



**PENN  
TOWNSHIP**

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

# Township News

*Fall 2025 Edition*

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## Community Spotlight

### BARONS SPIKE THE PAST, WIN STATE VOLLEYBALL TITLE

When the members of Manheim Central's boys' volleyball team stepped onto the court for the state championship in University Park on June 14, they were staring down a familiar foe - Meadville, the same team that dashed their title hopes just a year ago. This time, though, the Barons were back with a score to settle. Fueled by redemption and relentless determination, they flipped the script, defeating Meadville 3-1 (21-25, 25-23, 25-15, 27-25) and capturing the first PIAA title in program history.

The team's win puts the players in rare air. It's the first time Manheim Central volleyball has won the state championship, and it makes the team only the third Barons sports team to win any state competition in the district's history; the others were field hockey and football.

They celebrated as a team after their win at the championship, but they are also planning a more in-depth celebration in the future. Two of the kids on the team left right after the game for a mission trip, so coach Craig Dietrich is planning to commemorate the win once the team members' schedules allow.

Upon returning home to Manheim, the team enjoyed a police and fire company escort and was greeted by several hundred fans who showed their support as the team arrived at the high school.

Below, the team celebrates the Manheim Central High School's first state PIAA volleyball title.



Excerpts from [townlively.com](https://townlively.com). For full article, visit <https://townlively.com/barons-spike-the-past-win-state-title/>. Photos taken by Cheri Sine.

## 7 THINGS CODE INSPECTORS WISH HOMEOWNERS KNEW

Owning a house is a big responsibility and code inspectors and local building departments can be valuable resources to homeowners who are looking to ensure that all building codes and safety regulations are being followed.

- To build on your property, you are going to need a permit.
- You need to follow your local zoning regulations; they are there for a reason.
- Be aware of property maintenance issues, maintaining your property is unavoidable.
- Check for open permits or violations on properties you are looking to purchase.
- Check to see if the property is in a flood plain.
- Understand that building or code inspections are a valuable resource to you.
- **Permits can save you time and money in the long run.**

## FALL LEAVES AND THE YARD WASTE FACILITY

Autumn leaves are beautiful but they can also cause problems if they aren't collected and disposed of properly. When leaves and yard clippings are raked into the street or ditches, the vegetative debris can clog storm drains or run into creeks and streams polluting our waterways. During heavy rains, blocked storm drains and ditches can cause flooding. Leaves and grass clippings that make their way to local streams and rivers release nutrients that contribute to the accelerated growth of algae. This can be harmful to fish and other aquatic wildlife. By taking the following steps we can reduce the threat of flooding and nutrient loading to local waterbodies.

### Autumn Leaves

**Mulch:** An easy and beneficial way to deal with leaves is by mulching them back onto your lawn. Simply mow the leaves and leave them on the lawn. The mower will chop the leaves into small pieces that will decompose and provide valuable nutrients to the soil.

**Compost:** Add autumn leaves to a compost pile or place them in planting beds or gardens to provide an inexpensive and nutrient rich fertilizer for your garden. Composting is nature's truest form of recycling.

**Rake:** Penn Township now has a Yard Waste Facility where we accept leaves and woody waste. You must have a fob to access the facility. Residential property owners can purchase a fob at the Township office.

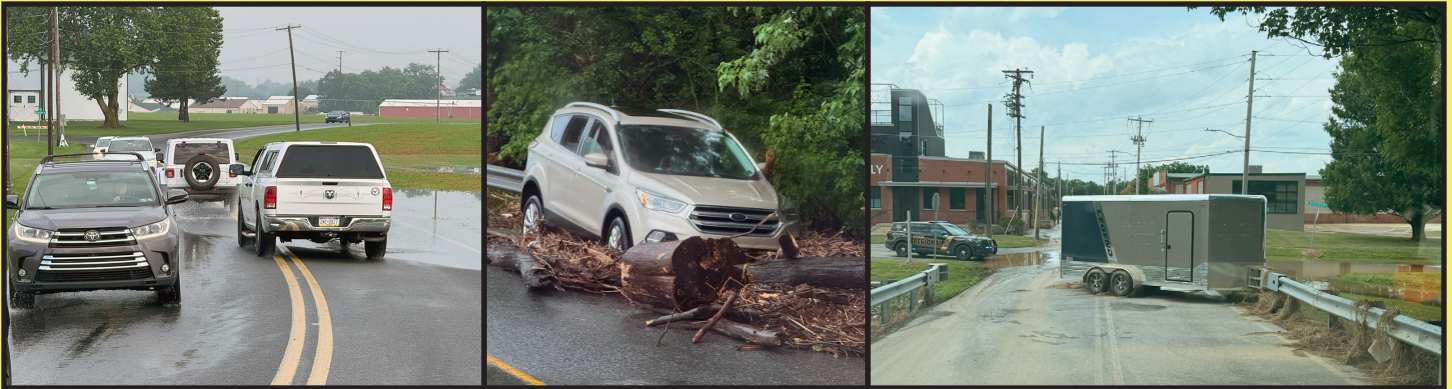


As you can see in the picture above, the community has been taking advantage of this valuable resource. Fob applications can be found on our website at [www.penntwplanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Fob-Re-Acivation-Application2.pdf](http://www.penntwplanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Fob-Re-Acivation-Application2.pdf) or in the Township office lobby, so get your fob today!



## TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

During the large rain event on June 30th and July 1st, road crews, police, EMS personnel and volunteer fire crews were putting their lives on the line to save community members. Trying to save two minutes of time just because it is your normal route may not only cost you time and money, but could also cost the life of someone you love or put emergency crews in unnecessary danger. **PLEASE TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**



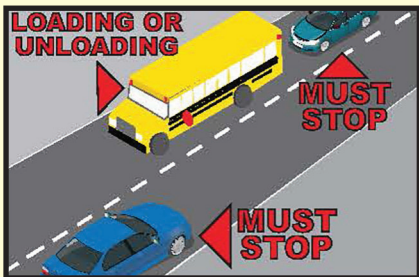
Above are pictures from the large rain event where vehicles were driving through water, were swept away in high water or in the instance of the trailer, was caught in high water and swept away.

Please, for the sake of you, your family and your neighbors, do not drive into water.  
It only takes a few inches of water to get swept away.



## PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW Keeping Children Safe

- ✦ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm activated, you **MUST STOP**.
- ✦ When approaching a school bus with flashing amber lights, **SLOW DOWN** and be **PREPARED TO STOP**.
- ✦ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red lights flashing and stop arm activated, you **MUST STOP**.
- ✦ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- ✦ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ✦ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with or without painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic must stop.

**Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.**



## PENN TOWNSHIP'S GROWTH IN THE LAST 20 YEARS

Penn Township, together with Rapho Township and Manheim Borough, are in the final stages of drafting the Manheim Area Comprehensive plan, the guiding document for growth in the Township.

As part of this process, we look back on how growth has happened in the past decades. Penn Township has certainly grown however growth has been modest and controlled by growing within the urban growth area and preserving farms to keep growth from sprawling.

Below are Google images of most of Penn Township in 2005 and 2025.



2005



2025

### LANCASTER CONSERVANCY TRAIL FEST

Join Lancaster Conservancy at Wizard Ranch Nature Preserve on Saturday, September 13, for live music from Mulligan Pauls & Rast and Hadassah Edith, beer and cider from Collusion Tap Works, food from LettUsKnow and Stoney's Burgers and Fries, ice cream from Mezcla, self-guided hikes, Trailside Talks, and the chance to test your outdoor skills. Gather your family and friends to celebrate the trails that connect us with nature and the over 11,000 acres of natural lands Lancaster Conservancy has protected.

For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/trailfest/>



## LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES, REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE, DO NOT GO IN THE TRASH

Lithium-ion batteries, when placed in the trash, are easily damaged, cause fires and can explode. These fires cannot be extinguished with water alone and cause significant risk to people, equipment and facilities. As a result, insurance companies demanded expensive firefighting capabilities for waste facilities. Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) invested \$10.4 million to mitigate the risk and qualify for insurance. These costs are then passed on to trash haulers who pass that cost on to their customers.

### Lithium-ion 101

Lithium-ion batteries come in all shapes and sizes and are used to power many of the things we use every day - from cell phones, earbuds, smartwatches and laptops to e-bikes, e-scooters and much more.



Lithium-ion batteries flame up, or even explode, through a chemical feedback loop known as “thermal runaway.” When the battery gets too hot, it causes a chemical chain reaction. That can happen through a short-circuit or some other source of overheating.

So getting lithium-ion batteries near heat or breaking them is very risky. When the battery’s structure is compromised, a solvent in the battery used to prevent an electrical short can leak out. The result is often smoldering, flames or an outright explosion. When that happens in the garbage stream, other trash can catch fire.



### Disposal of Lithium-ion the Right Way

Because of the risks involved, batteries require special care in disposal.

**Batteries can be put in a bag and dropped off at the waste authority’s drive-thru household hazardous waste facility on Harrisburg Pike. The service is *free*.** Also, several big-box stores, including Home Depot, Lowe’s and Staples, have

recycling programs for lithium-ion batteries. Locations that offer that service can be found at [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org).

Note that battery terminals — the metal teeth that snap into place on devices — can cause fires if they connect inside a bag. To prevent that, tape up the terminals.

Some trash haulers accept bagged lithium-ion batteries left on the curb but customers should check with their hauler before doing so. They probably have specific instructions.

For more information visit: [safebatterydisposal.com](http://safebatterydisposal.com).

The full story can be read at: [https://lanasteronline.com/news/local/lithium-ion-batteries-are-still-a-danger-even-in-the-trash-lancaster-watchdog/article\\_42a1ea2e-4086-11ef-8fe1-7bfc8f91fab3.html](https://lanasteronline.com/news/local/lithium-ion-batteries-are-still-a-danger-even-in-the-trash-lancaster-watchdog/article_42a1ea2e-4086-11ef-8fe1-7bfc8f91fab3.html).

### TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSINGS

September 1, 2025 - Labor Day

October 13, 2025 - Columbus/Indigenous People’s Day

November 27 & 28, 2025 - Thanksgiving

### Trick or Treat

October 31, 2025

6-8 pm





# MANHEIM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## LEARN. CONNECT. GROW.

547 N Penryn Rd, Manheim, PA 17545

manheimlibrary.org

717.665.6700

***We've MOVED!***

*Visit us at our new location at  
547 N Penryn Rd across from the  
Pleasant View Retirement Campus!*

	INTERESTED IN HELPING OUR
	<b>LIBRARY</b> THRIVE? <b>APPLY TO JOIN THE</b> <b>LIBRARY BOARD!</b> <small>APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE CIRCULATION DESK</small>



### Children/Family Programs

- Family Story Time - Tuesdays at 10-10:45am
- Toddler Time - Fridays at 10-10:30am
- Lego Lab - 2nd Thursday of every month from 6-7pm
- Crafternoon - 3rd Thursday of every month from 3:30-4:30pm

### Upcoming programs:

- Indoor Recess!  
- 1st & 3rd  
Mondays for  
Elementary Age  
Homeschool  
Families\*
- Stuffed Sleepover -  
Sep. 25 - drop off the 25th, pick up on the 26th
- Manheim Central Middle School Book Club - During lunch\*



### Adult/Teen Programs

- Computer Help - 1:15 - 4:30pm - Moving to Tuesdays
- Card Club - 3:00 - 4:30pm - 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month
- Book Club - 9:30-10:30am - 1st Thursday of every month.
- Unraveling Yarns (Knitting/Crochet group) - 1:00-2:30pm - 2nd Thursday of every month

\*Programs are potential programs. Not guaranteed to be on our Fall Calendar.

### CHIQUES CREEK WATERSHED ALLIANCE REPAIRS PLANTED TREES

Thanks to a terrific crew for tree repairs along the Chiques Creek on July 19, 2025 at Grace Brethren Church in Manheim. Thanks also to Manheim Borough for the additional stakes and tubes. Trees are pointing up again!

If you would like to learn more and/or get involved with keeping our waterways clean for current and future generations, visit <https://www.chiquescreekwatershedalliance.org/frontpage>.



## ATTENTION: PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WATER CUSTOMERS

Northwestern Lancaster County Authority and Penn Township will attempt to notify all of our PUBLIC WATER customers by telephone, text or email in the future event of any water emergency situation that might occur. Public notification is a procedure used by water suppliers to notify its customers in the case of an event that makes the water supply unsafe.

If you are a public water customer of NWLCA/Penn Township, please complete the information below and return the completed form to the Penn Township Office. You may choose to mail in the form with your billing statement, fax it to 717-665-4105, scan and email it to [sewerwater@penntwplanco.org](mailto:sewerwater@penntwplanco.org), or mail it separately to 97 North Penryn Road, Manheim, PA 17545.

The Northwestern Lancaster County Authority and Penn Township will not furnish any personal information to outside sources. The information herein is solely for the use of Penn Township, the Authority and Emergency Management.

Property owners are required to provide tenant contact information. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

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### NWLCA/Penn Township Water Customer Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Water Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred # ☐

Cell (Mobile) Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred # ☐

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***Municipal Election Day***

Scheduled for November 4, 2025

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

Last day to register: October 20, 2025

Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot: October 28, 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](http://www.votespa.com) for more information.

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

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