

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP



NEWSLETTER

Shred your confidential and personal documents—TBD

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West Manheim Township is planning a shred-it event for the residents of the Township. We encourage residents to gather their personal and confidential documents for this event. Binder covers and staples do not need to be removed.

A few of the documents you may want to consider shredding are:

- o Obsolete tax documents
- o Bank statements / canceled checks
- o Credit card statements and receipts
- o Credit card offers
- o Financial account statements
- o Insurance documents
- o All sensitive information: Birthdates, social security numbers, signatures, passwords and pins
- o Legal documents
- o Credit reports and histories

The date and time for this event is to be determined. Please continue to check the Township website and Facebook page for more information.



Street Sweeping

Street sweeping removes gravel, leaves, excess rock salt, grease, antifreeze, oil and other harmful debris that would otherwise wash into catch basins during rain events. Eventually, these contaminants wash into our waterways polluting drinking water. In extreme cases, gravel and leaves can clog catch basins causing flooding and property damage. Depending on the weather, Public Works Department intends on beginning the annual street sweeping in mid-March. The Road Master asks that have your vehicles off the roadway Monday-Friday from 7:00am-3:30pm. This will allow for the entire street to be swept. There are NO set areas or dates for sweeping. All Township streets will be cleaned so please be patient until we get to your area. Please use extreme caution when passing the street sweeper.



Township Limb Pick-up

West Manheim Township Public Works crews will be collecting brush and limbs. Items must be set along the curb. **The west side of the Township will take place April 13-17 and the east side will be April 20-24.**

Limbs should be no larger than 3 inches in diameter and brush should be stacked for easy pickup. Absolutely no boards, lumber or construction type debris will be accepted.

The Township reserves the right to refuse excessive amounts of debris and the property owner must make arrangements with a commercial trimmer. The Township can refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is NOT responsible for cleanup.

Yard Waste Pick-up by Garbage Co.

Remember, Republic Services collects yard waste materials including tree trimmings, shrubbery, leaves and other organic vegetation. These items will be picked up with your weekly recyclables. Branches and tree limbs cannot exceed 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length. They must be bundled with secured rope or twine and not weigh more than 50 pounds. Grass clippings must be in a Republic Services garbage bag. Other debris should be placed in biodegradable, Kraft bags. Kraft bags can be purchased at local retail stores.



Year Round Limb & Brush Disposal

Limb and brush can be disposed of at H&H General Excavating Company located at 660 Old Hanover Road in Spring Grove. You may dispose of all natural wood products at their plant seven days a week during daylight hours. They will not accept paint or treated wood, metal, or grass clippings. For questions or details call 717-225-4669 or 717-225-1479.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department consists of 4 full time employees and 2 part time employees. They are responsible for maintaining the 65 miles of Township owned roads. Repairs and replacement of road/traffic signs, guide rails, culverts, inlets, patching and road restoration are everyday tasks. Seasonal tasks for the public works department include vegetation removal, mowing, sweeping, and ice/snow removal.

From Left: Jeff Rummel (Roadmaster), Robert Gregory, Terry Hockensmith, Brandon Martz, Paul Myers, Harold Bachman

Pot Hole Repair

The frequent cold snaps and thaws are creating potholes. Potholes develop when water seeps below the road through small cracks in the pavement surface. As the water repeatedly freezes and thaws, a cavity below the road is formed and larger cracks develop, destroying the strength of the pavement. The Public Works Department will try to repair the pot holes as time and weather permits. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

To report potholes or other conditions on a West Manheim Township road, please contact the Township Office at (717) 632-0320, or email us at info@westmanheimtwp.com.

To report potholes on State Roads maintained by PennDOT, contact PennDOT Pothole Repair at: 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623). Callers to the 1-800-FIX-ROAD hotline should be as specific as possible when providing pothole locations or other maintenance concerns. For state routes, callers must report the county, municipality, street name and route number.



From the Tax Collector's Desk: The 2015 York County & West Manheim Township Real Estate Bills and 2015 West Manheim Per Capita Tax Bills will be mailed in February. The tax period for the bills is the current calendar year. If you have an escrow account and received a Real Estate Bill, please forward it to your mortgage company. Exoneration forms for the Per Capita Tax can be found on the Township website. The tax office hours are included with your bill and can be found on the Township website. Two drop boxes are available for payments. One located on the outside of the building and the other is inside by the tax office. Post mark is acceptable. If desiring a paid receipt, you must include the tax bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope.



is levied by the municipality and school district where you reside to collect the earned income tax. It is a tax on gross wages and net profits. Tax rates are 1% or higher depending on the school district where you live. The tax is shared between the municipality and school district. If you work within Pennsylvania your employer is required to withhold the tax and remit it to the collector where the employer is located. The York Adams Tax Bureau collects the tax for most of York and all of Adams Counties. If you are self-employed or work out-of-state, you are required to make estimated quarterly payments of the tax due. An annual Individual Earned Income Tax Return must be filed with the YATB by April 15 following the end of the tax year. A return must be filed even if you had no earned income. Only permanently retired or disabled individuals are exempt from filing. For more information please visit <http://www.yatb.com/> or call (717) 845-1584.

Rec Park News:

The West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board has set its event calendar for the year. Watch our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WMTPark, or the Township's website, www.westmanheimtwp.com and click on the Parks and Recreation tab at the top of the page, for additional details as they become available.

- **March 28** - Easter egg hunts, children's starting at 9:00am and the doggie hunt at 11:00am (the rain date is March 29, children's hunt at 1:00pm and doggie hunt at 3:00pm)
- **April 18** - Park clean-up. We'll uncover the volleyball courts starting at 10:00am (the rain date is April 19 at 1:00pm)
- **May 31**- Bark for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society
- **August 1** - annual 5K race, starting at 8:30am rain or shine
- **October 25** - flag football tournament (the rain date November 1)
- **November 7** - annual German dinner and volksmarch rain or shine.



Volunteers are needed to help with the above events and activities, and to help with general maintenance activities in the park such as mowing, weed-whacking, and trail maintenance. If interested, please contact the Park Board via email at parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com or call the Park Board Chairwoman, Christine Gienski, at 717-633-5572.

It's time to think about summer picnics! The park's pavilion is available on a first-come, first-served basis, or it can be reserved for \$35. Each reservation includes the use of one volleyball court and one horseshoe pit (bring your own volleyball and horseshoes). The other court and horseshoe pit can be reserved for an additional fee. Rental forms and further information are available on the park's pages on the Township's website (see above).

Police

The police department welcomes two new officers, Randy Wagner (left) and Shawn Ricketts (right). Both have several years of law enforcement experience and their addition to the department



brings the staff up to nine officers. They are seen here with Township Assistant Treasurer Nancy Smith reciting their oath of office.

Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company

Support your local Fire Company and their upcoming events. A Public Pot Pie Dinner will be held on April 19. On May 2, the fire company will be having a Chicken Bar-B-Que. Tickets must be purchased in advance. A Shrimp & Wing Feed is scheduled for May 16. To purchase tickets for their upcoming events please call 637-7778. Mark your calendars for the Firefighter's Carnival July 20-25.



The Social Hall is available for rent for parties, weddings and other purposes. Please call 717-476-3279 to schedule your special event. The Pavilion & Grounds are also available for rent by calling 717-476-6436 or 717-476-1536. For more information on the Fire Company please visit their website at www.pleasanthillfire52.com.



The police department continues to see an increase in identity theft and unauthorized use of credit/debit cards. Here are some tips to reduce your risk of become a victim of these crimes.

Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write it on your checks. Only give out your SSN when absolutely necessary.

Protect your PIN. Never write a PIN on a credit/debit card or on a slip of paper kept in your wallet.

Watch out for "shoulder surfers". Use your free hand to shield the keypad when using ATMs.

Collect mail promptly. Ask the post office to put your mail on hold when you are away from home for more than a day or two.

Pay attention to your billing cycles. If bills or financial statements are late, contact the sender.

Keep your receipts. Ask for carbons and incorrect charge slips as well. Promptly compare receipts with account statements. Watch for unauthorized transactions.

Tear up or shred unwanted receipts, credit offers, account statements, expired cards, etc., to prevent dumpster divers getting your personal information.

Store personal information in a safe place at home and at work. Don't leave it lying around.

Don't respond to unsolicited requests for personal information in the mail, over the phone or online.

Install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.

Check your credit report once a year. Check it more frequently if you suspect someone has gotten access to your account information.

West Manheim Township is “going green”. Our newsletters will be available on the Township Website - www.westmanheimtwp.com. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please contact us at info@westmanheim.com. Hardcopies are available in the Township lobby. Thank you!



Don't forget to “Like” West Manheim Township on Facebook. We are always updating our Facebook page with upcoming events and notifications.

How Visible Are Your House Numbers?

Installation of the proper house numbers will help with the time efficiency of emergency responders. House numbers should be a minimum of 3” in height on residential buildings. The stroke or width of the number should be a minimum of 1/2”. House numbers need to be a durable light-reflecting material or a color that contrasts with the immediate background. The numbers posted on the house should be visible from the road. If you are unable to see the house from the road the house numbers should be visible from both directions of travel on a post or sign. The post location, if needed, must be close to the driveway. Your mailbox may not be used as the primary source of identification if there are multiple mailboxes fronting the property. Proper identification may help save your life or someone you love.



Ask For Their Peddlers Permit

West Manheim Township requires a Peddler’s or Solicitor’s Permit for anyone engaged in door-to-door sales of merchandise, goods and/or services. If approved, the Township will give the applicant a solicitation permit (seen here). Residents should ask peddlers to see their solicitation permit to prove it has been issued. When the Township issues a Solicitation Permit it is not an endorsement of the quality or safety of the product or service. The purpose of the permit is to allow the Police Department to conduct a background check and to have contact information on file if a complaint about an individual or organization is received. If the individual cannot display their permit issued by West Manheim Township, he/she is not authorized to engage in door-to-door sales. Please notify the police of those performing unauthorized soliciting in West Manheim Township.



Yard Sale Permits

Permits are required for garage & yard sales. Residents are permitted to have two sales a year. Each permit is good for three consecutive days. Signs for the sales may not be attached to street and traffic signs and should not obstruct the view of vehicular traffic. Yard sale permits are \$10.00 and can be secured at the Township Office Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.



Geothermal Heating & Cooling



Homeowners are beginning to use alternative energy sources within their home. One of those options is geothermal heating and cooling. During the heating cycle, a water furnace geothermal heat pump uses the earth loop to extract heat from the ground. The system pulls heat from the loop and distributes it through a conventional duct system. This energy can also be used for a radiant floor system and domestic hot water heating. Geothermal cooling is the heating process reversed. Instead of extracting heat from the ground, heat is extracted from the air in your home and either moved back into the earth or used in your hot water tank forcing cool air throughout the home. If you are installing a geothermal heating and cooling system, don't forget to secure the required mechanical & well permits. Before installing any alternative energy source please call the Township to find out what permits and inspections are required.

Know Your On Lot Conventional Septic System

The most common method of treatment and disposal in rural areas is through the use of subsurface on-site wastewater systems, more commonly called on-site septic systems. Their popularity is due to their simplicity and construction cost. On-site septic systems have two major components: (a) the septic tank, where solids settle and decompose, and (b) the subsurface absorption field, where liquid discharged from the tank is treated by bacteria living in the soil. On-site treatment systems are designed to treat and disperse a set number of gallons of wastewater a day. It is recommended that water-conserving fixtures be installed in residences. If the amount of wastewater is exceeded, then your on-site system may malfunction. Below you will find more tips for your conventional system. All systems must be certified and inspected every four years. Call the Township with for additional information.

The DO's and DON'Ts of Conventional Systems:

DON'T use septic tank additives.

DO have your septic tank pumped out every three to five years or as needed.

DON'T flush material such as hair, diapers, cigarette butts or feminine hygiene products because they will not easily decompose.

DO divert roof drains and surface water from driveways and hillsides away from your system.

DON'T drive over the septic tank or drainfield (lateral lines).

DO learn the location of your septic tank and drainfield (lateral lines).

DON'T plant anything over or near the lateral lines except grass because the roots of trees and shrubs can clog and damage the lateral lines.

DO cover the absorption field with grass to prevent erosion and remove excess water.

DON'T do *all* of the laundry on the same day of the week; spread it out over a weeks time.

DO conserve water to avoid overloading your system.

Signs of Conventional System Malfunction:

Pools of water or soggy spots on your lawn near your system

Foul odors at soggy areas

Sewage backs up into the house

Sluggish drains

Test Your Well Water For Contaminants:

Approximately 880 homes within the Township and over 15 million homes within the United States obtain their drinking water through private wells. The United States has one of the safest drinking water supplies in the world; however, the water can still become contaminated. The water can be contaminated through naturally occurring chemicals and minerals (for example, arsenic, radon), local land use practices (for example, pesticides, chemicals, animal feeding operations), malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems (for example, sewer overflows), and other sources. A contaminated private well does not only affect the household it serves, but also homes that use the same aquifer.

It is the responsibility of each property owner of a private well to ensure that the water is safe from contaminants. Every year, private wells should be checked for mechanical problems, cleanliness, and the presence of coliform bacteria, nitrates, and any other contaminants. The presence of contaminants in water can lead to health issues, including gastrointestinal illness, reproductive problems, and neurological disorders. Infants, young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people whose immune systems are compromised because of AIDS, chemotherapy, or transplant medications, may be especially susceptible to illness from some contaminants.



Water analysis kits are available at the Township Office for free. Instructions are included in the kit. It is the homeowners' responsibility to collect the samples and deliver them to the Lab. The kits will ensure your well water is free of contaminants and safe for consuming.

Heritage Committee of West Manheim Township

VILLAGES IN WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP

Part 1 of 2

HOBART

This village was named for Vice President Garrett Hobart, who was vice president during William McKinley's administration. When rural post offices were established after 1880, they were often located in stores and the storekeeper became the postmaster. The store owner had the privilege of naming the post office, which was usually the last name of the store owner. Charles A. Wertz owned a store at this location. He did not choose to name it; therefore, the representative of the United States Post Office chose the name. Charles A. Wertz was appointed postmaster of the Hobart post office on December 3, 1897. The Village of Hobart was named after the post office. (1)

PLEASANT HILL

Adam Sauble laid out the town of Pleasant Hill and named it Chanceberg. This land was part of a tract of land given in a land grant from the Penns on Patent dated November 15, 1766 made to Leonard Sauble containing 123 acres. It changed hands many times through two centuries. Part of it was sold to Andrew Bowser and eventually the Garrett family.

Adam Sauble was the son of Leonard Sauble. Andrew Bowser is buried in a private cemetery which was originally a part of the farm. As you noticed, it was called Chanceberg. Someone erroneously read the first part of the word Chance, which is not written very legibly, to be Schones which in the German language means beautiful and "berg" means mountain or hill. So you see, Schonesberg then could be translated "Beautiful Hill" or "Pleasant Hill". (2)

BANDANNA

At one time in our early history most of our ancestors were immigrants. Pleasant Hill also had its share of migrant workers. One such individual was Adam (no relation to the Saubles), who presumably was a laborer for the Nicholas Dill Becthel (1862-1944) and Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Garrett (1963-1941) family. My Grandmother Elda Catherine Bechtel Wentz (1896-1991) told this story to Marian Elizabeth Wentz Wisner (1921-2012).

Adam spoke using a mixture of German and English words. His parents had been immigrants from Germany about 1840. He said they had wandered through the countryside after arriving in Philadelphia. Finally they found a place they like with an abandoned log cabin which they used. The tall oak, hickory and chestnut trees reminded them of Germany and there was good spring water nearby.

Adam always wore the same old black slouch hat with the brim turned up. His out-of-date clothes given to him by various people were mended and patched by Elda's mom. Like other men in the village, he wore a large red bandana (kerchief) tied 'round his neck. In wintertime he wore an extra one tied over his hat and under his chin to keep his head warm.

Pleasant Hill was re-named Bandanna in 1888 when a Post office was established in their general store. The visiting United States Postal agent had said there already was a registered Pleasant Hill post office, so they must choose another name for this one. No names were suggested.

The agent liked the red or blue bandannas several men in the store were wearing that day. He suggested the name Bandanna. When no one protested, he wrote it in the official book he carried. Later it was printed on the large sign and placed over the mail boxes. Villagers laughed and snickered afterward, but Bandanna became the official name in 1905.

Oliver Garrett owned the general store in 1888 and was appointed the first Postmaster. Elda always called the Village Pleasant Hill and the post office Bandanna. (3)

CHERRY HILL

The community of Cherry Hill, was reportedly located in south of Bandanna at the intersection of Sherman's Church Road. We believe there was an old general Store at the intersection of Baltimore Pike and Tracey Road. Can any of the Township residents provide additional information on the Village of Cherry Hill?

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"History of West Manheim Township", prepared by Clark Henry Wertz, 1969

Story titled "Old Adam and the Beehives" written by Marian Elizabeth Wentz Wisner previously unpublished

Prepared by Richard G. Resh
Grandson of Clark and Elda Wentz

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.

If you need help in identifying a person in an old family photo or site in the Township, please contact us. We are always up for a challenge.



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Single Stream Recycling



West Manheim Township residential recycling services are provided by Republic Services.

They make recycling easy by having a “single stream” system. This means that all acceptable recyclables can be placed in the same container. No need to sort items or have separate bins.

Republic Services will sort the items at the plant. Republic Services and the Township allows and encourages unlimited recycling. If you need a new recycling bin and a larger one please stop by the Township Office.

Recycling: Items with a Cord

Broken or out of date electronic items are recyclable. The following items are acceptable: TV’s, Computers, Stereos, Microwaves, Fax Machines, VCRs, Printers, Telephones, Remote Controls, etc. These items can be recycled at Penn Township’s recycling center located at 1020 Wilson Avenue Hanover, PA. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:15pm and Saturday 8:00am - 3:00pm. They can also be taken to York County Solid Waste Authority the third Saturday of the month between 9:00am- 1:00pm. York County Solid Waste is located at 2700 Black Bridge Road York, PA 17402.



Prescription Drug Take-Back



Do you have unwanted or expired medicines at your home? No problem! Your unwanted medicine can be disposed of at the Penn Township Police Department located at 20 Wayne Avenue Hanover, PA. The following items are accepted at this drop off location: prescription and over-the-counter solid medications, tablets, capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams, patches, ointments, nasal sprays, and pet medications. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and needles are NOT accepted. Medicines should be in a sealed container such as original bottle or zip lock bag. Please remove or black out personal information on medicine bottles as a precaution. The green and white metal take-back box is available to residents during normal lobby hours 8:00am-4:30pm, except holidays.