

MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER For the Residents of Manor Township

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TRAFFIC PATTERNS ALTERED

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, residents can expect temporary road closures between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Blue Rock Road, Anchor Road, Hostetter Road, Prospect Road, Gamber Road, and River Road due to the 11th Annual 2010 Turkey Hill Country Classic.

Additionally, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. roads will be opened, but traffic routed one way, clockwise, on Blue Rock Road, Anchor Road, Gamber Road, and River Road.

Drivers can expect a higher level of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the Central Manor area during this time. The safety of all our participants, fire marshals, police, and crew depends on the cooperation of motorists.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your cooperation.



COUNTRY CLASSIC 2010

A family-fun event to benefit

the Trust
Lancaster Farmland Trust



Spend some time to save some farms!

Join us Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Central Manor Church for a community day of fitness, festivity, and food - all for the good of preserving precious Lancaster County Farmland!

Events begin at 8:00 a.m. and we've got something for everyone!

Admission and parking are free.

To register for races, visit www.turkeyhill.com.



- 5K Run-Jog-Walk
- 10K Run
- Men's & Women's Bike Races
- *New!* Mascot Race (*Philly Phanatic, Eagles' Swoop, and Barnstormers' Cylo*)
- Kids' Run
- Baby Derby
- Food
- Games
- Entertainment



For more information, contact the Manor Township offices at 717-397-4769.

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Employee Spotlight

 **Randy Herman** 



Currently the Township's longest employed police officer, Randy has served for 32+ years. You will most likely see him patrolling the streets in his cruiser but don't let his laid back

demeanor fool you. If you're breaking the law, he will not hesitate to pull you over. Randy brings a lot of experience and "know how" to the job and we thank him for his dedicated service.

Tell us about your family? My wife, Mary Ann, and I were married for 20 years before she passed away in June 2006. Our daughter, McKayla is 17 years old. I also have a stepson that is married with two children and a stepdaughter with a little girl.

What do you enjoy in your free time? I spend a lot of time with my family. But beyond that, I enjoy playing golf, working in the yard, going to horse races and spending time with the new woman in my life.

Do you have a memorable vacation destination? Yes. Prior to my wife's passing we did a long awaited vacation to Myrtle Beach, SC in July 2005 with McKayla and a friend. Some of the highlights were playing golf, eating out, hitting the beaches, listening to bands at different night clubs, and playing miniature golf.

Why do you work for Manor Township? Because it's diverse and I like the people I work for, the citizens of Manor Township, who I feel have a great respect for the police department and the job we do. By diversity, I mean you can be patrolling

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Adopt-A-Highway Opportunities

The Adopt-A-Highway program provides an opportunity for volunteer groups or individuals to become special caretakers of portions of our township roads by committing to pick up litter at least four times a year. Trash bags, warning signs, and safety vests are provided by the Township. In return, the Township will place signs along the road acknowledging the participant.

Adopt-A-Highway began in 1990 and has grown to be one of the largest volunteer programs in Pennsylvania. Approximately 21 miles of township roads have been designated for clean-up under this program. Currently there are 14 groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, college fraternities and sororities, service groups, families, and private companies participating in the program.

If you or your group is interested in this opportunity, please contact the municipal office or email: roads@manortwp.org.

Solution to Stormwater Pollution



As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and can then flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these habits and help protect our water.

ON-LOT DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (OLDS)

Manor Township is continuing to work on our Act 537 and on-lot septic sewer. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 397-4769.

Letort/Perth Hills Sewer Grant

The Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authority is working in conjunction with Manor Township to offer a grant program for the Letort/Perth Hills sewer project aimed at helping low income households with hookup costs. Visit our website to learn more about this grant opportunity.

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

As a cost savings measure, we are only printing and sending out calendars to residents that request them. If you would like to continue receiving a calendar, you can call our office at 397-4769 or return the postcard found in the 2010 calendar.



2010 Census: Be Counted

The Census Bureau started in 1790 collecting data that helps to shape policies and programs at the national, state, and local levels. Every 10 years the nation undertakes the counting of every person in the United States. Information collected is useful in providing population growth and changes. It gives us a picture of the country as well as state, county, and townships.

The Census collects vital population data that is used for allocation of federal and state funding for such programs as education, transportation, road construction, and housing, among others. The census data is used in Congress to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. Also, the census data is a useful and helpful tool used by planners to plan for community services, land use, and transportation projects.

As part of the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau is promoting awareness throughout Lancaster County. Census forms will be mailed to every household in Lancaster County in March. The form will be a simple 10 question survey form that should be completed and represent the household as it exists on April 1st. All persons living at the address should be counted. Upon completion, mail the form back to the Census Bureau. All

information provided is confidential. Cooperation is important so that door-to-door follow-up that the Census Bureau field representatives must undertake can be minimized. An improved mail back response saves many millions in taxpayer's dollars.



Piles of Materials on Public Streets

The landscaping and home renovation season is upon us. Often homeowners have limited space to store materials on their properties, especially when the project occurs on the front or side of their homes. Although it may seem to be a convenient spot to deliver items, storing or staging materials on the public street is not permitted. Even if it's just for a couple hours or for a day or two, the Township cannot permit piles of mulch, stones, soil, or other materials to be placed where traffic will be obstructed in any way. Not only is the material itself a hazard, any remnant left on the street once it's removed can also be a problem. Should Township personnel or police discover this situation, the responsible party will be required to remove the materials immediately, and a citation may be issued.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

In the past several years, two new traffic laws have been enacted in Pennsylvania to help make our roads a safer place. Many of you may already be familiar with these laws but some of you may not. The first one, which became effective in 2006, is commonly referred to as a "STEER CLEAR" law. The technical name of the law is "Duty of driver in emergency response areas". It requires drivers approaching or passing an emergency response area to:

- Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area, if possible; or
- If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible, illegal or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed reasonable for safely passing the emergency response area.

This law applies if a police officer has a vehicle stopped along the road, a tow truck driver is removing a vehicle or assisting a motorist, or any emergency vehicle has its lights flashing, or flares or signs are posted indicating such a warning. This would include areas around fire scenes or traffic crashes. The violation carries a substantial fine of up to \$ 250.00. The most important thing to remember if you are not sure if it is an emergency response area but you see flashing lights – SLOW DOWN.

The second law applies to your use of headlights during inclement weather. We all know we have to use our headlights between sunset and sunrise but did you know the law requires you to have your headlights illuminated when:

- You cannot discern a person or vehicle upon the highway from a distance of 1,000 feet due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog, smoke or smog.
- Any time when the vehicle's wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture, including rain, snow, sleet, or mist. This portion of the law was enacted in 2007.

Please keep these new laws in mind and share your knowledge with others who may not be aware of these changes.



Pavilion Rentals

Resident's can rent pavilion's at any of the following Manor Township parks: Charlestown (three pavilions: Hovis, Shenk or Strickler), Greider, Washington Boro or Woods Edge. Pavilion's are rented on a first come, first serve basis starting the first business day of the New Year at a cost of \$40. Greider and Charlestown's Hovis pavilion's are reserved weekday's during the summer for the Township's Summer Playground in the Park Program and are not rented; however, they can still be rented on the weekends.

For more information and/or reservations, contact the Manor Township Office at 397-4769.



SPRING PROJECTS

Manor Township's Road Department maintains 108 miles of roads, which happens to be one of the largest municipal road systems in Lancaster County. To continue to maintain and improve this road system there are several projects planned for 2010.

Several paving projects have been planned for this summer. The following roads will receive a new paved surface: Colonial Manor Drive, Lexington Road, Mayflower Circle, Valley Forge Road, Sun Lane and Stehman Church Road (between Walnut Hill Road and Indian Run Road).

Seal coating is one of the best maintenance and cost effective applications available to Public Works Departments. The application of bituminous material that is coated with clean stone provides an excellent skid resistant surface while sealing the existing roadway. To prepare roads for this maintenance application side gutters

will be cleaned to improve the drainage system. Storm water pipes will be inspected and replaced if needed on roads that are scheduled to be seal coated.

The following roads will receive this application this summer: Charlestown Road (between Donerville Road and Prospect Road), Catherine Street, Hempfield Street, Hilltop Road, Park Street, Salmon Street, Sheep Lane, Shultz Road, and Witmer Road.

The Township is also planning to continue the road-widening program that improves the width of narrow roads to 22 feet wide. Widening is planned for Charlestown Road (between Second Street and Prospect Road).

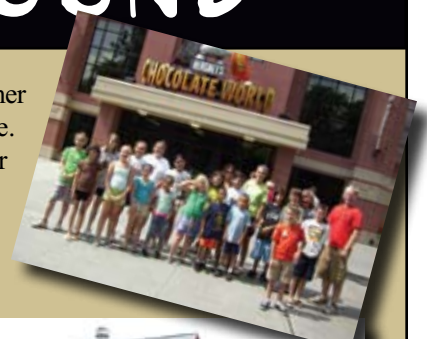
A base repair project is also planned for Stone Mill Road. This project will be a joint effort where the Township will use PennDOT's milling machine and workforce to remove areas of broken macadam. Manor Township's Public Works Department will then fill the excavated area with new pavement.



SUMMER PLAYGROUND

Manor Township will once again be offering a 2010 Summer Playground in the Park program for children 1st-6th grade. The program begins the first full week after Penn Manor School District dismisses for the summer. We hire excellent counselors to engage the children in activities, games, trips, and crafts during the course of the day. Discounts will be available for those who register early so stay tuned to www.manortwp.org for information.

The program is a drop-in program that provides activities, games, trips, and crafts in a safe, organized setting and is open to children who have completed 1st grade up to those leaving 6th grade. Brochures with a registration form and more information will be available mid-May, as well as online at www.manortwp.org.





PA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

Keeping Children Safe

PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

- ◆ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- ◆ These children are transported more than 346 million miles to school each year.
- ◆ Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with painted lines.



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



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

PENALTIES

If you are convicted of violating PA's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

- ◆ 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- ◆ Five (5) points on your driving record
- ◆ \$250 Fine

Annually, over 1,000 motorists do not obey the School Bus Stopping Law.

SEPARATE ROADWAYS

Drivers do not have to stop on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers provided that they are separate roadways and the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

If In Doubt, STOP!



Physical barriers include concrete median barriers, metal median barriers, guide rails, etc.



Clearly indicated dividing sections include trees or shrubs, rocks or boulders, a stream, grass, etc.



Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.

County Drug Prescription Program



It's easy

Simply present your card, provided to you in a joint effort of your local county government and the National Association of Counties (NACo), at a participating retail pharmacy and save an average of 22% on your prescription medicine. Finding a pharmacy is easy; 9 out of 10 pharmacies nationwide accept your discount card. No enrollment form, no membership fee, one card, immediate use.

No limits

You and your family may use your prescription discount card any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

Savings

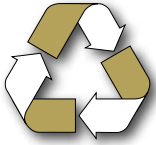
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MANOR TOWNSHIP UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

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

Compost Available

Now that spring is upon us many home gardeners are ready to work in their vegetable and flower gardens. Adding compost helps to keep the soil loose and retain moisture.

Compost can be purchased at the Township Compost Facility on Charlestown Road. The compost will be open from 9:00 a.m. until noon on the following Saturday's: April 17th and 24th, and May 8th and 15th. And from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the following Wednesday's: April 28th and May 19th. The cost of compost remains \$10 a cubic yard.

FAQ

- ***Do I need a permit for door-to-door solicitation and/or handing out flyers?*** Yes if you are collecting money. Contact the Manor Township police department to obtain that permit.
- ***Is a yard sale permit needed?*** No. but contact our office for specific regulations.
- ***A street light is out or dirty, who do I contact to get it fixed?*** Call the Township Office at 397-4769
- ***Will you pick up a dead animal off the road?*** Generally, no. However, if it is a dog we will come and remove it for you.

Employee Spotlight

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the northern end of the township where it's all built up but within 10 minutes be at the southern end by the river where it's more peaceful and quiet.

What is something interesting about you as it relates to Manor Township?

I have a unique perspective on the Township having been here for so long. Years ago, it was uncommon to see a car on the road after midnight. If you did, you pulled them over because they were up to no good. Today, that's no longer the case. Also, when I first started, reports were handwritten and criminal complaints were done on a typewriter. Of course, today we use computers.

Cardboard Recycling Containers

As of April 1st, the cardboard recycling containers will be moved from Charlestown Park to the Township Office parking lot, 950 West Fairway Drive. Resident's can drop corrugated cardboard off for free to be recycled.

