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The Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company Carnival

The 2012 carnival is over and was quite successful. The emergency responders and volunteers at Pleasant Hill would like to thank all of those that helped to make this year's event a success. Those attending this major fire company fund raising family event listened to some great entertainment and had an opportunity to enjoy a variety of foods, games, and amusement rides.

This event, the major source of funding for the fire company, provides dollars for a number of fire company projects, such as equipment purchases and maintenance, and general operating expenses. In addition to the company members running the stands and dining room, there were also community members and groups that provided much needed assistance during the week. A number of those individuals stepped up to fill in at the fire company stands when the fire department was dispatched into Hanover Borough for a structure fire.

There are so many individuals to thank and recognize. Unfortunately, they all cannot be listed here. However, a special thanks goes to the following businesses and organizations.

Keith D. Smith Concrete Contractors for the use of three portable, self-powered light towers. These units were used to provide lighting in the parking areas. Keith has generously donated the use of these light towers for the past several years.

Henry H. Hartman Steiner Equipment Sales and Service for the use of a Steiner ST Utility Vehicle. This vehicle was used during the week to transport personnel and needed items throughout the grounds.

Clearview Fire Company Station 3, Hanover Fire Department, for the use of their light trailer. This unit was located at the top of the hill at the entrance to the carnival grounds area and provided lighting at the upper parking area.

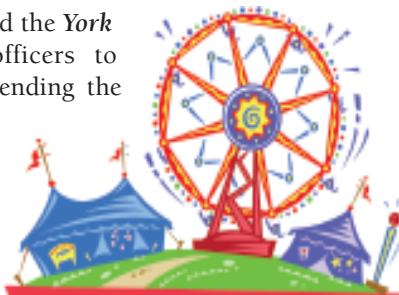
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the use of the message board trailers located north and south of the fire station entrance. The message board signs were used to alert motorists of traffic issues during the carnival event.



The West Manheim Township Police Department and the *York County Sheriff's Department* for providing officers to maintain a safe environment for all of those attending the carnival.

The Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company thanks everyone for their support and assistance during the 2012 carnival.

For additional Fire Company activities, turn to page 3.



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Attention

All Commercial and Institutional Establishments: Recycling is now required

West Manheim Township is a newly mandated community and is required to recycle.

Act 101 requires Municipalities with populations between 5,000 and 10,000 and more than 300 persons per square mile to implement curbside programs. Mandated municipalities collect at least 3 of the following materials: clear glass; colored glass; plastics; aluminum; steel and bimetallic cans; high grade office paper; corrugated paper and newsprint.

In communities where recycling is required, all commercial, institutional, and municipal establishments and sponsors of community activities (such as fairs, bazaars, concerts and organized sporting events) must recycle aluminum, high-grade office paper, corrugated paper and leaves.

RECYCLING REQUIRED BY LAW

Act 101 of 1988 requires commercial, institutional and municipal establishments located in Pennsylvania's mandated municipalities to recycle high-grade office paper, corrugated paper, aluminum and leaf waste. In addition, establishments must recycle any other materials included in the municipality's recycling ordinance or regulations, which may include glass, newsprint, plastics, and/or steel and bimetallic cans.

Whether your organization is housed in a number of buildings or in one building, it will be necessary to design a method for collecting recyclables. The main thrust in developing an internal collection system should be CONVENIENCE.



Key considerations are as follows:

- **CONTAINERS.** Recycling container options range from reused corrugated boxes to a wide variety of commercially available bins. Consider where containers are to be placed, the quantity needed, size, shape, color, and identification (e.g., labels, decals or posters) that informs employees and customers what to put in

and what to leave out. Check with your local fire marshal regarding fire code compliance.

- **STORAGE.** The central storage area should be clean, dry and free of fire hazards. If located outside, consider using covered storage bins to preserve material quality and prevent litter.
- **COLLECTION PERSONNEL.** Collecting recyclables and

taking them to the central storage area is usually the responsibility of custodial staff. If recyclables must be delivered to a market, delivery personnel must be designated. A printed operations schedule is helpful to collection and delivery personnel.



- **MATERIALS PREPARATION.** Many end-users require special preparation of materials for efficient transportation and/or incorporation into their manufacturing processes. Preparation techniques include crushing, bundling and baling. Additional information will be provided to all businesses in the next several weeks.

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Board of Supervisors Work Session: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM

Planning Commission: 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00PM

Recreation Board: 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00PM

Recreation Association: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:00PM

Emergency Management Agency: Last Monday of even-numbered months at 7:00PM

Zoning/Hearing Board: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM, as needed

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2012 Calendar of Events

- Chicken Bar-B-Que/Community Yard Sale.....Sept. 8
- Wine Tasting Festival.....Sept. 29-30
- Fire Prevention Open House.....Oct. 14
- Public Pot Pie Dinners.....Oct. 21 & Nov. 18
- Gun Raffle Social.....Oct. 28

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What Should I Do With My Yard Waste?

York County residents can deliver yard waste to the Resource Recovery Center (RRC). *Yard waste includes: leaves, garden residues, shrubbery, tree trimmings and tree stumps (stumps must not exceed 12 inches in diameter).* Yard waste delivered by residents to the RRC will be diverted to our Yard Waste Transfer Facility provided the material is free of contaminants and meets end user requirements. Yard waste delivered that is contaminated or unacceptable to the end-user will be mixed with regular garbage and processed at the RRC. Yard waste received at the Yard Waste Transfer Facility is shredded and shipped off-site to end users within 30 days.

Items not acceptable as yard waste

Dirt or stones, stumps, any material in plastic bags, bundles secured with anything other than twine or rope (i.e. bundles secured with duct tape or wire will not be collected).

The following items constitute a majority of the most commonly recycled items included in drop-off and curbside recycling programs.

Aluminum and Steel Cans:

Food/beverage ONLY. Please, NO paint, aerosol, or chemical cans (put in regular garbage). NO propane tanks.

Glass-Food and Beverage Containers:

Bottles and jars ONLY. Any color accepted. NO ceramics, window or auto glass, light bulbs or drinking glasses, mirrors, porcelain, glass cookware or bakeware. Rinse containers and remove and dispose of caps and lids.

Plastic bottles/containers/jugs:

These include food, beverage or detergent bottles. ONLY with the numbers 1 through 7 printed on the container. Please, NO shopping bags, oil/chemical containers, toys, plasticwrap, utensils or Styrofoam, microwave trays or unnumbered plastics. Rinse containers and remove and dispose of caps and lids.

Newsprint & Other Paper:

Color inserts, magazines, catalogues, junk mail, cereal boxes, phone books printer paper, copier paper, and junk mail. **DO NOT drop off paper in bags or bundled with string.**

Cardboard:

All boxes MUST be broken down. Corrugated cardboard and paperboard accepted. Corrugated cardboard is cardboard that has ridges separating the front and back panels. This includes most cardboard boxes. Paperboard is usually a low grade cardboard in a single layer. It includes such items as cereal boxes, shoe boxes or soda boxes. Bundle cardboard if it does not fit in the recycling bin. Bundles should not exceed 24"x24".

Unacceptable Items:

Needles, plastic food tubs, salad/deli containers, broken glass, scrap metal, siding and other construction/demolition material, batteries, electronics, solvents.

Bulk Items:

Appliances (Freon Free i.e. washers, dryers). Items containing Freon i.e. refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. Please call customer service to arrange pick-up. Carpet cut, rolled and tied in lengths not to exceed 48" or 50lbs. Furniture, mattress & box spring, television sets, car tires only (must be off rim) other household items too large for normal weekly collection. Liquids, paints, stains, chemicals, household hazardous waste, tires on rims, auto parts & construction & demolition waste.

The Trash Service includes three (3) 32-gallon bags or containers or a 96 gallon mobile cart that is provided by York Waste. For times when additional trash collection service may be required, Extra Service bags may be purchased at the Township office or directly from York Waste at a rate of \$4.25 per bag.



Our Public Works crew "at work"

Even though we have a small Public Works Department, with 4 full-time and 2 on-call employees, the crew has been busy replacing culvert pipes ahead of our 2012 Street projects.

Below, the crew removed a 5 foot culvert pipe on Hobart Road and is preparing to set in a new section of pipe. By using our labor and equipment the Township saved approximately \$20,000 on the project.



Water Wells

Water system council for home owners with water wells
1-888-395-1033 www.wellscarehotline.org

Key points to consider for the long term operation of your well

- Proper cap/sanitary cap prevent the possibility of bugs entering the well head and contaminating the water.
- Protect and cover any bear wires that feed the pump located in the well head



- Most importantly do a minimum yearly water analysis to determine that the water is safe to consume.
- Water quality does change depending on the seasonal changes and the temperament of the year
- Proper grading of surface water away from the well head
- Direct any down spouts for

Zoning Permits

Building and zoning permits are required for a variety of projects. For work that does not require a building permit, a zoning permit may be necessary. The following projects require a zoning permit only:

- Accessory structures under 1000 sq ft
- Fence
- Driveway (new/additions/alterations)
- Patios
- Sidewalk



These projects may also require a stormwater management system to be installed. Zoning permits determine the land is being used as regulated by the Township Zoning Ordinance. Zoning permits are also required to verify projects are placed within the required setbacks. If you intend on doing one of the above projects please submit an application for approval. Applications are available at the Township Office or on the township website.

Yard Sale

As you start summer cleaning, you find several items that you want to sell, and begin to consider having a yard sale. Please consider the townships guidelines as you prepare for your yard sale. A maximum of two yard sales per calendar year are permitted. A yard sale may be no longer than three consecutive days and may not be on a Sunday. A yard sale permit is required and can be secured at the Township Office for a \$10.00 fee. Please be courteous to your neighbors and traffic patterns as patrons park to shop at your yard sale. We hope you have a successful and safe yard sale.



- roof leaders away from the well head
- Keep fertilizers and chemicals away from well heads.
- Do not use a well head as a tie off for your pets. This can be a potential source of well contamination as well as damage the well casing from the animal excrements.
- Self chlorination should be left to the experts who know how to do it without causing damage to the well casing.

On Lot Septic Systems

The proper operation and maintenance of your on-lot septic system is a home owner's responsibility.

Just as changing the oil in your vehicle will prolong the life of the engine so will regular scheduled cleaning of the treatment tanks.

Some of the most common misconceptions with on-lot systems are that cleaning the tank to often will upset the biological process in the treatment tank. This is not the case. The most common failure of an on-lot septic system is when the solids that are to remain in the treatment tank build up to a point that they begin to enter the drain field area, this is where the problems starts.

Another common misconception is that it is OK to clean the tank through the site port (4inch pipe) that is intended to be used as a visual observation port to the treatment tank. What can happen is that all the solids are pumped from one corner of the tank leaving the other side of the 1000 gallon tank full of solids

When the tank is not properly opened and cleaned as designed again this is a source of septic system failures.

The disposal of baby wipes into a septic system will cause serious problems in the treatment system.

This material does not decompose and will increase the cost of having your system pumped by the septic hauler.

Stormwater



Stormwater runoff is the result of the land lacking the ability to absorb the rainfall. The altering of the landscape and the adding of impervious area decreases the natural absorption process. The disruption of the natural system causes erosion, flooding, and water pollution. For this reason, the Township was mandated to adopt Ordinance 2011-03. The ordinance requires all projects to implement measures to control stormwater. Some of the

projects that are now requiring stormwater management are sheds, patios, decks, drives, etc. For projects less than 1000 sq ft a township official will determine the stormwater management procedures. Projects over 1000 sq ft requires a stormwater system designed by an engineer. With the new stormwater requirements, we hope to decrease the devastating results of runoff and stabilize the landscape.

“When it Rains it Drains”

Recent Federal regulations will require most municipalities in the area to adopt new methods to help improve the quality of stormwater runoff to the creeks and streams. An important aspect of these requirements is raising public awareness of the importance of this issue, and advising the Township residents how they can help in reducing stormwater pollution.



The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection brochure on storm water.

Stormwater is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into storm sewers. These are drains at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called stormwater runoff.

Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of streambanks. Stormwater travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland or coastal water. All of the pollutants stormwater carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because stormwater does not get treated!

Rain, by nature, is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities, such as car maintenance, lawn care and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways for Township residents to prevent stormwater pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances, such as used motor oil, cleaning supplies and paint - never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system, and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff of these items.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in stormwater

runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact stormwater runoff to the Township.

- Install innovative stormwater practices on residential properties, such as rain barrels or rain gardens that capture stormwater and keep it on-site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharge from stormwater outfalls during times of dry weather - a sign there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess - in a backyard or on open space - stormwater runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to stormwater.

Township residents can learn more about these new regulations and the need to improve stormwater quality by visiting the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) stormwater website: www.depweb.state.pa.us.

What Residents can help watch for:

- Sediment leaving a construction site in stormwater
- Spills (Chemical, Gas, Oil)
- Illegal dumping activity into streams or storm sewers (PLEASE CALL 911 FIRST)
- Dry weather flows from outfall pipes into streams (72 hours after a rain storm)



Residents may be the first to recognize "illicit" discharges dumping into storm sewers or coming out of from storm sewer outfalls. If you see an "illicit" discharge please report that to the township by one of the following methods: call the township office at 717-632-0320 or send an e-mail to Info@westmanheimtwp.com.

Sewer Payments

As a convenience to our residents the Township now has the ability to accept credit cards for payments. You may use a credit card to purchase trash bags, pay for fees such as building permit fees and pay your quarterly sewer bill. A convenience fees is charged to all payments made by credit card.

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Oct. 20
Nov. 17
Dec. 15

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DO's AND DONT's WITH FATS, OILS AND GREASE

Fats, oils and grease should never be put down the home drain. When fats, oils and grease are put down your home drain they can cause many problems further down the sewer pipe. Liquefied grease and fat will solidify and clog pipes. Liquid oils can also coat pipes and contribute to a blockage. A blockage may cause a sewage backup into your home or into the street creating a public health risk and threatening the environment.

Here are some DO's and Don'ts:



- Soak up the grease after frying with paper towel and put into the garbage
- For larger amounts, after the liquid has cooled, pour the used cooking oil into a container with a lid. Allow grease to harden and then place into the garbage.
- Put strainers in sink drain to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into the garbage.
- Pour fats, oil or grease down the drain
- Use the sewer as a means of disposing of food scraps
- Use the toilet as a wastebasket

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OUR MISSION

The selective acquisition, preservation and access to artifacts and archives that reflect the heritage within the area defined as West Manheim Township, York County PA. This includes family histories, churches, schools, old deeds, inns, tollhouses, mills, organizations, photo's, artifacts, revolutionary war, civil war, businesses and military service, which have a connection to West Manheim Township, and to compile this information and update the history of West Manheim Township.

What We've Been Up To . . .

The Heritage Committee is excited to report that they have recently acquired the following documents over the past couple months:

- Township Road Maps from 1821, 1860 and 1876.
- Map showing the original land grants in West Manheim Township 1744-1807
- Copy of the USGS Map of 1905 and 1922
- Aerial view photos of the Township dated 1957
- Tax Record Book of Real & Personal Property dated 1927 to 1932



something directly related to West Manheim Township please contact the committee. The more involved, the better the collection we will have. We are always searching for historically significant items, photographs and memorabilia, collecting and preserving West Manheim Township's rich history.

The Committee would like to thank everyone that has helped and devoted their time to preserving the history of West Manheim Township.

For more information contact:
Harold Coldren at coldren7201@comcast.net or call (717) 637-8488.

The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm at the West Manheim Township Municipal Building located at 2412 Baltimore Pike Hanover, Pa 17331.

The Heritage Committee invites you to join us in preserving the history of the West Manheim Township. If you have

Masemer Watch and Clock Repair

Murtice E. Masemer was born on January 12, 1907. He was the son of Jacob and Jennie (Wentz) Masemer. He lived in West Manheim Township all of his life.



For 62 years Murtice was a man of Father Time and repaired watches and clocks for a living. When he was a young man he didn't care for farming and said that he wasn't sure what he wanted to do.

In the early 1920's at the age of 14 he bought his first watch from a friend for 50 cents. He took the watch apart and put it back together.

When he was 17 he cleaned, oiled and repaired his brother-in-laws watch. After fixing the watch he built his business which was a work shop located in his home on Baltimore Pike in Pleasant Hill by word of mouth.



"Operation Santa" and Families In Need Project

We know that it is summer and the Christmas Holiday season is almost five months off but the Emergency Responder Personnel at the Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company would like you to start thinking about those children and families that are less fortunate and may not be able to celebrate and enjoy a truly wonderful time of the year.

In 2011, the Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company, partnered with the men and women at Trinity United Church of Christ's Toy Workshop and collected toys and selected clothing items from the community. Residents of the township, West Manheim Township Municipal Government Staff, and members of St. Bartholomew United Church E.L.C.A. all contributed items that were used by the fire Company and Trinity's Toy Workshop.

Items that the fire company accepted last year included: New and "Gently Used"

- * Puzzles

- * Games
- * New and Gently Used Toys
- * New Coloring Books, Crayons, and Washable Markers
- * New Clothing Items: sweatshirts and sweaters, coats, gloves, knit hats, scarves, and socks

The Trinity volunteers begin preparing for the Christmas season in late August or early September. Families with children between the ages of infants to [12] years are normally considered for this Toy Workshop Program. Please consider helping the Pleasant Hill Fire Volunteer Fire Company Emergency Responders in making Christmas an enjoyable one for those children and families that may need assistance. Look for more details and specific "drop-off" points in the West Manheim Township Fall Newsletter.



West Manheim Township Upcoming Events for 2012

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Much has been happening at the West Manheim Township Recreation Park. The community came together on April 28 to plant 48 large trees received as part of the York County Conservation Program's "Tree-vitalize" grant program. A special thank-you goes to Wendy Looker and the Re-habitat program that provided the matching money for the grant and the mulch, to State Forester Matt Kern for the expert tree planting advice and continued care of the trees, the Township's Public Works crew and the Township Manager who gave up a Saturday morning to help out, Sullivan Nursery and Landscaping who donated an auger and the manpower to run it to dig the holes, and to all the private citizens who came out to plant and mulch. Re-habitat also placed 15 bird houses in the park and monitored the nesting process.



Three Boy Scouts will be doing their Eagle Scout projects in the park over the coming year. As a result, the park will get some new trails, an improved nature trail with more bird houses and bat boxes and an informational sign, and a four seasons flower garden. There are many other opportunities for other projects. Interested persons can email parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com.

It's not too late to reserve the park's pavilion for a family picnic or birthday party. The cost is only \$25 and includes the use of one volleyball court and a horseshoe pit. A second volleyball court or horseshoe pit is available for a minimal charge. Contact parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com, or call the township at 717-632-0320 to get the phone number of the Park Board member who controls the pavilion schedule.



Don't forget about the annual German dinner and Volksmarch on November 3. Starting at 9 a.m. that day you can take a leisurely 5K or 10K hike in the park, and then join us between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for an authentic, cooked that day German dinner at St. Bartholomew's church. Of course, you can also choose just one of the activities in which to participate.

Watch the park's website: www.buildthepark.com, the park's page on the Township's website:

<http://westmanheimtwp.com/index.php?page=parks-recreation> or the park's Facebook page: WMTPark for more information as the planning solidifies.

Finally, the first cyclo-cross race is in the planning stages for sometime this fall. Keep an eye on the above websites for more details as they become available.

The Park and Recreation Board meet on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Township Building. The public is welcome to attend.



DCNR launched TreeVitalize as a broad-based public-private partnership to increase public awareness of the importance of community trees, and to reverse the loss of tree cover in the state's metropolitan areas. The program began in southeast Pennsylvania in partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. In 2008 it was launched in Pittsburgh, in partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and by the end of 2009 it will be available in all 14 of the state's metropolitan areas, as defined by the US Census Bureau.

West Manheim Township was awarded a \$3,500 grant through the TreeVitalize program and an additional \$2,500 from Re-habitat, Inc. to plant trees in the Park. Over 40 volunteers assisted in the tree planting.



DCNR Forester Matt Kerns provided instruction on proper planting techniques.