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Township News

Winter 2021/22 Edition

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Penn Township Receives Innovation Award

Penn Township, Lancaster County received 1st place in the Build a Better Mousetrap Contest sponsored by PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program. The contest is to recognize municipalities that develop improved ways of doing transportation related jobs.

The Public Works crew created a snow fence winder. Rolling up snow fence in higher grass or corn stalks is difficult so the crew came up with an innovative way to use the hydraulics on its small dump truck to create a winder that



rolls up the fencing on a metal rod. A used stone pan from the back of a dump truck supplied the framework for the new tool. They removed the floor of the pan and welded on a platform to hold the hydraulic valve and controls. With the addition of some hoses, a couple of universal joints, and scrap that the department had on hand, the snow fence winder was built for the small cost of \$520. The new equipment has increased the efficiency of rolling the snow fence into tighter rolls for storage.



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Chief Steffen,
President of PA
Chiefs of Police
Association

Congratulations to Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department's Chief David Steffen for his appointment as the President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association! Chief Steffen was sworn-in on July 20, 2021 at a ceremony held at the Kalahari Resorts in Pocono Manor, PA. Chief Steffen will serve as President until July of 2022. The pictured NLCRPD Officers and staff were in attendance to celebrate the event and support Chief Steffen in his new role.

Pictured below left to right: Lieutenant Joshua Kilgore, Officer Alexandria Hahn, Detective Theresa Stauffer, Chief David Steffen, Sergeant Rodney King, Administrator Rebecca Borne and Sergeant David Burdis.



Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

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.

FACTS

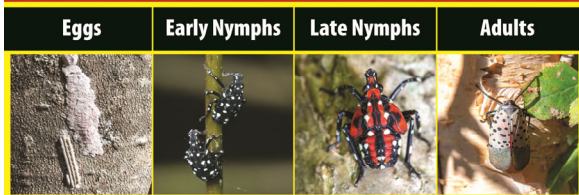
- ! **Almost one third** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes more than **one in every five** of the fires.

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. Call the station at 717-665-2535 to order your address marker sign.



Spotted Lanternfly ALERT!



Photos are provided by Grant Helman 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:



LCCD

2022 Budget

Township officials have *drafted* a 2022 budget that is balanced. No tax increase or increase of public sewer or public water rates are anticipated. The *proposed* 2022 budget is expected to be approved by the Board of Supervisors at its November 22nd public meeting at 7pm. A required 20-day public review period follows. Then the board is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the *final* budget at its December 13, 2021 public meeting at 7pm, 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.

Penn Township Zoning Ordinance Public Comment and Review Requested

Penn Township is requesting public comments and review for the proposed Draft Zoning Ordinance. All public comments and reviews can be submitted on the website at www.penntwplanco.org/report-a-concern. When submitting comments, please reference the chapter, section, and subsection(s). Example: 27.310.1.A and page number. All public comments and reviews are requested by: **Friday, November 26, 2021.**

We remember...



Arlene H. Martin

Arlene H. Martin, 85, of Lititz, died peacefully on Friday, September 10, 2021 at Pleasant View Retirement Community, Manheim. Born in Manheim, she was the daughter of the late Elias and Anna Frysinger Hornberger. Arlene was the loving wife of John W. Martin who died in 1970.

Arlene retired from the Penn Township Municipality in 2001 as the office manager. She was a giver who was always making friends with her gentle personality and kind heart.



Arlene H. Martin

**Saturday,
December 4th at
8:30am *at the square
in Manheim, PA***

Cost: \$30*

**Price increases after November 1st*

For more information, visit
www.manheimlions.org or register
online at www.runsignup.com



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. Cidering usually starts right after the snow begins to fall, with plowing starting around 3" of accumulation. Cidering 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 feet, 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 3 feet area around fire hydrants within 24 hours
- ◆ A 3 ft wide path must be cleared from sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours
- ◆ 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

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**

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.

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 7am – 4pm and Saturdays from 8 – 11am.

For a complete list of accepted materials, please visit www.lcswma.org or call 717-397-9968.

Do you have a Certificate of Occupancy or Zoning Certificate for a project you completed?
If not, contact the Township at 717-665-4508 to find out how to close out your open permit.

Active Development Plans

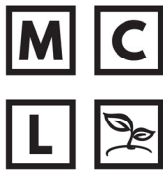
Name	Location	Project	Status
Pleasant View Retirement Community	North Penryn Road	Residential Development	Under construction
Cedar Hollow	West Sun Hill Road	Residential Development	Built out, nearing completion
Sweetbriar Creek	Bucknoll Road	Residential Development	Built out, nearing completion
Manheim Commons	Lancaster Road/Bucknoll Road	Residential Development/ Commercial	Pending construction
Sun Hill Commons	West Sun Hill	Residential Development	Under construction
Baron's Ridge	White Oak Road	Residential Development	Built out, nearing completion
Elite Paving	Ditz Drive	Commercial alteration	Pending construction
Landis Homes Communities	Doe Run Road	Residential Development	Development plans pending
Avery Square	South side of Fruitville Pike/South Oak St.	Residential Development	Development plans pending

Please  putting cloth rags into the public sewer system, by flushing them down a toilet or other means. The rags are damaging to the treatment system causing unnecessary expense. It is illegal to put rags into the system. The Township will prosecute anyone putting rags into the system but prefers for the system users to cooperate.

Penn Township 2021 Accomplishments

- Bid the Fruitville Pike, Temperance Hill Road, and Holly Tree Road intersection project
- Added a \$130,000 SCADA Remote Control System for operators to monitor and control the public water and public sewer systems remotely
- Replaced public water treatment filter membranes for \$78,000 after 10 years of service
- Obtained approval of a state \$402,000 Growing Greener grant to construct a state-required stormwater (MS4) project
- Co-op self-insurance dividends received \$8,486 from property and liability and \$129,460 from health coverage
- Received \$521,894 of \$1,043,788 allocated federal American Rescue Plan funds
- Replaced the 2009 Chevrolet HHR with a 2012 Chevrolet Suburban from the NLCRPD
- Added 'Knox' lock box standards for businesses with alarms systems for first- responder's secure emergency access
- Held our first Farmer Appreciation event at the Manheim Farm Show, attended by about 100 Penn Township Farmers
- The Penn IDA and the Economic Development Company of Lancaster partnered to process 13 new Next Generation Farm Loans, totaling \$6,405,800 which leads the state in these kinds of loans
- Requested County and PennDOT funding for the Fruitville Pike and South Oak Street \$1.1 million signalized intersection project
- Road Construction on Elm Road Pipe (Newport to Brooklawn Roads) Design, Widen North Penryn Road, Bucknoll Road, North Penryn Road, North of Oak Lane Pipe, Highview Drive Pipe to Creek, North Penryn Road - North of Airy Hill Road, Willoughby Circle Drive, Loop Road, Cool Spring Road Bridge, Fairview Road Bridge, Northview Road Bridge
- Road Maintenance (\$216,192) on Blairton Court, Walnut Drive, Locust Grove Road, Evans Road, Oak Lane (North Penryn to Speedwell Forge) (North Penryn Road to the end), West Lexington Road (Doe Run to Newport), Scenic Drive
- Arranged \$3,559 in repairs needed at five traffic signals
- Filed a \$6,349 claim for a Township School Zone sign and pole damaged by a motorist
- Added wastewater treatment plant shower and restroom improvements
- Finished drafting a new zoning code and started drafting a new land development code
- Replaced Access Permit database with Permit Manager software system, saving staff time and improving request response time
- Maintained employee pension plan (not distressed) at a very high, 131.9 percent funded





MANHEIM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

LEARN. CONNECT. GROW.

WINTER PROGRAMS

Story Times: Family Story Time on Tuesdays at 10 am, Virtual Story Time on Thursdays via Zoom at 10 am, Toddler Time with Stay & Play on Fridays at 10 am.

Winter Reading Program for ages 5-15 sponsored by the Reading Royals Hockey Team: November 15-February 1

December 3: Cookies, Crafts, and Cocoa

December 31: Kids Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Teen Advisory Board: Monthly meetings beginning in January, 2022. Open to any teens who want to help plan library programs and provide input on upcoming YA book orders.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons every other Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm.

Kids Crafternoons will be held in January and February.

Monthly Lego Build-a-thons (all ages) will continue through winter.

You'll find details about additional programs and events at manheimlibrary.org and on Facebook.

**15 East High Street
Manheim, PA 17545
717-665-6700
manheimlibrary.org**

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

**Closing at 1 pm
New Year's Eve**

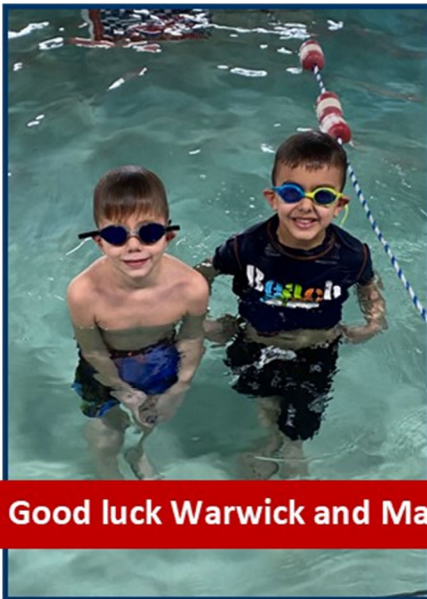
**Closed
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Presidents Day**

TOWNSHIP OFFICE — WINTER CLOSINGS

November 25 & 26: Thanksgiving
December 24: Christmas
December 31 & January 3: New Year's
January 17: Martin Luther King Day
February 21: President's Day

Penn Township Offices

Hours: Mon-Thurs...7am-5:30pm
Municipal Office717-665-4508
Water & Sewer Billing717-665-4508
Building/Zoning717-665-4508
Sewage Enforcement717-989-8439
Police Dept. (NLCRPD)717-733-0965



Good luck Warwick and Manheim Central Swim Teams!



**Lap swimming 7 days a week
Swim Lessons for all ages
Aquatic Fitness
Spacious Shower Rooms
Schedule a Splash Party!**

WE ARE HIRING LIFEGUARDS

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2021 marks 175 Years



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Penn Township, Lancaster County founded in 1846

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Vice Chairperson-Richard Landis
Treasurer-Ronald Krause
Supervisor-Thomas Walsh
Supervisor-Gary Stevens
Secretary-Mark Hiester

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Planner-Jennifer Tulonen
Zoning & Codes Officer-Matt Reeser
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Receptionist-Barbara Grable
Public Works Director-Daryl Lefever
Foreman-Neil Fittery
Maintenance Worker-Keith Iehle
Maintenance Worker-Shannon Martin
Maintenance Worker-Dave Newcomer

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Vice Chairperson-Steven Bushey
Member-Aaron Kopp
Member-Bill Postel
Member-David Breinich

NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE

Chief-David Steffen

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Vice-Chairperson-Barbara Horst
Treasurer-Robert Kurtz
Member-Phil Donmoyer
Member-Cullen Ketcham

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Vice-Chairperson-Seth Obetz
Secretary-Wayne Martenas
Member-Jennifer Tulonen
Member-Joseph Eisenhauer

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Len Spencer, III, SEO