

MANOR UPDATES

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It's Official – Lights of Lancaster is Live!

www.Lightsoflancaster.net

The wait is over! We're thrilled to announce that Lights of Lancaster is now officially up and running. This festive initiative—made possible through the partnership of Manor Township, East Hempfield Township, West Hempfield Township, and the Boroughs of Millersville and Mountville—is ready to bring holiday cheer across our communities with this family friendly activity suitable for all ages.

If you love decorating and own a home for the holidays, now is the time to shine! Join neighbors in making our region glow with holiday spirit. Visit the **Register Your Home** page to become part of the Lights of Lancaster route and help create a magical experience for everyone to enjoy. Or, **Take the Tour** and support your neighbors decorations. And don't forget to **Vote** for your favorite display. Find it all at www.lightsoflancaster.net.

Let the lights sparkle and the season shine—Lights of Lancaster is ready to roll and officially begins in November!



3rd Annual MOONLIGHT RIDE

Join us for a fun-filled evening on **Friday, October 3** as Manor Township hosts the 3rd Annual Moonlight Bicycle Ride on the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just looking for a fun way to experience the trail under the light of the moon, this ride is for you!

What: 3rd Annual Moonlight Bicycle Ride

When: Friday, October 3, 2025, from 7-10 p.m. (rain date is 10/4)

Where: Manor Township portion of the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail (2459 River Road, Washington Boro PA 17582)



Lights and helmets are required to participate, and a free T-shirt will be offered while supplies last. Follow Manor Township Enola Low Grade Rail Trail on Facebook for updates. We look forward to seeing you there!



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ZONING CORNER

Temporary Yard Signs

Manor Township would like to remind residents and business owners that there are zoning regulations for temporary signs as defined in the Manor Township Zoning Ordinance. Included in these regulations are contractor signs, election signs, yard sale signs, open house signs, special event signs, and other similar uses. Temporary signs do not require a Zoning Permit but there are size, location, and time-frame regulations that apply. Temporary signs are not permitted to be attached to any public utility pole or posted in the public right-of-way, including any intersection. If signs are placed in any of these areas, Township staff will promptly remove them. These regulations are meant to assure the safety and security of Township residents and uphold the aesthetics of the community. Please contact the Township Zoning Officer before posting any sign. Thank you for your cooperation.



Anonymous Complaints

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

If a complaint is to be submitted, one must provide the address of the property with the alleged violation. In addition, complaints that are mailed in or presented at our Township office must be signed and provide contact information such as name, address, and phone number. This information is not shared outside of our office.



THEN & NOW

This farm photo from 1963 was known as the Gerhart farm which was located on what was known as Kready Road. Kready Road is now South Centerville Road. The buildings were just west of the Wilshire Hills neighborhood, and where the present Kiddie Academy is located. The house was in the vicinity of the trees on the north side of Royal Road. The Gerharts sold the 52 acres to the Penn Manor School District in 1965. In 1973, the property was purchased by Armstrong Cork Company for \$175,000.



The Cookie Nook

TIGER COOKIES

Ingredients:

1 C (6 oz) Chocolate Bits	1 tsp. baking soda	1 C sugar
1-1/2 C Crushed Frosted Flakes	1/2 tsp. salt	2 eggs
2 C flour	1 C butter (soft)	1 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

Melt chocolate bits. Sift flour, baking soda and salt. Beat sugar and butter. Add eggs and vanilla and beat well. Add dry ingredients. Fold in corn flakes. Swirl warm chocolate in batter. Drop by tbsp. on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 10 mins. Makes 5 doz.

Recipe Courtesy of Louise Stoudt

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.

Leaf Collection

During the fall of 2024, the Manor Township Public Works Department collected 266 truckloads of leaves, which weighed over 300 tons. Curbside collection for 2025 is scheduled to begin the week of October 20, 2025.

Residents can check for daily leaf collection information on the Township's website at www.manortwp.org. Curbside collection typically concludes the first full week of December.

Residents who live along Millersville Road and Columbia Avenue will receive leaf collection on the following weeks: October 27th, November 10th and 24th, and December 8th.

Each year we remind our residents to follow these simple guidelines.

- Leaves must be placed in a row along the edge of the street.
- Leaves must be loose and not bagged for collection.
- Tree branches, bush trimmings, plants, grass clippings, and ornamental grass are prohibited and will not be accepted.
- Leaves must be accessible to the collection crew.
- Leaves that are obstructed by parked vehicles will not be collected.
- Leaves must not be placed on storm water drains. Residents are encouraged to help to keep streets from flooding by keeping storm drains open so storm water can drain into the collection system.

Township residents not serviced by curbside collection may bring their leaves to the Township's Leaf Compost Facility for free disposal, Monday thru Wednesday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., starting on October 20th and continuing until December 10th.

LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 20TH

Christmas Tree RECYCLING

In 2024, Manor Township recycled 546 Christmas Trees. For your convenience you may dispose of your Christmas tree at any of our four drop-off locations. There is no charge for this service for Manor Township residents. Drop-off locations are identified at Charlestown Park, Greider Park, Washington Boro Park, and Creswell Park. The drop-off program will begin on December 26th and be available until Sunday, January 18, 2026.

To place your tree at one of these locations, they must be free of ornaments, lights, stands, and tinsel. You are required to remove plastic bags as well as covers and dispose of them properly. The trees will be chipped into mulch, which is utilized in the Township's parks.

For current Township information, be sure to visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/manortownship



FALL COMPOST DATES & TIMES

In 1991 Manor Township started the process of exploring options for leaf disposal. At the time the Township was collecting just over 200 dump truck loads of leaves each autumn. The long standing practice of dumping leaves on farm fields was quickly becoming a burden to farmers. The idea of municipal composting operations were somewhat new, but the concept seemed like a potential solution.

The Township not only composts Manor's leaves at our facility which is located at 2783 Charlestown Road, we receive leaves from neighboring Township's and Boroughs.

Once leaves are brought to the site they are placed in rows for composting. Naturally occurring microorganisms found on leaves are primarily responsible for the composting of leaves. However, there are several other factors that affect the rate of composting – temperature, moisture, and air. Moisture is regularly monitored and maintained. The rows are turned based on the temperature of the leaves, allowing more oxygen through the piles, which is necessary for decomposition. Typically, leaves are finished composting in ten months.

Once composting is complete, the compost is screened to remove any objects that have not been composted. The compost is known for its high quality, as customers from all over Lancaster County come to purchase the finished product.

The Township does offer the compost for sale to the general public at a cost of \$15 per cubic yard. The site will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to noon on the following Saturday's: September 27th, October 4th and 18th, November 1st and 15th, and December 6th; and Wednesday's from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on October 8th and 29th.



Are You Ready PA?

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Before:

- Stay away from traffic while you are waiting for the bus.
- Always walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so the bus driver can see you.
- Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.

During:

- When the school bus is moving, always stay in your seat and sit facing forward.
- Keep school bus aisles open. If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.
- Always obey your school bus driver's instructions.
- Never play with emergency exits.

Penalties:

More than 700 Pennsylvania drivers are convicted for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing each year.

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, **you will receive the following penalties:**

60-Day Driver's License Suspension
Five (5) points on your driving record ■ \$250 Fine



PA DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW

Paul Miller's law went into effect on June 5, 2025. Motorists using a hand-held communication device while operating a motor vehicle may now be stopped by police for the violation. Effective June 5, 2026, violators may be cited, with a penalty of \$50 plus court costs. Distracted driving is dangerous driving, please focus on the road and drive safely.



VFW Post 7294 will be hosting their third annual Trunk-or-Treat event with Manor Township Police, Blue Rock Fire Rescue, and other first responders and community organizations on Thursday, October 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



PA MICROMOBILITY FACT SHEET										
DESCRIPTION	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	PA VEHICLE CODE
ELECTRIC SCOOTER  Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	§ 102
MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE  Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.	16	C	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 1714
MOTOR SCOOTER  Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.	16	Class M/Class C if >50 cc, Class C if <50 cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	§ 102, § 3525
SEGWAY  Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
E-BIKE  Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	§ 102, § 3514
BICYCLE  Is a pedalcycle. Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547

BEGINNING & ENDINGS at Manor Township Police Department

Life is a series of beginning and endings, and the Manor Township Police have both this September. We wish Officer Troy Rogers a safe and happy retirement. Troy completed 25 years of service with Manor Township in September and worked his last shift on September 29th. We welcomed our newest team member, Officer Aaron Witmoyer, on September 3rd. Aaron brings six years of police experience to the Township, having served with the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the Northern York Regional Police Departments.



ANSWERING THE CALL - The Blue Rock Firehouse Project

Blue Rock Fire Rescue has launched a \$10 million campaign to build a new, state-of-the-art firehouse to serve Manor Township and Millersville Borough. With over 100 volunteers answering 700+ emergency calls each year, the new facility will provide modern equipment bays, training areas and living quarters—helping reduce response times and improve service across Blue Rock's 55-square-mile district.

Every gift makes a difference, from engraved bricks starting at \$10 to major naming opportunities. To learn more or donate, visit www.bluerockfire.com. Together, we can build a firehouse for future generations.





VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY

On behalf of Manor Township, we are honored to invite you to the Vietnam War Memorial Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Creswell Park, Conestoga, Pennsylvania.

This ceremony will pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans and their families, and will formally dedicate the new memorial as a place of remembrance and reflection for our community. The program will include remarks from the families, elected leaders, the presentation of colors, and special recognitions. Complimentary food provided.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date/Time: Saturday, November 8, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Location: Creswell Park, 3103 River Rd, Conestoga, PA 17516

Honors: Presentation of colors, wreath-laying, and musical salute

Arrival: Please plan to arrive by 9:30 a.m. for seating and protocol coordination.



Illicit Discharge

More than 2,200 catch basins are located throughout Manor Township, and are designed to collect stormwater 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 without being dechlorinated is also prohibited from being drained into storm water systems. Citizens are encouraged to report any illicit discharges into stormwater facilities at 717-397-4769.



NOVEMBER 2, 2025 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

When local daylight time is about to reach 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2, 2025, clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 1:00 a.m. local standard time instead.

Halloween Safety

Halloween is quickly approaching and it is important to remember a few safety tips while trick or treating.

COSTUME SAFETY

- Make sure costumes fit so that children can easily walk without tripping.
- Wigs and beards should be properly attached so they do not obscure vision.
- Use light colors, decals or reflective tape so children are visible to motorists at night.
- Buy flame resistant costumes or make them from flame resistant materials.
- Make sure you can see well through masks.
- Use make-up instead of a mask.

STREET SAFETY

- Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of road, facing traffic.
- Cross streets at an intersection or crosswalk.
- Wait for proper traffic signals to cross.
- Avoid running out between parked cars.
- If riding a bike, it should have reflectors, a headlight and a horn or bell.

TRICK-OR-TREATING

- Save candy until you get home so that it can be checked before eating.
- Have parents or a responsible adult examine ALL CANDY / TREATS.
- Wash fruit and slice it into small pieces, checking it for anything inedible.
- Report any suspicious treats to the police.
- Don't go into anyone's house unless you know them.
- Trick-or-treat in groups and with parents accompanying young children.

Be Safe & Have Fun!

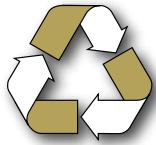
TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

Friday, October 31st
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
for Manor Township



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MANOR TOWNSHIP'S UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

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

Holiday Hours

The office will be closed on
the following dates:

Monday, October 13th
Columbus Day

**Thursday, November 27th and
Friday, November 28th**
Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 25th
Christmas Day



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Each December, Manor Township mails out complimentary calendars to all interested residents, which contain important municipal information and dates for the upcoming year. If you currently do not receive one and would like to, please contact the Township office at 717-397-4769 or akautz@manortwp.org to be added to the mailing list.



SNOW REMOVAL

As winter approaches, please remember the following tips help allow our operators to be as efficient as possible:

- DO NOT push or throw snow into the roadway at anytime. This creates hazardous driving conditions and is a violation of both State and Township law. Violators can be prosecuted.
- Make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. Damage caused by plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility.
- Manor Township does not have a snow removal ordinance for sidewalks. However, residents are encouraged to clear snow and ice from walks after plowing is completed.
- If you must drive, do so at a minimal speed and give the snow plow operators plenty of room to do their work. Remember, if you cannot see the mirrors of our truck, our drivers cannot see you.
- Vehicles should be removed from the street so that operators can plow from curb to curb. This allows melting snow to enter the drainage system and not pond and refreeze on the road.
- Plowing cul-de-sacs can become more difficult when vehicles are parked on the street, due to limited space for snow to be pushed.
- Place one or two stakes along the edge of your property to help the snow plow operator distinguish where the edge of the road and lawn meet. The Township will not repair lawns damaged by snow plows if the lawns are not marked.