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Community Spotlight



PENRYN FIRE COMPANY AND LIMEROCK PAROCHIAL SCHOOL MUD SALE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE COMPANY AND LIMEROCK PAROCHIAL SCHOOL!

The annual Penryn Fire Company and Limerock Parochial School Mud sale will be held Friday, March 17, 2023, and Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 1441 North Penryn Road, Manheim, PA 17545. Come out and enjoy this community event. As in past years, we will be selling BBQ chicken dinners starting at noon Friday with drive-up service and dine in available at 5:00pm. We will also have several auctions. Auctions will resume at 8:30am on Saturday and continue until everything is sold. There will be lots of delicious food for sale all day Saturday so why not come out and see what's for sale, enjoy some great food and fellowship with your neighbors. Some of the items we will be auctioning will be, crafts, quilts, tools (garden and contractor), shrubs, grocery items, produce, antiques and collectables.

All consignments are already arranged, and NO new consignments are going to be accepted this year.

BE AWARE OF DIRTY DIRT!!!

DEP wants to help residents and contractors in Pennsylvania ensure they do not accept or use fill materials that may cause contamination. Fill materials are used to bring sites to desirable grades to enhance the usefulness of the properties. Homeowners and contractors need to be aware that there are some "fill" materials out there that can cause potential environmental and/or health concerns, as well as open up property owners to potential liabilities. Here are a few tips to ensure you are using acceptable fill materials on your property

Do your homework...

- Before you buy or accept "**FREE**" dirt, make sure it is clean.
- Know the **source** of the fill, especially if it is offered to you for **FREE**.
- Know the supplier and hauler. Check for references.
- Ask for documentation from the provider regarding the source:
 - A bill of lading if you purchased it.
 - An official **DEP FP-001** form that identifies where the fill came from and any testing that was done.
- Do not accept any free material without documentation.

Take a look...or smell...

- If the fill has a petroleum/oil-like or garbage odor...**BEWARE!**
- If the fill has materials such as: plastic, ash, demolition debris such as wallboard, shingles, nails, wood or paint chips...**BEWARE!**
- If the fill appears to be "discolored" or stained...**BEWARE!**
- If you don't know the source of the fill...**BEWARE!**

Get some advice...

- The DEP wants residents and contractors in Pennsylvania to make sure they do not accept or use fill materials that may contain or cause contamination.
- Check with your regional office if you have questions, consult with your local Bureau of Waste Management or DEP office.
- If you don't know the source of the fill...**BEWARE!**

DEP's Management of Fill Policy and Frequently Asked Questions:

- <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/Residential/Pages/TechnicalGuidance.aspx>



Always BE SURE where the dirt is coming from!

Sign up to receive Penn Township road closings, alerts and news by visiting our website at <https://penntwplanco.org/alert-signup/>.

2023 Projects & Purchases

Purchases

Up to \$779,039 is expected to be spent on a required new yard waste recycling facility next year. The remaining \$963,574 of a federal American Rescue Plan grant monies is to pay for it. The Township applied for a \$350,000 maximum reimbursement grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection for the facility.

A single axle dump truck (\$200,000), a snowplow (\$20,000), traffic counters (\$4,000), Penn Township's share of a Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan (\$25,000), and 2 desktop computers (\$5,380) are to be acquired this year.

Reimbursement Grants Approved (\$1,651,000 in revenue to be received)

1. \$200,000 National Fish and Wildlife Fund grant for part of a \$310,000 stormwater project. Penn Township's \$68,783 share of a total \$110,200 match with Rapho Township.
2. \$402,000 Pennsylvania Growing Greener grant for part of a \$482,500 stormwater project.
3. \$1,049,000 PennDOT Multimodal grant for the Fruitville Pike Intersection Project.

Road Maintenance Projects \$200,947

1. East Pleasant View Road (White Oak Road to North Penryn Road) - Sealcoat ¼" stone
2. Sego Sago Road (West Lexington Road to Fruitville Pike) - Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course
3. Airy Hill Road (Locust Grove Road to North Penryn Road) - Sealcoat ½" stone
4. Brooklawn Road (West Newport Road to Elm Road) - Sealcoat ½" stone
5. North Penryn Road (Newport Road to Oak Lane, widened section) - Sealcoat ½" stone
6. West Lexington Road (Temperance Hill Road to Fairland Road) - Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course
7. West Lexington Road (Fairland Road to Sego Sago Road) - Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course
8. Mockingbird Lane - Sealcoat ¼" stone
9. Pine Street - Sealcoat ¼" stone

Road Construction Projects \$1,653,662

1. Complete Fruitville Pike, Temperance Hill Road, and Holly Tree Road Intersection traffic signals, capped public sewer, drainage, and related work
2. Airy Hill Road (North Penryn Road to Speedwell Forge Road) - reclaim, widen, and pave
3. Elm Road (West Newport Road to Brooklawn Road) - design and install pipe and headwall
4. North Penryn Road - widen and pave (Oak Lane to Township Line)
5. Boyer Run Road - reprofile the road at Locust Lane

Road maintenance and construction projects performed with a \$1,049,000 reimbursement grant, a \$721,578 loan, \$658,490 in developer contributions, and \$397,917 of State liquid fuel and turnback State funds, total \$2,826,985.

The Fruitville Pike intersection is expected to be closed in May to complete the project.

The Township joined the Lancaster Emergency Services Authority (LESA) to develop an alternative to the Northwest Emergency Medical Service (NWEMS). The nonprofit NWEMS is expected to transition equipment and personnel to LESA in 2024. The Township is evaluating other nearby EMS providers, too.

Your State \$\$\$ at work supporting the local community

Penryn Fire Company and Hope Fire Company in Manheim each received \$15,000 and Northwest EMS received \$20,000 from the Pennsylvania State Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program.

How to Be Stormwater Smart

Stormwater runoff pollution is a problem that has no boundaries, and neither does the solution! While the DEP Bureau of Clean Water works with counties, towns, municipalities, construction firms, and industries to help them follow regulations to reduce stormwater runoff, Pennsylvania residents can also do their part to reduce stormwater runoff.

Why is Stormwater a Problem?

In 2016, DEP labeled approximately 19,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania impaired for water supply, aquatic life, recreation, or fish consumption. Stormwater runoff pollution is one of the biggest reasons for this impairment and as per the PA stormwater GIS map, the Chiques Creek and many of its tributaries remain impaired.

Over the past 100 years, streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roofs have been a steadily increasing part of our communities as we've developed more and more of the landscape. As a result, rain that would otherwise soak into the ground instead rushes over these nonporous surfaces and into storm drains, which send it directly into rivers and streams.

Stormwater carries an enormous amount of pollution, including sediment, car oil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste (viruses and bacteria), and cigarette butts. As you might expect, this has many negative impacts on streams and rivers.

- Rivers are the source of our drinking water supply; when rivers aren't healthy, public health risks increase.
- Sediment harms aquatic life when it smothers macroinvertebrates and clogs spaces between rocks, destroying essential habitat for many species.
- Fertilizers stimulate excessive algae growth, causing algal blooms that remove oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, and cigarette butts—washed into rivers can choke, suffocate, or disable ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and motor oil can poison aquatic life.
- Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Because groundwater levels don't get fully replenished, springs and wells can go dry.

Seven Ways to Be #StormwaterSmartPA

Here are actions you can take to reduce stormwater runoff pollution at your residence and in your community. You'll find more specific guidance on residential property stormwater best management practices in A Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater BMPs at https://files.dep.state.pa.us/water/bpnpsm/StormwaterManagement/ConstructionStormwater/SW_Booklet_2017.pdf.

1. Know the impaired streams near you
2. Plant a rain garden
3. Set up a rain barrel at your residence
4. Think about lawn care a little differently
5. Contact your local government
6. Calculate the stormwater runoff on your property to make informed building decisions
7. Join forces with neighbors or others who want to make a difference!



Department of Environmental
Protection

Pennsylvania has 86,000 miles of rivers, streams and creeks, according to Trout Unlimited, second only to Alaska. Protecting those waterways is vital to public health, as well as the health of native trout and aquatic species, wildlife, livestock and more.

Outdoor recreation is a multibillion-dollar industry in Pennsylvania, and rivers, streams and creeks of the commonwealth play a significant role.

FARMERS

To help meet State and regional pollution reduction goals, the Inflation Reduction Act and the US Department of Agriculture are providing funding this year for farmers to put in forested buffers and wetlands at little to no cost. The buffers trap much of the runoff before it can enter critical waterways such as the Chiques Creek and then the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay.

Under the Inflation Reduction Act, farmers can get help in using conservation practices such as reducing fertilizers and using no-till or limited-till farming through organizations such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Pennsylvania's Resource Enhancement & Protection Program.

To learn more about the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/equip-environmental-quality-incentives), visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/equip-environmental-quality-incentives> or about [Pennsylvania's REAP \(Resource Enhancement & Protection\) Program](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/StateConservationCommission/REAP/Pages/default.aspx), visit https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/StateConservationCommission/REAP/Pages/default.aspx.



Stormwater: things to consider to make our world a better place

aerate your soil

slow water to prevent erosion

↑ 3" ↓

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save water, let grass go dormant in summer

ask a master gardener

dispose of used oil & chemicals properly

limit fertilizer use

install a rain garden

leave grass clippings on lawn (natural fertilizer)

nitrogen & phosphorus; good for soil, not good for water

control water run-off

allow water to filter into the soil

native plants & trees

soil test

weeds & pests; try non-chemical methods first

rain barrel

use pesticides & insecticides sparingly

sharpen mower blades

Stormwater

LAWN MOWING

Inspiring others: Japan takes out the trash - The New York Times

Sight of spectators at major sporting event picking up after themselves astonished the world

World Cup in Qatar-The final whistle blew Sunday afternoon after Japan's disappointing loss to Costa Rica. But the moment quickly passed, and out came the blue trash bags.

In the return of a Japanese postgame ritual that was met with widespread astonishment, a group of Japanese spectators, who only moments earlier had been deliriously singing for their team, began meticulously cleaning the stands at Ahmed bin Ali Stadium, pickup up trash scattered across the rows of seats around them.

It hardly mattered what it was - half-empty bottles of soda, orange peels, dirty napkins - or who had left it behind. The fans went across the aisles shuffling the litter into bags before handing them to smiling - and clearly delighted - stadium workers on their way out.

"It's a sign of respect for a place," said Eiji Hattori, 32, a fan from Tokyo, who had a bag of bottles, ticket stubs and other stadium detritus. **"This place is not ours, so we should clean up if we use it. And if it is not our garbage, it's still dirty, so we should clean it up."**

The image of spectators calmly assuming janitorial duties during the World Cup has charmed observers from other countries, like the United States, where sticky soda spills, toppled bags of popcorn, garbage and mini mountains of peanut shells are often accepted as a part of the normal public space experience.

But in Japan, tidiness, particularly in public spaces, is widely accepted as a virtue. Japanese people at the game said such habits were taught at home and reinforced at schools, where students from a young age are expected to clean up their classrooms and school facilities on a regular basis.

The cleaning of shared areas, like stadiums, becomes something of an individual responsibility.

"For Japanese people, this is just a normal thing to do," said Hajime Moriyasu, coach of the Japanese team. "When you leave a place, you have to leave it cleaner than it was before."

Videos and pictures of the Japanese cleaning sessions have gone viral on social media. But it is not just fans who are sharing them: FIFA posted a picture of the Japanese team's locker room after its enormous upset victory over Germany. The room was - you guessed it - spotless.

Fans from other teams, inspired by the Japanese, have started cleaning up after games, too.

"We believe we can make this contagious," said Tomomi Kishikawa, 28, a fan from Tokyo. **"We don't need to push anyone to clean. But if we start, maybe we can be a good example of respect."**



Northwest EMS is proud to serve our community and we pride ourselves on delivering care to every patient. By operating from four stations with both basic and advanced life support units in service, we maintain a level of readiness that ensures we consistently meet the demands of our call volume. In addition to our emergency services, we serve the community with safety and prevention education, and host several events throughout the year as part of our Community Outreach initiatives.

Northwest EMS knows that bystanders are the critical link to a persons' survival and that when a bystander provides basic life-saving interventions in those precious, few minutes prior our arrival, lives are saved. Through our education services, we are committed to positively impacting those statistics and teaching you the simple skills needed to save a life. Hands Only CPR® and Stop the Bleed® hemorrhage control are simple concepts that prevent unnecessary death. All of our bystander education topics are offered free of charge at Northwest EMS, including fall prevention, home safety, medication storage and disposal, poison prevention, and bicycle safety. In some cases, through a grant from the American Trauma Society, we are even able to provide bike helmets at no cost for your child(ren).

Contact us to learn more about all of our services by emailing our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, at lshenk@nwems86.org or by calling 717-371-8282.



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

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

Home-School STEM Lab: March 20 at 1pm, April 17 at 1pm, and May 15 at 1pm

Read-A-Thon: March 18 from 9am to 4pm (Find out more information at manhiemlibrary.org/read-a-thon)

Murder at Mt Hope Mansion: March 26 at 1pm (Find out more at manheimlibrary.org/murder-mount-hope-mansion)

Dine out for the Library: March 28 from 11am to 8pm at The Sink on Prussian

1st Thursdays in Manheim: Starting in April

Fake News with Paul Vigna: April 4th at 3pm

The Beautiful Sort Spring Cleaning Program: April 15 at 10am

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser: April 29 (Find out more information and buy tickets at manheimlibrary.org/bbq)

Adult Craft Time: May 13 at 10am

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

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manheimlibrary.org

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

CLOSED:
Good Friday - April 7
Memorial Day- May 29

LCSWMA is Imposing a \$20 Penalty for Open loads Not Secured by a Tarp

WHY?

1. To Protect the HEALTH and SAFETY of our Community. Between 2011-2014 unsecured loads and debris in the road led to 200,000 crashes, including 39,000 injuries and 500 deaths.
2. To Protect the ENVIRONMENT. Reports show that the USA spent \$11.5 billion combating litter, 40% of which comes from unsecured loads.
3. It's the LAW. See 25 PA. Code §§ 285.211 (a) and 299.211. Facility operators and owners are responsible for complying with all relevant laws, regulations, authorizations and permits. LCSWMA requires all waste to be secured to the vehicle or container and enclosed or covered with secured tarpaulins to prevent leakage, spillage, dusting or litter.

Secure your load. Prevent litter and save lives.

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

WHEN TRANSPORTING WASTE, ALL COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS MUST SECURE OPEN LOADS WITH A TARP.

A **\$20 PENALTY** is now in effect for loads arriving at LCSWMA facilities without a secured tarp. (Second offenders will be turned away)

SECURE YOUR LOAD. IT'S THE LAW.

HELP US PREVENT LITTER & SAVE LIVES.



For more information, visit www.lcswma.org



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TOWNSHIP OFFICE SPRING CLOSINGS

May 29 - Memorial Day

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 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>

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