

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP NEWS

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New Township Building Opens

The long anticipated move into the new Township facility took place at the end of June. The new Township building and Police Department are now open for business and serving residents of the community.

Township officials and staff are proud of the new building and everyone looks forward to your visit the next time you stop in.

All Meetings of West Manheim Township are held at the West Manheim Township Building, unless otherwise advertised in the newspaper.

Board of Supervisors

1st Thursday of each month at 6 pm

Board of Supervisors Worksession

3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

Planning Commission

3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm

Recreation Board

2nd Monday of each month at 7pm

Recreation Association

2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm

Emergency Management Agency

Last Monday of even-numbered months at 7pm

Zoning/Hearing Board

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm (only as needed)

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Township Tax Collector Office Moves to New Township Building

The West Manheim Township tax office has a new home. Many of the residents have always stopped by the tax collector's residence to pay their tax bill. Well, no longer! As of November 2008 the tax office will be located in the municipal office building.

**West Manheim Township Tax Collector
Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector
2412 Baltimore Pike
Hanover, Pa 17331
Phone: 717-632-3155
Fax: 717-632-2499**

Regular Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm



FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS CAN SAVE LIVES

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is the “invisible” killer. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas. Every year more than 100 people in the United States die from unintentional exposure to carbon monoxide associated with consumer products.

WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE?

Carbon monoxide is produced by burning fuel. Therefore, any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a potential CO source. When cooking or heating appliances are kept in good working order, they produce little CO. Improperly operating appliances can produce fatal CO concentrations in your home. Running a car or generator in an attached garage can cause fatal CO poisoning in the home. So can running a generator or burning charcoal in the basement, crawlspace, or living area of the home.

SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever) and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness. If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Leave the home and call for assistance from a neighbor's home. You could lose consciousness and die from CO poisoning if you stay in the home. Get medical attention immediately and inform medical staff that CO poisoning is suspected. Call the Fire Department to determine when it is safe to reenter the home.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Proper installation, operation, and maintenance of fuel-burning appliances in the home are the most important factor in reducing the risk of CO poisoning. Make sure appliances are installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and the local codes.

Most appliances should be installed by professionals. Have the heating system (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician. Examine vents and chimneys regularly for improper connections, visible cracks, rust or stains.

Look for problems that could indicate improper appliance operations:

- Decreased hot water supply
- Furnace unable to heat house or runs continuously
- Sooting, especially on appliances and vents
- Unfamiliar, or burning odor
- Increased moisture inside of windows.

In addition, install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home.

TEST ALL SMOKE ALARMS (DETECTORS) AND ANNUALLY REPLACE BATTERIES DEVELOP AND REHEARSE AN ESCAPE PLAN

You can prevent tragedies simply by testing and maintaining your smoke alarms and practicing a fire escape plan. All smoke alarms in your house should be tested once a month and their batteries replaced annually. Every family should develop a fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends these measures because working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan will increase your protection in case of a fire.

Every year in the United States, about 3,000 people lose their lives in residential fires. Most fire victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, not as a result of burns. Most deaths and injuries occur in fires that happen at night while the victims are asleep.

Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms in the home are considered one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire. Smoke alarms save lives, prevent injuries, and minimize property damage by enabling residents to detect fires early in their development. The risk of dying from fires in homes without smoke alarms is twice as high as in homes that have working smoke alarms.

If a smoke alarm is battery operated, replace the batteries at least once a year to make sure the alarm will work when it is needed. It's a good practice to make replacement of batteries a seasonal routine, such as when resetting clocks in the fall or spring. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing smoke alarms and replacing the batteries. If your battery-powered smoke alarm begins to emit a low-power warning, usually a chirping sound, replace the battery immediately with a fresh one. This will ensure that your smoke alarm will continue to provide protection.

Never disable your smoke alarm, even if you experience "nuisance" alarms while cooking or showering. If nuisance alarms are a persistent problem, you may need to look for a different type of smoke alarm. A photoelectric smoke alarm is less sensitive to common causes of false alarms. Some smoke alarms have a silencing feature, so nuisance alarms can be stopped quickly and easily.

At least one smoke alarm should be placed on every level of the home. The most important location is near the bedrooms to provide an early warning to all sleeping occupants. A smoke alarm should also be placed inside every bedroom. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to properly install a smoke alarm.



FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE



TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS TO PREPARE MAILBOXES FOR WINTER

The West Manheim Township Public Works Department reminds homeowners that it is time to prepare mailboxes for winter. The Township's mission throughout the winter is to maintain safe and passable roads. Since most mailboxes are placed within the legal right-of-way it is up to the homeowner to make sure that their mailbox can withstand the weight of the snow being thrown from the plow. Place reflective tape on the mailbox to help snow plow operators see it at night. Snow plow operators are instructed to maintain lower speeds when plowing in areas where mailboxes are present. However, occasionally higher speeds must be maintained to contend with heavy, wet snow. Taking steps to ensure the visibility and stability of mailboxes will help West Manheim Township.

SNOW REMOVAL ON SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS



Township Property Maintenance #02-2007 Section 302.3

All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces & similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

There is a 36-hour time allowance after the completion of the snow storm for the snow to be removed. They are required to be free of any hazardous conditions. Fines of \$100.00 or more per day can be imposed.

Pennsylvania Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

What are Pennsylvania's Dog Laws?

- All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the County Treasurer
- All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused their dog.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.
- It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.
- No dog under seven weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred.
- You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where dogs may easily eat it, whether it is your own property or elsewhere.
- You must have a current kennel license if you operate a facility that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year.
- Owners of dogs and cats 3 months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws.



POLICE BLOTTER

West Manheim Township Police Department Staff

*Chief Tim Hippensteel
Sergeant Toby Wildasin
Pfc. Edwin Schneider
Pfc. Craig Snyder
Pfc. David Morris
Officer Steve Gebhart Jr.
Officer Joshua Bower
Receptionist Joanne Kahler*



Important Phone Numbers

Police Department: 717-632-7059

Fax Number: 717-633-8042

Emergencies: 911

***“PROUDLY SERVING
OUR COMMUNITY”***

POLICE OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR LIFE SAVING ACTIONS

*W*est Manheim Police Officers Joshua Bower, Steve Gebhart Jr. and Pfc. David Morris were recently recognized for their role in saving the life of a 39-year-old township woman that suffered sudden cardiac arrest.

*M*orris and Bower, patrolling an evening shift over the busy Memorial Day weekend, were dispatched to a cardiac arrest on Wanda Drive. Officer Gebhart, not yet on duty, was at the station preparing for his shift and quickly joined in the response. Arriving at the call within minutes, officers found a family member performing CPR on the woman who collapsed without warning. Officer Gebhart, an EMT, applied the department’s Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Following several AED shocks and additional CPR a regular heart rhythm was restored. The woman was transported to Hanover Hospital and later to Hershey Medical Center. Thankfully, after a few weeks of recovery, she walked out of the hospital and returned home.

*O*n September 11, 2008, Hanover Hospital and The Emergency Health Services Federation, Inc. recognized these officers along with volunteers from Pleasant Hill Fire & EMS and medics with Hanover Hospital ALS for their part in this life saving effort. The woman attended the ceremony with her family and was pleased to personally thank the responders who came to her aid.

The evening wrapped up with an unexpected and greatly appreciated surprise as Police Chief Tim Hippensteel was presented with an additional AED for use in the department’s patrol cars. Donated by Hanover Hospital and Conewago Enterprises, this second AED may provide township residents with an even greater chance of survival in the event of a cardiac emergency.

For Your Information

The Township Offices will be closed on the following
2008 & 2009 Holidays



2008
Thanksgiving November 27th & 28th
Christmas Day – December 25th
The Day after Christmas – December 26th
2009
New Years Day – January 1st & 2nd
Presidents Day – February 16th



Important Trash & Recycling Information For West Manheim Township Residents

Please be advised that Penn Waste, Inc. has been awarded the solid waste & recycling collection contract with West Manheim Township for the term April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2010.

Resolution #96-15 enacted by the Board of Supervisors of West Manheim Township requires all new residents (after April 1, 1996) to enter into a solid waste contract with Penn Waste, Inc. Residents that move to West Manheim Township are required to set up a curbside/recycling schedule with Penn Waste.

Your weekly collection day is Wednesday or Thursday. Please have your items placed at the curb prior to 6:00 am on your collection day.

Your weekly service consists of three 36 gallon trash bags or can, one bulk item, and unlimited curbside recycling. Please be aware that each bag/can must not exceed 32 gallons or 75 pounds. Overweight bags and cans are unsafe for the loaders to lift.



Christmas trees will be collected the 3rd Saturday in the month of January.
Please place your tree at the curb for this special collection prior to 6:00 a.m.

Penn Waste Large Items Guidelines

- **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Appliances, Carpet 48" max. length, rolled & tied Furniture Mattresses & Box springs, Car Tires Only (must be off rims), Tree Branches and Brush 48" max. length, must be bundled & tied, Scrap Metal 48" max. length
- **NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS** Paints, Stains, Chemicals, and Liquids, Batteries, Automobile Parts, Household Hazardous Waste, Tires on Rims, Commercial/Industrial Waste, ***Construction Material or Debris*** · Drywall · Brick · Block · Treated Lumber Roofing Shingles · Ceiling Tiles · Concrete · Doors · Windows
 - Regular Service (3 bags/cans trash, 1 bulk item, unlimited recycling) ▶ \$51.60/Quarter
 - 96 gallon mobile carts available for lease ▶ \$18.00/Quarter
 - New Pay-per-Bag Service (Note: Must be 26 bags per year) ▶ \$3.50/Bag
 - Extra bag sold through Penn Waste or Township Office ▶ \$3.50/Bag



Call Penn Waste to schedule collection of Freon Appliances (i.e. freezer, refrigerator)

Penn Waste • P.O. Box 3066 York, PA 17402 • Toll Free: 866-575-8720 or 717-767-4456

Advertising in the West Manheim Township newsletter not only helps us defray the cost of the newsletter, but is an excellent way to showcase your business to residents and other businesses! Your support helps us bring valuable information to the community.

Please contact the township at 717-632-0320 to reserve your space.



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York County Planning Commission
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York, PA 17401
Phone 717-771-9870

Information has been developed to assist specific residents in understanding the procedures for participation in the sewer hookup program. To qualify for the program, the applicant must own and occupy a property in the County of York and must be required to connect that property to a sanitary sewer system. Interested persons should contact the York County Planning Commission office at (717) 771-9870 for additional information on the program.



West Manheim Township Recreation Park

Since breaking ground for the West Manheim Township Recreation Park in January 2007, some progress has been made toward making the park usable. A very preliminary road and some parking have been cut into the park, along with some leveling of the ground. More substantial changes should be made this fall and winter with the installation of a picnic pavilion.

Also this fall, a team of people will mark out the first set of walking and bicycling trails in the park. While the trails will initially be dirt, there are plans to upgrade parts of the trail to a smoother, more permanent surface. Watch for announcements that the trails are ready for use!

The Park and Recreation Board have also teamed with the Hanover Area Alternative Sports Association to develop areas for skateboarding and BMX riding. The group has developed a design for the skateboard park, and is now working with architects to refine it and ensure safety. The BMX trail could be a quick-win for the park, as the existing terrain in the area designated for the trail is very conducive to BMX riding. Additional volunteers for this effort would be appreciated.

There is a great need for other volunteers in order to fully develop this park. Donations of the usage of earth-moving equipment, and donations of time to run the equipment would be most welcome. Once some areas have been leveled, volunteers to help build baseball, soccer, and football fields are greatly needed. The Park and Recreation Board also needs assistance in organizing and running fund-raising activities, speakers to reach out to community organizations to spread the word about the park, and people who are willing to spend a little time to contact businesses (both within, and outside of, the greater Hanover area) to develop partnerships that will benefit both the park and the business.

The Park and Recreation Board meet on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Township building.

Please note that meetings will not be held in November or December due to the Holidays.

Finally, a website has been created to help educate others about the park: <http://buildthepark.com>. It contains park photos, news of upcoming events, tips on how to volunteer, and how to make donations to the park.

The Park and Recreation Board is a non-profit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, please contact the Park & Recreation Board Chairman, Christine Gienski, 717-633-5572, between the hours of 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.



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