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LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

Township News

Winter 2022/2023 Edition

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Community Spotlight

Honoring Veterans in the Manheim Area



Together with the community of Manheim, the Manheim Veterans Memorial Committee seeks to honor former and current military service members through construction of a veterans memorial plaza. This will be a place where community members, military service men and women, and families can go to reflect, remember and honor their family member. A walking path with commemorative bricks and the flags of all the different military service organizations will be displayed to help future generations remember past and present veterans. Construction is anticipated to take place in 2023.

Penn Township presented a check for \$5,000 to the Manheim Veterans Memorial on October 11, 2022 to honor those who served our country.

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.



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.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

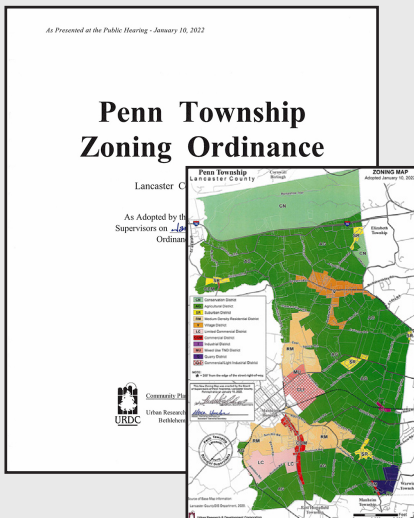
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2022 Accomplishments

1. Public Works snow fence winder wins first place in PSATS statewide Build a Better Mousetrap contest held in April 2022 (right)
2. Adopted Small Wireless Facilities Regulations
3. Paved West Lexington Road, Cool Spring Road, Fairview Road and East Meadow Road

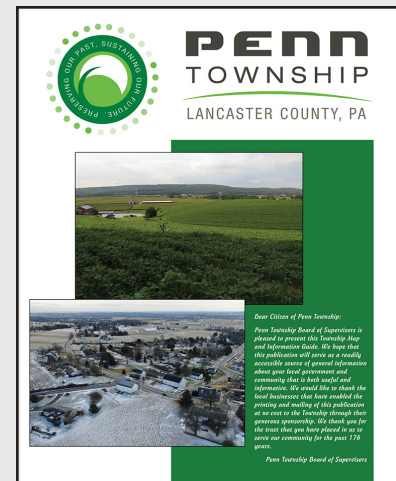


4. Awarded the lowest responsive and responsible \$1,135,329.50 base bid and a \$297,535.00 (sewer) alternate component from Farhat Excavating, LLC of Duncannon, PA – for a total project cost of \$1,432,864.50. The work includes installing traffic signals and capped public sewer facilities - and related improvements at the Fruitville Pike (State Route 4011), Temperance Hill Road (State Route 772), and Holly Tree Road (Township Route 566) intersections. Ten contractors bid on the request. The project is partly funded by a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (reimbursement) of up to \$1,490,000. PennDOT participated in this project because the department considers Fruitville Pike a congested corridor. Project started in July



5. Adopted a new Zoning Ordinance and Map in January (left)
6. Purchased two replacement and two new traffic signal back-up batteries
7. Township newsletters wins PSATS 3rd place Most Improved Award
8. Adopted a required Stormwater Management Code amendment
9. Approved document copier for a small savings

10. Replaced office parking lot and flagpole lights with more efficient LED lights
11. Prepared and released staff-made map guide (right)
12. Donated ARPA Federal Funds to the Penryn Fire Company, NWEMS, and the Manheim Veterans Memorial Project
13. Received \$32,846 in dividends from co-op health, liability, and worker's compensation self-insurance plans



Blayne Wright Wins Food Network's Halloween Baking Championship

After several rounds of competition, Blayne Wright, Manheim-based baker and owner of the private wedding cake studio Flouretta Sweet, won this season's Halloween Baking Championship.

In the last round, Wright created a blood orange-scented cake with brown butter cream cheese frosting, blood orange curd, a crunchy hazelnut ganache and fresh blackberries. One of the judges had just five words to say. "Brown. Butter. Cream. Cheese. Frosting."

Melting Snow: It's Stormwater Too!

When snow melts at your home it can create lots of problems that are both similar to spring rains and unique to winter weather.

Winter snow often puts a pristine white coat over every surface that makes for beautiful photos and lots of family fun. However, it's not long before the sun comes out to expose a host of issues created by the melting snow. Just like when rain falls the rest of the year, melting snow turns into stormwater runoff. Heavy rains sweeping across your yard and driveway carry pollution and high volumes of water into our nearby streams, lakes, and other waterways. Melting snow does the same things. Both rain and snow melt can seriously impair Pennsylvania's waters when they travel over the land in our community. They can also cause significant property damage at your home.

In winter, melting snow actually causes a few unique stormwater problems. Because the ground is often frozen at the surface, melting snow can't infiltrate into the soil the way a light or moderate rain would be able to. So even a small amount of snow can cause localized flooding on your property. When snow builds up over several small storm events without melting in between, it can turn into large winter storm impacts when it finally does melt - leading to potential community wide flooding events. In both cases, that standing and flowing water on the ground is picking up all kinds of debris, litter, and pollutants (especially de-icing salts, chemicals, fertilizers, as well as nitrogen and phosphorus) that will find their way into nearby streams.

Here are some tips for managing your property for winter stormwater this season:

- When piling your snow after shoveling and plowing, choose locations where the snow will have the most opportunity to infiltrate instead of becoming stormwater runoff. Pile your snow in areas where you don't usually have ponding in the spring rains, on relatively flat areas, and away from sensitive areas like streams, ponds, and your private well if you have one.
- Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- Make sure your nearest storm drains are clear. Do not pile snow on storm drains and make sure your neighborhood plow is not piling snow over the drains too. Clear away any snow that may have been kicked onto the drains by passing cars.
- Use de-icing chemicals and salts judiciously. Use what you need to make your walkways and driveways safe, but try to avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways and your private well.
- Postpone outdoor construction projects in winter, when you can't establish new vegetation to reduce soil loss and muddy runoff.
- Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt, and make a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs



Active Development Plans			
Name	Location	Project	Status
Pleasant View Communities	N Penryn Rd	Residential Development- Apartments	Under construction
Sweetbriar Creek	Bucknoll Rd	Residential Development	Built out, nearing completion
Pleasant View Communities	N Penryn Rd	Continuing Care Retirement Community - Cultural Center	Planned Land Development Phase
Avery Square	Fruitville Pk/S Oak St	Residential Development	Planned Land Development Phase nearing completion; pending construction
Manheim Commons	Lancaster Rd/ Bucknoll Rd	Residential Development	Under construction
Sun Hill Commons	W Sun Hill Rd	Residential Development	Under construction
Baron's Ridge	White Oak Rd	Residential Development	Built out, nearing completion
Elite Paving	Ditz Dr	Commercial Alteration	Under construction
Benchmark Construction	Doe Run Rd	Residential Development	Development plans pending
Penn Station Townhomes	Fruitville Pk/S Oak St	Residential Development	Planned Land Development Phase
Fenner - Industrial	Hostetter Rd	Industrial Development	Development plans pending
327 White Oak Road - Townhomes	White Oak Rd	Residential Development	Planned Land Development Phase
CSG Group Home	S Main St	Residential Development	Under construction

TOWNSHIP OFFICE WINTER CLOSINGS

2022

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

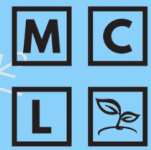
FIREHYDRANTS



Winter PROGRAMS

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 3:30pm

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

Lego Build-a-thon: Second Tuesday of each month at 3:30pm

Don't forget to sign up for our adult winter reading program starting in January!

December 1: *Manheim 1st Thursday* - Join the Library and Cricket's Performing Arts for Manheim Chamber's Story Hop from 5-8pm!

December 2: *Cookies Crafts and Cocoa sponsored by Blue Ridge Communications* - Drop in between 3-5pm for holiday fun

December 3 & 4: *Friends of the Manheim Community Library Holiday Crossings* at Historic Manheim Train Station - visit manheimlibrary.org/holidaycrossings for more information

December 5: *Holiday Movie Night* at 6:30pm

January 14: *Adult Puzzle Swap* from 10am-noon

February 9: *Adult Valentine's Day Craft* at 6pm

February 11: *Kid's Valentine's Day Party* at 10am

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

**CLOSED December 24th
and December 31st**

**CLOSED January 16th
for Martin Luther King,
Jr Day**

**CLOSED February 20th
for President's Day**

Check manheimlibrary.org/events or our Facebook for more events as they are added!

Winter Preparedness: A Checklist of Things You Should Know, Have or Do

We can't control the weather, but simple steps can help you prepare and stay safe.

AT HOME

- Have a well stocked pantry, fridge and freezer
- Create a backup plan in case of a power outage or furnace trouble
- Have a two-day supply of basic supplies, including food, water, flashlights, blankets, medication, baby and pet supplies
- If your home has a coal or wood stove, have a carbon monoxide detector; if the alarm goes off, go outside and call 911
- Check on and help elderly or disabled neighbors

BEHIND THE WHEEL

- Stay off the roads when bad weather hits
- Keep gas tank at least half-full
- Clear ice and snow from windows, mirrors, lights, and the vehicle's hood and roof before travelling
- Make sure others know when and where you are going so that if you need help, someone will know where to look for you
- Slow down and increase following distance
- Do not use cruise control on winter roads

TAKE ALONG

- Cell phone and charger
- Flashlight and batteries
- Jumper cables
- Snow shovel
- Matches and candles
- First-aid supplies
- Extra warm clothing and gloves
- Blanket
- Ice scraper
- Sand
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food

For more information, visit ready.gov.



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

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

Stay Warm with these Winter Electrical Safety Tips

With winter now in full swing we can expect to see more snow and, of course, cold temperatures. While we all do our best to stay warm during this time of the year, we may occasionally need a little extra help to keep ourselves, and our homes, cozy. This may mean using anything from a plug-in, portable space heater to, in the event of a severe storm, a portable generator.

Winter is no different than any other time of the year, and even though it may seem easier to take a shortcut when trying to stay warm, you should always keep safety top of mind. Here is some information on the dangers associated with three common pieces of electrical equipment used during winter, as well as tips on how to use them safely.

Space Heaters

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI), heating equipment — like portable space heaters — are the second leading cause of home fires in the United States and more than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment annually. It's important to use these devices sparingly, and only when needed, to prevent something from going wrong. Here are some tips to ensure you're being safe:

- Before using a space heater, read the manufacturer's instructions in full.
- Don't plug space heaters into extension cords or power strips.
- Be sure to give space heaters plenty of room and keep them on a level surface away from flammable objects and foot traffic.
- Remember to only use a space heater when needed and don't leave a heater unattended while in use. Make sure you turn it off and unplug the cord when you're not using the device.
- It may be advantageous to ditch your older space heater for a new one that has built-in safety features like a tip-over switch.

Generators

If the power goes out during a winter storm, you may turn to a generator. While the ability to keep the essentials running is certainly amazing, generators can pose a serious risk to your health. In fact, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that 50% of all generator-related carbon monoxide deaths occur during the winter months. Follow these tips before firing up your generator:

- Be sure you are reading, and following, the manufacturer's guidelines for operation and take heed of any warnings. This includes making sure you use the proper fuel for the generator and only add fuel when the generator is cool.
- Before each use, inspect the generator to ensure it's in good working order.
- Generators should never be used in an enclosed area or placed inside a home or business. Be sure to also keep them away from windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to sneak inside.
- Even though you will be using the generator outside, make sure that your home has battery-operated carbon monoxide detectors that are in good, working condition.
- Make sure you never backfeed power from the generator into your home. Doing so can create serious safety hazards for our linemen working to restore your service by sending power back outside of your home.

Electric Blankets and Heating Pads

Both electric blankets and heating pads can provide some relief from the cold. While they may seem harmless, they cause almost 500 fires each year, according to ESFI. Here are some helpful tips to keep you safe:

- Heating pads and electric blankets are not designed to be used interchangeably or at the same time.
- Always be sure to inspect the device before using it. Start by checking the electrical cord and replace the item if you find any damage.
- Do not place other objects or blankets on top of an electric blanket while it's in use as it can easily overheat.
- Do not tuck an electric blanket into the mattress and avoid folding it. Both can cause the blanket to overheat.
- Never leave these devices unattended or use them while you are sleeping.

Remember, with a little preparation and a few precautions, you can keep you, your family and your home safe and warm this winter. For more information about how we promote safety in the communities in which we all live and work, visit pplelectric.com/safety.



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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 an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board or
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>

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