

MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER For the Residents of Manor Township

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MANOR TOWNSHIP 2025 DISCOUNT TICKETS

Manor Township is a 2025 partner with PA Recreation and Parks Society and is receiving discount tickets to popular destination attractions in the area. These destination areas include Adventure Aquarium, Dutch Wonderland, Knoebels Amusement



Park, Morey's Piers, Museum of the American Revolution, Six Flags Great Adventure (NJ) and Splash Zone Water Park (Wildwood, NJ). These tickets will be offered to residents from Tuesday, May 27th until gone or sold out. Payment will be accepted via cash or check at the time of purchase on a first come, first serve basis with no holds. Tickets are for the year 2025. Pricing discounts and more

information is available on the Township Facebook page and in the office. Or, you may call 717-397-4769 for more information.

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



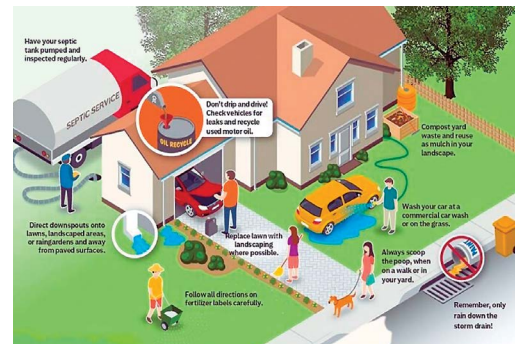
REDUCING POLLUTANTS With Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems

In order to improve the quality of the water that enters the Chesapeake Bay, Manor Township is required to participate 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 simple guidelines:

Lawn and Garden

- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides and follow all recommended 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 stormwater 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. Stormwater 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.

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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.

Items in the Right-of-Way

Homeowners often have limited space to store materials on their property. 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 of 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.



THEN & NOW



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The Cookie Nook

CLASSIC PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE

Ingredients:

1 cup Shortening	2 Eggs, beaten	2 T Baking Powder
1 cup White Sugar	1 cup Peanut Butter	1/2 tsp. Salt
1 cup Brown Sugar	3 cups Flour	

Directions:

Cream together sugars and shortening in a large mixing bowl. Add eggs and peanut butter. Mix dry ingredients and then stir into other ingredients. Form into 1" balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 5-6 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

Recipe Courtesy of Margaret Flinchbaugh

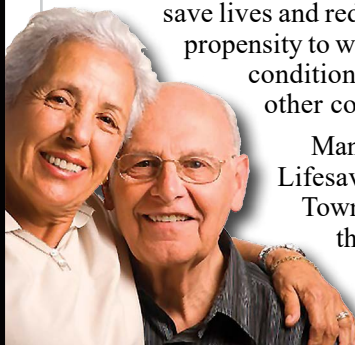
If you would like to share a recipe that could be chosen to appear in our newsletter, please email complete recipe along with your name to akautz@manortwp.org.

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>.





As the snow slowly melts away, the birds begin to sing and fresh life bursts from the soil heralding the approach of spring and the lawn maintenance season.

For the 1 million-plus acres of home lawns in Pennsylvania, selecting and implementing an appropriate lawncare management program to promote healthy and aesthetically pleasing lawns is not only important to homeowners, but is also essential to protecting our waterways.

Know What's Best. Soil Test!

The first step towards a lush, healthy, and green lawn is to know what your soil needs. It is important to conduct regular soil tests to determine nutrient deficiencies that should guide fertilizer selection and application. Soil test kits can be purchased for a nominal fee from your local [Penn State Extension office](#).

Following soil test recommendations, reading fertilizer label instructions, and using a properly calibrated spreader will ensure the right amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are applied, while reducing nutrient loss and fertilizer cost.

Soil Health. It's the bottom line.

Maintaining a happy, healthy soil is imperative to your lawn's success. Soil is the foundation for your lawn. Take the time to support your soil by incorporating some simple and cost saving practices into your lawn care program.

- **Keep it open.** Routine soil aeration can help reduce soil compaction which is essential for proper root growth, healthy microbe communities, and the movement and exchange of water, air, and nutrients.
- **Raise it up.** Maintain a taller lawn by only cutting 1/3 of the grass blade with each mowing. Taller lawns slow runoff and promote deeper roots.
- **Put it back.** Return nutrients and organic matter back to the soil by mulching your leaves and grass clippings.

For more soil management strategies, contact your local county conservation district or Penn State Extension office.

Green Lawns – Clean Streams

Pennsylvania's 2022 Fertilizer Law amendments were developed to protect Pennsylvania waterways. As a bonus, following the limitations in the law will boost your bottom line by ensuring that your investment doesn't wash away. The 2022 law established the following nitrogen and phosphorus limits for turf fertilizer applications.

- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced-efficiency fertilizer.

In addition:

- Do not apply fertilizer if a heavy rain event is expected.
- Keep fertilizer 15 feet away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or waterways.
- Remove fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, roads, parking lots).

Working Together for Clean Water

With ever growing acres of managed turf in Pennsylvania, controlling what goes into PA waterways is ALL of our responsibility. Help protect Pennsylvania's waterways by being wise when you fertilize!

For more information on the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at:

agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer or contact Denise Uzupis at duzupis@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.org.

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.





Safe 2 Say Something

Why the **Safe 2 Say 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 **Safe 2 Say 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 one: someone submits a tip either through the app, website, or phone call. Step two: the tip is received by an analyst and then categorized and sent to a school official and law enforcement (as needed). Step three: the school official and possibly law enforcement intervenes to help the individual. The school official reports the outcome back to the **Safe 2 Say 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.

ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS

Manor Township receives frequent calls, letters, emails, and verbal complaints about possible Zoning Ordinance violations within the Township. Among these are many anonymous complaints, of which the staff will NOT investigate.

If a complaint is to be submitted, one must provide the address and/or tax parcel number of the property with the alleged violation. In addition, complaints that are mailed or presented at our Township office must be signed and provide contact information. Complaint forms are available at the Manor Township Administrative Office.



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.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Come Out to **National Night Out 2025** – Tuesday, August 5, 2025, between 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Leisure Lanes, 3440 Columbia Ave, Lancaster, Pa 17603, hosted by Manor Township Police Department in partnership with West Hempfield Township Police Department and Millersville University Police Department.

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. Come see your local first responders, play fun games, get free prizes and giveaways.

There will be food trucks where food can be purchased. Local businesses and non-profit organizations will also be in attendance with information to the general public. The Life Lion Helicopter may be touching down during the event (service calls permitting). We look forward to seeing you, rain or shine!

If you have any questions or would like to participate, contact Corporal Trevor St. Clair at StClairT@manorpd.org.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 PM
LEISURE LANES PARKING LOT

Park Pavilion Reservations

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 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 4:00 p.m. during the Township's Summer Playground program. Reservations will still be taken on the weekends.



THEN & NOW

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This is the current picture of the John G. Herr farm on Ironstone Ridge Road. The former fruit and tobacco farm consisted of 114 acres that included a fruit cold storage cellar that opened onto Ironstone Ridge Road. The property is now the home of Penn Manor Middle School, Hambright Elementary School, and Manor Township's Herr Park.



Get Ready for the Holiday Cheer: Christmas Light Competition Returns!

The holiday season may still be a few months away, but now's the perfect time to start planning your most dazzling display yet! Our community-wide Christmas Light Competition will be starting soon and we want to make this year's tour the brightest one ever.

Residents from East Hempfield, West Hempfield, Mountville Borough, Millersville Borough, and Manor Township are all encouraged to participate. This friendly competition brings joy to families and helps draw visitors to the western Lancaster County area with a self-guided holiday light tour.



Stay tuned this fall for full details, including how to enter, prize categories, and driving route information. Follow your municipality's website and social media pages for updates.

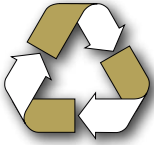
Get inspired, get creative — and get ready to light up the season!

BASIC FAQ'S FOR YOUR STAFF:

- **What is the purpose of this?** To draw people to the western Lancaster County area by participating in a self-guided light tour.
- **Is this just for residential homes or businesses too?** Residential. However, there may be opportunities for businesses to get involved via sponsorship or something like that.
- **What municipalities are involved?** East Hempfield Twp., West Hempfield Twp., Mountville Borough, Millersville Borough, and Manor Twp.
- **When will more information be available?** The fall newsletter. Also watch municipal social media sites.

**Manor Township
Board of Supervisors**

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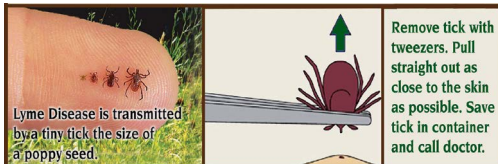
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MANOR TOWNSHIP UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

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

It's Lyme Time! Be Tick Aware!

- Walk in the middle of trails; avoid sitting on logs and leaning on trees.
- Wear a hat, tuck in hair, if possible.
- Wear a long-sleeved shirt, fitted at the wrist.
- Wear shoes, no bare feet or sandals.
- Wear long pants tucked into high socks or duct tape around pants.
- Consider Deet for skin and permethrin for clothes.
- Wear white or light-colored clothing to make it easier to see ticks.
- Do tick check immediately and 3 days after outdoor activity.
- If you find a tick, ask an adult to remove it carefully and save it.



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 our following fire station locations to pick up an application:

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:

Friday, July 4.....4th of July - Offices Closed
Monday, September 1.....Labor Day - Offices Closed