

# MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER

For the

Residents of Manor Township

FALL 2011

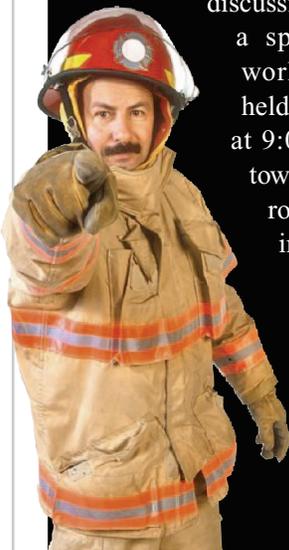
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## BIG ISSUES THAT MAY AFFECT YOU . . .

### OLDS and the Fire Tax!

We will likely be implementing an On-Lot Disposal System Program at the beginning of 2012 with the ordinance being adopted in October 2011. It is anticipated to impact slightly over 1,400 residents who will receive notification from the Township in September 2011. If you are not on a public sewer system please look for mailings from us that will give you instructions on how to proceed.

The Supervisors and management are considering the institution of a fire tax to cover the cost for fire protection in Manor Township. This new tax could begin in time for the 2012 spring taxes. The Supervisors will be discussing this during a special budget workshop to be held October 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the township meeting room. You are invited to come and share your thoughts or contact your Supervisors if you are unable to attend.



## New Pavilion at Greider Park



During the summer of 2011, the Public Works Department constructed a new pavilion at Greider Park. The park now features two pavilions to provide for the increasing demand for picnic locations. The new pavilion can accommodate over one hundred people. The pavilion offers 15 picnic tables, charcoal grills, water, and electric service.

In addition to the pavilions in Greider Park, residents can rent pavilions at Charlestown Park, Washington Boro Park, and Woods Edge Park. Pavilions are rented on a first come first serve basis and reservations are accepted beginning on the first business day of the New Year at a cost of \$40. Please contact the Township office with reservations at 397-4769.

### Did You Know?

Bicycling on sidewalks is almost three times as dangerous as riding on the road? It's also illegal in Pennsylvania to bicycle on sidewalks in business districts.

Learn the skills for road riding and you'll be much safer.



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## When to DIAL 911

In the event of an emergency it is important to know when you should dial 911. Many times we receive calls at the police department from residents that should have dialed 911.

First thing to consider is the nature of the call. Just about any incident that causes an "Oh my gosh" reaction and you feel it needs immediate attention should be called into 911. Lancaster County Wide Communications (911) is able to dispatch the call promptly and prioritize your call. If the Manor Township Police are tied up with a call, LCWC will dispatch another unit from another jurisdiction if necessary.

### Some examples of when to CALL 911:

- If your child gets hit by a car.
- If you hear/see something or someone suspicious during the night. Don't wait until morning to call.
- If you witness or are involved in an automobile accident.
- If you hear/see any type of domestic disturbance.
- If someone has a medical emergency and is in need of an ambulance.
- If you have/see a fire.
- If you see something that could be an immediate danger to someone (i.e. wires down).

### Some examples of when to CALL OUR OFFICE:

- If your vehicle is broken into or vandalized. Don't wait a day or two (or more) to call.
- If your child's bike/scooter is stolen.
- If you lost your dog or pet.
- If you feel you've been a victim of fraud.

We are here to assist you in the best ways possible and to help get you the help that you need as quickly as possible. We hope this will help you to determine what call to make.



## MANOR TOWNSHIP CURFEW

The Police Department reminds kids and parents that the curfew in Manor Township is 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and Midnight on Friday and Saturday. The majority of the time the kids are just out walking or riding their bikes and not causing any harm, however some have been caught doing damage to property or doing things that they shouldn't be doing. The biggest danger and concern for the police department is that the kids are away from the safety of their home and are easy targets for people who would do them harm. A big common denominator involved in these cases is it usually happens when a few friends sleep over at another friend's house and then they all sneak out together. It is easier for a few kids to sneak out of one house rather than each of them sneaking out of their own houses and then try to meet up somewhere. Parents just need to be aware of where their kids are at all times.



## COMPOST AVAILABLE

This autumn Manor Township's Leaf Compost Facility will be open for the purchase of leaf compost. The cost of compost is \$10 a cubic yard. Also, on the following dates Manor Township residents may dispose of their leaves free of charge. Leaves will be accepted loose or in biodegradable bags only.

### SATURDAY'S ~ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

September 24th ■ October 15th & 22nd ■ November 12th & 19th  
December 3rd

### WEDNESDAY'S ~ 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

September 28th ■ October 5th & 26th



## Christmas Tree Recycling

In 2011 Manor Township recycled 1627 Christmas Trees. For your convenience you may dispose of your Christmas tree at any of our four drop-off locations. There is no charge for this service. Drop-off locations are identified at Charlestown Park, Greider Park, Washington Boro Park, and Creswell Park. The drop-off program will begin on December 26 and be available until Sunday January 29, 2012. To place your tree at one of these locations they must be free of ornaments, lights, and tinsel. You 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 the Township's parks.

# Stormwater Pollution Solutions

*Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.*

## Lawn Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.



- Don't over water your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

## Septic Systems

Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens (bacteria and viruses) that can be picked up by stormwater and discharged into nearby waterbodies. Pathogens can cause public health problems and environmental concerns.

- Inspect your system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary (every 3 to 5 years).



- Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

## Auto Care

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the material directly into a waterbody.

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its waste water, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.



## Pet Waste

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters.

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.



*Education is essential to changing people's behavior. Signs and markers near storm drains warn residents that pollutants entering the drains will be carried untreated into a local waterbody.*

## Residential Landscaping

**Permeable Pavement** - Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Instead these surfaces rely on storm drains to divert unwanted water. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing stormwater runoff.

**Rain Barrels** - You can collect rain-water from rooftops in mosquito-proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.

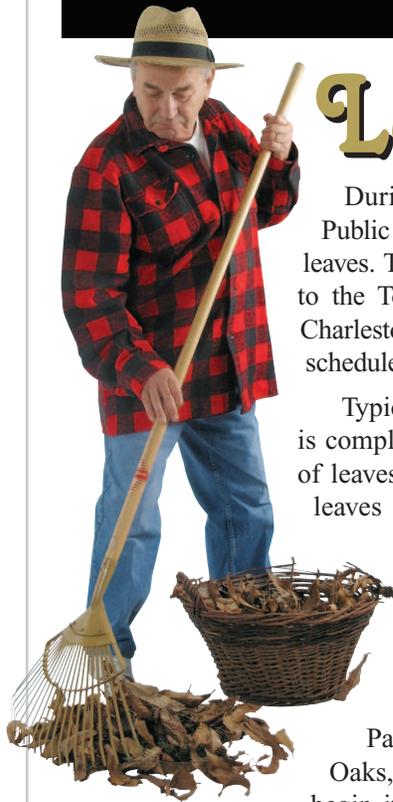
**Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales** - Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rain-water to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from the rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.



**Vegetated Filter Strips** - Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants stormwater picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.

## ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Hundreds of catch basins designed to collect storm water run-off that is piped and released into drainage easements are located throughout Manor Township. These drains are NOT to be used for disposal of unwanted items such as motor oil, paint, concrete, stones, or organic matter since they lead to local waterbodies. Since these are exclusively "drains for rains," swimming pool water is also prohibited from being drained. Citizens are encouraged to report any illicit discharges into storm water facilities at 397-4769.



# Leaf Collection

During the fall of 2010, the Manor Township Public Works Department collected 362 truckloads of leaves. The 714 tons of collected leaves were brought to the Township's Leaf Compost Facility located on Charlestown Road. Curbside collection for 2011 is scheduled to begin on the week of October 17th.

Typically, the first few weeks of leaf collection is completed with one crew due to the small amount of leaves available for collection. As the number of leaves placed curbside increases the Public Works Department will then use two crews to do the bulk of the work. The first crew begins their route along Stone Mill Road and then proceeds east to Colonial Manor, the crew then proceeds to West Ridge, Bowling Green, Georgetown Hills, Leaf Park, Breezewood, Springdale Farms, Manor Oaks, and Shadowstone. The second crew will begin its collection route in the West Fairway area that includes West Fairway Drive, Joseph Road and Kent Road. The crew will then proceed to Fairway Park, West Lancaster, Manor Ridge, Wilshire Hills, Woods Edge, Holland Hills, Washington Boro, Letort Manor, and Perth Hills. Weather permitting each crew will begin the above-mentioned routes each week beginning on Monday mornings and continue in sequence until each area is covered. Residents can check for daily leaf collection information that is posted on the Townships web site at [www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org). Leaf collection usually concludes the first full week of December and can vary from season to season. For final collection information residents can check the web site for this detail.

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.

Once again, we remind our residents who receive curb side leaf collection 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 curbside collection. Tree branches, brush trimmings, plants, and grass clippings are prohibited and will not be accepted. Leaves must be accessible to the crews. Leaves that are obstructed by parked vehicles will not be collected.

Township residents not serviced by curbside collection may bring their leaves to the Township's Leaf Compost Facility for free disposal on Mondays thru Wednesdays between 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. starting on October 17th and continuing until December 7th, 2011. Evening and weekend hours have been scheduled and posted in this edition of Manor Updates.

## NEW ORDINANCES

The following ordinances have been passed since the last newsletter:

- **Ordinance 1-2011** .....Zoning Map Amendment- Rural-Ag 1
- **Ordinance 2-2011** .....Zoning Map Amendment- Rural-Ag 1

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY

## COSTUME SAFETY

- Make sure costumes fit so that children can easily walk without tripping.
- Make sure wigs and beards are properly attached so they do not obstruct vision.
- Use light colors, decals or reflective tape so children are visible to motorists at night.
- Buy flame resistant costumes or make them from flame resistant materials.
- Make sure you can see well through masks.
- Use make-up instead of mask.

## STREET SAFETY

- Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on left side of road, facing traffic.
- Cross streets at intersection or crosswalk.
- Wait for proper traffic signals to cross.
- Avoid running out between parked cars.
- If riding a bike, it should have reflectors, a headlight and a horn or bell.

## TRICK-OR-TREATING

- Save candy until you get home so that it can be checked by an adult before eating.
- Have parents or a responsible adult examine ALL CANDY / TREATS.
- Wash fruit and slice it into small pieces, checking it for anything inedible.
- Report any suspicious treats to the police.
- Don't go into anyone's house unless you know them.
- Trick-or-treat in groups and with parents accompanying young children.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

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

*for Manor Township*



# SNOW REMOVAL

The Public Works Department knows as the last leaves fall the next area of focus becomes snow removal. Manor Township is committed to continue to provide outstanding snow removal services for your safe winter travel. The Public Works Department along with five additional contractors are committed to keeping the 109 miles of roads free of snow and ice.

During a recent "Tailgate Talk" on winter operations a number of the Public Works employees commented on some important reminders to share with the public. Asst. Public Works Director Henry Hank noted, "If possible, parked vehicles should be removed from the street so we can achieve our goal of plowing from curb line to curb line". This allows storm drains to be cleared, so melted snow will enter the drainage system and water will not pond on the road and then refreeze on the street. Also, the crew all agreed that plowing cul de sacs can be one of the most challenging aspects of snow removal and becomes even more difficult when vehicles are parked on the street. Most times these areas have a very limited space for snow to be pushed because of numerous driveways, storm drains, and fire hydrants.

Ron Shenk commented, "If every homeowner would place one or two stakes along the edge of their property, the edge of the road would be clearly identified." This will help the snow plow operator to be able to distinguish where the edge of the road and lawn meet. The township will not repair lawns that are struck by snow plows if the lawns are not marked.

When asked if you could tell our citizens one thing about snow removal what would it be? Mike Warner answered, "Have patience, especially as our trucks are trying to clear intersections."

**The following suggestions can help make snow removal more efficient:**

- 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 laws. Violators can be prosecuted.
- Make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. Mailboxes damaged 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.

## TRAFFIC ALERT

Imagine driving down the road and suddenly you hear a siren. You look in your rearview mirror and notice a police car with its emergency lights on, directly behind you. What is your first reaction? If you are like most people, you probably will take a few seconds to figure out whether or not you did anything wrong that might merit the attention of a police officer. As you ponder what you might have done, the urgency of the lights and siren behind you convince you to finally react. But what is the proper and legal action?

The few seconds that a driver may take to decide whether or not the police vehicle behind them is coming after them, may literally make the difference between life or death, or a safe resolution to an incident. The manner in which you yield can also affect the timeliness of the response to the emergency.

Motorists are required to follow a few simple rules upon the approach of an emergency vehicle, whether it is behind you or coming towards you. The drivers of emergency vehicles are well trained, but depend on the motorists around them to react as written in the vehicle code:

- Pull your vehicle to the right side of the road and STOP your vehicle.
- Remain clear of any intersections.
- Remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed.
- Look for other emergency vehicles that may traveling with the first one before pulling back onto the road
- When returning to the road, use your turn signals and do so with caution.

It is sometimes necessary for the emergency vehicle to drive in the center of the road or on the wrong side of the road to get around stopped traffic. This is the reason that traffic in BOTH DIRECTIONS must yield the road and come to a stop.



*Manor Township* 2012  
**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

We will be sending out the 2012 Manor Township Calendars in December. These only go out to individuals who have requested them. If you would like to receive one, please contact our office at 397-4769 or email: [evie@manortwp.org](mailto:evie@manortwp.org).

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# MANOR TOWNSHIP UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Full details of all programs can be found at [www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org) or by calling 397-4769

## FAQ

- ***I locked the keys in my car, can the police unlock it for me?*** Yes, if the locks are manual and not automatic.
- ***Can I drain my swimming pool into the street or in a catch basin?*** No. The chemicals will wash into our stormwater system and eventually local waterbodies.
- ***Where can I find information on Manor Township park pavilions?*** You can call us or it is available on the website.
- ***There's a dead animal on my street, will you pick it up?*** We do not remove animals. For large animals, call the game commission at 610-926-3136.



**TOWNSHIP WEBSITE**

Please remember to check the Township website for up-to-date information at:  
[www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org)

A screenshot of the Manor Township website is shown next to the Manor Township logo, which features a landscape scene with a house and trees.

## Do You Have These Recyclables?

The materials accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility include, but are not limited to:

- Adhesives
- Auto products (transmission and brake fluids, antifreeze, used oil and batteries)
- Computers, cell phones and televisions, which were added July, 2008
- Fluorescent bulbs (including compact bulbs)
- Floor and furniture polishes and household cleaners
- Gasoline and kerosene
- Household batteries
- Old chemistry sets
- Paints and related products (stains, turpentine, thinners, rust inhibitors)
- Pesticides, herbicides and insecticides
- Photographic and pool chemicals
- Propane tanks



Call or deliver items to: Household Hazardous Waste, 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA. Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions concerning recyclables, please call the LCSWMA Office at: 397-9968 or visit: [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org).