

MANOR UPDATES

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Residents of Manor Township

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Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

With the Holiday season quickly approaching, the potential for thefts and robberies increases. More people are out and about and are carrying more gifts and money than usual. While there's no need to be afraid, please keep in mind the following safety reminders:

- Save all receipts from your in-store and online purchases. Start a file folder to organize them, which will help you verify your credit card and banking statements as they come in.
- Do NOT buy more than you can carry.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- Do NOT leave valuables in your vehicle. Lock them in the trunk.
- Park and walk in well-lit areas and always be aware of your surroundings.
- Carry your purse close to you, with the opening or flap towards your body.
- Never leave a purse unattended in the shopping cart.
- Don't announce your new high-dollar purchases after the holidays. Break down the boxes of TV's, stereos, computers, etc. and turn them inside out before putting them curbside or in the trash.

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Coffee with Cops



The Manor Township Police Department is inviting their residents to a new program entitled "Coffee with Cops". We welcome you attend this free community forum where residents can meet and talk to the Chief and other Officers over coffee and doughnuts. They will answer questions and listen to your concerns about important issues affecting our Township. "Coffee with Cops" will take place on **Thursday, October 13th** and **Thursday, November 10th** at 8:00 AM in the meeting room of our Township building (located at 950 West Fairway Drive in Lancaster). We hope you will take advantage of this great program.

PROPERTY UPDATES

Village at Funk's Farm

A Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan for a project along South Duke Street and Walnut Hill Road was received in 2015. This project is being referred to as the Village at Funk's Farm and is located at the site of the former Funk's Farm Market and Greenhouse. The proposed use is a 55 and over continuing care retirement community featuring 407 units distributed between independent cottage units, independent condo units, and an assisted living facility. A portion of the property, in the future, may be utilized for commercial uses. There will be infrastructure improvements and additions along Walnut Hill Road and South Duke Street as a result of this project. This project will be phased and the preliminary plan is soon to be recorded. The next step for the project includes Final Plan applications and review.

Signature Senior Living Lancaster

In December of 2014, a rezoning petition was received for the former Hambright Elementary School property (intersection of Millersville Road and Temple Avenue). The request was to rezone the 6.695 acre property from Medium Density Residential to Mixed Residential/Commercial. The rezoning petition was ultimately approved in April of 2015 and a sketch Plan from Signature Senior Living, LLC submitted. Ultimately, a Final Land Development Plan for an assisted living and memory care community was submitted and approved. Construction started soon after and the project is now nearing completion.

Corresponding plans for the above projects and others are available at our Township office.

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Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

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■ If you are traveling for the holidays, make your home looked “lived in”. Have a friend or neighbor collect your mail and newspapers or have your services suspended while you are away. Use timers to turn lights on and off.

■ Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package.

Online Shopping:

■ Before surfing the Internet, secure your personal computers by updating your security software. All computers should have anti-virus, anti-spyware and anti-spam software, as well as firewall installed.

■ Keep your personal information private and your passwords secure. Do not respond to requests to “verify” your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.

■ Beware of “bargains” from unfamiliar companies. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

■ Never provide your credit card information in response to unsolicited calls or emails.

■ Use secure websites for purchases. Look for the icon of a locked padlock during the checkout process.

To report suspicious activity, call our Police Department at 717-299-5231. For emergencies, call 911.



BLUE ROCK FIRE RESCUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Support Group (Auxiliary) for Blue Rock Fire Rescue is looking for new members. The organization meets at the fire company headquarters (Station 5) building located at 26 East Charlotte Street in Millersville. The final two meetings for 2016 will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 12th and Wednesday, December 14th.

The primary duties of the Blue Rock Fire Rescue Support Group include:

- Providing refreshments to the fire company members when they are on large and prolonged emergency calls.
- Providing members with department apparel.
- Providing financial assistance for apparatus purchases.
- Providing the department with an annual banquet and other social events.
- Providing assistance with fire prevention programs.
- Sponsoring the annual Tomato Festival held at Washington Boro Park.

If you are interested in becoming a new member, send an email to our President, Amos Hess, at: amoose56@aol.com or just come to one of our meetings. We look forward to meeting you.

The B.R.F.R. Support Group will be holding a **Homemade Chicken Corn Soup Sale on Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 PM until 1:00 PM** at the Civic Center building located in Washington Boro. The price is \$5.00 per quart.

FUNFACTS

Test your knowledge of Manor Township by trying to identify these two roads before they were developed. The answers can be found on the back cover of this newsletter.



PICTURE #1



PICTURE #2



Leaf Collection



Curbside leaf collection for 2016 is scheduled to begin the week of **October 17th**. Typically, the first few weeks is completed with one crew due to the small amount of leaves available for collection. As this number increases, the Public Works Department then uses two crews to complete the bulk of the work. The first crew begins their route along Stone Mill Road and then proceeds south thru Colonial Manor, West Ridge, Bowling Green, Georgetown Hills, Leaf Park, Breezewood, Springdale Farms, Manor Oaks, and Shadowstone. The second crew begins its collection route in the West Fairway area that includes West Fairway Drive, Joseph Road and Kent Road. The crew then travels to Fairway Park, West Lancaster, Manor Ridge, Wilshire Hills, Woods Edge, Holland Hills, Washington Boro, Letort Manor and Perth Hills. Weather permitting, each crew begins the above mentioned routes each week beginning on Monday mornings and continuing in sequence until each area is covered.

Residents who live along Millersville Road and Columbia Avenue will receive leaf collection on the following weeks: **October 24th, November 7th and 21st and December 5th**.

Residents are reminded to follow these simple guidelines. Leaves must be placed in a row along the edge of the street. Leaves must be loose and not bagged for collection and need to be accessible to the collection crew. Leaves that are obstructed by parked vehicles will not be collected. They should not be placed on stormwater drains. Tree branches, bush trimmings, plants, grass clippings, and ornamental grass are prohibited and will not be accepted. These types of yard waste may be disposed free of charge at the Frey Farm Landfill on River Road. All Township residents are eligible for this program. Yard Waste passes are available at our Township office.

Township residents not serviced by curbside collection may bring their leaves to the Township's Leaf Compost Facility (located at 2783 Charlestown Road) for free disposal, Monday thru Wednesday between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, starting on **October 17th** and continuing until **December 5th**.

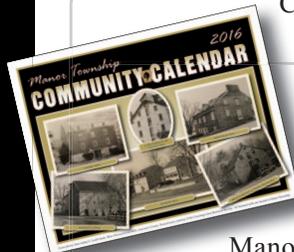
Saturday hours have been scheduled and are posted below.

Curbside collection typically concludes the first full week of December. Residents can check for daily leaf collection information on the Township's website at: www.manortwp.org.

During the fall of 2015, the Manor Township Public Works Department collected 349 truckloads of leaves, that weighed over 400 tons.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Manor Township offers a FREE Christmas tree recycling program for residents. Trees can be taken to any of our four drop-off locations at **Charlestown, Greider, Washington Boro and Creswell Parks**. The drop-off program takes place from **Monday, December 26th through Sunday, January 22nd, 2017**. To place your tree at one of these locations, they must be free of ornaments, lights, and tinsel. Residents are required to remove plastic bags as well as covers and dispose of them properly. The trees will be chipped into mulch, which is utilized in our Township's parks. In 2016, Manor Township recycled 924 Christmas Trees.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Each December, Manor Township mails out complimentary calendars to all interested residents which contains important municipal information and dates for the upcoming year. If you currently do not receive a calendar and would like to, please contact the Township Office at 717-397-4769 or email: teresa@manortwp.org to be added to the mailing list.

TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

**Monday, October 31st
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

for Manor Township



COMPOST AVAILABLE

This autumn, Manor Township's Leaf Compost Facility (located at 2783 Charlestown Road in Lancaster) will be open for the purchase of leaf compost for \$10 a cubic yard. Residents may also dispose of their leaves for free on the following dates. Leaves will be accepted loose or in approved biodegradable bags only.

SATURDAYS ~ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PMSept. 24th, Oct. 1st & 22nd, Nov. 5th, and Dec. 3rd

WEDNESDAYS ~ 3:00 PM - 6:00 PMOct. 12th & 26th and Nov. 9th



STORMWATER & SINKHOLES

Sinkholes are a definite part of Pennsylvania's landscape we call karst, common to areas underlain by carbonate bedrock (limestone and dolostone). These rocks are more easily dissolved than others by a weak, naturally forming acid formed by a mixture of water and carbon dioxide. As rain soaks into the ground, it travels through the soil, flows through gaps in the rock and slowly dissolves it, making them even bigger. Eventually, the gaps become so large that the upper level of soil collapses back into the hole. The size of sinkholes vary widely, but most fall between 1-30 feet in depth and diameter.

A common misunderstanding is to think that a sinkhole is the hole in the rock. Actually, it is what we see on the ground surface because of the hole in the rock below. The space in the rock (known as void, solution cavity or cave) takes hundreds or thousands of years to form. Then, soil from above can move into the void in rock. If the soil is sticky, a void can form within the soil. As more soil washes down (over years or maybe just days), the void space moves toward the surface until it can't hold together anymore. When it collapses, you see the sinkhole on the surface and, often, only soil in the hole and not the actual hole

itself because the rock is too far below.

Moving water is the key to sinkhole collapse and when you change the flow pattern of stormwater or concentrate it to a different area, sinkholes can form more quickly. Stormwater discharge from roof gutters, downspouts, swales and pipes, and leaking sewer and water pipes are good examples of how land development practices can accelerate the formation of sinkholes. Open sinkholes threaten water quality because polluted stormwater runoff enters the opening without being filtered through the soil layer and can quickly contaminate the groundwater system. Soil, water and anything else that falls into a sinkhole will continue to move down into the ground until the hole, or throat, is sealed.

Sinkholes are a serious hazard because they can appear without warning in roads, parking lots and underneath buildings, causing significant structural and physical damage. When they develop around underground gas lines, they can cause leaking pipes and gas explosions. There are many open sinkholes in Lancaster County and making repairs can be a costly and lengthy process.

Landowners are ultimately responsible for sinkhole repairs on their own property. Manor Township is responsible for those

in the road right-of-way, Township parks, sewer pumping stations and municipal campus. Currently, there are no special organizations or funding avenues that provide aid to those with large repair bills. If a sinkhole develops on your property, you should contact a local excavator or geologist to determine the best option for the repair. You should also contact the Township in order to determine if a permit is needed prior to excavation.

Try to prevent contaminated stormwater flows from entering the open sinkhole by redirecting to a vegetated area until the contaminant is eliminated or the sinkhole has been repaired. Here are some basic guidelines to follow if you have a sinkhole on your property:

- Restrict access to the hole.
- If the sinkhole is near a roadway or utility line, contact our Police Department at 717-299-5231.
- Take photographs, but do not get too close to the edges of the sinkhole.
- Do not allow unauthorized persons to investigate the sinkhole.
- Never go down into a sinkhole or attempt to fill the hole yourself.
- A sinkhole will continue to expand and cause ground instability, so making timely repairs is the best option to minimize the threat to you and your property.

For more information, visit: www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/Sinkholes



Wilshire Hills Lions Club member Bob McCune and his grandson, Andrew, recently installed markers on Manor Township stormwater inlets to remind residents that only stormwater is permitted in storm drains.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All water that drains from our streets, sidewalks, driveways, and yards will eventually lead to a stormwater system. This runoff is not treated to remove pollutants and will eventually reach many creeks, streams, and rivers in Manor Township.

The Township has partnered with two groups to use signage to raise public awareness and educate residents about the intended purpose of storm drains. Both the Penn Manor Junior Comets and the Wilshire Hills Lions Club have served Manor Township by installing markers on storm water inlets to remind citizens that only rain water is permitted in storm drains. Anything other than stormwater is an illicit discharge. Examples of illicit discharges include: paint, oil, pet waste, yard waste, car wash water, concrete, and sump pump connections.

Manor Township is looking for service groups, homeowner associations, and families to get involved with similar inlet marking projects. To learn how you can be involved, please contact the Township Office at 717-397-4769.

NALOXONE: Save a LIFE

Act 139 is a law that went into effect in Pennsylvania in November of 2014. It allows Naloxone, a life-saving opioid overdose reversal medicine, to be prescribed to a third party, such as a friend or family member, and administered by law enforcement and firefighters. In addition, it provides legal protection for witnesses, or “Good Samaritans,” seeking medical help at the scene of an overdose.

Naloxone is a non-narcotic, lifesaving medication that can reverse the effects of a heroin or other opiate overdose and save the life of the user. It does not treat addiction or withdrawal symptoms, but rather restores respiration so that further treatment can take place.

According to Act 139, police officers, firefighters, emergency responders, family members, friends and others in a position to be able to help someone who is overdosing, may be prescribed naloxone and may lawfully administer the drug to someone who is experiencing an overdose. Additionally, under the Good Samaritan provision, fellow drug users may call 911 to get help for someone who is overdosing, without fear of prosecution for drug possession, so long as they comply with the requirements of the Act (e.g. remaining with the overdosing individual until help comes).

Friends and family members can obtain Naloxone by requesting a prescription from their physician. A free state-approved online training on the use of this lifesaving drug can be found by visiting: <http://www.pavtn.net/act-139-training>. The PA Department of Drug and Alcohol programs also provide a Friends and Family Toolkit. Visit their website at: www.ddap.pa.gov.

Signs of an opioid (heroin or narcotic pain reliever) overdose:

- Slow and shallow breathing
- Very sleepy and unable to talk or unconscious
- Blue lips and fingertips
- Snoring or gurgling sounds

Acting State Health Secretary Dr. Karen Murphy announced that Pennsylvania State Police Troopers will now carry Naloxone. PA Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine signed a standing order for Naloxone nasal spray, which will be distributed to state troopers. The supply of Naloxone is being funded by a combination of grants from Aetna, Geisinger Health, Health Partner Plans and Highmark. The Manor Township Police Department has already received a supply as well.

Need to know more about helping someone who is addicted to heroin or prescription drugs? For help in Lancaster County, visit Compass Mark at: www.compassmark.org or call 717-299-2831.



PPL Electric Utilities Warns Customers of Sophisticated Phone Scam

Bogus Calls Designed to Sound Like Company Call Center

PPL Electric Utilities is warning its customers to be aware of a phone scam in which calls appear to come from the utility company and mimic the company’s call center. Customers are being called and told their account is delinquent and they need to make an immediate payment or their electricity will be shut off. In many cases, customers are told to pay with prepaid debit cards and are instructed to call a phony call center, where they are prompted to enter their account information.

Mostly business, and some residential customers have been targeted by the recent scams. PPL reminds its residential and small business customers that the only number they should be calling to discuss their account is 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775). Mid-size to large businesses can call 1-888-220-9991, option 4.

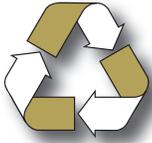
Here is important information to avoid scams:

- PPL never sends anyone to demand bill payment.
- PPL does not call customers seeking personal information.
- PPL never calls customers threatening to shut off electric service unless immediate payment is made.
- PPL does not accept Green Dot or other prepaid debit cards for bill payments.

Be sure to report any scam attempts to PPL at 1-800-342-5775 and also our Police Department at 717-299-5231. More information is available at: www.pplelectric.com.

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MANOR TOWNSHIP'S UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Full details of all programs can be found at www.manortwp.org or by calling 397-4769.

Street Parking Regulations

The Manor Township Police Department wants to remind all Township residents and guests that parking on Township streets is regulated by the Vehicle Code through the Township Ordinance Code, Chapter 15, Part 4 General Parking Regulations.

Because of the harsh weather and high snow fall amounts we had last winter, we are asking that all motorists remove their vehicles from the street before, or as soon as possible, after a snow fall. In Section 406.B a vehicle is restricted from being "parked more than forty-eight (48) hours on any street or roadway" without being moved.

While the Police Department does not usually enforce this section vigorously, this is a violation that we do enforce after snow storms. When vehicles are not moved off the streets, the snowplows cannot clean the roadways all the way to the curbs. This in turn makes the roadways narrower with each snow fall and subsequent plowing. Please do your best to clean off and move your vehicle within a reasonable amount of time after a snow fall.

SNOW REMOVAL

As winter approaches, please remember the following tips help allow our operators to be as efficient as possible:

- DO NOT push or throw snow into the roadway at anytime. This creates hazardous driving conditions and is a violation of both State and Township law. Violators can be prosecuted.
- Make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. Damage caused by plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility.
- Manor Township does not have a snow removal ordinance for sidewalks. However, residents are encouraged to clear snow and ice from walks after plowing is completed.
- If you must drive, do so at a minimal speed and give the snow plow operators plenty of room to do their work. Remember, if you cannot see the mirrors of our truck, our drivers cannot see you.
- Vehicles should be removed from the street so that operators can plow from curb to curb. This allows melting snow to enter the drainage system and not pond and refreeze on the road.
- Plowing cul de sacs can become more difficult when vehicles are parked on the street, due to limited space for snow to be pushed.
- Place one or two stakes along the edge of your property to help the snow plow operator distinguish where the edge of the road and lawn meet. The Township will not repair lawns damaged by snow plows if the lawns are not marked.