

MANOR UPDATES

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Celebrate the Holiday Season with Lights of Lancaster

Back again for a 2nd year, **Lights of Lancaster** is a free, family-friendly holiday experience showcasing some of the most beautifully decorated homes throughout Lancaster County.

Choose from several designated driving tours, each featuring approximately 15 decorated homes. Take one tour or experience them all—and don't forget to **vote for your favorite display** for a chance to help them win prize money!

Love decorating for Christmas? Homeowners can **register their home to be featured on a tour free of charge**. Lights of Lancaster is looking for those special displays that truly take holiday decorating to the next level.

Best of all, **Lights of Lancaster is completely free** for both participating homeowners and visitors and is made possible through the cooperation of municipalities across Lancaster County.

Gather the family, grab some hot chocolate, and experience the **Lights of Lancaster!**

Learn more and register your home at LightsofLancaster.net.



4th Annual MOONLIGHT BICYCLE RIDE

Light up the trail and ride under the stars!

Grab your bike, bring your lights, and join Manor Township for the **4th Annual Moonlight Bicycle Ride** on the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail! This unique nighttime ride gives cyclists the opportunity to experience the trail in a completely different way — after dark and under the glow of the moon.

Whether you're an experienced cyclist, a family looking for a fun fall activity, or someone who simply enjoys the outdoors, the Moonlight Ride is designed for everyone. Ride at your own pace, enjoy the cool fall air, and take in the sights and sounds of the trail after sunset.



There's something special about seeing a line of bicycle lights making their way along the trail at night, and we hope you'll be part of it this year!

EVENT DETAILS

What: 4th Annual Moonlight Bicycle Ride

When: Friday, October 23, 2026 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. (rain date is 10/24)

Where: 2459 River Road, Washington Boro, PA 17582

(Manor Township portion of the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail)

Cost: FREE!

For everyone's safety, **bicycle lights and helmets are required** to participate. Free event T-shirts will also be available **while supplies last**.

Follow [Manor Township Enola Low Grade Rail Trail](#) on Facebook for event updates and additional information.



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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.



ZONING CORNER

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.

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.



The Cookie Nook

CORN FLAKE STARS (NO BAKE)

Ingredients:

1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup white Karo Syrup

2 cups peanut butter
6 cups corn flakes

Directions:

Heat sugar and Karo syrup until it boils around edge, then add peanut butter. Stir until smooth. Pour over corn flakes. Mix and drop by teaspoon on wax paper. Done!

Recipe Courtesy of Beth 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.

Leaf Collection

During the fall of 2025, the Manor Township Public Works Department collected 187 truckloads of leaves, which weighed over 200 tons. Curbside collection for 2026 is scheduled to begin the week of October 19, 2026

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 26th, November 9th and 23rd, and December 7th.

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 19th and continuing until December 11th.

LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 19TH

Christmas Tree RECYCLING

In 2025, Manor Township recycled 372 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 17, 2027.

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 26th, October 3rd and 17th, November 7th and 14th, and December 5th; and Wednesday's from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on October 7th and 28th.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. Help keep your community and loved ones safe by discarding old, unwanted, or unused prescription medication.

Overview

The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) is focused on alleviating the health and safety concerns from the diversion and misuse of prescription drugs by helping our citizens properly dispose of unused prescription medications. Keeping unused opioids or other common drugs of misuse in a medicine cabinet is no longer safe or responsible.

Handling Medications

- Lock up all your medications
- Don't share your medications with anyone or take someone else's
- Safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications. When you pick up a prescription, ask your pharmacist for drug disposal pouches or find a drug take-back box.

Resources

- [DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#) (opens in a new tab)
- [FDA drugdisposal](#) (opens in a new tab)

Disposing of medications

Each take-back location has the right to determine what items they will accept in their box.

DEA regulations ALLOW for the disposal of:

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Prescription patches
- Prescription ointments
- Vitamins
- Pet medicines



DEA regulations DO NOT ALLOW for the disposal of:

- Hydrogen peroxide
- Compressed cylinders or aerosols (e.g., asthma inhalers)
- Iodine-containing medications
- Thermometers
- Alcohol & illicit drugs (i.e. marijuana, heroin, LSD, etc.)

Preparing medications for disposal

- All prescribed medications to be disposed of should be contained inside their original bottle or placed inside a small sealed container (i.e. plastic bottle) or zip-lock bag
- Personal information should be removed or covered with a permanent marker

Find a drug take-back location

Pennsylvania has nearly 900 prescription drug take-back locations. Locate one near you to discard of old, unwanted, or unused prescription medication. Manor Township residents can dispose of theirs in the drop-off box in the lobby of the Township Office.



Loose and Stray Dogs in the Township Cost Taxpayers

To offset the costs associated with the police department picking up loose or stray dogs in Manor Township, invoices are being issued to owners. If you own a dog and it gets loose and the police are called to pick the dog up and house it at the police station, you will receive an invoice from the Township for \$60.00. If it is taken to the SPCA, it is \$225.00.

In 2026, the Township's budget for loose and stray dogs is \$3,000.00. The Pennsylvania SPCA provides Manor Township Police Department with a location where dogs can be dropped off at all hours, housed, and cared for until the dogs are reclaimed by their owner or adopted. The costs don't stop there. When you take into account the number of police hours it takes to respond to these calls, catch or take custody of these dogs, transport them to the SPCA, complete the related drop-off paperwork, and complete the required police report for dozens of loose and stray dogs, cats and other animal calls annually, the total cost to the Township is much higher.

Be mindful of your dogs and remember it's a law to licence dogs aged three months and older in Pennsylvania.

Township Website

Visit our Township website for up-to-date information on important upcoming meetings and events at

www.manortwp.org



DON'T FORGET TO

FALL BACK



NOVEMBER 1, 2026 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

At 2:00 a.m. local daylight time on Sunday, November 1, 2026, turn clocks back 1 hour to 1:00 a.m. local standard time.



The Public Works Department knows as the last leaves fall the next area of focus becomes snow removal. Manor Township is committed to continue to provide outstanding snow removal services for your safe winter travel. The Public Works Department along with four additional contractors are committed to keep the 113 miles of Manor Township roads as safe as possible in adverse conditions.

You too can help our crew by following a few simple reminders:

- Do not push or throw snow into the roadway at anytime. This creates hazardous driving conditions and is a violation of both Pennsylvania law and Township ordinance. Violators may be prosecuted.
- Plowed snow may damage mailboxes. Make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. A mailbox damaged by plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility to repair.
- 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. When snow plow operators are able to plow curb to curb there are several benefits; storm drains are cleared by the snow plow and melted snow will enter the drainage system, and water will not pond on the road and then refreeze on the street.
- Plowing cul de sac's can become even more difficult to plow when vehicles are parked on the street. Most times these areas have a very limited space for snow to be pushed because of numerous driveways, storm drains, and fire hydrants.
- If every home owner would place one or two stakes along the edge of their property, the edge of the road would be clearly identified. This will help the snow plow operator to be able to distinguish the where the edge of the road and lawn meet. The township will not repair lawns that are struck by snow plows if the lawns are not marked

In addition to the 113 miles of Township roads, there are approximately 40 miles of State owned roads in Manor Township. Winter maintenance of the following roads is the responsibility of PA DOT: Central Manor Road, Penn Street, Blue Rock Road (between Penn and George Street), Franklin Road, Safe Harbor Road, Walnut Hill Road, Columbia Avenue, Millersville Road, Water Street, River Road, and Donerville Road (between Blue Rock Road and Columbia Avenue).

To reach PA DOT with any concerns, please call 717-299-7621.



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

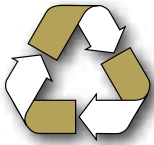
**Saturday, October 31st
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

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 12th

Columbus Day

Thursday, November 26th and

Friday, November 27th

Thanksgiving

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

Friday, January 1st

New Years 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.



E-BIKES IN PA: WHAT'S LEGAL & WHAT'S NOT

With the popularity of new and efficient means of transportation, we would like to remind residents of the following laws regarding Bicycles, E-Bikes and Motorized Pedacycles:

PA MICROMOBILITY INFORMATION SHEET										
Description	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX PERMISSIBLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	PA VEHICLE CODE
Electric Scooter Means the PA Vehicle Code definition of a motor vehicle. It is a device with two or three wheels, handgrips, a floorboard to stand on, and an electric motor, with or without a gas. Class C scooters cannot be legally operated on public roadways and may be used only on private property.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	§ 102, § 3802, § 1047
Motorized Pedacycle Means the PA Vehicle Code definition of both a motor vehicle and a motorized pedacycle. It has operable pedals, a design speed of no more than 20 mph, and an automatic transmission. It is equipped with a motor rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower and a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters. It is powered by an electric battery or a battery-pack-powered electric motor.	16	Class C	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	20	No	§ 102, § 3802(a), § 3803, § 3805, § 1047
Motor Scooter Defined as a "motorized cycle." Motor cannot exceed five brake horsepower.	16	Class M if >50 cc; Class C if <50 cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	§ 102, § 3802, § 3803, § 1047
Segway Defined as a "motorized personal assistive mobility device." It is included under the definition of a motor vehicle. It is an electric, self-balancing, two-wheeled, wheel-based device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is permitted on sidewalks unless prohibited by a municipality.	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	§ 102, § 3801, § 3803, § 3805 (a), § 3806, § 1047
E-Bike Defined as a "pedalcycle with electric assist." It weighs less than 100 pounds and has a motor rated at no more than 750 watts (1 brake horsepower). It has operable pedals and is not capable of exceeding 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor alone. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	§ 102, § 3804, § 3805, § 1047
Bicycle Defined as a "pedalcycle." It is limited solely to 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, § 3805 or var., § 3806, § 1047

For more information, visit: www.pa.gov/pemdot
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