

MANOR UPDATES

NEWSLETTER For the Residents of Manor Township

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MANOR TOWNSHIP 2026 DISCOUNT TICKETS

Manor Township is a 2026 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 26th 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 2026. 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.

THE HISTORY OF MANOR TOWNSHIP

The United States will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th.

Manor Township's history really began in 1717-1718 when William Penn, who visited the area in the 1690's ordered the survey of the land lying between the Conestoga Creek and the Susquehanna River. The 16,000 acres was to be used by William Penn and his heirs and assigns forever.

The first settlers prior to the Revolution purchased land for \$25 to \$30 per acre. Common names of these early settlers were Breneman, Charles, Habecker, Herr, Kauffman, Miller, Newcomer, and Mann. The rich limestone soil of Manor Township has been a key to the generations of family farms that produce some of the finest crops in the country.

In the 1800's, many villages were established throughout the Township. In 1880, the Township population was 5,186. Millersville originally was part of Manor Township until 1932. Other villages were Safe Harbor, Fairview, Pittsburg, Highville, Creswell, Masonville, Washington Boro, and Central Manor.

Central Manor is named due to its location near the center of the original 16,000 acres. William Penn originally planned for Central Manor to be a major city.

Travel through Manor Township has changed through the years. In 1741, John Ross, the operator of the Blue Rock ferry, petitioned for a road to be built to bring travelers from Lancaster to the Susquehanna crossing. In 1839, The Manor Turnpike Company was chartered and operated the turnpikes, one which ran to Safe Harbor and a second one that ran from Millersville to Conestoga. In 1931, there was an effort to "get the farmer out of the mud." Pennsylvania Governor Gifford Pinchot provided Manor with funding to pave several of the rural roads. In 2026, the Township now maintains nearly 115 miles of roads and the most used road is South Centerville Road with an estimated 20,000 vehicles per day.

LANCASTER COUNTY REASSESSMENT 2027

Property owners can expect to receive their Change of Assessment Notices in June 2026. The notice will reflect the County's estimated market value of each property.

NOTE: Once you receive your new assessment notice, you cannot apply the 2026 millage rate to your new assessment to calculate your tax liability. Millage rates will be adjusted downwards for 2027.

Please visit our website 'Quick Links' for more information on 'Taxpayers Guide to the 2027 Reassessment' at: <https://www.lancastercountypa.gov/1085/2027-Reassessment-Information>. You may also contact the Assessment Office at 717-390-7742 with questions or to review the information about your property.



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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

This farm photo taken in the late 1950's is located at 2622 Pike Lane. The home was built in 1845 by Abraham and Elizabeth Miller and is now owned by Eric and Staci Bailey. At the time of this photo the 128-acre farm was owned by Earl Noll. Both Bowling Green and Georgetown Hills are located on this farm, and Earl Avenue is named after Mr. Noll.



The Cookie Nook

PEANUT BUTTER TEMPTATIONS

Ingredients:

1/2 C butter	1 C peanut butter	1-1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 C margarine	1 tsp. vanilla	1/2 tsp. salt
1 C sugar	2 eggs	48 miniature peanut butter cups
1 C brown sugar (packed)	2-1/2 C flour	

Directions:

Cream together first 5 ingredients. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix flour, baking soda and salt and stir into mixture. Press 1" balls of dough into greased mini muffin tins. Bake at 350° for 10-12 mins. Remove and press a mini peanut butter cup into center of each cookie while still warm.

Recipe Courtesy of Pamela Funk

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.

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, 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 untarping 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.

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 \$50 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.



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.



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.

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 2026** – Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 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.

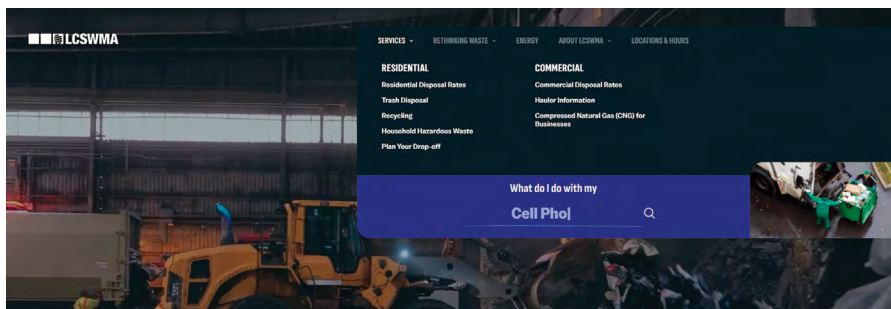
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, and more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back 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 4, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 PM
LEISURE LANES PARKING LOT



LCSWMA Waste Search Tool

The LCSWMA Waste Search Tool is a database that helps you determine how to properly dispose of or recycle over 250 household items. You can access this engine directly on the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority homepage at www.lcswma.org to find out if your item is trash, recyclable, or hazardous waste.

How the Waste Search Tool Works:

When you type an item into the tool, it will provide specific instructions based on Lancaster County guidelines:

Household Trash: Items like plastic bags, styrofoam, or miscellaneous household items. These can be taken to a transfer station or picked up by your private municipal hauler.

The “Big 4” Recycling: Curbside recycling only accepts corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles/jugs with necks, metal food/beverage cans, and glass jars/bottles.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): Items like paint, chemicals, or electronics must be dropped off at the specialized HHW Facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA (free for county residents).

Helpful Disposal Resources:

Trash Disposal Services: Learn about drop-off guidelines, hours, and accepted locations on the *Trash Disposal Guide*.

Complete System Overview: View all public drop-off sites, fees, and rules on the *Waste Disposal & Recycling Services* directory.

Additional FAQs: Find out more about local recycling programs and waste sustainability through *LCSWMA Additional Resources*.

An annual statewide photography contest rewarding amateur photographers who snap unusual or eye-catching images of litter across the Commonwealth, bringing awareness to how litter threatens public health & safety, scenic beauty, property values, the environment and wildlife.

Prizes (adult & student categories) & **NEW** Before & After (adult & student categories):
\$500 first-place; \$250 second-place & \$100 third-place

Additional information, guidelines and an online submission form: pnc.org/lens-litter

RECYCLE RIGHT

The Recycling Myth

A common misconception people have about recycling is that it simply means placing materials in their curbside recycling bin—often, as much as possible. However, recycling is actually a system of collecting and processing used materials that still have value, in order to transform them into new products.

What Can Be Recycled?

Only the following materials should be placed in your curbside recycling bin. Think of them as the **BIG 4**.

BIG 4

Corrugated Cardboard:

This includes any size material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping boxes, packing boxes, and CLEAN pizza boxes (no grease or food remnants). Flatten all boxes and remove packaging, including styrofoam, peanuts, bubble wrap, and plastic liners. Do NOT put paperboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes), newsprint or junk mail in the curbside recycling bin.



Plastic Bottles & Jugs With A Neck:

Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. All other plastic material is considered trash. Do NOT put plastic bags, yogurt and takeout containers, packaging, styrofoam, hosing, furniture, or other items in the curbside recycling bin.



Metal Food & Beverage Cans:

This includes all food and beverage cans made from aluminum or steel. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans or other scrap metal, like foil and pie plates in the curbside recycling bin.



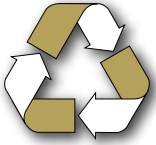
Glass Bottles & Jars:

Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. Do NOT put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass, vases, or any other glass material in the curbside recycling bin.



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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.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Today, there are more than 2,200 catch basins located throughout Manor Township. Catch basins 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 because 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 storm water facilities 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 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 3.....4th of July - Offices Closed
Monday, September 7.....Labor Day - Offices Closed