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Community Spotlight

Payton Shoenfelt Wins Award from Four Diamonds

Congratulations to Payton Shoenfelt, Manheim Central High School graduate, for her honesty, one of the pillars of the Four Diamonds program. She was recognized for her dedication at the Four Diamonds Mini-THON Leadership Summit which recognizes young leaders during the Mini-THON that raises money for Four Diamonds to fight childhood cancer.

Rebecca Stout, Payton's Mini-THON advisor, nominated her for the award that recognizes students who act with integrity and purpose, knowing their "why" for participating in Mini-THON and sharing their intentions with transparency.



Mini-THON programs are for students K-12 to experience philanthropy to support Four Diamonds and are modeled after the Penn State's THON.

Payton will attend Towson University this fall where she plans to continue her dedication to the organization that played such a big part in her high school years.

To read the full story, visit <https://townlively.com/manheim-central-grad-earns-four-diamonds-award/>.

Congratulations, Payton on this amazing achievement!

If you know of someone in Penn Township who has made a significant contribution to the community and needs to be recognized, please let me know. This spot is dedicated to highlighting community members who have helped to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

Public Works Director Retires After 46 Years of Service to the Penn Township Community



Forty-six years ago, on September 1, 1978 Daryl Lefever started working for Penn Township. Later, he became Zoning & Codes Officer in 1986, Public Works Director in 1988 and a member of the Board of Supervisors in 1990.

Things have changed since he started. That year, 1978, Grease by Frankie Valli was the number one song on the charts, the Global Positioning System (GPS) was officially debuted by the U.S. Navy with NAVSTAR satellite, among other things. Also, about half of you reading this were not yet born. In 1970, Penn Township's population was approximately 3,000 persons. By 1980, it doubled to 6,000 - the biggest decade population increase between 1960 and now. With growth came additional Township responsibilities including road and grounds maintenance for the Public Works Department. Since then, the Township has added wastewater and water treatment plants, and added employees to keep up with the additional responsibilities. He was involved in hiring Penn Township's first Township manager in 1999. Many new and growing developments and businesses have also been part of Penn Township's thriving community.

Daryl has served longest as Public Works Director overseeing construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, parks and buildings for the community to use and enjoy. He was elected as part of a three-member Board of Supervisors in 1990. By 2004, the board changed to a five-member group. Daryl ended his board membership in 2014.

Daryl oversaw the construction of several Township facilities including the Township office and police building in 1997, the maintenance building addition in 2003, the wastewater treatment plant in 1992, and the water treatment plant in 2012. His first big project as Public Works Director, was working with Rapho





Township's road department, to build together, the Mill Road bridge over the Chiques Creek in 1988. His last big project is the Township's Yard Waste Facility (see pictures on page 4).



During his tenure, several neighborhoods and businesses were also developed. They include the residential neighborhoods of Mallard Ponds, Silverwood, Rohen Ridge, Brookshire, Sweetbriar Creek, Cedar Hollow, Holly Tree, Sun Hill Commons, Baron's Ridge, Avery Square and Manheim Commons. The business districts include the streets of East End Drive, West End Drive and Ditz Drive, the expansion of the Manheim Shopping Center, Penn Towne Center and the major expansions of Pleasant View Retirement Community and Manheim Auto Auction.

When asked "What is the worst thing about working in Public Works?", he said, "Getting up at night to plow roads, but this is the best time to plow, before the vehicles drive the snow onto the road surface."

Many thanks to Daryl for his dedicated service to the Township. You have been a great asset to the community. Your knowledge, expertise and community engagement will be greatly missed as the next generation of leadership takes up your mantle. The next person has very big shoes to fill so, THANK YOU for your contribution to the municipality.



2024 Accomplishments

- Provided Volunteer Fire Service Tax Credit
- Dedicated roads in Sun Hill Commons
- Hired part-time file clerk
- Conducted Trash Hauler Survey - Board decided against having a single-hauler
- Paint & refurbish NLCRPD sub-station at the Penn Township Office
- Add Cassel properties to Agricultural Security Area and preserve the farms
- Build the Yard Waste Facility
- Add Lehman properties to Township's Agricultural Security Area
- Approved pedestrian easement between Hillcrest Drive & Cedar Hollow
- Vacate Locust Lane

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSINGS

November 28 & 29, 2024 - Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25, 2024 - Christmas

January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day

January 20, 2025 - Martin Luther King Day

February 17, 2025 - President's Day

Yard Waste Facility Update

Construction on the long-awaited yard waste facility is nearing completion. Public Works crews have been busy and paving has been completed. (see pictures below).



Upon completion of the yard waste facility, property owners will be able to obtain a key fob for access to the facility where they will be able to dispose of leaves, twigs and branches. Burning of yard waste will no longer be permitted. For those who do not have access to a truck or trailer, you can put the leaves & sticks in paper bags and bring them in your vehicle to the Township Yard Waste Facility. Bags can be purchased at Longeneckers or any hardware store. More information will become available later this winter and will be posted on our website.

If you have not already done so, please sign up to receive alerts at <https://penntwplanco.org/alert-signup/>.



Act 101 - What is it and Why does it matter to me?

What is Act 101? Act 101 is the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act in Pennsylvania. This legislation regulates trash and recycling services, including leaf and woody waste, at the county and municipal level.

Why does it matter to me? These regulations are the guiding principles for Penn Township's trash and recycling services, including leaf and woody waste. Trash and recycling ordinances came into effect in 2000 prohibiting the burning or burying of trash and mandating the recycling of glass bottles and jars, metal food and beverage containers, plastic bottles and jugs with a neck, corrugated cardboard, white goods (such as washers, dryers, fridges, freezers, etc.) and tires.

Additional regulations came into effect as a result of the 2020 census because the municipality grew to over 10,000 persons. These regulations also include the recycling of leaf and woody waste and prohibit the burning of leaf and woody waste. Thus, the Township is installing a Yard Waste Facility.

At this facility, Penn Township property owners will be able to obtain a key fob for a fee, where they will be able to dispose of leaves, garden waste, shrubbery and tree trimmings.

Collectively, when each does their part to recycle right, we provide clean water to drink and clean communities where we can all live, work, play and thrive.

1 
CORRUGATED CARDBOARD
(Flattened)

2 
PLASTIC BOTTLES &
JUGS WITH NECKS
(Emptied, Rinsed,
& Lids Removed)

3 
METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS
(Emptied, Rinsed,
& Lids Removed)

4 
GLASS JARS & BOTTLES
(Emptied, Rinsed,
& Lids Removed)

The community steps up...

As the community grows and learns of the importance of clean water, native plants, native wildlife endangerment, clean air and more, the community is stepping up to help leave our community better than they found it.

Two property caretakers are doing their part to make the community a better place to live, work and play.

First, Hope Episcopal Church on Mountain Road, is taking that mission to heart. Members of the church have been putting the environmental mission into practice by planting pollinator gardens and re-meadowing areas of land. With the help of a \$46,000 grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, they will extend that practice along Shearers Creek. One of the members learned on a boat tour in Maryland how watershed management affected the Chesapeake Bay, so with the help of others such as Lancaster Clean Water Partners and this grant, they plan to design and implement a bioretention swale to help with clean water. Erosion on the church's property is a big problem because whatever runs downhill here eventually ends up in the Chesapeake. Even though their 175 year old church is small, their goal is to inspire others to think beyond themselves and make a difference. They want to be a point of inspiration and open up the mind to possibilities.

Second, the Lititz Garden Club Native Garden Recognition Committee has selected a recipient for 2024: Corby and Julia Ziegler, Manheim. Corby and Julia bought their home in 2020, and in 2021 began transforming their 8+ acre property by reducing mowed grass areas and removing invasive, non-native plants in order to create pollinator meadows and gardens using native plants, along with planting trees for a sustainable, wildlife friendly habitat.



Penn Township Statistics & Growth



12 Simple Steps to Get Ready for Emergencies in PA

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is encouraging residents to prepare for emergencies and provided the following tips that Township officials can share with their residents.

Preparing for emergencies doesn't have to be overwhelming. Here are 12 simple steps you can take to ensure that you and your family are ready for whatever comes your way:

1. **Make a Plan:** Create an emergency plan for your family, including communication methods and meeting spots.
2. **Build a Kit:** Assemble a supply kit with essentials like water, food, and first aid.
3. **Stay Informed:** Sign up for local alerts and make sure your phone can receive emergency notifications.
4. **Prepare for Evacuations:** Know your evacuation routes and where you can go, including plans for pets.
5. **Secure Important Documents:** Keep important documents safe and consider making digital copies.
6. **Check Your Insurance:** Review your insurance policies to make sure you're covered for disasters.
7. **Strengthen Your Home:** Take steps to protect your home, like securing heavy furniture and reinforcing doors.
8. **Plan for Family Needs:** Consider special needs for children, older adults, and family members with disabilities.
9. **Prepare for Power Outages:** Have backup power sources for medical devices and know how to keep medications safe.
10. **Educate Your Family:** Make sure everyone in your household knows the emergency plan and how to use the supplies.
11. **Get Involved in Your Community:** Join or start a local preparedness group to help your community be ready.
12. **Practice Your Plan:** Regularly review and practice your emergency plan so everyone knows what to do.

For more details and additional resources, visit <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/ready/get-prepared.html>. Taking these small steps now can make a big difference in keeping you and your family safe!



Special Events

Who's at your Feeder? - Dec. 2nd from 6:30pm-7:30pm Adult program/*registration required

Cookies, Crafts, and Cocoa - Dec. 7th from 2pm-3pm For all ages/*registration required

Our **Puzzle Competition** will return in February! Keep an eye on our calendar for the date in January.

Weekly/Monthly Programs

Preschool Story Times - Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, Jan. 6, 7, 13, 14, 21, 27, 28 Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 at 10am
For ages 3-5/*registration required

Toddler Time - Dec. 6, 13, 20 Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10am
For ages 6 months- 3 years old/*registration requested

Lego Lab - Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 at 6pm For ages 6-12/*registration required

Crafternoons - Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 at 3:30pm For ages 7-12/*registration required

Book Club - Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6 at 9:30am For Adults/*registration required

Unraveling Yarns - Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 at 1pm For Adults

Dungeons & Dragons - Starting in January 2025 For teens and young adults

Computer... Help! - Every Monday evening starting in January 2025 All Ages

Find more details for all of our programs by visiting our website under the programs/events tab and clicking on our events calendar.



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

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