



**PENN**  
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LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

# Township News

## Summer 2024 Edition

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## Community Spotlight

### FARMER APPRECIATION 2024

Each edition of the newsletter we seek to highlight a different person or aspect of our thriving community. This edition, we highlight our rich farming community, an important aspect which makes our community unique.

Farmers, and the goods and services they provide, are vital to making Penn Township who we are as a community. Since 2021, as way of our preserving our past and sustaining our future, the Township uses a small portion of the funding from agricultural preservation, to thank and educate our farming community. If you are a farmer and receive an invitation to the event, we encourage you to participate. Below are pictures from this year's event featuring guest speaker, Jay Lehman, on his families' sunflower journey.



## UNUSED OR UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Is your medicine cabinet full of expired drugs or medications you no longer use? Your medication is for you. What's safe for you might be harmful for someone else. Don't be the dealer and be liable for lost, stolen, misused drugs or worse, death. You can dispose of your expired, unwanted, or unused medication through the drug take back program or by using a Rx Drop Box located near you.

Local locations which accept unused/unwanted RxDrugs:

- **Manheim Borough Police Department**  
211 North Charlotte Street, Manheim, PA 17545 Ph. 717-665-2481
- **Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department**  
860 Durlach Road, Stevens, PA 17578 Ph. 717-733-0965 M-F 8am-4:30pm
- **Lititz Borough Police**  
7 Broad Street, Lititz, PA 17543 Ph. 717-626-6393 M-F 8am-4:30pm

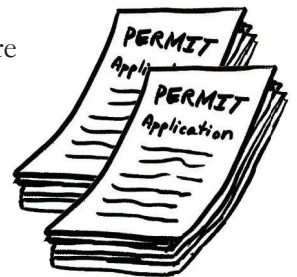


## YOU CAN NEVER GO WRONG BY DOING THE RIGHT THING.

If a permit is needed, please get one.

Permits are required for most things, including, but not limited to:

- Installing or replacing a shed, pergola, garage, workshop or other accessory structure
- Finishing a basement
- Installing or enlarging a greenhouse
- Adding to or paving a driveway
- Replacing electrical or a roof on a non-residential structure or business
- Installing an agricultural structure
- Installing or replacing any kind of pool, including temporary inflatable pools
- Renting a dwelling or space within your home for less than 30 days, including AirBnB, VRBO, or similar service
- Home-based business or occupation
- Moving your business to a different location
- Replacing or installing a deck, retaining wall, porch or patio
- Replacing or installing a fence, including agricultural or pool fences
- Converting a use or space into something other than its permitted use (ex. using an office as a bedroom)
- Adding a bedroom
- Replacing, adding or removing anything structural/supporting a load
- Keeping of a transportation horse (there are property size requirements for the number of animals on a parcel)



### **\*\*Residents, Contractors and Sub-Contractors**

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

The list above is not a complete list of all projects that require a permit. If you have ANY questions about permitting, please call the office at 717-665-4508.

## NO GRASS CLIPPINGS IN THE STREET OR STORM SEWERS!

Disposing of grass clippings in the street, whether you're in town or in the country, after mowing is dangerous for motorists because it makes roadways slippery and blocks storm inlets so water cannot flow through the storm sewer system. This causes accidents and flooding on roads and properties.

Grass clippings also create water quality issues. Grass clippings are considered an illicit discharge if they are on the street or get into the storm drains. Grass clippings contribute excess nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in our streams, ponds, and rivers, polluting the water, water that you and your neighbors drink.

### GRASS CLIPPINGS LEFT ON THE LAWN ACT AS FREE FERTILIZER.

Here's how to take care of grass clippings:

- Cut grass should be blown towards your lawn, not the street
- Sweep or blow any leftover clippings (or fertilizer) back onto your lawn
- Use a mulching blade on your mower for a finer cut assisting in the breakdown of clippings



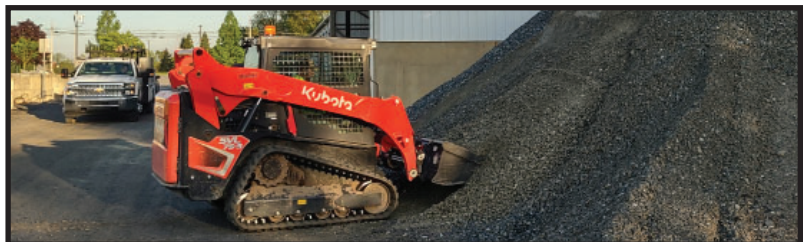
## PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 2024 PROPOSED ROADWAY AND OTHER PROJECTS

ROAD NAME	TOWNSHIP ACCOUNT	PROJECT AREA/IMPROVEMENTS
LITITZ ROAD	Highway Aid	SCRATCH AND OVERLAY
	To be put out for bid	Fruitville Pike to Woodlot Road
BUCKNOLL ROAD	Highway Aid	SCRATCH AND OVERLAY
	To be put out for bid	Woodlot Road to Lancaster Road
SENSEI DRIVE	Highway Aid	OVERLAY
	To be put out for bid	Newport Road to the cul-de-sac
FAIRLAND ROAD	Street Improvement	WIDEN
	Public Works Staff	Fruitville Pike to W. Lexington Road
FAIRLAND ROAD	Street Improvement	WIDEN
	Public Works Staff	W. Lexington Road to Sego Sago Road
S. PENRYN ROAD	Street Improvement	PERMITTING AND LINE PIPES
	Public Works Staff	Indian Village Road intersection
COOL SPRING ROAD	Street Improvement	REPLACE PIPES AND INLETS
	Public Works Staff	Doe Run Road intersection
LOCUST GROVE ROAD	Street Improvement	
	Public Works Staff	BRIDGE PERMITTING
AIRY HILL ROAD	Street Improvement	
	Public Works Staff	BRIDGE PERMITTING
PENN TOWNSHIP FACILITIES	American Rescue Plan Fund	
	Public Works Staff	WOODY WASTE FACILITY
SWEETBRIAR PARK	Parks and Rec.	NEW BALLFIELD
	Public Works Staff	Off of the second parking lot
SWEETBRIAR PARK	Parks and Rec.	PAVE BASKETBALL COURT, WALKING TRAIL,
	Public Works Staff	AND PARKING LOT

## TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSINGS

May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day

September 2, 2024 - Labor Day



# YOU'RE INVITED TO A PAID STUDY ON WELL WATER AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

- ✓ Are you interested in a free whole home UV water treatment device? (estimated value of device + installation: ~\$1,000)
- ✓ Would you like to receive gift cards (up to \$90) and a chance to win a family trip to Hershey Park (\$2,000 value) for your participation?
- ✓ Does your family drink water from a private well?
- ✓ Do you have a child who is **3 years old or younger**?
- ✓ Not eligible yourself? Ask us about our referral rewards program.



Temple University researchers are recruiting families for a study lasting one year. The goal of this study is **to understand if drinking well water can cause illness in children that can include symptoms of diarrhea, cough or fever.** We want to know if treating well water can prevent these illnesses.

Now enrolling in select Pennsylvania counties!

## For more information:

- Visit [www.wettrial.org](http://www.wettrial.org)
- Call us at 215-204-5124, or
- Email us at [wettrial@temple.edu](mailto:wettrial@temple.edu)



## What is Penn Industrial Authority?



The Penn Industrial Development Authority helps small businesses and first-time farmers get tax-exempt financing through the nonprofit Economic Development Company Lancaster County and the IDA solicitor, Barley Snyder. This tax-exempt financing can save the borrower about 20 percent of the interest rate, resulting in about \$6,000 a year in interest on a \$600,000 loan. The IDA held hearings on 16 of these Next-generation farm loans in 2023, one of the top amounts in the state. The loans can be for farms anywhere in the state. Since the IDA's founding in 2014, 133 farm loans have been reviewed by the IDA. The hearings are required by the US Internal Revenue Service because the tax-exempt financing is a public benefit given to the borrower.

## Guidance for Stormwater Regulated Activity in Penn Township

Are you thinking of constructing an addition onto your house, installing a patio, adding or installing a new stone or paved driveway or driveway addition, or putting a shed on your property? Before you do, don't forget to look at the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance at <https://ecode360.com/30832283#30832283>.

The Stormwater Management Ordinance regulates construction of any new impervious surface and land disturbance within the Township. An impervious surface is any surface that prevents infiltration of water into the ground such as roofs, additions, driveways (including stone or compacted dirt), patios, garages, sheds, walkways or sidewalks, etc. Land disturbance is any activity involving grading, tilling, digging, filling of ground or stripping of vegetation that changes the condition of the land. It also includes alteration, removal or filling of any pond, existing stormwater facility (swale, basin, storm pipe) or drainage easement.

To view all of the Township's ordinances and regulations, visit <https://ecode360.com/PE3692>. Permits are required for most projects, so please contact the Township at 717-664-4508 if you have questions or are unsure what or if permits are needed for your project.

## PENN TOWNSHIP WORKS WITH PORTNOFF LAW ASSOCIATES, LTD. TO COLLECT DELINQUENT WATER, SEWER, AND STREET LIGHT FEES

Penn Township hired Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. in 2015 to collect its delinquent water, sewer, and street light fees. Portnoff has successfully collected delinquent funds by working with property owners to collect these delinquent fees and offering help with those who wish to enter into payment plans or qualify for a hardship program.

The procedures for handling delinquent accounts are as follows:

- Once an account has been determined to be delinquent, each delinquent property owner will receive a notice advising him or her of the balance due.
- Attached to the notice will be a schedule of legal fees that Portnoff Law Associates will potentially assess against the property, if the property owner fails to respond to the notice. These fees are also listed in the Township code online at <https://ecode360.com/31066000>.
- Property owners with large balances may be permitted to enter into payment arrangements of up to six (6) months, and a hardship program allowing longer payment terms may be available to owner occupants experiencing financial difficulties.

Portnoff utilizes state law that allows the costs of collection to be imposed upon the delinquent property owner, creating incentive for them to pay, and reducing the burden of collection costs on the water and sewer system revenue.

## ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY.

## Manheim Community Library Summer Calendar

### Recurring Programs(ages 0-19):

Story Time - **Mondays & Tuesdays @ 10am**

Toddler Time - **Fridays @ 10am**

Lego Lab - **2nd Thursdays @ 6pm**

Crafternoon - **3rd Thursdays @ 3:30pm**

Secret Society of Bookworms (SSOB) - **3rd Saturdays @ 10:30am**



### Recurring Programs(adults):

Book Club - **1st Thursdays @ 9:30am**

Unraveling Yarns(Knitting & Crochet) - **2nd Wednesdays @ 1pm**

### 2024 Programs/events:

**Never- Ending Adventures Adult Summer Reading  
Challenge AND Adventure Begins at your Library  
- Starts June 1st - Ends August 10th**

Summer Reading Kick-Off - **June 6th @ 5pm-8pm**

Ryan "The Bug Man" Bridge - **June 7th @ 10am**

Mark DeRose "Music and Art"- **June 12th @ 10am**

Jesse Rothacker & the Forgotten Friends Reptiles - **June 20th @ 1:30pm**

Ed Kelin "Cartooning Made Easy" - **June 28th @ 1:30pm**

Animal Olympics (Lanc. County Parks & Rec.) - **July 2nd @ 1:30pm**

Wonder of Thunder (Lanc. County Parks & Rec.) - **July 10th @ 10am**

Spellbinding Adventure (Lanc. County Parks & Rec.)- **July 13th @ 10am**

Cissy and the Man "Circus in a Box" - **July 18th @ 10am**

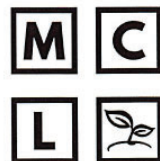
3rd-5th Grade Summer Camp - **July 22-26 @ 9am- 3pm**

Phredd the One-Man-Ukelele-Band - **July 23rd @ 1:30pm**

Erick Hershey - **July 31st @ 10am**

Burrowing Adventures - **August 8th @ 10am**

Manheim Geocache Adventure - **August 10 - 17**



Please register for all programs online at [manheimlibrary.org](http://manheimlibrary.org) under the programs/events tab



Learn more at [www.lancasterwaterweek.org](http://www.lancasterwaterweek.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/ChiquesCreekWatershedAlliance>

## 2024 Chiques Creek Watershed Expo

June 12, 2024 @ 5:30pm

# YOUR TOILET IS NOT A TRASH CAN!

**Please stop putting cloth rags and flushable/disposable wipes into the sewer system, by flushing or other means. Each month, employees**



**need to manually remove rags from equipment. The rags and flushable/disposable wipes, which do not breakdown in the sewer system (see pictures), are damaging to the treatment system causing unnecessary expenses. This applies to properties on public sewer and those with on-lot septic systems as most haulers bring your septic waste to public waste treatment facilities. It is illegal to put rags into the system. The Township will prosecute anyone putting rags and wipes into the system but prefers for the system users to cooperate.**



## Manheim Central Regional Comprehensive Plan

### A Regional Comprehensive Plan for Manheim Borough, Rapho Township, and Penn Township 2024 Update

**What is a comprehensive plan?** A comprehensive plan, as part of the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), is used to provide a **vision** for the future of the community along with the steps that are needed to make that vision a reality. A comprehensive plan has the ability to act as the basis for how land use regulations are implemented and provides a real connection between the community's future vision and how private property is regulated. This framework helps guide growth and change and without it, the development process would be reactive, resulting in development that is uncoordinated, costly, and disjointed.

**Who benefits?** Everyone. A comprehensive plan is a planning document that is used by individuals, groups and agencies, and the communities it represents. It will serve as the statement of future goals for **our Manheim region**, and will serve as a formal vision for the planning commissions, public boards and agencies, elected officials, private organizations and non-profits, and **community members**. The comprehensive plan is also a measuring tool for evaluating development proposals and is intended to guide and inform decision makers on future impacts and community desires for where and how much to grow and develop. It will present recommendations for goals and actions, provide a framework for other community land-use planning tools like zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances, and contribute to capital improvement planning and budgeting for municipalities and boroughs. (The last Manheim Central Regional Comprehensive Plan ([https://penntwplanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/FINAL\\_MANHEIM\\_PLAN\\_201310091331560584.pdf](https://penntwplanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/FINAL_MANHEIM_PLAN_201310091331560584.pdf)) was adopted in Penn Township on September 27, 2010.) Plans typically take into account topics such as:

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| • Land Use             | • Water & Natural Resources |
| • Housing              | • Community Character       |
| • Economic Development | • Community Services        |
| • Transportation       | • Education                 |

**So why plan?** These topics still hold relevance, but the methods and recommendations to solve many of them have changed over the years. The Manheim Central Regional Plan was adopted by the Manheim Central Region municipalities

in 2010—that’s nearly 15 years ago! Just like getting an oil change from your mechanic or annual physical from a doctor, a municipality’s comprehensive plan gets regular maintenance and check-ups from time-to-time, so starting in April, consultants from Rettew, as well as community planners from Lancaster County Planning Department helped to begin discussions. Elected-officials from Penn Township, Rapho Township, Manheim Borough and Manheim Central School District were present as community officials and representatives; they spoke about fundamental topics such as housing and housing supply, transportation and connectivity, and increasing opportunities for business expansions and supporting existing business capacity.

**What’s next?** In order to have a successful planning process, we need to hear from **you**! Community members are the most important part of the planning process.

Below is a list of the topics to be discussed and upcoming public meetings for the 2024 Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan. Check out other Township publications like websites, social media, or even the e-bulletin board at the Manheim Fire Station for updates! We hope to see you there, and bring a friend too!

 <b>Creating Great Places</b>	 <b>Connecting People, Places &amp; Opportunity</b>	 <b>Taking Care of What We Have</b>	 <b>Growing Responsibly</b>	 <b>Thinking Beyond Boundaries</b>
<p>Great places are places where we’re proud to live, work, learn, play, and visit. They’re safe and attractive environments that improve our quality of life - and ensure the success of our economy. When we create great places, we make it easier to achieve many of our other goals.</p> <p><b>What we Need to Do Differently</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make our downtowns more vibrant, safe and attractive</li> <li>• Design communities that put people first</li> <li>• Create a mix of uses in our communities and corridors</li> <li>• Provide a greater supply and types of housing to own and rent</li> <li>• Find new and innovative ways to reduce congestion</li> </ul>	<p>We need to work harder to connect people with each other and the places around them - students with schools, workers with jobs, and jobs with housing. Simply put, it should be easier for residents and visitors to get around. By maximizing connections, we make everything more efficient, and create more opportunities for everyone.</p> <p><b>What we Need to Do Differently</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create more places to hike, bike, play, and enjoy nature</li> <li>• Make it easier for residents and visitors to get around without a car</li> <li>• Connect housing, jobs, schools, transportation, and other destinations</li> <li>• Intentionally cultivate, retain, and expand industry</li> <li>• Maintain, attract, and retain a skilled workforce that earns a competitive wage</li> <li>• Facilitate business partnerships</li> </ul>	<p>Our world-class farmland, urban places, and natural areas provide a strong foundation for our quality of life, and distinguish this place from any other. Taking care of our heritage should be a priority, not just because we like the view, but because it makes the county more attractive to investment - particularly from visitors and prospective employers.</p> <p><b>What we Need to Do Differently</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve large, contiguous areas of agricultural and natural land</li> <li>• Preserve the farmer as well as the farm</li> <li>• Improve water quality and work together on stormwater management</li> <li>• Use existing buildings and maintain public infrastructure</li> <li>• Promote entrepreneurship and help local businesses grow</li> </ul>	<p>We need to consider where development happens, when it happens, and what form it takes. By 2040, the data tells us that the county can expect about 100,000 new people to live here. To accommodate them, we need to improve the pattern of growth and ensure that we develop in a more compact, efficient, and fiscally responsible way.</p> <p><b>What we Need to Do Differently</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grow where we’re already growing</li> <li>• Prioritize redevelopment and infill in Urban Growth Areas</li> <li>• Manage the use of large tracts of vacant land in Urban Growth Areas</li> <li>• Limit large-lot suburban development in rural areas</li> <li>• Build more compactly and efficiently</li> </ul>	<p>We need to think and act differently. We need to see places as they are, rather than dividing them up in traditional ways. Many of the issues we face aren’t limited to municipal and school district boundaries. We need to approach challenges more collaboratively, cultivate leadership, and take our partnerships to the next level.</p> <p><b>What we Need to Do Differently</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate place-based thinking into all future planning initiatives</li> <li>• Break down the traditional silos that limit our effectiveness</li> <li>• Make planning and regulation more efficient, consistent, and regional</li> <li>• Keep ourselves accountable for the goals we’ve set</li> </ul>
				

## Date/Time Location

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 7:00 p.m.	Manheim Central High School
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 7:00 p.m.	Room 700
Wednesday, July 31, 2024 7:00 p.m.	400 Adele Avenue
Wednesday, August 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.	Manheim, PA 17545

# Please read me. I have important information that YOU need to know.

<b>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b> Chairperson-Ben Bruckhart Vice Chairperson-Richard Landis Treasurer-Thomas Walsh Supervisor-Joseph Eishenhauer Supervisor-Gary Stevens Secretary-Mark Hiester  <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b> Chairperson-Fred Hammond	Vice Chairperson-Skylar Gingrich Secretary-Cullen Ketcham Member-Stephen Engle Member-Adam Kowalczyk Alternate-Vacant  <b>ZONING HEARING BOARD</b> Chairperson-Gerald Wolfe Vice Chairperson-Aaron Kopp Member-Bill Postel Member-Leroy Stoltzfus	Member-Alan Shaffer  <b>NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE</b> Chief-Josh Kilgore  <b>NORTHWESTERN LANCASTER COUNTY AUTHORITY</b> Chairperson-Barbara Horst Vice-Chairperson-Cullen Ketcham	Member-Phil Donmoyer Member-Lew Jury Member-vacant  <b>TOWNSHIP STAFF</b> Manager-Mark Hiester Planner-Jennifer Tulonen Zoning Officer-Matt Reeser Finance-Connie Weidle Receptionist-Barbara Grable File Clerk-Jeri Martin Public Works Director-Daryl Lefever	Foreman-Neil Fittery Maintenance Worker-Keith Ihle Maintenance Worker-Shannon Martin Maintenance Worker-Clayton Fidler  <b>SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER</b> Len Spencer, III, SEO
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