

# MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER

For the

Residents of Manor Township

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## Manor Township Officially Opens the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail

Manor Township is thrilled to have the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail officially open to the public. What began as a concept in 2006 has now become a reality. Carved from steep riverside cliffs, the scenic 5.25-mile trail features breathtaking views of the Susquehanna River, Safe Harbor Dam and active Norfolk Southern freight line.

The project was funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, a generous donation from Norfolk Southern and tipping fees from the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority.

The 12 foot wide trail contains four inches of special trail mix creating an ideal surface for walkers, joggers and bicyclists. Other trail amenities include ample parking with handicap accessibility, viewing platforms, park benches, picnic shelters with tables and portable restrooms, all which were built by the Manor Township Public Works Department.

Many reminders of the area's railroad legacy are evident including old overturned steel mile posts which were spruced up and reinstalled. A 1947 caboose used by the Penn Central/Conrail Railroad was rescued from Bainbridge and restored and two abandon huts once manned by human signal changers can be also be seen along the picturesque trail.

The development of the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail was guided by the principles of the Manor Township Parks and Recreation Board to create a unique atmosphere and provide a memorable outdoor experience. With its distinctive location and "bench" between the river and majestic rock formations, the trail is truly one of the most beautiful iconic landscapes in Pennsylvania and is destined to become a favorite in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regions.

"It was our vision as Manor Township Supervisors to purchase and create valuable open space along the Susquehanna River which showcases the beauty of Manor Township and Lancaster County," said Chairman Brandon C. Clark. "I truly hope that people will experience this wonderful trail in its entirety."

The Enola Low Grade Rail Trail is located at 2459 River Road in Washington Boro and is open from dawn until dusk weather permitting. For a full list of park regulations, visit us online at: [www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org).

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## STORM WATER AND POOLS

In our continued commitment to helping keep our streams and rivers clean, Manor Township reminds residents who own swimming pools that pool water may not be emptied into



the Township's storm water system. Pool water must be drained into the sanitary sewer system so that the chlorinated water may be treated before it enters into the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

There are over 1,300 catch basins that are located throughout Manor Township. These catch basins are designed to collect storm water run-off that is piped and released into drainage easements. These drains are not to be used for disposal of unwanted items such as motor oil, paint, concrete, stones, or organic matter since they will eventually reach the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Due to the fact that these are exclusively "drains for rains", citizens are encouraged to report any illicit discharges into storm water facilities to the Township Office at 397-4769.



## 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 approved biodegradable bags only.

### SATURDAYS ~ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

September 28th ■ October 5th & 19th ■ November 9th & 23rd  
December 7th

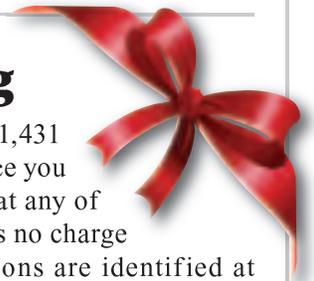
### WEDNESDAYS ~ 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

October 30th ■ November 13th



## Christmas Tree Recycling

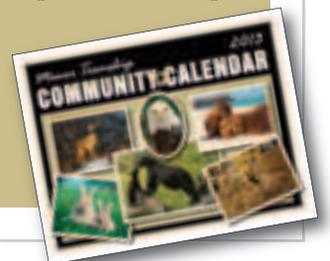
In 2013, Manor Township recycled 1,431 Christmas Trees. For your convenience you may dispose of your Christmas tree at any of our four drop-off locations. There is no charge for this service. Drop-off locations are identified at Charlestown Park, Greider Park, Washington Boro Park, and Creswell Park. The drop-off program will begin on December 26th and be available until Sunday, January 26, 2014. 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.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every year in December, Manor Township mails out complimentary calendars to all interested residents, containing important municipal information and dates for the upcoming year.

If you currently do not receive the calendar and would like to, please contact the Township Office at 397-4769 or email: [evie@manortwp.org](mailto:evie@manortwp.org) to be added to the mailing list.



# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

School bus safety is a high priority in Manor Township. Everybody, including students, parents, and motorists, need to work together to ensure that our children travel safely on their school buses. PennDOT provides a few basic safety tips that students should be aware of to stay safe during their trip:



- Get to the bus stop early, so you don't have to run.
- Stay back from the edge of the road.
- If you miss the bus, DO NOT run after it!
- No pushing when getting on or off the bus.
- Never cross behind the bus.
- Cross at least ten feet in front of the bus so the driver can see you.
- Never cross the street until ALL traffic has stopped.
- Always stay seated when the bus is moving.
- DO NOT distract the driver.
- Never play with emergency exits.
- In an emergency, follow the directions of the driver.
- Ensure that there are no loose strings or objects on you that can get caught on the door or handrail.
- If you drop something outside of the bus, do not go back for it. The driver may not see you and begin moving the bus.

## INATTENTIVE DRIVING

Drivers today are faced with more distractions than ever before. Cell phones, iPods, text messaging, and fancy dashboard displays are causing drivers to take their eyes off of the road and concentrate on something other than what they should be - driving an automobile. The instant it took to dial that number on your cell could be the instant you needed to notice a child running out into the road. The moment it took to look at the map display on your dashboard could be the moment the car in front of you decides to stop. These are small amounts of time, but people are injured and killed every day in crashes that occurred as the result of short periods of inattentiveness. Driving requires your undivided attention to the task at hand. Please pay attention to what is occurring outside of your car, and save the tasks not related to driving for later. *Drive safely and buckle up!*



## FIRE COMPANY BUDGET

We are entering the third full year since all our fire companies have been consolidated into the Blue Rock Fire District. Each year a new budget specifically for the fire company must be presented and agreed to by the Manor Township Board of Supervisors and Millersville Borough Council. The Commission which oversees the district and the Fire Commissioner have done a good job at holding the line on any increases through the years. The proposed 2014 budget has been given to our board and is available for public inspection. If you would like a copy, please email: [finance@manortwp.org](mailto:finance@manortwp.org) or call 397-4769.



## SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

Do you know what the requirements are when you approach a school bus that is picking up or dropping off children? On a daily basis in Manor Township, school buses transport children to and from school and/or their activities. With heavy volume of traffic on our roadways and the distractions that many motorists face, it is easy to become complacent when coming upon a school bus. Making a mistake in this situation, however, could result in a serious injury to or even the death of a child.



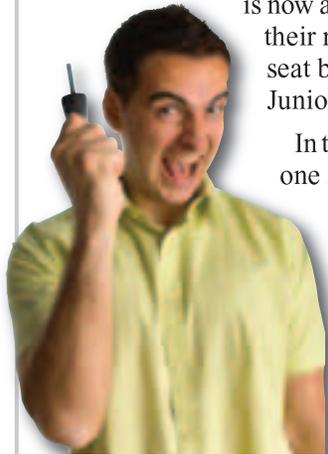
Do you know what the requirements are as you approach a school bus with red signals flashing and the stop arm extended? The answer is simple - you must **STOP** at least ten feet away, no matter which direction you are approaching from. You must remain **STOPPED** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the arm has been retracted. It is also important that you ensure that all children have reached a place of safety before you move. If you are approaching an intersection where there is a bus stopped with the red lights flashing and the arm extended, you must also **STOP**.

If you are found to be in violation of this School Bus Stopping Law, you will face the following: a 60-day suspension of your driver's license, five points on your driving record, and a \$250.00 fine. Bus drivers are permitted to report violations, and they frequently do. The Manor Township Police Department will then follow-up on the complaint, which could result in a citation being issued. When in doubt, **STOP!** The safety of our children is at stake.

# REMINDER REGARDING JUNIOR DRIVER'S LICENSES

For persons 16 or 17 years of age, Junior Driver's licenses are valid between 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., unless accompanied by a spouse 18 years of age or older, parent, or legal guardian. There are exceptions for employment and members of a fire department, etc. but the Junior Driver must have an affidavit or certificate of authorization signed by their employer, supervisor or fire chief indicating their work or school schedule.

A Junior Driver must wear a seat belt at all times. Failure to do so is now a primary violation for drivers under 18. It is also their responsibility to make sure ALL passengers are seat belted. If an unbelted passenger is under 18, the Junior Driver may be cited.



In the first six months, a Junior Driver may only carry one additional passenger, unless the additional passenger is an immediate family member (brother, sister, step-brother or step-sister, foster brother or sister). This provision does not apply if the Junior Driver is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. After the first six months, a Junior Driver can only carry three non-family members until their 18th birthday.

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 3rd. The International Association of Fire Chiefs reminds you to change and test the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This one easy step can help save your life and the life of others around you. Everyone is encouraged to use the extra hour they "gain" from daylight savings time to also remind their friends and family to do the same.



### NEW POLICE facebook PAGE

Find it on facebook at:  
**Manor Township Police Department**



## HELP US FIND YOU!

Many times responding Police, Fire and EMS units have difficulty finding addresses because they are not marked in a way that responders can read house numbers or mail box numbers from the street, especially at night.

It is suggested that you mark your homes with easy to read numbers that are large and reflective. Number signs may be purchased from the Blue Rock Fire Rescue. Please call 872-9345 to order yours today. The sooner we can find your home, the safer you will be. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Manor Township Police Department*

# 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 a mask.

## STREET SAFETY

- Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of road, facing traffic.
- Cross streets at an 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.

*Be Safe & Have Fun!*



## TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

**Thursday, 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, along with five additional contractors, is committed to continuing to provide outstanding snow removal services keeping the 109 miles of roads free of snow and ice, for your safe winter travel.

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 Pennsylvania and Township law. Violators can be prosecuted.
- Plowed snow may damage mailboxes. Make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. Mailboxes damaged by plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility to repair.
- 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 storm drains to be cleared so melted snow will enter the drainage system and water will 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 because of driveways, storm drains, and fire hydrants.
- If every homeowner places one or two stakes along the edge of their property, it 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 damaged by snow plows if the lawns are not marked.

## Leaf Collection

During the fall of 2012, the Manor Township Public Works Department collected 325 truckloads of leaves. The 420 tons of collected leaves were brought to the Township's Leaf Compost Facility located on Charlestown Road. Curbside collection for 2013 is scheduled to begin on the week of October 21st.

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 Township's website 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 website for this detail.

Residents who live along Millersville Road and Columbia Avenue will receive leaf collection on the following weeks: October 21st, November 4th and 18th, and December 2nd.

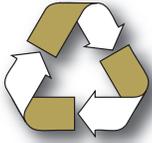
Once again, we remind our residents who receive curb side leaf collection to follow these simple guidelines. Leaves must be placed in a row along the edge of the street. Leaves must be loose and not bagged for curbside collection. Tree branches, brush trimmings, plants, and grass clippings are prohibited 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, Monday thru Wednesday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., starting on October 21st and continuing until December 4th. Weekend hours have been scheduled and posted in this edition of Manor Updates.



## Manor Township Board of Supervisors

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Lancaster, PA 17603



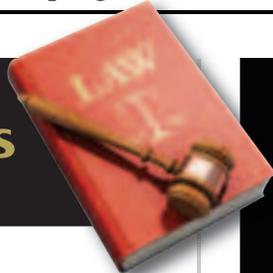
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## MANOR TOWNSHIP'S UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

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

### NEW ORDINANCES IN 2013



- **ORDINANCE 1-2013**  
Amendment to the Official Map
- **ORDINANCE 2-2013**  
Amendment to the Manor Township Zoning Ordinance by Amending the General Regulations for Signs
- **ORDINANCE 3-2013**  
The Emergency Wireless Communications Ordinance

### TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

Please remember to check the Township website regularly for up-to-date information regarding important upcoming meetings and events at:  
[www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org)



### 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, and 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).