in the cold winter months.

Air: To prevent unpleasant odors that can occur when materials decompose without oxygen, compost should be turned regularly to ensure that air is reaching the center of the pile.

High Carbon "Brown" material	High Nitrogen "Green" material	Sources of Composting Organisms
Leaves	Grass	Old Compost
Dead Plants	Green Weeds	Soil
Straw	Manure	Cow Manure
Shredded Paper	Alfalfa or Clover	Chicken Manure
Shredded Twigs	Seaweed or Pond Algae	Horse Manure
Pine Needles	Non-meat and Non-Dairy Kitchen Scraps	Commercially Available Composting "Starters"
Sawdust from Untreated Wood		Old Compost



VOTE



MANHEIM COMMUNITY LIBRARY **LEARN. CONNECT. GROW.**

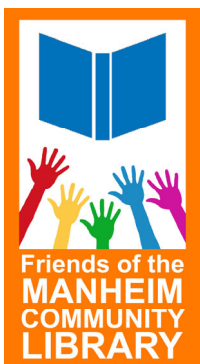
Coming this Fall ~

Manheim Community Library is excited to bring back in-person programs in the Library!

Dungeons and Dragons for teens will be back with a new DM and new format.

Beginning Saturday, September 4, MCL will return to our Fall Saturday hours of 9 am to 4 pm.

You'll find details about additional programs and events as they're announced at manheimlibrary.org and on our Facebook page.



SEPTEMBER

9 Book Donation Drop Off | 6-7:30 pm behind Library

OCTOBER

2 Book Donations Drop Off | 10 am-noon behind Library

NOVEMBER

10-13 Fall Book Sale | hours and locations TBD

19 Extraordinary Give

For more details, please visit manheimlibrary.org.

**15 East High Street
Manheim, PA 17545**

**717-665-6700
manheimlibrary.org**

**M,T,F: 9 AM - 5 PM
W: NOON - 5 PM
TH: 9 AM - 8 PM
SAT: 9 AM - 4 PM**

**Wednesdays open
9 AM to Noon
for at-risk individuals
by appointment only!
Call 717-665-6700**

Burn Permits

Burn Permits are required for most fires within the Township and are available free of charge at the Township office.

It is illegal to burn trash, household garbage, rubbish, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, furniture, crockery, masonry, construction materials, Styrofoam, aerosol cans, by-products of manufacturing and processing operations, recyclable items and construction debris or building materials.



TRI BASH TWIST

Grab your finish-line buddy and get signed up! Register online or call.

TRIATHLON: SUN AUGUST 8

BOULDER BASH: SAT SEPT 11

PRETZEL TWIST 5K: SAT SEPT 18

Lititzrec.com 717.626.5096





Manheim
Community Cares
building a stronger community

goosechase

scavenger hunts for the masses

1

Download the Goosechase App. Find Manheim PA Community Scavenger Hunt.

2

Complete tasks to receive points. Those earning 3,000 points in a month will be entered to win a monthly prize drawing.

3

Visit different community locations for possible small prizes including collectible tokens unique for each participating shop.

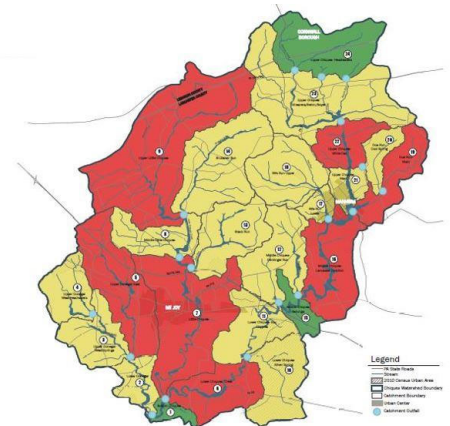
manheimcommunitycares.org

Good News.... Local Efforts Make Waters Healthier

Thanks to you and the continued efforts in the Chiques Creek watershed and numerous other watersheds, to reduce pollutants, like nitrogen, sediment and phosphorus, progress is slowly being made to affect a healthier bay. Researchers note that the health of the Chesapeake Bay improved moderately from a C- in 2019 to a C in 2020 and up from a D+ 2018. But more strides are needed to make the Chiques Creek and downstream waterways healthy, thriving habitats for animals, bugs, and humans alike. Ways you can help bring a healthier water and eco-system...

- ✓ Plant a tree or trees
- ✓ Mow and mulch grass onto your lawn and save money on commercial fertilizer; mulched grass and leaves are excellent fertilizer for your lawn
- ✓ When landscaping or doing a construction project, use E&S (erosion & sediment) measures to prevent valuable soil from washing off of the property and into the water system
- ✓ Use no-till farming methods on your farm or garden
- ✓ Compost yard and garden waste, then use it as fertilizer on your garden, in flower beds or around trees
- ✓ Fence around streams and creeks to keep animals out from trampling stream and creek beds damaging vital plants that stabilize the soil
- ✓ If you have a stream or creek on your property, consider installing forested streamside buffers, implementing soil health practices or other similar feature to restore stream banks. These types of features don't just help the Chesapeake Bay but also the water you use as well as your neighbors downstream. Money is available for planning and installation for qualifying landowners. For more information, talk to the Township Planner or Manager.

Chiques Creek Watershed 2020 Report Card





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



Election Day

Scheduled for November 2, 2021



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

Last day to register: October 18, 2021

Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot: October 26, 2021

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.