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TOWNSHIP**

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

Township News

Fall 2022 Edition

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Community Spotlight

Temperance Hill Rd/Fruitville Pike/Holly Tree Rd Intersection Construction

Work at the Fruitville Pike/Temperance Hill Road/Holly Tree Road intersection is underway! A \$1.49M PennDOT grant is paying for the bulk of the work, making the intersection of the two state routes safer. Landmark Homes contributed \$658,490 to the intersection project and Holly Tree Road improvements (a Township roadway), in exchange for the nearby 192 Holly Tree Farms Apartments. Over seven years, Penn Township invested over \$120,000 in design, right-of-way acquisition, and permitting, and plans for funding the future inspections.

The Northwestern Lancaster County Authority participates with nearly \$300,000 worth of capped sewer facilities currently being installed. The



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Trick or Treat

October 31, 2022
6-8 pm

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scope of work includes full depth pavement restoration, limited sidewalk improvements, grading, ADA ramps, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and construction compaction and moisture testing. Improvements and restoration will also be made on abutting private properties. Work is expected to be completed by the end of October 2022.

The deeper public sewer is installed first, then storm sewers are put in. Later, foundations for traffic signal poles and some curbing will be constructed. You may notice that the Temperance Hill Road intersection will be realigned at a right angle to Fruitville Pike, allowing for safer turning movements and visibility. The Holly Tree Road intersection with Fruitville Pike will be realigned and widened. The two traffic signals will be coordinated so left turns and other traffic may proceed safely. A roundabout was evaluated early in the design process, but eliminated as not having as an advantageous benefit-cost ratio; more land and buildings would need to be acquired for it, costing more and taking longer.

The safety of the public and our contractor can be best provided by the public staying outside of the construction zone. Please adhere to detour and road closed signs, even if on a bicycle. We appreciate your patience as we see this key improvement come to fruition.

Detour Map (right)

Northwest EMS Is Proud To Serve Our Community!

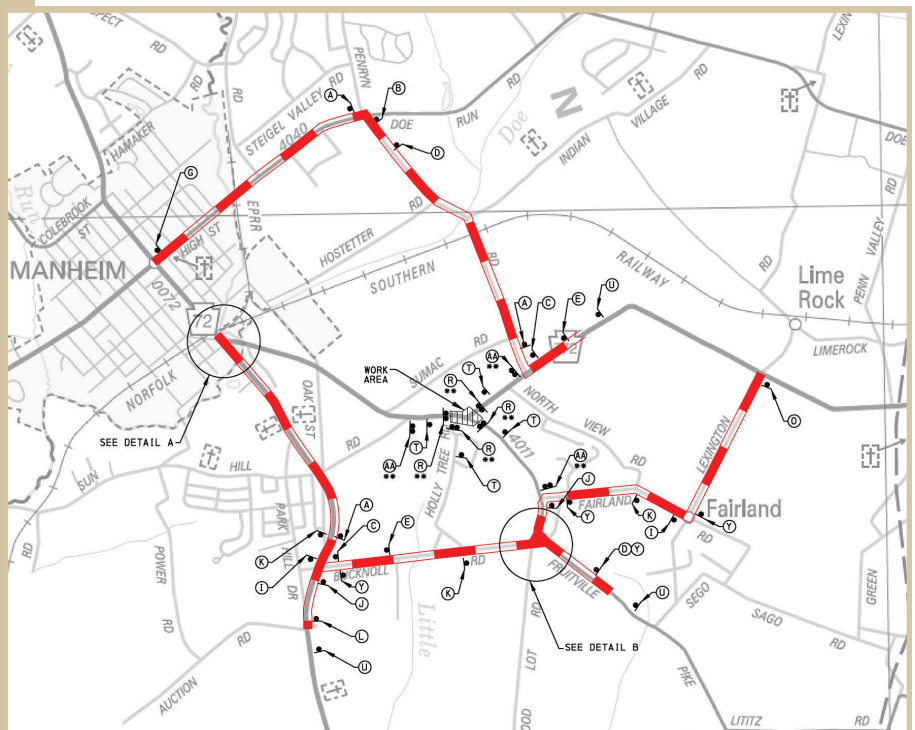


Northwest EMS is proud to serve all of our communities with not only 911 emergency ambulance services, but also with prevention and education services such as Hands-Only CPR education, Stop the Bleed training, First Aid classes, school visits, and safety presentations to businesses, service clubs, and more.

We will soon be sending our annual Subscription Membership letters in the coming weeks. This annual appeal is especially important as Northwest EMS faces higher costs to operate while insurance reimbursements are not keeping pace. With a Subscription Membership donation, you help us fill that gap, and in return we are able to offer Subscribed Members a discount on out-of-pocket costs associated with their ambulance bill. In many cases, Subscribed Members do not receive any bill after their insurance or Medicare has paid.



This year's Subscriptions Membership cost is \$85 for a family, \$70 for a couple, or \$55 for a single person. If you do not received a Subscription Membership letter by November 1, or if you wish to learn more about our outreach services, please contact our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk by calling 717-665-2904 or 717-371-8282.





Northwest EMS - Saving EMS for Northwest Lancaster

Emergency medical services in the northwestern portion of Lancaster County are provided by Northwest EMS. While we are truly fortunate to have Northwest EMS as the emergency medical services provider in our community, the organization's future is at risk. Why? Insufficient revenue and rising costs.

The bottom line: Northwest EMS has operated at a deficit over the past six years. The expected budget shortfall for 2022 is over \$500,000. Unless this crisis is addressed, Northwest EMS will be insolvent in a few years.

The Solution: **A New Community Model for EMS Services**

Municipal leaders and the Northwest EMS Board of Directors have been meeting quarterly since 2018. At the start of 2021, a committee of Northwest EMS leaders, volunteers and local municipal leaders began studying this situation and exploring alternatives.

The committee is proposing the creation of a regional Emergency Services Authority, which will address the challenges that jeopardize emergency services in our community and fulfill the statutory requirement for municipalities to provide EMS services with more fiscal stability.

The bottom line: The new EMS authority would ensure that EMS services continue to be available in our community 24/7/365, potentially saving your life or the life of your loved one.

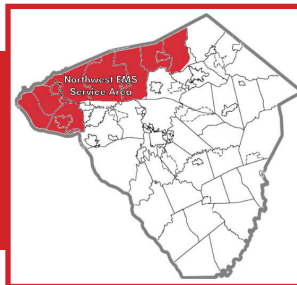
PURPOSE

As a collaboration among multiple municipalities, the authority will provide emergency medical services and EMS administrative support to member and contracted municipalities throughout its service area.

BOARD

Founding municipalities will each have representation on the authority's board. Local municipalities are joining together to address the local EMS crisis. The following municipalities that have passed resolutions indicating interest in joining the regional Emergency Services Authority:

- Clay Township
- Conoy Township
- East Donegal Township
- Elizabeth Borough
- Manheim Borough
- Marietta Borough
- Mount Joy Township
- Penn Township
- Rapho Township
- West Donegal Township



COMMUNITY

The authority will advertise and hold public hearings on proposed services and rates. The community will continue to have a voice in the authority, even after the authority is formed.

FUNDING

The authority will charge a reasonable and uniform annual fee, on par with today's Northwest EMS subscription rates, to property owners or the municipality (depending on the municipality's arrangement with the authority). The fee would replace municipal contributions to Northwest EMS and membership subscriptions.

For more information, visit Saving EMS for Lancaster at <https://savingemsfornwlanaster.org/>.

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, beginning at 7:00 P.M., in Chiques Church, 4045 Sunnyside Rd, Manheim, PA 17545, regarding the proposed incorporation of a joint municipality authority to administer emergency medical services on behalf of the foregoing proposed incorporating municipalities.

Assistance for Work in or Around a Stream or Wetland Maintenance

During the spring and summer months, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection typically receives a high volume of complaints from the public regarding work in streams and wetlands. Upon inspection, we frequently find a number of these activities have occurred without permits, including dredging, which is cleaning out a stream; ditching, filling in or draining wetlands; placing fill in a floodway to build up the property; relocating a stream; stabilizing a stream bank; and installing culverts, bridges, boat docks or ramps.



Municipalities, homeowners, and landowners may not be aware that state, and often federal law requires a DEP permit for certain types of work they want to do on their own property within regulated waters of the Commonwealth. DEP is here as

a resource and a partner for Pennsylvanians who are planning any activity in or around streams and wetlands, so the project can be done safely and without impacting the environment, public safety, or adjacent and downstream neighbors.

Just like the Public Utility Commission's 'PA One Call' for excavators, the best first step for homeowners and landowners is to call the local DEP office to find out what is required before any work begins.

Municipalities, residents, and landowners should follow these tips when conducting activities in and around streams:

- If there are low-lying, wet areas on the property where a landowner would like to fill in, consult first with the DEP Waterways and Wetlands program that serves your county.
- Do not mow or cut trees and shrubs along a stream's edge. This can potentially lead to stream-bank erosion. Leaving a buffer along the edge of a stream or wetland is an effective way to increase a stream bank's stability, reduce stream bank erosion, increase wildlife habitat, and provide a pollutant filtering area for surface water which drains through the buffer.
- If a project is being planned in a stream channel or floodway, work should not be conducted without the required permits within the channel or 50 feet from the top of the stream bank. A stream's floodway is typically 50 feet from the top of each stream bank unless a detailed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood study determines the floodway at issue is smaller or larger than 50 feet. FEMA floodplain study information can be found at local township and borough offices and online at FEMA's website.
- Filling, ditching, or draining of a wetland requires a permit from DEP and the Army Corps.

The DEP has developed a booklet and flyer to explain what work can be performed in and around streams without a permit, projects where a call should be made to our office prior to starting, and those projects which would require a permit. These documents may be found by clicking either link below:

Guidelines for Maintaining Streams in Your Community Booklet -
https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/FactSheets/StreamMaintenance/StreamMaintenanceBooklet_forWeb.pdf

Guidelines for Maintaining Streams in Your Community Flyer -
<https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/FactSheets/StreamMaintenance/StreamMaintenancePoster-Statewideforprint.pdf>



Department of Environmental
Protection

Stream Restoration Project

Penn and Rapho Township are working with a cooperative landowner on a restoration project of a segment of the Chiques Creek along West Sunhill Road near the county-owned, Kaufmans Distillery Covered Bridge. A \$402,000 NFWF grant will help pay for the work along with \$110,000 of township match. The project will install through state permits: rock deflectors, rock vanes, rock cross-vanes, mounds, grade control/channel blocks, and zigzag rock walls. Penn Township will maintain the project through an agreement with Rapho Township. Each township will get credit towards meeting nutrient reduction requirements. The project, designed by the Lancaster County Conservation District, is expected to be bid by the Fall of 2022.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you a story writer or interested in developing your interview and writing skills. If so, we need YOU! We are looking for volunteers who are interested in writing stories about various topics for the Community Spotlight section of the Township newsletter.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving the community in this way, please contact Barbara Grable, Township Receptionist, at 717-665-4508 or email secretary@penntwplanco.org.



The Township is also looking for volunteers to serve as alternates on the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission. If you have an interest in serving the Township, please complete the volunteer application and send it to Mark Hiester at manager@penntwplanco.org. The application can be found at <https://penntwplanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/VolunteerApp-1.pdf>

What to do with Yard Waste during your Fall 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.

- **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

<https://www.westearltwp.org/about/pages/compost-facility>



Manheim Commons Development

Construction has begun on the Manheim Commons Development between McDonalds and Bucknoll Road. Below is the recorded plan for Phase 1 of the project. The first part of construction includes significant regrading of the site. A full set of the development plans is available for review at the Township.



Manheim Community Farm Show

SAVE THE DATE: October 3-7, 2022



MANHEIM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

LEARN. CONNECT. GROW.

Story Times: Family Story Time on Tuesdays at 10am, Toddler Story Time with Stay & Play on Fridays at 10am

Third Thursday Crafternoons: The 3rd Thursday of each month at 3pm

Read with a Therapy Pet: 4th Saturdays of each month at 10am

Mondays in September: Fitness classes with Ashley Brown - 4pm

September 10: World First Aid Day with Northwest EMS - 10-11am

September 17: Free Tour of Kreider Dairy Farms - 10:30am

September 22: Stuffed Animal Sleepover - Drop your favorite stuffie off at the library before 8 pm

October 13: PA NewsMedia Program with Paul Vigna - 6:30pm

October 15: Oreo Tasting Party - 10am

October 29: Trick or Tee at the Shack - Tee Time reservations required

November 5: Wreath Making (for adults) - 10am

November 19: Friendsgiving Celebration - 10am

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

M, T, W: 9am-5pm
Th: 9am-8pm
F: 9am-5pm
Sat: 9am-4pm




CLOSED Labor Day,
Columbus Day,
November 24 and 25
for Thanksgiving

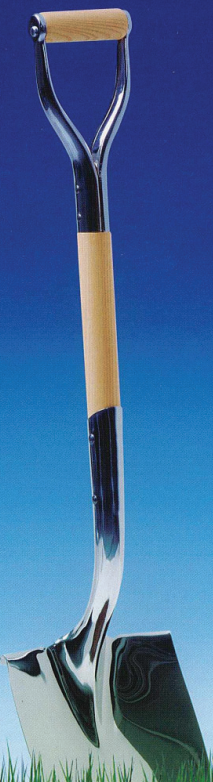
Closing at 1pm on
Wednesday,
November 23

Check the library calendar for more events as they are added!

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

-  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.



**Safe digging is
no accident!**

**Know what's
below.**

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



TOWNSHIP OFFICE FALL & WINTER CLOSINGS

2022

September 5: Labor Day

October 10: Columbus Day

November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving Day

December 26: Christmas

2023

January 2: New Year's

January 16: Martin Luther King Day

February 20: President's Day

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.



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Election Day

Scheduled for November 8, 2022

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

Last day to register: October 24, 2022

Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot: November 1, 2022



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.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairperson-Fred Hammond

Vice Chairperson-Linda Brown
Secretary-Stephen Engle
Member-Cullen Ketcham
Member-Leroy Stoltzfus
Alternate-Vacant

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Chairperson-Gerald Wolfe
Vice Chairperson-Steven
Bushey
Member-Aaron Kopp

Member-Bill Postel
Member-Leroy Stoltzfus

NORTHWESTERN LANCASTER COUNTY AUTHORITY

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

NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE

Chief-David Steffen

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Manager-Mark Hiester
Planner-Jennifer Tulonen
Zoning Officer-Matt Reeser
Finance-Connie Weidle
Receptionist-Barbara Grable
Public Works Director-Daryl
Lefever

Foreman-Neil Fittery
Maintenance Worker-Keith
Ihle
Maintenance Worker-Shannon
Martin
Maintenance Worker-Dave
Newcomer

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Len Spencer, III, SEO