

MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER For the Residents of Manor Township

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Manor Township Curfew

The Manor Township Police Department reminds kids and parents that the curfew is 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday. This includes driving without an adult or a work permit note that specifies their work times, in the vehicle.

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.



MANOR TOWNSHIP TRAFFIC COMMISSION

The Manor Township Traffic Commission consists of a Township Supervisor, Director of Public Works and the Chief of Police. This Commission meets once a month as business dictates. The meetings, when held, are on the last Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Township meeting room. Questions or concerns regarding traffic regulations and safety are reviewed by the Commission at their monthly meeting. The Traffic Commission, with concurrence by the Board of Supervisors, has the authority to regulate the flow and speed of traffic and parking within Manor Township as permitted by Department of Transportation regulations.

If you have a request or concern for the Traffic Commission, please email Teresa, the Commission Secretary, at Teresa@manortwp.org. Teresa will ensure it is delivered to Commission members. Please be as detailed as possible with your request or concern. Make sure you give your name, email (if you have one), contact phone number, and an address.

Below are some frequently asked questions, concerns, and complaints that we cannot assist with:

■ **“Can you do something about drivers that are cutting through our neighborhood and using our roads as a shortcut?”** No, it is not illegal. Motorists are allowed to drive on any and every public roadway in the Commonwealth.

■ **“Why can't you just place speed bumps on the roadways?”** Speed bumps are not used within the Township to regulate speed. Maintenance and insurance issues are just some of the reasons why speed bumps are not utilized.

■ **“Why don't you just install more stop signs to control speeders?”** It is illegal to post a stop sign for speed enforcement. In the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, which is the Commonwealth's governing manual for sign placement, it states in Section 2B.05 that “stop signs should not be used for speed control.” It further states that “vehicular volume counts, sight distances, crash data analysis, and vehicle delay estimates should be used to properly evaluate proper sign placement.”

■ **“Why aren't the police in my neighborhood more?”** The Police Department has taken a pro-active approach to traffic enforcement to address various concerns. Manor Township is a very large Township



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Employee Spotlight



Jason Funk

Jason Funk is our Employee Spotlight. Perhaps you have seen him working on the roadways or mowing grass in the parks.

Jason joined Manor Township Public Works Department in the fall of 2015. He is the oldest of three brothers and has always resided in Lancaster County. He was homeschooled all the way through school. A year was spent in Texas at a bible school and after his return home, he began working for the township. After a few months of working part-time, Jason believes God opened the door with a full-time position.

In his free time, Jason enjoys archery hunting, either locally or in the mountains. He also enjoys being involved with church events. Some of Jason's most memorable vacation destinations are to his family cabin or going to the beach. As kids sometimes they were woken up at 4:00 a.m. with a surprise trip to the beach for the day.

Jason grew up working on local farms. He feels that experience has helped him in working for the township. He expressed what a blessing it is to work with his fellow co-workers and also to work for the township in which he lives.



Planning a Summer Picnic?



Residents can rent pavilions at any of the following Manor Township parks: Charlestown - Hovis, Shenk or Strickler; Creswell; Greider - Pavilion #1 and Goodhart; 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 Township Office. Greider and Charlestown's 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 reservations, contact the Township Office at 717-397-4769.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

Manor Township has a NEW facebook page resident's can visit for current information and updates on upcoming events at:

www.facebook.com/ManorTownship

Visit our Police Department page, as well, for current matters of public interest at:

www.facebook.com/manortownshippolice



FUN FACTS

Test your knowledge of Manor Township by trying to identify these two roads before they were developed. The answers can be found on pg. 6.

PICTURE #1: Hurricane Agnes was 45 years ago this June. Can you tell where this wash out occurred along the Little Conestoga in Manor Township?

PICTURE #2: Approximately 12,000 vehicles drive across this road each day.



PICTURE #1



PICTURE #2





New Butterfly Garden at Woods Edge Park

A new butterfly garden has been added to the landscape bed at the Woods Edge Park, which is located at 250 South Centerville Road. This new addition to the park was proposed and installed by the Wilshire Hills Lions Club. The club, whose motto is “We Serve,” was chartered in 2014. In addition to the garden, the group has sponsored a park bench that the Public Works Department recently built and installed so that park visitors can sit and enjoy the butterflies. The club is also an active participant in the Township’s Adopt-A-Highway program. Club secretary Deb Keeports recently stated, “Our club is always looking to give back to the community.”



Storm Water Catch Basins

Throughout Manor Township there are over 2,000 storm water catch basins. In 2016 and 2017, each one of these basins was inspected by the Public Works Department. Catch basins are designed to collect storm water runoff only. Storm water is piped and released into drainage easements. **These drains may not be used for disposal of unwanted items such as; motor oil, paint, concrete, stones, or organic matter.** These items not only create obstructions in the flow of storm water, which can lead to clogged pipes, but even more importantly, can affect the quality of water as the storm water drains into the waters of the Commonwealth.

Remember the old saying, “Drains are for Rains.” Any illicit discharge into the storm water catch basins, or drainage areas should be reported to the Township Office at 717-397-4769.



Reducing Pollutants With Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems

In order to improve the quality of the water that enters the Chesapeake Bay, Manor Township participates in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Program. Mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency, a MS4 is a conveyance designed to collect storm water runoff and to reduce the pollutants discharged into receiving waters.

As a township resident, you can help improve water quality by following these guidelines:

LAWN AND GARDEN

- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides and follow all recommend rates for use.
- Do not blow fertilizer onto the street or wash it into storm drains.
- Compost or recycle yard waste rather than placing it at the end of storm water pipe discharges. Improper disposal can cause the waste to enter waterways, clog storm water pipes, or possibly cause flooding.



VEHICLES

- Use your lawn or other unpaved surface when washing a vehicle. This will minimize the amount of soapy, dirty water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into a nearby stream or creek.
- Clean up all spilled fluids with an absorbent material as soon as possible. Do not wash the fluid into storm drains.

The Township is committed to the responsibility of reducing water pollution. Storm water inlets and easements are inspected on an annual basis to identify any illegal dumping or erosion control issues. Pollutants that are commonly found include oil, paint, concrete, yard waste, sediment, pet waste, and litter. All of these illicit discharges lead to waterway pollution. Please report any discharges to our Township Office by calling 717-397-4769.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Each year, on the first Tuesday of the month in August, National Night Out is celebrated nationally. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



Manor Township, in cooperation with the Millersville Borough Police, Millersville University Police, and the East Hempfield Police will host their National Night Out at Leisure Lanes located at 3440 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster on August 1, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Participants from Blue Rock Fire Rescue Department, East Hempfield Police Department, Millersville University Police Department, Millersville Borough Police Department, Manor Township Police Department, HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response, Morgan’s Towing, 96.1 WSOX radio station, and other local agencies will be there with information on their agency with free handouts for the public.

The night will feature food donations from the following sponsors: Kunzler’s, Herr’s, Turkey Hill, John Herr’s Market, Rita’s Italian Ice, Scoop’s, and the Salvation Army. The public is invited to this FREE event. If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Kim Geyer at 717-299-5231 or geyerk@police.co.lancaster.pa.us.

Approaching Emergency Vehicles

Duty of driver on approach of emergency vehicle subsection 3325 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (PAVC), Title 75 reads “(a) General rule. – Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle making use of an audible signal and visual signals meeting the requirement and standards set forth in regulations adopted by the department, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in that position until the emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer or an appropriately attired person authorized to direct, control or regulate traffic. On one-way roadways a driver may comply by driving to the edge or curb which is nearest to the lane in which he is traveling.”

This subsection, in a nut shell, means when you see a police vehicle, fire apparatus, or ambulance, the driver of a vehicle must pull over to the right, stop and let them pass. The life they are going to try and save may be from your family. The fine for violating this subsection of the PAVC is \$25 if convicted. However, the total cost with surcharge, court, and other costs is \$129.

We appreciate your compliance with this because this saves lives and reduces the chances of police officers, firefighters, and EMS workers getting hurt while performing their jobs.



STRAY CATS

The Township does not have a legal obligation to address stray cats in the community like it does dogs. Therefore, if you encounter a stray cat, we suggest that you contact one of the following organizations for assistance: Pet Pantry of Lancaster - 717-983-8878, PAWS - 717-957-8122, Helping Hands for Animals - 717-687-7297, or Lancaster County Cat Rescue - 717-399-5449.



It's Lyme Time!

Be Tick Aware!



1 Walk in the middle of trails; avoid sitting on logs and leaning on trees.

2 Wear a hat, tuck in hair, if possible.

3 Wear a long-sleeved shirt fitted at the wrist.

4 Wear shoes, no bare feet or sandals.

5 Wear long pants tucked into high socks or duct tape around pants.

6 Consider Deet for skin and permethrin for clothes.

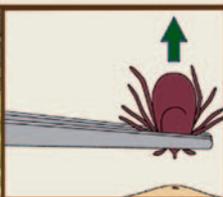
7 Wear white or light-colored clothing to make it easier to see ticks.

8 Do tick checks immediately and 3 days after outdoor activity.

9 If you find a tick, ask an adult to remove it carefully and save it.



Lyme Disease is transmitted by a tiny tick the size of a poppy seed.



Remove tick with tweezers. Pull straight out as close to the skin as possible. Save tick in container and call doctor.

California Lyme Disease Association
www.lymedisease.org

Lyme Disease Association
www.LymeDiseaseAssociation.org

Tips to Fight West Nile Virus

Mosquito borne illnesses do occur in Pennsylvania. The PA Department of Environmental Protection has an active Vector Management Program to address and limit the exposure to people, particularly the West Nile Virus (WNV).

West Nile Virus is a disease spread by mosquitoes, which bite birds infected with WNV, then bite people and animals. About 1 in 5 people who are infected will develop a fever with other symptoms. Less than 1% will develop a serious, sometimes fatal, neurologic illness.

Residents can reduce the chance of being bitten by mosquitoes infected with West Nile Virus or other diseases by eliminating standing water on or near their property, which becomes a perfect mosquito breeding ground in just four days, by following the following tips:

Dump It: Dump water from buckets, flower pots, kiddie pools, old tires and other containers. Even a cupful of water can breed thousands of mosquitoes.

Drain It: Trash cans and other containers that are left outside may hold water. Drill small holes in the bottom of these containers to let water drain out.

Treat It: Birdbaths, ponds, ditches and low spots where standing water can't be removed can be treated with Bti products, available at outdoor, lawn and garden, home improvement and other retail stores, and safe for kids, pets and plants.

For more information, visit www.westnile.state.pa.us.

TOWNSHIP BURNING ORDINANCE

In 2005, the Manor Township Board of Supervisors passed a new Burning Ordinance known as 4-2005. Components of this ordinance include:

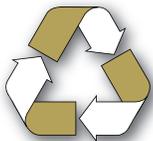
- Burning is illegal in all residential and commercial zones.
- Burning is allowed in rural and agricultural zones with restrictions.
- Limited campfires are now permitted.
- If you are going to burn, please request a copy of the ordinance to assure compliance.

The Ordinance may be viewed online at www.manortwp.net/burningordinance.pdf. For further questions, please contact our Zoning Department at 717-397-4769.



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MANOR TOWNSHIP UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Full details of all programs can be found at www.manortwp.net or by calling 717-397-4769.

Manor Township Traffic Commission

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and the Police Department patrols over 48.6 square miles between land and water (the Susquehanna River). Within the Township there are over 110 miles of Township roads and approximately 33 miles of State roads that the Police Department patrols and enforces traffic and criminal laws on.



FUN FACTS ANSWERS

PICTURE #1 = Owl Bridge Road looking east at the Lancaster County Bridge.

PICTURE #2 = This road was known as Kready Road, now called S. Centerville Road. This picture shows the pine trees along the south side of Wilshire Hills.



**BLUE ROCK FIRE RESCUE
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Blue Rock Fire Rescue is in need of volunteers to help in numerous capacities including firefighters, administrative help, fire police, technical rescue, collapse rescue and water rescue. If you would like to help, please stop by any of the following fire stations to pick up an application. Our stations are located at:

- Station 1** (West Lancaster) 1697 Temple Avenue, Lancaster
- Station 3** (Highville)..... 3079 River Road, Conestoga
- Station 5** (Millersville) 26 E. Charlotte Street, Millersville
- Station 7** (Washington Boro) 11 Charlestown Road, Washington Boro

If you are interested in learning more about the fire department, we invite you to attend our monthly business meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Millersville Station at 7:30 p.m.

We provide our members with the very best fire protective gear and insurance and we pay for all of their training. Our modern fleet of vehicles includes 4 pumpers, 1 rescue pumper, 1 heavy rescue, 3 tankers, 6 squads, 3 boats, 2 collapse rescue vehicles, 2 special operations trailers, an ATV and several other small multi-purpose vehicles.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL 717-872-9345
OR VISIT US ONLINE AT
www.bluerockfire.com**