

MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER For the Residents of Manor Township

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TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER

If you've ever done anything in the Township having to do with zoning or planning in the past twenty one years, there's a good chance you've spoken with Bruce Ott. As of February 28, 2014, that all changed when Bruce retired from the Township. He has a wealth of knowledge that will be greatly missed, but we are happy for him as he enters the next stage of his life. He has assured us that he will still be the same Bruce keeping busy and continuing to find ways to serve others and creatively use his talents in a variety of ways. In his words, "it is a welcomed change of pace", but he will miss the friendships and accomplishments he had while here at Manor.



Replacing him is Nickolas Ebersole. He will be a new face of zoning at the Township, but is looking forward to diving right in and moving this department forward. Nick comes to us from the Lancaster County Conservancy and brings a fresh look and perspective to the job. He has proven himself to be a people person and is looking forward to meeting and interacting with the residents of Manor Township.

We sincerely thank Bruce for his many years of loyal service to the Township and, AT THE SAME TIME, welcome Nick as he begins his career with the Township.



Spend some time to save some farms!

Join us Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Central Manor Church for the 15th Annual Turkey Hill Country Classic. Admission and parking are free and events begin at 8:00 a.m. We've got something for everyone, so don't miss it!

5K Run-Jog-Walk ■ 10K Run ■ Men's & Women's Bike Races
Mascot Race ■ Kids' Run ■ Baby Derby
Food ■ Games ■ Entertainment

It's a family event full of food, fun, fitness and entertainment for all ages, all for the good of preserving precious Lancaster County Farmland. It's not just for runners, bikers, and hikers either, every year more and more families are finding out what a great time you can have, whether or not you race. Of course, if you're interested in the races, there are plenty of those too.

For more information and specific race times, contact the Township Office at (717) 397-4769. To register for races, visit: www.turkeyhill.com.



ATTENTION

On Saturday, May 3, 2014 residents can expect temporary road closures and delays on Blue Rock, Anchor, Hostetter, Prospect, Gamber, and River Roads, due to the 15th Annual Turkey Hill Country Classic.

Drivers can also expect a higher level of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the Central Manor area during this time as well, so please **DRIVE SAFELY**.

We apologize for any inconvenience and **THANK YOU** in advance for your cooperation.

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NEW TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

This year has started out with some changes in our elected officials. As a result of the elections in 2013, three Supervisors won seats of various terms. Those Supervisors are Amber Green, George Mann and John Wenzel. Mr. Wenzel previously sat on the Zoning Hearing Board and was featured in the fall 2012 newsletter so I sat down with Mrs. Green and Mr. Mann to get to know them better.

Mrs. Green has a BA in Secondary Education with a major in History and minor in Economics. Her employment background is in real estate, construction and property management. She is currently vice chair of the LIMC (Lancaster Inter Municipal Committee) and is a female executive mentor for the Lancaster Chamber. She has two girls named Alexia and Alivia and enjoys training for triathlons, hiking, and reading for enjoyment.

Mr. Mann has a BA in Art History from University of the South. He is a crop and poultry farmer and has lived in Manor Township for the last nineteen years. He sits on the board of Lancaster County Historical Society and is the Treasurer of the Penn Manor Republican Committee. George is married to Leslie and they have a two year old son named Isaac. In his free time he enjoys reading, hunting and racquet sports.

All three newly elected Supervisors look forward to serving the interests of residents in Manor Township and have hit the ground running in their first three months of meetings. Their combined backgrounds bring a lot of experience, good decision making and enthusiasm to the table that will help the Township progress into the future.



Standing, left to right: Amber Green, Jay Breneman, Brandon Clark, George Mann, and John Wenzel.

Manor Township SUMMER PLAYGROUND IN THE PARK

Manor Township will once again be offering a 2014 Summer Playground in the Park program for children in 1st thru 6th grade. Discounts will be available for those who register early so stay tuned to: www.manortwp.org for more information.

The program is a drop-in program and we hire excellent counselors to engage the children in a variety of activities, games, trips, and crafts in a safe, organized setting.

Brochures with a registration form and additional information will be available mid-May, as well as on the Township website at: www.manortwp.org.

Planning a Summer Picnic?

Residents can rent pavilions at any of the following Manor Township parks: Charlestown - Hovis, Shenk or Strickler; Creswell; Greider - Pavilions #1 and #2; Washington Boro; or Woods Edge. Pavilions are rented on a first come, first serve basis starting the first of the year at a cost of \$40. Reservation forms and payment must be submitted to the Twp. Office. Greider and Charlestown's Hovis pavilions are reserved weekdays during the summer for the Township's Summer Playground program and are not rented; however, they can still be rented on the weekends.

Visit our website for photos and a complete list of amenities. For more information and/or reservations, please contact the Township Office at (717) 397-4769.



SPRING PROJECTS

Manor Township's Public Works Department maintains 110 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 2014.

Several paving projects have been planned for this summer. The following roads are scheduled to receive a new paved surface: Ironstone Ridge Road (between Blue Rock Road and Old Blue Rock Road), Manor Boulevard (between Williamsburg Road and the Four Way Stop at Valley Drive), Heather Ann Drive, Holly Ann Circle, Nicholas Road, and Tracy Berg 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 have been scheduled to receive this application this summer: Highville Road, Maverick Road, Old Blue Rock Road (between Supervisors Road and Blue Rock Road), Owl Bridge Road, Prospect Road (between Anchor Road and LeTort Road), South Creek Road, and Stehman Church Road (between Rock Hill Road and Indian Run 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 Rohrer Road, Indian Marker Road (between Highville Road and River Road), and the intersection of Sheep Lane at LeTort Road.



ITEMS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY

The landscaping and home renovation season is upon us. Often homeowners have limited space to store materials on their properties. Although it may 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 does not permit dumpsters, piles of mulch, stones, soil, or other materials to be placed on the street or



in the right of way. The Township also encourages residents to refrain from planting trees and shrubs in the right of way and to avoid placing portable basketball stands in such areas.

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.

If you have any questions about the right of way, please contact the Township Office at (717) 397-4769.

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. Participants commit to pick up litter on these segments at least four times during a one year period. In return for this service, the Township will place signs along the road acknowledging the participant. Efforts are made when possible to honor requests for adopting specific roads. The Township also provides trash bags, warning signs, and safety vests when the participating group actually goes out to pick up the litter.

Adopt-A-Highway began in 1990, and approximately 21 miles of township roads have been designated for clean-up under this program. A number of roads are available for adopting, such as: Ironstone Ridge Road, Stone Mill Road, Charlestown Road, Donerville Road, Prospect Road, Highville Road, and Hershey Mill Road. Participants include: church groups, homeowner's associations, families, and private companies.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the municipal office or email roads@manortwp.org.



DANGERS OF CARBON MONOXIDE

Rudy Vedder, EMT, Lancaster EMS

The days are shorter, weather's a bit colder, we're bundling up, and clocks are rolling back. Decorations get put up and taken down multiple times during this season and yet, do we take the time to ensure our CO detectors are properly functioning? Do we all have CO detectors? Sadly the answer is often "NO". We overlook these simple devices



far too often. According to the Center for Disease Control each year more than 500 deaths occur due to unintentional carbon monoxide exposure, unrelated to fire. Our homes often contain multiple sources for potential CO problems, such as: furnaces, gas stoves, generators, gas dryers, fireplaces, and lanterns. Without properly functioning CO detectors we are placing our families and loved ones at a great unnecessary risk. CO or Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas which causes illness and

death that is produced any time a fossil fuel is burned. Carbon Monoxide is especially dangerous to people due to its affinity for hemoglobin, which means it is attracted to our red blood cells. The problem this creates is that it binds to the same sites as oxygen. So, if CO levels rise in our environment, it will displace oxygen availability in our bodies. Once this begins to happen our bodies begin to become starved of oxygen. If prolonged, this will lead to injury and eventually death.

Some easy to recognize signs of CO exposure are:

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea/ Vomitting
- Weakness
- Loss of consciousness



The threat is real and occurs far more often than people realize. This year alone Lancaster EMS (LEMSA) responded to over 25 CO related incidents, with two of our response involving multiple patients. In May of this year, an exposure took place with over 300 patients needing evaluation and several being transported to the hospital for further treatment. Then again in October, an event took place where a large high rise was evacuated and multiple individuals were transported for CO exposure.

Preventing CO exposure is the most efficient way of avoiding the dangers. Some simple steps to keep your loved ones safe are:

- **DO** have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- **DO** install a battery-operated, or battery back-up, CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds, leave your home immediately and call 911.



EXPANDED E-WASTE LIST FOR HHW FACILITY

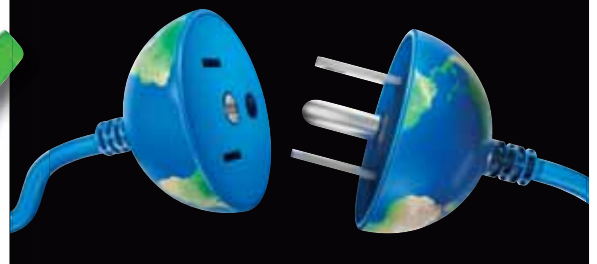
LCSWMA's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility has been accepting computers and computer peripherals from Lancaster County residents since 2001. In 2008, televisions were added to the list of materials accepted for free at the HHW. As recycling markets continue to evolve, we regularly review opportunities to expand the list of materials we accept at the HHW Facility. When vendors can provide consistent, environmentally-responsible services at reasonable prices for new materials, we add those items to our approved materials list in an effort to divert them from the waste stream.

Effective immediately, we've expanded the list of e-waste items accepted for FREE at the HHW facility from Lancaster County residents and small businesses to include the following:

- **Cameras: photo and video**
- **Cell phone peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpiece, air cards, clips, cases**
- **DVD and VCR players**
- **MP3 players and iPods**
- **PDA's**
- **Portable electronic game players and video game consoles**
- **Stereos and peripherals: CD players, amplifiers, turntables, speakers (NO wooden material)**

There is a limit of 10 items per customer, per day from residents and businesses (in addition to covered devices). Our *Resident's Guide to Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal in Lancaster County* has been updated with this new information and is available online or at the township office.

For additional information, contact the LCSWMA office at: info@lcswma.org.



STRAY DOGS

This is a reminder that residents should contact the Manor Township Police Department if they have a stray dog in custody or see a stray dog in their neighborhood. The Police Department will pick up any stray dog in custody. Additionally, if you have lost your dog, make sure you contact the Police Department, because we may already have your dog or someone may have contacted us that has your dog. If an owner cannot be located, the dog is transported to the Township's kennels and kept for a minimum of 48 hours (usually 72 or more). The dog's owner is charged a \$50 fee and \$10 a day boarding fee. Anytime a dog is taken to the kennels, a minimum fee of \$60 is required for the release of the dog along with a current license and rabies vaccination. If the dog's owner is not located after 48-72 hours, then the dog is placed up for adoption through rescues or taken to the new Lancaster County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Residents are reminded that the SPCA will not accept dogs without prior police department authorization, unless the resident is willing to pay the surrender fee.

The Police Department reminds dog owners to make sure that their pets are secured with a leash when they are off their property. Additionally, make sure that your dog is licensed and up to date with their rabies vaccination each year, because, besides the inconvenience of looking for your lost dog and the fee imposed by the Township for handling your lost dog, you may be cited under the dog law for not having a current dog license and/or letting your dog run at large, both which carry fines that range from \$50 up to \$300 and \$100 up to \$500 respectively, plus court costs.

One last reminder, the Police Department does not handle cats. They are feral animals and as such are not regulated.



MANOR TOWNSHIP CURFEW

The Manor Township Police Department reminds kids and parents that the curfew is 10:00 PM 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 though 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.



LANDLORDS AND TENANTS

The Township has been receiving more and more calls with questions regarding the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. However, because the Township does not have any ordinances that specifically address the relationship between landlords and tenants or oversee/regulate the lease agreements between the two parties, most questions cannot be answered by our office.

Those questions that we can answer typically revolve around helping people know who supplies their water and sewer. We can also help inform you of the certified trash haulers. For these items, simply call or email our office and we'd be happy to steer you in the right direction.

Also, we have a very helpful booklet published by the Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership that does a good job outlining the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. They are free and can be picked up in our office at 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

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.

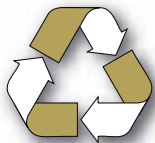
It is strongly suggested that you mark your homes with easy to read numbers that are large and reflective. The sooner we can find your home, the safer you will be. Thank you for your cooperation.

Manor Township Police Department



Manor Township Board of Supervisors

950 West Fairway Drive
Lancaster, PA 17603



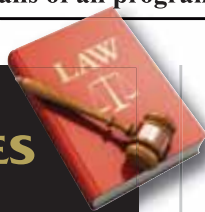
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MANOR TOWNSHIP UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

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

NEW ORDINANCES IN 2013



■ ORDINANCE 4-2013

Tract located along easterly side of Shultz Road from Rural to Agriculture.

■ ORDINANCE 5-2013

Establishment Rules & Regulations for use of all parks located in Manor Township.

■ ORDINANCE 6-2013

Vacation of portions of Kready Road to Murry Company, Inc./Sher-Wal Inc., Wayne A. Coleman & Armstrong World Industries Inc.

■ ORDINANCE 7-2013

Amending rules and regulations for discharge of Industrial Waste Mercury.

■ ORDINANCE 8-2013

Amends Manor Twp. Governmental Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

SPRING COMPOST

Now that spring is upon us many home gardeners are ready to work in their vegetable and flower gardens. Adding compost to gardens has been proven to enhance the soil. Gardeners have commented that incorporating compost into their gardens helps to keep the soil loose and enhances the ability to retain moisture.



Compost may be purchased at the Manor Township Compost Facility, located along Charlestown Road between South Centerville Road and Manor Boulevard, for \$10 a cubic yard. The dates scheduled for this spring are:

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

April 5th & 19th ■ May 17th

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

March 26th ■ April 30th



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

If you did not receive a calendar this year and would like to, please contact the Township Office at 397-4769 or email: evie@manortwp.org to be added to the mailing list.

