

MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER

For the

Residents of Manor Township

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JOB OPENING!

Manor Township is seeking a FT office Administrative Assistant in the Police Department. Duties will include functions typically commensurate with secretarial work, including answering phones, routing calls, interacting with the public, type/file/process documents, and other general office functions. If you think you are the right fit and would like an opportunity to serve the community as part of the Manor Township Police team, send a resume to Manor Township, 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603, or stop in to pick-up an application.

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. Parents just need to be aware of where their kids are at all times.



Manor Township Community Park Improvements

The Manor Township Community Park which is located at 2670 Charlestown Road is one of the most visited parks in Manor Township. The park that opened in 1976 offers a variety of recreational activities for all ages. This spring several projects were completed to enhance the park.

The nine hole disc golf course was redesigned by local disc golf enthusiast Jeff Geoghan. The course is now known as the Conestoga Creek Disc Golf Course. The fresh layout offers two levels of play. The white course is geared towards recreational players that brings challenging shots that cross the Little Conestoga. The green course is a great opportunity for new players wanting to make less challenging throws. The remodeled course was completed in April, and has seen a significant number of new players enjoying the new layout.

A goal of the Park and Recreation Board has been to install pickle ball courts here in Manor Township. Park and Recreation Board Chairman Edward Rand commented, "Pickle ball is one of the fastest growing sports in Lancaster County. Our three new pickle ball courts will ease the demand on courts outside our township. Our residents will no longer have to travel to nearby overcrowded courts to play. I have spoken with several Manor Township residents who were very excited when they heard of the new courts in our township". The courts are located just beyond the flag pole and large playground.

To accommodate the pickle ball courts the sand volleyball court was relocated next to the basketball courts.



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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 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.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

More than 2,200 catch basins are located throughout Manor Township, and are designed to collect storm water run-off that is then piped, and released untreated into drainage easements. These drains are not to be used for disposal of unwanted items such as motor oil, paint, concrete, stones, soapy water, or organic matter since they will eventually reach the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Disposal of any items into storm water facilities is strictly prohibited, and considered an illicit discharge. Swimming pool water is also prohibited from being drained into storm water systems. Citizens are encouraged to report any illicit discharges into storm water facilities at 717-397-4769.



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

PEANUT BUTTER EXPLOSION COOKIES

Ingredients:

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| 1 stick softened butter (room temp) | 1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour |
| 1/4 cup granulated sugar | 1/2 tsp. baking soda |
| 1/2 cup brown sugar | 3 pinches salt |
| 1 cup creamy peanut butter | 1/2 bag of Reese's Mini Unwrapped peanut |
| 1 egg | butter cups |
| 1 tablespoon vanilla extract | |

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350° and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a mixer, combine butter, sugars, peanut butter, egg, and vanilla.
- In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking soda and salt.
- Add dry ingredients to the peanut butter mixture until well combined.
- Fold in 1/2 bag of Reese's Mini peanut butter cups into the dough.
- Sprinkle granulated sugar onto the parchment paper.
- Scoop and ball dough approximately an inch apart on baking sheet.
- Place into oven and bake for 12 minutes.
- Remove from oven, sprinkle with more sugar. Allow to cool and enjoy!

Recipe Courtesy of Officer Mary Reynolds

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.

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Need a beautiful location for your family reunion, birthday party, wedding reception, or picnic? Manor Township has the perfect spot for you. Residents can rent pavilions at any of our following parks: Blue Rock - Breneman; 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 at a cost of \$40 for residents and \$125 for non-residents. Reservation forms and payment must be submitted to the Township office to secure a pavilion.

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.

Note: The pavilions at Greider and Charlestown Park can only be reserved weekdays after 4pm during the Township's Summer Playground program. Reservations will still be taken on the weekends.



Fight the Bite to Prevent West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease

Whether you are enjoying one of the Township's many parks or tending your home garden or yard, Manor Township encourages residents to help **"Fight the Bite"** while outdoors. Avoiding mosquito and tick bites is the best way to protect you and your family from West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease.

Follow these simple tips to Fight the Bite:

- Use repellent on clothes and exposed skin, remembering to apply sunscreen first and then repellent with at least 20% or higher DEET.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when weather permits.
- Avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter and walk in the center of trails to avoid direct contact with ticks.
- Shower and find and remove ticks as soon as possible after being outdoors.
- Examine clothes and gear and tumble dry on high heat for 10 mins. to kill ticks.
- Check and treat your pets, as well, since they can bring ticks into your home.
- Mosquito- and tick-proof your home and neighborhood by eliminating any sources of standing water on or near your property, which can become a perfect mosquito breeding ground in just four days.
- Regularly check and empty water from flower pots, buckets, barrels, birdbaths, kiddie pools and swimming pool covers, old tires, pet dishes, trash cans, and any other items outside your home.
- Check, clean and repair clogged rain gutters and screens on windows and doors, as needed, to keep mosquitoes outside.

**Anyone with symptoms of severe West Nile Virus--fever, headache, neck stiffness, and/or confusion--should seek medical care right away. Visit your doctor if you experience a fever or rash. Early treatment with antibiotics can prevent ongoing health problems from Lyme Disease.*

For more information, visit www.westnile.state.pa.us and www.health.pa.gov.

Burning & Campfires

Who doesn't love to make s'mores on an open fire? Or roast a hotdog? It's that time of year where we get a lot of complaints about open burning. Below are some of the restrictions related to burning and campfires.

Burning - Open fires shall be permitted on private property in the (A) Agricultural Zone; (R) Rural Zone; (C) Conservation Zone; and (E) Excavation Zone of Manor Township Zoning Ordinance between official sunrise and sunset as determined by the U.S. Naval Observatory on each day of the week, except for Sunday, and are subject to the restrictions found in the Manor Township Ordinance Chapter 155, Burning, Outdoor. Check out all of our ordinances at www.manortwp.net.

Campfires - Campfires shall be allowed in all districts, at any time, subject to the following regulations:

1. Campfire should be no greater than three feet across and no closer than 25 ft. to any building.
2. Campfire should be enclosed with stones, bricks or some other method to ensure the fire will not spread.
3. Campfire must burn only dry firewood. No other materials are permitted.
4. Purpose is for comradeship only.
5. At least one adult must be present at fire at all times.
6. Campfire must be fully extinguished at end of period.

If you have any questions concerning either of these topics, please feel free to reach out to any of our officers at 717-299-5231.



POLICE REPORT



Happy Retirement!

The Manor Township Police Department would like to thank Lieutenant Kim Geyer for over 26 years of service to the Township. Kim's last day in uniform was June 2, 2023. She started her law enforcement career as an officer in Columbia Borough in 1992 and was hired away by MTPD in April 1997. Kim worked her way up through the patrol ranks and is retiring after serving in a variety of positions in the department, including a stint as Acting Chief. Her cheerful energy and tireless work ethic will be missed!

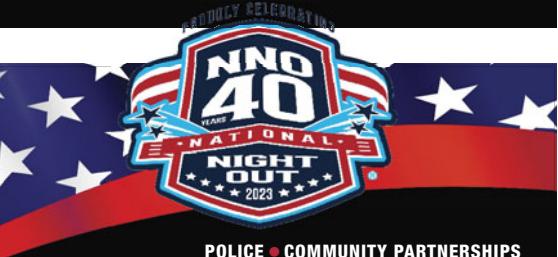
FINGERPRINTING

MTPD offers fingerprinting services for a fee (\$25 residents, \$50 non-residents) as calls for police service permit. It is a good idea to call ahead to 717-299-5231 if you need to be fingerprinted for work or school.



WATCH YOUR SPEED

Summer is here and school is out! Please remember kids are running, biking, and playing around during the day and evening, so watch out for them and watch your speed.



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, and 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 and Millersville University Police Department will host their National Night Out at Leisure Lanes located at 3440 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster on August 1, 2023, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Bring the kids to this free event and meet your first responders, play fun games and have some snacks. Manor Township Police Department will be joined by police personnel from West Hempfield Township and Millersville University, 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, Morgan's Towing, Cabbage Hill Towing, Patriot-St. Denis Towing, along with other local agencies with information on their agency and free handouts and giveaways for the public. Additionally, a Drone demonstration will be conducted by West Hempfield Township Police Department, and a Life Lion helicopter from Penn State Health may make an appearance.

Food Trucks at the event will include Farm Show Milk Shakes, Walk-O-Taco, Maine Course, Rita's Ice, MN Riverview Farms, Philadelphia Hoagie Co., and The Pretzel Spot Cafe. The public is invited. If you have any questions or would like to participate, contact Corporal Trevor St. Clair at StClairT@manorpdpd.org.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 PM
LEISURE LANES PARKING LOT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for Lancaster County Youth Aid Panel

What is a Youth Aid Panel?

- An alternative method for addressing juvenile criminal actions without the court system being involved.
- Opportunity to discuss the youth's behavior with individuals from their own community
- Partnership with Lancaster County Police Departments

The Lancaster County Youth Aid Panel (YAP) is a diversionary program for youth under the supervision of the District Attorney's Office



Get in Touch

Dena Maounis - Youth Aid Panel Coordinator
717-291-8100 ext. 8500
<https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/519/Youth-Aid-Panel>



Safe2Say Something

Why the **Safe2Say Something** program? Each year millions of youths hurt themselves or others through verbal, physical and digital means. These behaviors can cause the youth to experience emotional trauma and physical injury, mental health or wellness issues, stress or anxiety.

The **Safe2Say Something** program is an anonymous reporting system for youths and adults to warn the school and police officials of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. It provides a phone app, website, and 24-hour crisis telephone hotline to submit anonymous tips.

STEP 1: someone submits a tip through the app, website, or phone call. **STEP 2:** the tip is received by an analyst and then categorized and sent to a school official and law enforcement (as needed). **STEP 3:** the school official and possibly law enforcement intervenes to help the individual. The school official reports the outcome back to the **Safe2Say Something** platform, it is documented, and the tip is closed out.

The mobile app is available for Apple or Android devices, the website is www.safe2saypa.org, and the tip line number is 1-844-safe2say.

LIKE IT? LOCK IT!

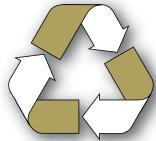
With warm weather approaching, the Manor Township Police Department would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles and remove valuable items, daily. Residents can help prevent being a victim of a crime by locking their vehicles and making it a routine.

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/manorp>). With the assistance of the public and their cameras, the Police Department has solved past crimes. Surveillance cameras also act a deterrent to theft and property crimes.



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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.



PROJECT LIFESAVER

Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies strategically designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. Included in these conditions are people with autism, dementia, Alzheimer’s, or other cognitive condition that may cause them to wander.

Manor Township Police Department participates in Project Lifesaver and along with the assistance of West Hempfield Township’s tracking unit can locate individuals that have the personal location system on them.

If you have a loved one that you would like to find out more information about this program for, please go to the website <https://projectlifesaver.org>.



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 pumper, 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:

Tuesday, July 44th of July - Offices Closed
Monday, September 4.....Labor Day - Offices Closed