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Help Us Strengthen Manor Township — We’re Looking for Local Talent

One of the greatest strengths of Manor Township has always been the people who call it home. Time and again, residents, business owners, and volunteers step forward with skills and expertise that help keep our community running smoothly. As we continue working to improve services and operate efficiently, we’re hoping to connect with neighbors who may be able to lend a hand — or recommend someone who can.

We are currently looking for individuals or local businesses with experience in:

- Grant writing and funding research
- Cleaning services for Township buildings
- Information technology (IT) support
- Social media and promotional assistance
- Community Service in our Adopt a Highway Program

Whether you’re a professional in one of these fields, own a local business, or know someone who does great work, we’d love to hear from you. Partnering with local talent not only helps the Township operate more effectively — it also keeps resources and opportunities right here in our community.

If you’re interested or would like to make a recommendation, please contact the Township office 717-397-4769. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to working together to serve Manor Township.



Three Defenses of Local Government

In recent years, many of the challenges and debates that dominate federal politics have begun trickling down into local government. Unfortunately, that national tone — often divisive and partisan — doesn’t always fit well at the township level. Local government is far less about political theater or party labels. It has always been about neighbors solving problems for neighbors and delivering the everyday services that keep our community safe, functional, and enjoyable.

So why does local government still matter? Here are three defenses.

First, local government is accessible and accountable.

Residents don’t have to navigate layers of bureaucracy to be heard. You can attend a meeting, send an email, pick up the phone, or speak with us at a community event. Decisions are made close to home, and the people making them are your neighbors. That kind of direct access creates real accountability and real trust. One example at Manor Township is demonstrated in the fact that when you call our office, we have a human pick up the phone.

Second, local government focuses on what affects your daily life.

While federal and state governments debate broad policies, local government handles the services you rely on every day — maintaining roads, protecting open space and farmland, supporting police, fire and emergency services, managing parks and recreation, and keeping infrastructure running. These practical responsibilities directly shape the quality of life in our community.

Third, local government is solutions-driven, not partisan.

At this level, problems don’t have political parties. As former U.S. Senator Al D’Amato once said, “There’s no Republican or Democratic pothole.” When a road needs repaired or a storm drain backs up, the focus isn’t ideology but rather it’s getting the job done efficiently and responsibly.

Local government works best when it stays close to the people it serves: practical, responsive, and focused on results. At Manor Township, we’re trying to keep that approach we remain committed to every day.

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SUMMER PLAYGROUND IN THE PARK

Manor Township is proud and excited to offer a fun filled summer day program at Charlestown Park, Greider Park, and Washington Boro Park. Open to children entering 1st - 6th grade. The drop-in program takes place Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and offers excellent counselors that engage children in a wide variety of activities, crafts, games, and field trips in a safe organized setting.

Brochures with a registration form and additional information will be available in April, as well as on the Township website at www.manortwp.org. Discounts will be given to those that register in May.



HIRING NOW!

Manor Township is currently hiring Counselors for the Summer Playground Program. The hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday for nine weeks over the summer and is ideal for college and Jr. and Sr. high school students. Resumes or letters of interest can be sent to manager@manortwp.org or mailed to Manor Township, 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.



Stay Connected with Manor Township

For the latest news, events, and updates about Manor Township, the best places to stay informed are our **official website** and **Facebook page**. Whether you're looking for community announcements, township services, or upcoming events, you'll find everything you need in one convenient place.

Visit us online at www.manortwp.org and follow us on Facebook at **Manor Township** and **Manor Township Police Department** to stay up to date with all things Manor Township!



2026 ROAD PROJECTS

Manor Township's Public Works Department maintains 113 miles of roads, which happens to be one of the largest municipal road systems in Lancaster County. To continue to maintain and improve this road system there are several projects planned for 2026.

Several paving projects have been planned for this summer. The following roads are scheduled to receive a new paved surface: South Centerville Road between (Stone Creek Road and Cornerstone Drive), Norcross Road, Manor Ridge Drive between (Millersville Road west to Redwood Drive), Prospect Road between (Anchor Road and LeTort Road), Creek Road between (Walnut Hill Road and Indian Run Road), and a segment of Hearthstone Road between (Stable Drive and Bridle Circle).

Seal coating is one of the best maintenance and cost effective applications available to Public Works Departments. The application of bituminous material that is coated with clean stone provides an excellent skid resistant surface while sealing the existing roadway. To prepare roads for this maintenance application side gutters will be cleaned to improve the drainage system. Storm water pipes will be inspected and replaced if needed on roads that are scheduled to be seal coated. The following roads have been scheduled to receive this application this summer: Catherine Street between (Mill Street and Park Street), Habecker Church Road between (Donerville Road and Central Manor Road), Hostetter Road, Mill Street between (Catherine Street and Penn Street), and Prospect Road between (Anchor Road and Penn Street) and Salmon Street.

The Township is also planning to continue the road-widening program that improves the width of narrow rural roads. In 2026, Oak Road is scheduled to be widened.

The Public Works Department is also planning several stormwater pipe projects. New inlets and pipes will be added to the south side of Weaver Road to improve stormwater drainage. The crew is scheduled to replace over 500 feet of pipe on Yorktown Road later this summer. This will complete the three-year project in Colonial Manor.



The Cookie Nook

CHOCOLATE CRINKLES

Ingredients:

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| 1/2 cup vegetable oil | 2 tsp. vanilla |
| 4 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted) | 2 cups flour |
| 2 cups granulated sugar | 2 tsp. salt |
| 4 eggs | 10X sugar |

Directions:

Mix oil, chocolate and sugar. Blend in eggs and vanilla. Add in flour and salt. Chill several hours. Shape into 3/4" balls and roll in 10X sugar. Place 2" apart on a greased cookie sheet. Bake 350° for 10-12 mins. **DO NOT OVERBAKE!**

Recipe Courtesy of Jennifer Hean

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.



27th Annual Turkey Hill Country Classic

Lace up those running shoes and gear up for the annual **Turkey Hill Country Classic**. In its 27th year since inception, there will be three different running events to choose from including a 5K Run/Jog/Walk, 10K Run and Half Marathon. All event registrants will receive a race number and t-shirt (while supplies last).

The event takes place on **Saturday, May 2nd** at Central Manor Church located at 387 Penn Street, Washington Boro.

Medals will be given to the top three male and female finishers in seven different age categories for all three running events. A chip timing system will once again be used to secure the most precise results. For more information or to register for any of these events, visit: www.manortwp.org.

**KIDS FUN RUN ■ 5K RUN/JOG/WALK
10K RUN ■ HALF MARATHON**

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

On Saturday, May 2nd, residents can expect temporary road closures and delays on Blue Rock, Anchor, Hostetter, Prospect, Gamber, and River Roads due to the 27th Annual Turkey Hill Country Classic. Drivers can also expect a higher level of pedestrian traffic in the Central Manor area during this time as well, so please **DRIVE SAFELY**.

We apologize for any inconvenience and **THANK YOU** in advance for your cooperation.



SPRING COMPOST



Now that spring is upon us, many home gardeners are ready to work in their vegetable and flower gardens. Adding compost to gardens has been proven to enhance the soil.

Our repeat customers who come from all over Lancaster and York counties have commented that incorporating compost into their gardens helps to keep the soil loose and enhances the ability to retain moisture.

Compost may be purchased at the Manor Township Compost Facility, which is located at 2996 Charlestown Road near the intersection of Donerville Road. The cost of compost is \$15 per cubic yard on the scheduled dates below.

SATURDAY'S: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
March 28th ■ April 11th & 25th
May 9th & 23rd

WEDNESDAY'S: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
April 1st & 15th ■ May 13th

Outdoor Burning Reminder for Manor Township Residents

As we head into the warmer months, please remember that outdoor burning in Manor Township is regulated under Chapter 155 of the Township Ordinances.

Campfires are permitted in all zoning districts, provided they are no more than 3 feet in diameter, located at least 25 feet from any building, and properly enclosed. An adult must be present at all times and the fire must be fully extinguished before it is left unattended.



In the **Agricultural and Rural Zones**, open burning is permitted Monday through Saturday, from sunrise to sunset. These fires must be located at least 250 feet from any building and 35 feet from a public right-of-way, be under constant supervision, and be completely extinguished at the end of the burning period.

Please note: the burning of municipal waste, hazardous materials, or designated recyclables is strictly prohibited.

For complete details, residents can review Chapter 155 on the Township's Ecode360 page at: <https://ecode360.com/29105606>.

Thank you for helping keep Manor Township safe.

Due to the Half Marathon, the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail will be closed from dawn - 11:00 a.m. on May 2nd

THEN & NOW

This farm photo is located at 155 Gamber Lane. The historic farmhouse was built in 1767 by Rudy Gamber. According to an 1852 map of Manor Township the farm was 186 acres. The farm was used for growing tobacco, corn, and soybeans, and raising cattle. The original farm was located between Stone Mill Road and Millersville Road. The barn was destroyed by fire on July 29, 1966.



Over the years, portions of the farm were used for several building projects. The Creekside Apartments and the former Bell Telephone property along Temple Avenue were built in the 1950's. Greider Park and what was known as Westlawn Development, (Heritage Avenue) were developed in the 1960's and the remaining farmland now known as Hampden Chase was built in the early 2000's.



Trees & Shrubbery

Improper placement of trees & shrubbery can become a danger for motorists exiting an intersection or driveway. Please plan accordingly when planting new foliage. They should be placed to not grow into overhead wires or overhang the street. Without prior notice, the Township and other utility companies will trim trees & shrubs that grow into and over the roadway.

If you prefer to have your professional trimmer maintain your trees & shrubbery, please keep them approximately 14' high and a minimum of 3' behind the curb or white line.

Do not plant landscaping that blocks fire hydrants from view. Fire Hydrants must be clearly visible and easily located by emergency services during a fire. Landscaping of any type obstructing fire hydrants will be trimmed by the township or water authority without notice.

Be Wise When You Fertilize!

Preventing fertilizer loss keeps your lawn healthy, saves you money, and protects our waterways. It is important to properly assess your lawn's nutrient needs prior to selecting and applying fertilizer. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is working with homeowners and businesses to promote best practices and educational opportunities for understanding how to best meet our shared goals.

Fertilizer Law

On July 11, 2022, Pennsylvania enacted a new fertilizer law that updated requirements for both manufacturers and applicators of fertilizer.

- label modifications
- fee updates
- turf nutrient limitations
- application restrictions

Who is a Fertilizer Applicator?

The term "applicator" refers to anyone who applies fertilizer, including lawn care professionals, farmers, and homeowners.



Calibrate

Follow the directions on the fertilizer label and use a fertilizer spreader that is properly calibrated.

Know The Rate

Select a fertilizer that is appropriate for the lawn's needs. Phosphorus cannot be applied unless: establishing or repairing turf OR a soil test indicates a phosphorus deficiency.

Nitrogen is limited to:

- 0.7 pounds available N per 1000 ft² per application
- 0.9 pounds total N per 1000 ft² per application

Environmental Conditions

- Do not apply near water, storm drains, or drainage ditches.
- Maintain a 15-foot buffer from waterways.
- Do not apply if heavy rain is expected.
- Do not apply if ground is snow-covered or frozen.
- Apply product using a properly calibrated fertilizer spreader.
- Apply only to intended application site.
- Fertilizer that lands on an impervious surface (like roads, sidewalks, driveways) must be swept back onto turf.

Follow the 4Rs of Nutrient Management



**Right Source, Right Rate,
Right Time, Right Place.**

FREE YARD WASTE PROGRAM

Did you know Manor Township offers a FREE yard waste pass for Manor Township residents? We partnered with the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) to help our residents manage their yard waste. Examples of yard waste include small limbs and twigs, garden clean-up, bush and shrub trimmings, grass clippings and leaves. Landscape timbers are not permitted. Manor Township residents may take their yard waste to the Frey Farm landfill (located at 3049 River Road in Conestoga) free of charge under the following conditions.

- Residents must pick up a pass at Manor Township, located at 950 W. Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.
- The program is for residential yard waste only. Regular charges apply to commercial loads.
- All loads must be properly secured and tarped.
- The pass is non-transferable (only to be used by the owner of the property).
- The pass is good from year to year.



Residents will present their pass at the LCSWMA scale house and follow the marked route to enter into the drop off area where they will leave their material.

We want to reiterate that all trailers and trucks taking loads must be tarped while traveling to any LCSWMA facility and remain tarped until arriving at LCSWMA'S designated unloading areas. Refusing to do so can result in debris falling on roads and residential areas and also create hazardous driving conditions.

We also ask that residents traveling to the Frey Farm Landfill drive safely and abide by traffic indicators.

MOSQUITO PREVENTION AT HOME

Protect yourself from mosquito bites by following The Three Ds:

DRAIN: Eliminate all standing water on your property that could be breeding mosquitos. Use a commercially available Bti arvicide for water that cannot be drained.



DRESS: Wear loose-fitting, long clothing that covers the skin when spending time outdoors and treat clothing with permethrin.

DEFEND: Use EPA-registered insect repellents such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone.



Help Us Showcase Our Agricultural Heritage

Manor Township is looking to acquire a large, used piece of farm equipment to display in one of our community parks.

We are seeking something visually significant and representative of our farming heritage — such as a vintage tractor, combine, corn picker, hay baler, or similar piece of classic agricultural machinery. The equipment does not need to be operational, but it should be structurally sound and suitable for outdoor display. It will be altered for safe play.



This display would serve as a lasting reminder of the agricultural roots that continue to shape Manor Township and support our ongoing commitment to farmland preservation.

If you or someone you know may be willing to donate or sell a piece of equipment, please contact the Township office. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss it.

Cardboard Recycling

Two Cardboard Recycling bins are located at the Manor Township Office Building for use by Township residents only. These bins are in the lower lot of the parking lot across from the ballfield.

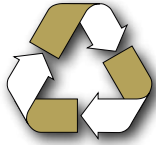
Please observe the following rules:

- Residential Cardboard only. No commercial drop-off.
- No trash or materials other than corrugated cardboard.
- Break the boxes down flat to prevent the bins from overflowing.
- Be sure to close the bin lids when you are done to keep the material dry.
- If the bin is full, do not put cardboard outside of the bins.



**Manor Township
Board of Supervisors**

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

**GRASS & WEED
ORDINANCE**

As spring arrives, grass and weeds will begin to grow. Manor Township has a Grass and Weed Ordinance. The Ordinance requires every person owning or occupying any property in Manor Township upon which grass or weeds in excess of six (6) inches in height is growing, must cut grass or weeds on or before May 1st, June 1st, July 1st, August 1st, September 1st, and October 1st of each calendar year.

Exceptions include trees, shrubs, flower beds or gardens, vegetables, wild-flower gardens, seasonal and ornamental grasses, woodlands, wetlands, areas with fifteen (15) feet of a stream or pond, and land cultivated in crop production.

Please 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.



**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:

- Friday, April 3** Good Friday - Office Closed
- Tuesday, May 19** Primary Election - Office Closed
- Monday, May 25** Memorial Day - Office Closed
- Friday, July 3** Independence Day - Office Closed

