

MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER For the Residents of Manor Township

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Increased Truck Traffic

Beginning Saturday, June 12th and ending Sunday, August 16th, the Transfer Station Complex (1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster) will be closed to permitted haulers as a contractor makes extensive repairs to the tunnel used for loading LCSWMA's transfer trucks. The facility closure is necessary to complete repairs as quickly and safely as possible. The household hazardous waste facility and recycling drop-off will remain open to residents.

The impact of this closure is increased truck traffic to the Frey Farm Landfill in Manor Township and the Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility in Conoy Township. Truck traffic is expected to increase from an average of 140 trucks to 260 trucks into the landfill each day. To accommodate this traffic, Landfill operating hours will be temporarily extended to 6 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday and 7 AM to 11 AM every Saturday (depending on timing of deliveries, the closing time could be extended to 5 PM weekdays and noon Saturdays, which has been approved by the Township and PADEP). LCSWMA's mitigation efforts for the increased truck traffic will include more frequent speed checks and litter collection on River Road. Further, LCSWMA is partnering with Manor Township Police on enhanced enforcement of township-permitted haul roads.

In addition to the increased police presence, LCSWMA has given a financial donation for new park equipment in the communities most effected by the increased truck traffic. Manor Township's Public Works Department will be installing this new playground equipment in both Creswell Park and Washington Boro Park.



Tips for Environmentally Friendly Lawns and Gardens

■ **You may be able to save yourself a bit of money and frustration if you have a soil test done before planting or applying fertilizers.** Plants, including yard grasses, need the right levels of acidity or alkalinity, phosphorous, potassium, and nitrogen to thrive. These need to be in the right balance for the nutrient needs of the specific area you will be planting in. Adding more fertilizers, or the wrong type of fertilizer for the area, may damage your plants, or just runoff into our local waterways. A soil test can help identify what levels of which nutrients you need to get your plants growing well. Soil tests are usually readily available through garden centers and university extension offices.

■ **The use of fertilizers for lawns and gardens should be minimized as much as possible, or outright eliminated.** Please consider avoiding fertilizers with phosphorous, and only using slow-release nitrogen fertilizers. Fertilizer should not be applied when rain is soon expected, and is not to be applied within at least 15 feet of any stormwater management area, road drain, stream, or pond. Fertilizer must be swept off of any hard surfaces, such as sidewalks and driveways, so it does not wash into storm drains.

■ **Seed using a regionally appropriate grass-seed mix.** Seeding yard or turf areas with grass seed intended for the mid-west or south, may not do as well as seed mixes developed for our climate in the northeast. Additionally, a seed-mix that has more than one type of grass seed will be more resistant to pests and diseases than grass seed of only one type of grass.

■ **When mowing grass, consider using a mulching set-up on your mower; and leaving the grass clippings on the lawn.** Mulched grass clippings act as an all-natural and free fertilizer for your lawn, meaning less time and money applying chemical fertilizers.

■ **Mowing grass at the highest cutting setting will help the grass to out-compete weeds without having to use chemical weed killers.** Keeping the grass longer also reduces, or eliminates, watering needs for the grass to stay green; even through the hottest days of the summer.

■ **Please remember to sweep or blow grass clippings off of all sidewalks, streets, and storm drains.** Grass clippings left on streets can be very slick, and may be a hazard to motorists and pedestrians. Grass clippings can also wash into storm drains,

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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 seem to be a convenient spot to deliver items, storing or staging materials on the public street is not permitted and in violation of Ordinance Number 5-1986. Even if it's just for a couple hours or for a day or two, the Township does not permit dumpsters, portable toilets, and piles of mulch, stones, soil, or other materials to be placed on the street or in the right-of-way. The Township also would like to encourage residents to refrain from planting trees and shrubs in the right of way and to avoid placing portable basketball standards 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 a question about the right-of-way, please call the Township Office at 397-4769.



BRIDGE CLOSURE

Beginning on June 7th, 2021 Lobar Site Development Corporation will begin implementation of a detour on River Road to facilitate a bridge repair project known as the Safe Harbor Bridge over the Conestoga River in Manor Township located adjacent to 4676 River Road. The detour is anticipated to be in effect until August 27th, 2021. Questions about this project should be directed to PennDot at 717-299-7621.

ZONING CORNER

Grass & Weeds Ordinance

Manor Township has a Grass & Weeds Ordinance that requires every person owning or occupying any property in the Township upon which grass or weeds in excess of six inches (6") in height, MUST cut grass or weeds on or before the 1st of each month from May to October of each year. Exceptions include trees, shrubs, flower beds, gardens, vegetables, seasonal and ornamental grasses, wetlands, woodland areas within fifteen feet (15') of a stream or pond and land cultivated in crop production.



If you own property in the Township, make sure the grass and weeds on your property are mowed on a regular basis. If you have any questions, contact the Township Office at 717-397-4769.

Zoning/Building Permits

Permits are required before beginning all construction within the Township. Zoning Permits are issued to ensure compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and Building Permits are issued to ensure compliance with the Uniform Construction Code (Pennsylvania State Construction Code). Also, please check if you have any deed restrictions and also check with your Homeowners Association before applying for a permit, if applicable.



The cost of a zoning or building permit is determined according to the total value of the construction or improvement. **Permit applications are available at the Township office or website at: www.manortwp.org.** Typically, permit turnaround time is two weeks or less, so plan accordingly.

The Cookie Nook

CEREAL COOKIES

Ingredients:

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| 1 C white sugar | 1 C Rice Krispies cereal |
| 1 C brown sugar | 1/2 C nuts (chopped) |
| 3 eggs | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 tsp. baking soda | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 C flour | 1 C chocolate chips |
| 2 C quick rolled oats | 1 C shortening |

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350° degrees. Spray cookie sheet with nonstick spray.
2. Cream together shortening and sugars. Add other ingredients and fold in chocolate chips.
3. Drop by spoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet.
4. Bake for 10-12 mins. Transfer to wire rack to cool.

Recipe Courtesy of Kitty Lownsbey

If you would like to share a recipe that could be chosen to appear in our newsletter, please email complete recipe along with your name to akautz@manortwp.org.

NEW ADDITION TO THE WASHINGTON BORO PARK



Park Pavilion Reservations

Residents can rent pavilions at any of the following Manor Township parks: Greider (two different pavilions – Pavilion #1 & Goodhart), Charlestown (three different pavilions – Hovis, Shenk or Strickler), Washington Boro, Creswell or Woods Edge. Pavilions are rented on a first come, first serve basis and reservations are accepted beginning the first business day of the New Year at a cost of \$40 (\$125 for non-residents). NOTE: The pavilions at Greider and Manor Township Community Park can only be reserved weekdays after 4:00 p.m. during the Township’s Summer Playground in the Park Program. Reservations will still be taken on the weekends.

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



Tips for Environmentally Friendly Lawns & Gardens

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and down into nearby streams, polluting our waterways and contributing to algae blooms in the Chesapeake Bay.

■ **When planting, consider using native species of plants.** Plants that are native to PA will generally grow the best, and will provide the most benefit to local wildlife and pollinating insects. Your local nursery, greenhouse, seed store, environmental groups, and/or university extension may be able to help you in selecting and planning the best way to use native plants on your property.

■ **Now may be a good time to start composting!** Composting is a great way to deal with yard waste, reduce waste going to landfills, and save money on buying planting soils. Some composting types for residential properties include: compost piles or bins, vermicomposting (with worms), and fermentation composting. Each type has its own pros, cons, and limitations; but any type can be beneficial to our environment if properly managed.

■ **Dog Poop Patrol.** Perhaps the least pleasant part of owning a pooch is dealing with the half-frozen landmines littering your yard after the snow melts away, but deal with it we must! Dog waste can have high levels of antibiotic resistant bacterium that are both health hazards and are water quality pollutants. Please remember to timely collect and dispose of your dog’s leavings, preferably by bagging the waste in bio-degradable bags and placing them in the garbage.

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.





MOVE OVER... IT'S THE LAW

Pennsylvania's Move Over Law requires drivers approaching an emergency response area who are unable to safely merge into a lane farther away from the response area to "pass the emergency response area at a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit and reasonable for safely passing."

Failure to move over or slow down will result in a citation that carries a fine of \$500 for first time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 and a 90-day license suspension for a third or subsequent offense. Penalties are increased for incidents that seriously injure or kill another person.

CURFEW INFORMATION

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. This includes driving without an adult or a work permit note that specifies their work times, in the vehicle.

The majority of the time 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. 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 trying to meet up somewhere. Parents just need to be aware of where their kids are at all times.



We Want To Hear From You

Manor Township welcomes your feedback on the services we provide. We take pride in the quality of our work product and ability to provide exemplary customer service at the same time. Please take a moment of your time tell us what you think by scanning the attached QR Code or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Manortwp>. Every response will be reviewed by the Supervisors and Township Manager.



LIKE IT? LOCK IT!

With warm weather approaching, the Manor Township Police Department would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles and remove valuable items, daily. Residents can help prevent being a victim of a crime by locking their vehicles and making it a routine.

The Police Department would also like to remind residents that if they have a video surveillance camera, they can register it on the Manor Township Police Crimewatch page (<https://lancaster.crimewatchpa.com/manorpd>). With the assistance of the public and their cameras, the Police Department has solved past crimes. Surveillance cameras also act as a deterrent to theft and property crimes.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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 West Hempfield Township Police will host their National Night Out at Leisure Lanes located at 3440 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster on August 3, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Participants from Manor Township Police Department, West Hempfield Police Department, Blue Rock Fire Rescue Department, Mountville Fire Company, Lancaster County Park Rangers, Lancaster County Coroner's Office, Lancaster County Special Emergency Response Team, Lancaster EMS, The Fish and Boat Commission, Morgan's Towing, Cabbage Hill Towing, Patriot-St. Denis Towing, along with other local agencies will be there with information on their agency with free handouts and giveaways for the public. Additionally, a K-9 Demonstration will be conducted by East Hempfield Police Department, and a Drone demonstration will be conducted by West Hempfield Police Department. Live Music is also being sought for the event.

The night will feature fun games and prizes, along with different activities for children of all ages! Food Trucks at the event will include Farm Show Milk Shakes, Walk-O-Taco, Scoop's Food and Ice Cream, Good Guys Chicken and Fries, Dough Heads, and Rita's Ice. The public is invited. If you have any questions or would like to participate contact Sergeant Kim Geyer at geyerk@manorpd.org, Officer Trevor St. Clair at StClairT@manorpd.org or Officer Gabriel Rimolo at RimoloG@whtpd.org.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021
6:00 - 8:00 PM
LEISURE LANES PARKING LOT



NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

Back on August 4th, 2008 a new Noise Ordinance was signed into law by the Manor Township Board of Supervisors and is now in effect. The substance of the new ordinance states:

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Manor finds that failure of persons maintaining animals, social gatherings, and other activities to regulate the noise emanating from their premises constitutes a violation of the peace and enjoyment of the residents of the Township of Manor and a public nuisance. Specifically, such noise emanating from sound amplification equipment, radios, electronic sound recording equipment, vehicles, persons maintaining animals, social gatherings, and other activities which:

- A.** Create a nuisance in that residents are deprived of the enjoyment of their homes, disturbed in their sleep, and otherwise prevented from the quiet enjoyment of their residential premises.
- B.** Affect the property values of residences in the Township of Manor.
- C.** Affect the public welfare by reflecting negatively on the quality of life in residential areas of the Township of Manor.
- D.** Disturb the peace and good order of the Township of Manor; and
- E.** Create noise pollution.

PROHIBITED ACTS; VIOLATIONS.

- A.** Noise disturbance prohibited. No person shall make, continue, or cause to be made, or cause to be continued any noise disturbance by any means, nor shall any person suffer, allow, or permit any noise disturbance, by any means, to be made or continued from or at any property, whether public or private, real, or personal, that is subject to such person's right to control.
- B.** Animals. The following is declared to be a noise disturbance and therefore in violation of this chapter: Owning, possessing, harboring, or controlling any animal which howls, barks, or makes other sounds continuously and/or incessantly for a period of 10 minutes or makes such noise intermittently for ½ hour or more to the disturbance of any person at any time of the day or night regardless of whether the animal is situated in or upon private property; provided, however, that at the time the animal is making such noise, no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal is situated.
- C.** Prima facie violation. Prima facie evidence of a noise disturbance shall exist if the noise from any of the acts prohibited:
 - 1.** Disturbs two or more residents who are in general agreement as to the times and durations of the noise and who reside in separate residences including apartments and condominiums located within the same building, located across a property line (boundary) from the property in which the source of the noise is generated.
 - 2.** One resident located across a property line (boundary) from the property on which the source of the noise is generated and corroborated by a police officer.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.

The following procedures and penalties are prescribed for enforcement of this Ordinance:

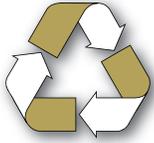
- A.** Any person making a complaint pursuant to this Ordinance shall file a written complaint with the Manor Township Police Department on a form provided by the Manor Township Police Department.
- B.** Warning. If it is determined that there is a noise disturbance, the Township of Manor, shall upon written complaint by the affected person, who resides in the Township of Manor, confirmed by a second resident who resides in Manor Township, or corroborated by a Manor Township Police Officer, issue a written warning to the person responsible. Any such warning shall be in effect for six (6) months.
- C.** Offenses. If it is determined that a noise is in excess of that permitted by this Ordinance and shall have been caused or permitted by any person within six (6) months after the issuance of a warning, the Township Police may prosecute such person causing or permitting said noise level before the District Magistrate.

The full text of the ordinance is available at the Manor Township Office and can be found at: www.manortwp.org.



**Manor Township
Board of Supervisors**

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MANOR TOWNSHIP UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

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

Stormwater Catch Basins

Throughout Manor Township there are over 2,000 stormwater catch basins. In 2016 and 2017, each one of these basins was inspected by the Public Works Department. Catch basins are designed to collect stormwater runoff only. Stormwater 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 stormwater, which can lead to clogged pipes, but even more importantly, can affect the quality of water as the stormwater drains into the waters of the Commonwealth.

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



**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

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**

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Monday, July 5** 4th of July - Offices Closed
- Monday, September 6** Labor Day - Offices Closed