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Township News



Spring 2025 Edition

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Community Spotlight

Kendall Achen - Races Towards Her Dreams

Kendall Achen, a sophomore at Manheim Central High School and Penn Township resident, loves the sport of luge. The speed, the training, teammates...she loves it all and she has high hope for her participation in the sport. Kendall has her sights set on competing in the 2030, and especially 2034 Olympics, which will be held in Salt Lake City.



As she stays on target to her Olympic goal, Kendall hopes other kids will consider the sport of luge.

Her encouragement to others is "Give it a shot, because you'll never know how much it could mean to you until you put time and effort into it. I don't know that five years ago when I went to my screening camp, that I ever thought I'd be where I am, but I'm so glad I gave it a shot."



Nathan Campbell Wins World Language Teacher of the Year for PA

Last fall, the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association awarded Nathan Campbell the World Language Teacher of the Year award for Pennsylvania. Nathan is a Manheim resident and teacher at Manheim Central High School and has travelled to many places where he has developed a love for languages. He teaches Spanish, Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture, AP Spanish Literature and Culture and advises the Spanish club Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Amnesty International, quiz bowl team. He also serves as co-adviser to the Class of 2025. Congratulations, Nathan!



2024 Year in Review

What did the township do with last year's budget?

- Started Yard Waste recycling site construction. Paved the new site and the Township office parking compound



- Replaced NWEMS with Penn State Life Lion Emergency Medical Service
- Started a Manheim Central Comprehensive Plan with Manheim Borough, Rapho Township, Manheim Central School District, and the Lancaster County Planning Department
- Bought an \$80,000 skid loader and a \$26,500 loader bucket with clamps
- Sweetbriar Creek Park: New Ballfield; Diamond Tex; Playground Mulch; Resurfaced Basketball Court, Parking Lot, and Paths

Road Construction Projects

- Lititz Road scratch and overlay
- Bucknoll Road scratch and overlay
- Sensei Drive overlay
- Cool Springs Road replace pipes and inlets

Other

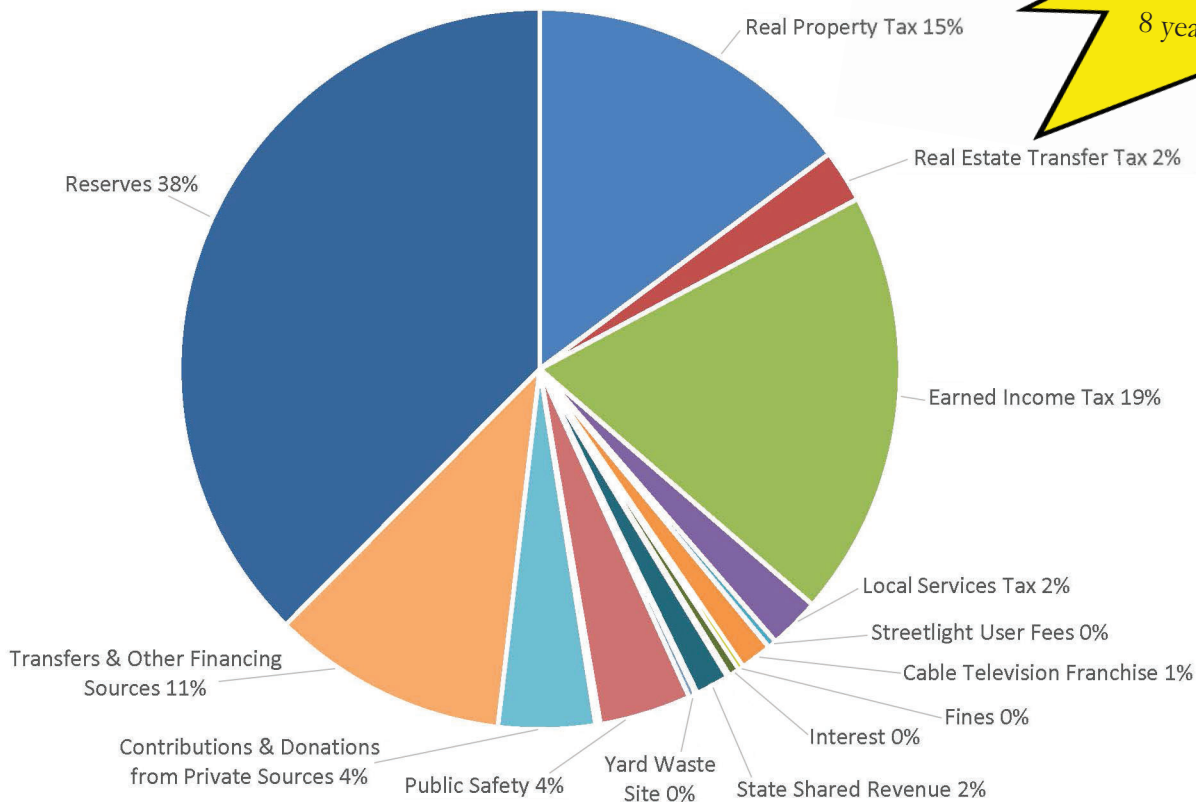
- Received \$13,757 in dividends from co-op health, liability, and worker's compensation self-insurance plans
- Maintained employee pension plan (not distressed) at a high, 120.1% funded and the plan grew 11% in 2024
- Replaced our audit company amidst significantly increasing prices throughout the accounting profession
- Penn IDA, the leading authority for these kinds of loans, and the Economic Development Company of Lancaster partnered to process 18 new Next Generation Farm Loans valued at \$8,799,000
- Re-shingled the sewer plant office building
- Held a farmer appreciation dinner event with a guest speaker



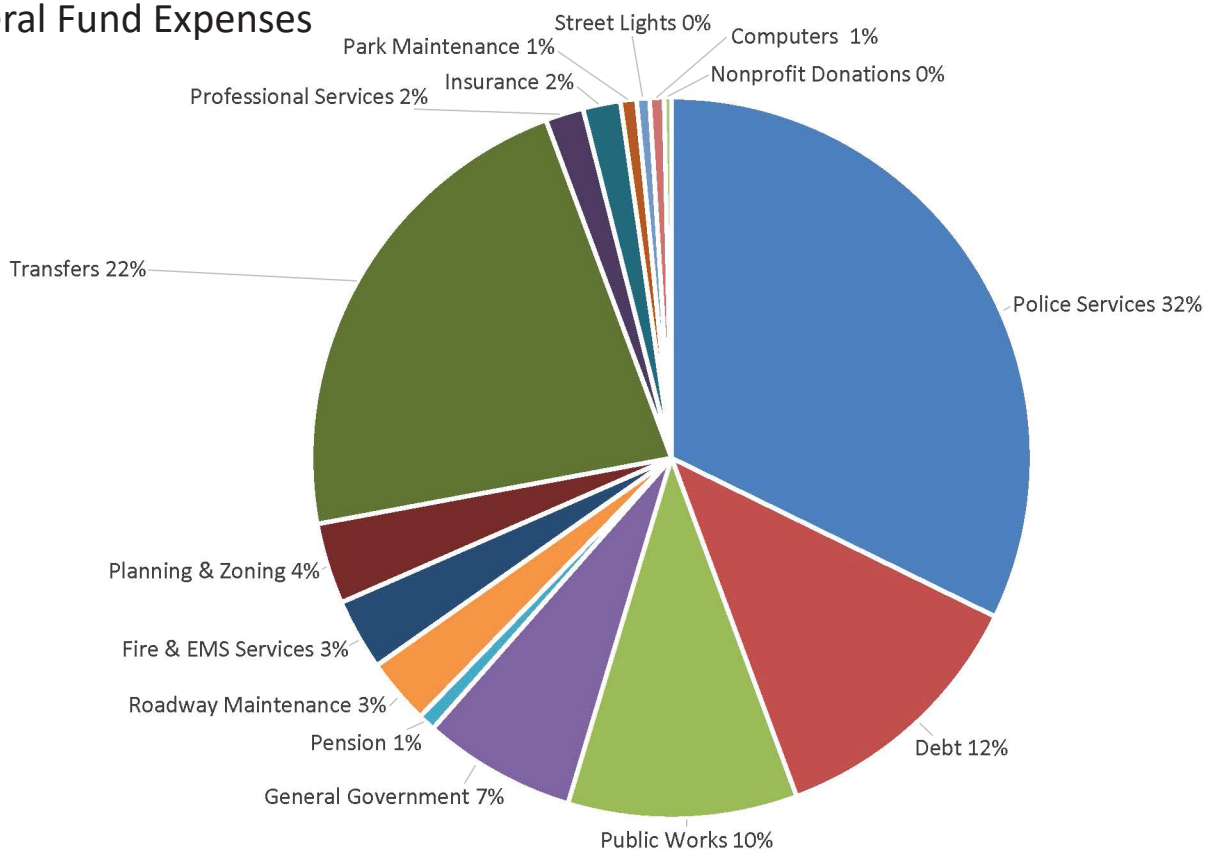
A look ahead... to 2025...

**NO
TAX INCREASE!!!**
2025 millage rate remains
the same as the last
8 years at 1.4326

General Fund Revenue



General Fund Expenses



Penn Township Plans Yard Waste Facility at 97 North Penryn Road



The long awaited yard waste facility is open! A fob is required to enter the facility. Complete the Fob & Re-Activation Application (<https://penntwplanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Fob-Re-Activation-Application.pdf>) and complete and submit it to the Township with \$20.00 (cash or check made payable to Penn Township). Please allow 48 hours for key fob application processing.

Yard Waste Rules & Regulations can be found on page 2 of the application and in the 2025 Fee Schedule: Section 27. Yard Waste Site Fees and Rules.

- (a) All key fobs are active for one year; fees are not prorated; key fobs are for residential use only and for property owners only
- (b) \$20.00 per key fob per property or to replace a damaged or lost fob
- (c) \$20.00 to renew fob annually
- (d) Cash or check made payable to Penn Township
- (e) Penn Township residential property owners only
- (f) Place items in designated areas
- (g) No smoking
- (h) The use of chain saws and similar equipment is prohibited
- (i) All children under age 16 must remain in the vehicle
- (j) Skateboarding, rollerblading, bicycling or any similar activity is prohibited within the facility
- (k) Leaves, garden waste, shrubbery, and tree trimmings only
- (l) Leaves may be loose or bagged in paper bags (bags can be purchased at any hardware store)
- (m) Tree trimmings, up to 8 inches in diameter, maximum 8 feet in length
- (n) Christmas trees must be free of all ornaments and all other decorations
- (o) No grass clippings
- (p) Nothing else allowed
- (q) Any use of the facility in violation of the rules, including but not limited to the following, will result in prosecution and loss of access:
 - a. Use of your key fob by someone else not living on your property
 - b. Dropping any items not accepted by the facility
 - c. Damage to gates, signs, walls, fences, landscaping or any other property damage
- (r) Violations of these rules are violations of Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Solid Waste

Visit the Township office to submit the application and obtain your fob!



Annual Penryn Fire Company & Limerock School Mud Sale March 14th and 15th, 2025

The Annual Penryn Fire Company and Limerock Parochial School Mud sale will be held Friday, March 14, 2025 and Saturday, March 15, 2025. If you are not familiar with Lancaster County "Mud Sales" the fire companies, in conjunction with the local Amish community, have had them for quite a few years. It is one big auction with all kinds of items for sale and lots of great food. They are usually held in the spring in a field. That's where the name "mud sale" comes from. You can find a little bit of everything being sold at auctions located throughout the grounds including, crafts, quilts, shrubbery, tools, antiques, sheds, just to name a some of what is for sale. As in past years, we will be selling barbaque chicken dinners starting at noon Friday with drive-up service available. At 5:00 PM we will have several auctions. Auctions will resume at 8:00 AM on Saturday until everything is sold. There will be lots of delicious food for sale all day, so why not come out and see what's for sale and help support your local Penryn Fire Company.

2025 Public Works Projects

- North Penryn Road from Newport Road to the Elizabeth Township line is scheduled for paving, scratch and overlay
- Fairland Road from Fruitville Pike to Sego Sago Road is scheduled for road widening
- South Penryn Road at Indian Village Road permitting and the line pipes
- Cool Spring Road at the Doe Run Road intersection, replacement of pipes and inlets
- East Mount Hope Road near the Mountain Road intersection, pipe and inlet work

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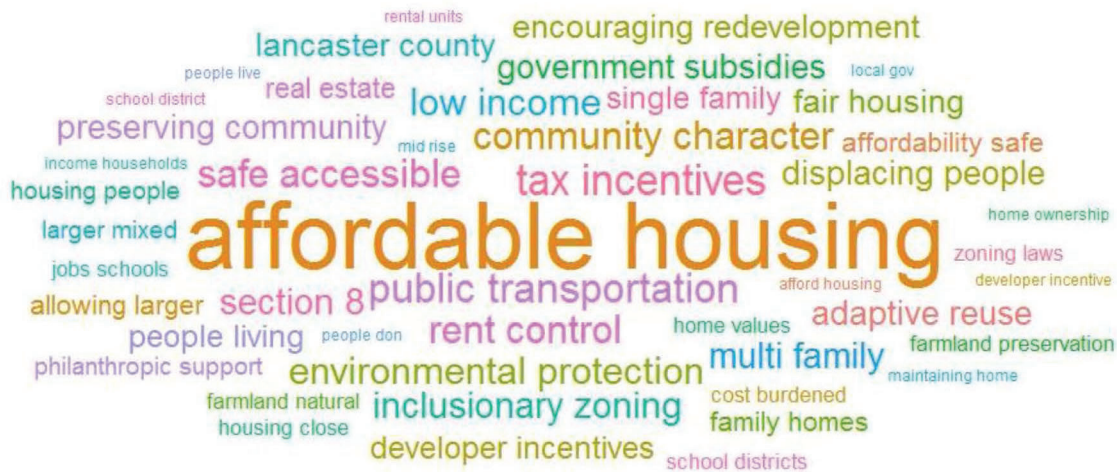
JUST FOCUS ON THE BIG 4! PLACE ONLY THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.

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CORRUGATED CARDBOARD	PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS	METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS	GLASS JARS & BOTTLES
Flattened	Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed		

Housing

Everyone deserves a safe place to live but what happens when your income can't keep up with the pace of housing? More and more people in Lancaster County are homeless or housing-cost burdened.

The need for affordable housing in the county is described as "beyond urgent," a "fire alarm," and a "crisis."



Young people, even those with good paying jobs, are unable to purchase their first home because the cost of the down payment and monthly payments are too staggering in addition to other debts they may or may not have. Seniors, especially those on a fixed income, and looking to downsize are unable to find housing that meets their physical and financial needs. Working families, especially those in service jobs, are also unable to purchase a home because of the staggering costs.

Recently, HDC MidAtlantic, held an Affordable Housing Deliverative Workshop. Many voiced concern that more people will find themselves homeless if the need for affordable housing isn't addressed soon. Participants of a housing workshop felt that there is stigma and stereotypes attached to those in need of affordable housing and called for more education of the public to correct misconceptions. Many thought opposition to affordable housing is often grounded in concerns about public safety. Research does not support this concern and good planning develops housing that provides a safe place for all to live and thrive.

What does homelessness look like in Lancaster County, particularly rural Lancaster County?

Many in rural Lancaster County, including in Penn Township, who are considered homeless, may not be able afford to rent or purchase a home possibly because they lost their job or for medical reasons beyond their control, or because it is not safe to be with others in their household. As a result, these people, live on a neighbor or friends' couch, in a car, or huddled in a tent along a street, park or creek.

What is 'housing-cost burdened'?

Housing-cost burdened is when a household pays more than 30% of their income towards housing including the cost of rent or mortgage with interest, renters/homeowners insurance, fees such as HOA fees, and utilities such as trash & recycling, gas, electric, water & sewer.

What are the barriers to making housing more affordable?

Barriers to making housing more affordable include:

- Zoning and Land Use Regulations
- Construction Costs & Housing Regulations
- NIMBYism (Not In My Backyard)

Municipalities may be able to change some zoning, land use or housing regulations however many they cannot. These often require State or Federal government legislation action to change. Construction costs are largely regulated by the open market. NIMBYism - Objections by community members to new housing development, especially those that are close proximity to them, because of fear or prejudice.

Housing is a basic human right and the cornerstone of growth and stability for individuals and families. Why does NIMBYism occur and how do we overcome the NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) effect?

Many of us fear:

1. Change or the Unknown - Resistance especially when surroundings change
2. Perceived Negative Impacts - Believe new development will negatively impact their quality of life
3. Property Value Concerns - Fear that Affordable Housing will lower property values
4. Lack of Information - Misinformation and misunderstandings can fuel NIMBYism

Feelings

VS.

Facts

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Concern about increased traffic and parking.2. Concern about large families overcrowding and burdening schools.3. Concern that residents of affordable housing don't work.4. Concern that the property doesn't contribute to the local tax base.5. Concern that property values will decrease.6. Concern about low quality construction and being poorly maintained.7. Affordable housing increases crime. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Tend to have fewer cars and generate fewer vehicle trips.➤ Tend to have fewer occupants and school age children.➤ Residents are wage earners.➤ Pays real estate taxes (city, county, school)➤ Research shows no reduction on home values➤ Public and private funding help to make housing more affordable, not because it's lower quality construction.➤ There is no evidence that shows affordable housing brings crime to neighborhoods |
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To find the full forum report, visit <https://hourglasslanaster.org/housing/>.



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Special Events

JC 3-D Print Creations

Teen program coming in May 2025

Weekly/Monthly Programs

Preschool Story Times - March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 & April 1 at 10am For ages 3-5/*registration required

Toddler Time - March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10am

For ages 6 months- 3 years old/*registration requested

Lego Lab - March 13, April 10, & May 8 at 6pm For ages 6-12/*registration required

Crafternoon - March 20, April 17, & May 15 at 3:30pm For ages 7-12/*registration required

Book Club - March 6, April 3 & May 1 from 9:30am-11am For Adults/*registration required

Unraveling Yarns - March 13, April 10, & May 8 from 1pm-2:30pm For Adults

Dungeons & Dragons - March 8, April 12 & May 10 from 12pm-4pm For teens and young adults

Computer... Help! - Monday evenings from 5pm-7pm 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.



Special Election 36th District

Scheduled for **March 25, 2025**

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

Last day to register: March 10, 2025

Last day to apply for a mail-in/absentee ballot: March 18, 2025

Primary Election Day

Scheduled for **May 20, 2025**

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

Last day to register: May 5, 2025

Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot: May 13, 2025



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-Joseph
Eishenhauer
Treasurer-Thomas Walsh
Supervisor-Richard Landis
Supervisor-Gary Stevens
Secretary-Mark Hiester

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairperson-Fred Hammond

Vice Chairperson-Skylar
Gingrich
Secretary-Cullen Ketcham
Member-Stephen Engle
Member-Adam Kowalczyk
Alternate-Vacant

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Chairperson-Gerald Wolfe
Vice Chairperson-Aaron Kopp
Member-Bill Postel

Member-Alan Shaffer
Member-Cat Minnerly

NORTHWESTERN LANCASTER

COUNTY AUTHORITY
Chairperson-Barbara Horst
Vice-Chairperson-Cullen
Ketcham
Member-Phil Donmoyer
Member-Ryan Snyder
Member-vacant

NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE

Chief-Josh Kilgore

TOWNSHIP STAFF

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

Foreman-Clayton Fidler
Maintenance Worker-Neil
Fittery
Maintenance Worker-Keith
Ihle
Maintenance Worker-Andy
Fisher

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