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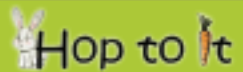


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## YOU'RE TAX DOLLARS AT WORK 2012 ROAD PROJECTS

The Township has developed an aggressive road improvement scheduled for this spring/summer. Please bear with us as there may be detours and temporary closures. The following roads are scheduled for work:

### Milling and Paving

- Shorbs Hill Road from Baltimore Pike to Impounding Dam Rd.
- Hillcrest Drive from Shorbs Hill Rd. to Skylite Dr.
- Fuhrman Mill Road from Hemler Dr. to Oakwood Dr.
- Pumping Station Road from Oakwood Dr. to Baltimore Pike.

### Seal Coat

- Laurence Drive from Shorbs Hill Rd. to Impounding Dam Rd.

### Reclaim and Seal Coat

- Raubentine Road from Grand Valley Rd. to Twp. Line.
- Dubs Church Road from Black Rock Rd. to Twp. Line.
- Glenville Road from Hobart Road to 2011 Improvements.
- Hobart Road from Sherman's Church to Glenville Rd.

### Reclaim and Paving

- Toll Gate Road from Baltimore Pike to Impounding Dam Rd.
- Pumping Station Road from Black Rock Rd. to Oakwood Dr.

### Paving-top coat

- Fairview Drive from Baltimore Pike to Casino Dr.
- Fuhrman Mill Road from Baltimore Pike to Hemler Dr.

### Bridge Replacement

- Beck Mill Road



### IT IS SPRING TIME AND LAWN MOWING SEASON!

- For your safety and the cost savings for both the home owner and municipality be careful mowing around any Utility caps or structures that are located in on your property.
- These caps can be seriously damaged and have costly repairs when damaged by a lawn mowers or crushed by vehicle travel.
- If the cap is missing or damaged contact the municipality to determine if the repair can be corrected and if any subsurface damage has occurred.
- Failure to follow through can lead to backups in your service sewer line or prevent other utilities from being turned off in an emergency situation.



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# Septic Systems

The Township is currently in the second year of on-lot septic system inspections. Many residents have been spared expensive repairs of their systems with education and minor repairs that would have eventually led to system failures.

Older septic systems were commonly installed using a concrete tank with a single compartment or chamber. As State regulations regarding the installation of on lot septic systems have improved it became necessary to install larger tanks with two compartments. The objective was to prevent the solid materials inside the treatment tank, also referred to as the holding tank, from leaving the concrete chamber and entering the septic drain field area. This could be accomplished with two separate tanks or a larger tank with a concrete divider in the middle of the tank.

Septic tanks installed after January 1995 were required to have two chambers or compartments. If the correct

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1960	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1	-
1970	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
1980	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
1990	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
2000	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
2010	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
2020	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

Under current Pennsylvania law a 900 gallon septic tank must be used for a home with three bedrooms or fewer. If 4 people reside in a 3-bedroom home, the tank should be pumped every 1.5 years. If the same system serves a family of 2, the tank would be ready for pumping every 5.5 years. Systems installed before 1971 may have septic tanks smaller than 900 gallons. As shown in the table, these tanks may need to be pumped more often than once a year.

## 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.

## 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

cleaning of these filters will increase the life of the septic system. Cleaning should occur when the septic system is pumped.

The frequency of pumping the system is based on the number of people living in the residence and the size of the septic tank. Septic tanks installed prior to 1971 may have tanks smaller than 900 gallons and require service sooner than a 4 year time period.

maintenance and cleaning of these two compartments is not performed system failure is inevitable. This could include something as simple as a blockage or as costly as a failed drain field. If you are uncertain what type of a septic tank is on your property consider the age of the house.

Septic tanks may also be designed with an effluent filter. This is another way of preventing the solids in the tank from entering the drain field area. The periodic

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.

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.

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 Chicken Bar-B-Que.....May 5  
 Firefighters' Carnival.....July 23-28  
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 Community Yard Sale.....Sept. 8  
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## 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 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.

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Tom Smith, Program Administrator tls35@psu.edu Every year mosquitoes return to irritate residents that would like to enjoy being outside. What can be done to reduce these pests and the chance of transmitted diseases? Tom Smith, of Penn State Cooperative Extension has some simple suggestions to help.

Residents need to inspect their own yards and property for items that can hold water and dump or drain the water. These containers may be something small such as cans, buckets, tires, kiddie toys or tarps to items as large as a covered swimming pool. Taking the time to perform a little yard cleanup will make your summer much more enjoyable.



are a source of mosquitoes. If these areas hold water all the time then predators are present and keep mosquito larvae in check. Trash, litter or yard clutter nearby is usually found to be the source of mosquitoes. Occasionally, ruts created by mowers may collect water and produce mosquitoes.

York County remains an area of concern for the risk of West Nile. Residents that are over fifty years of age or have a compromised immune system because of an illness such as Lyme Disease are more at risk for West Nile Encephalitis.

Anytime you and your family are outside be sure to wear a repellent. Products containing DEET are most effective. Other repellents are also available. Residents need to use the repellent that works best for them. After following the above recommendations, if you still have mosquito problems, try taking a fan outside with you. Mosquitoes are weak fliers and keeping the air moving on your deck or patio will keep the mosquitoes away.

If you would like additional information about stormwater, mosquitoes, ticks and repellent use, please contact the York County West Nile Virus Program at 717-840-2375 or email tls35@psu.edu.

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- 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.

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On the morning of December 24, Henry Hartman, a township resident and business owner, received a phone call from a friend that had information concerning a stand-by emergency generator that FOX 43 was replacing with a newer and larger unit. Immediately after the Christmas holidays contact was made with FOX 43 representatives in York to learn more about the generator. Within a week Henry and the Township's EMA Coordinator met with WPMT-TV representatives and a plan was formulated to acquire the generator and related relay unit and transfer switch.

FOX 43 was looking to donate the generator to an emergency services provider and the Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company was in need of a newer, larger, generator to provide emergency power to the fire station, which is also the township's primary Emergency Operations Center, during periods of weather-related or human-generated power outages. This 100KW, diesel-powered generator would be an ideal replacement for the present 1952 Korean-War Era gas-powered generator, which had the capability to provide power to only a portion of the fire station.

Due to the location of the generator at the FOX studios on south Queen Street, a number of issues had to be resolved before the unit could physically be moved. The generator and fuel tank, weighing approximately 4500 pounds would require a large crane to lift it up and out of its enclosure and over the roof of the FOX facility. Eisenhart Crane Service was contacted to provide the necessary unit and operator. Due to the proximity of power lines and electrical services, Met-Ed needed to provide equipment and

personnel to disconnect power to the FOX studios while the generator was being moved. Comcast also had to be notified as one of their transfer stations would be affected when the power was temporarily shut down. Due to the weight of the generator a roll-back truck would be needed to transport the unit. Henry Hartman donated both his time and truck for the move. During the power shut-down, WPMT-TV would still be able to remain on the air as they would switch over to emergency power using their newly installed 250KW generator.

On Wednesday, February 1, Henry Hartman, Ed Orndorff and West Manheim's EMA Coordinator traveled to the FOX 43 studios to complete preliminary work on the generator. Approximately 140 gallons of Diesel Fuel had to be off-loaded into a portable tank, the large exhaust stack on the generator had to be dismantled, and the relay unit, automatic transfer switch and cabinet had to be removed from its location in the building. These tasks were completed by early afternoon and the equipment and fuel was transferred to the Pleasant Hill Fire Station.

A target date of February 7 was selected to move the generator. A Met-Ed crew installed a temporary fuse block on the main service pole and Eisenhart Crane was contacted. Comcast was also notified so that they could prepare for the power shut-down. All personnel and parties involved met at the FOX 43 studios at approximately 12:00pm. FOX staff vehicles were moved from the front parking area and Eisenhart Crane Service arrived and began setting up for the lift. At approximately 12:45pm the power to the studios was shut down, the new emergency generator began providing electrical power to the studios, and cables and straps were secured to the 100KW generator. At 1:30pm the crane operator lifted the generator out of its enclosure and up and over the FOX building and onto Henry Hartman's truck. The generator was secured to the truck bed, the crane was disconnected and moved, and the power was restored to the FOX studios. The generator was transported back to the Pleasant Hill Fire Station and off-loaded by Eisenhart Crane onto the concrete pad constructed to hold the generator.

The entire operation went very smoothly and experienced only minor issues. There are many people and businesses to thank which assisted with this project Henry H. Hartman, Sterner Equipment Sales and Service for providing his expertise, time and roll-back truck to transport the generator and related equipment. Met-Ed for providing a crew and equipment to manage the electrical power shut-down and restoration when needed. Ed Orndorff, Orndorff Construction, for providing his time and expertise.

And finally, WPMT-TV FOX 43 for generously donating to the Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company the 100KW diesel-powered emergency generator. This was truly an awesome donation that will enable the fire station to function and continue to provide emergency services to the West Manheim Township Community during times of power outages.

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*Keep an eye out for changes at www.rabbittransit.org to find out if there's a bus coming near you!*

What is E.C.R.I.N.? E.C.R.I.N. stands for Evacuating County Residents In Need. We have also modified this program and have given it a second name – E.T.R.I.N., which stands for Evacuating Township Residents In Need. This is a voluntary, community outreach service to assist emergency responders (Fire Dept., Emergency Medical Services, Police Dept, and Emergency Management) and elected officials in West Manheim Township (and municipalities across York County) in obtaining important information on special needs residents living in their communities.

E.C.R.I.N./E.T.R.I.N. also assists residents by ensuring that all emergency response units (Fire, EMS, Police, and EMA) have access to the same information about each person – thus decreasing confusion during an emergency situation. E.C.R.I.N./E.T.R.I.N. provides a way for all responders to access the same, standardized information. This standardized information decreases safety risks to both responders and residents in emergency situations.

This system is entirely voluntary. Under state law (Title 35: Health and Safety of Emergency Services Code) municipalities are required to keep information on special needs persons in their area. This program provides an organized system to do so. Also,



state law requires group living arrangements to provide their own emergency plan. Therefore, this is a resource for residents with special needs who have no reliable source of assistance in the event of an emergency. This resource can be used for more than just evacuation purposes – the information it provides is also helpful in any emergency situation, such as a fire incident, chemical spill, police incident, severe storm events, and other similar incidents.

West Manheim Township Emergency Services, which includes the Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company, the West Manheim Township Police Dept, and the West Manheim Township Emergency Management Agency, is constantly updating the list of residents that may require assistance in the event of an emergency in the township. If you or any members of your family require special assistance we are asking that you complete a E.C.R.I.N./E.T.R.I.N. form. Completing this form is voluntary and not mandatory. However, by completing the requested information all emergency responders will be better prepared and informed. All information is considered confidential.

If you have completed a form in the past and there have been no changes, it is not necessary to complete a new form. If there have been changes in health status, medications, mobility, or any other health issues, please consider completing a new form.

Contact West Manheim Township Emergency Management Coordinator at 717-632-0320 or visit the township website: WWW.WESTMANHEIMTWP.COM to obtain a copy of the ECRIN form.

**Vendors Wanted!**

West Manheim Elementary School's Annual Spring Yard Sale will be held on

**Saturday, May 19, 2012 • 7:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
\$10.00 a space (non-refundable and no rain date)

For more information or To Reserve a Space Contact:  
Shannon Fritzel at (717)634-5325  
Please No Food Vendors - The PTO will have concessions

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Ira Masemer owned the Macey's Diner on Baltimore Street & Hobart Road. The diner was open from 1940 to 1950. In 1959 St. David's United Church of Christ bought the land which is now located on Hobart Road.

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.

Objective

- Catalog existing information

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,

- Gather new information
- Oral history from elders of the community
- Locate historical sites on a contemporary map of the township
- Catalog donated photos and other documents
- Present results of research to the community

If you have information to donate or loan or wish to volunteer, contact: Harold Coldren at coldren7201@comcast.net or call (717) 637-8488. The Committee is specifically looking for aerial maps of the Township from around the 1950's. If you have any of these maps or know anyone that does contact Harold Coldren.

*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.*



255 Saint Bartholomew Road, Hanover, Pa 17331 • <http://www.buildthepark.com>

## 5k Walk/Run

The annual 5K Run will be held at the park August 18, with registration starting at 8 a.m. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories. For more information, contact Jeff Klenk at jdklenk@embarqmail.com.



## 5K or 10K Volksmarch & German Dinner

The 5K or 10K Volksmarch and German dinner will be held November 3. Walkers may start at 9:30 a.m. and dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All walkers must finish by 3 p.m. Watch for more information as the date draws closer.



## The American Youth Soccer Organization

The American Youth Soccer Organization is still looking for players and volunteers for the 2012 season. Contact Dominick Winder at 717-467-1780 or dominickwinder@gmail.com, or visit <http://www.facebook.com/AYSOsoccer>.

Other activities that have not been finalized are a chicken BBQ and day in the park, a Cyclo-cross Race, dog shows and contests, and organized walks. We would also like to hold Zumba classes with vendors at the Township building. Please keep checking the website [buildthepark.com](http://buildthepark.com) and the West Manheim Township Park page on Facebook for more information on all activities.

The Park Board is also in need of volunteers to plan and help with these events and to maintain the park. We need vendors for several of the activities, and volunteer Zumba instructors. If you are interested in volunteering, even if it's just for a couple of hours, or would like to set up as a vendor at one of our events, contact Chris Gienski at 717-633-5572 or [CGienski@westmanheimtwp.com](mailto:CGienski@westmanheimtwp.com).

A permit is required for any swimming pool, hot tub, or spa over 24 inches in depth. Some of the most commonly asked questions can be answered below:

1. A fence or other approved barrier is required for any swimming pool under 4 feet in height. This fence must be at least 48 inches tall and have a self-closing, self-latching type gate in order to keep small children from obtaining access to the pool and risking injury. The fence must be installed prior to filling the pool.
2. A site plan must accompany a pool permit application, indicating the location of the pool on the property. Location of utilities and structures is also required on the site plan. The pool must be at least twenty (20) feet from the rear property line and ten (10) feet from the side property line. The pool and any deck cannot be constructed on easements.
3. You will need to submit specifications for the pool structure and equipment, such as the filter and pump. The information will be reviewed by a third party inspection agency.
4. If a deck is going to be constructed with the pool, structural plans for the deck should be submitted. If the deck provides access from the pool to a door leading into the house, the door must have one of the following:
  - a. A door alarm and controls located at least 54 inches high adjacent to the door. The alarm must produce an

85 dBA audible warning signal within 7 seconds after the door has been opened. The alarm must sound continuously for a minimum of thirty (30) seconds.



- b. A self-closing and self-latching device on the door located at least 54 inches above the threshold. This option is only available when the door swings away from the pool.
  - c. A powered safety cover with the capacity of 485 pounds. The controls for the cover must be permanently installed and must be a key operated switch. The switch must also be adjacent to the pool.
5. All electrical receptacles used for pools or pool equipment must be GFCI protected and have weatherproof covers that are capable of closing while the plug is in place. Receptacles used for pump equipment can be placed between 5 and 10 feet from the inside rim of the pool, must be single, grounded and of a twist-locking variety. A standard receptacle must be installed between 10 and 20 feet of the pool, and shall be GFCI type. Electrical permit is required and all electrical work.

Questions? Call the Code Enforcement Office at 632-0320.

## Yard Sale

As you start spring 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.



## “Operation Santa” and Families In Need Project

We know that it is spring and the Christmas Holiday season is a long way 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”

New Puzzles and Puzzle with Boxes in Good Condition  
Board Games

New and Gently Used Toys

New Coloring Books, Crayons, and Washable Markers  
Sports Items - Footballs, Soccer Balls, Basketballs, Baseballs, Softballs, Gloves

School Supplies - 3-Ring Binders, Book Bags, Backpacks, Pencils, Tablets

Books - Story Books, Reading Books

The Trinity volunteers begin preparing for their 49th 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 West Manheim Township Late Summer or Fall Newsletter.

