

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP

FALL 2019

FALL LIMB PICK UP

West Manheim Township Public Works Department will be collecting brush and limbs. ***All items must be curbside by Sunday of designated week to guarantee removal.***

**The west side of the Township will take place October 14th – 18th and
the east side will be October 21st – 25th.**

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. The Township can refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is NOT responsible for cleanup.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaves may be placed curbside for collection starting October 28th. The crews will go through the Township more than once in the event that all leaves are not down and curbside by this date. Leaves must not be in any type of bag or container. Leaf collection is expected to take about 3-4 weeks with the last collection day being November 29th, dependent upon the weather conditions.



The Municipal Election is on November 5th. Voting will take place at St David's Evangelical Church 1032 Musselman Road, Hanover, PA 17331. The polls are open from 7am-8pm. For more information visit: <https://yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections.html>

TRICK or TREAT will take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 6-8pm.

Residents are asked to turn on their porch light(s) if the Trick or Treaters are welcome. All Trick or Treaters are asked to respect a homeowners privacy by NOT approaching homes whose porch light is NOT turned on.

Street safety is a responsibility for both trick-or-treaters and drivers. Drivers need to remember children will be out and pay close attention for children running in the street. Trick-or-treaters should obey traffic and pedestrian rules, and should not assume they can be easily seen. *For the safety of the Trick or Treaters and your community, please make your porch light is working.*



WHAT'S THAT ON MY STREET?

The West Manheim Public Works Department works very hard to keep the Township's roads in good condition for winter travel. The Roadmaster plans and considers the proper treatment of the roads during a winter storm event. Each winter storm event is unique and the Roadmaster must look at several factors when determining the best method for treating the roads. They must consider the road temperature, air temperature, forecasted precipitation, and duration of the storm. There are several treatments that you may see on the township roads before, during and after a winter storm.

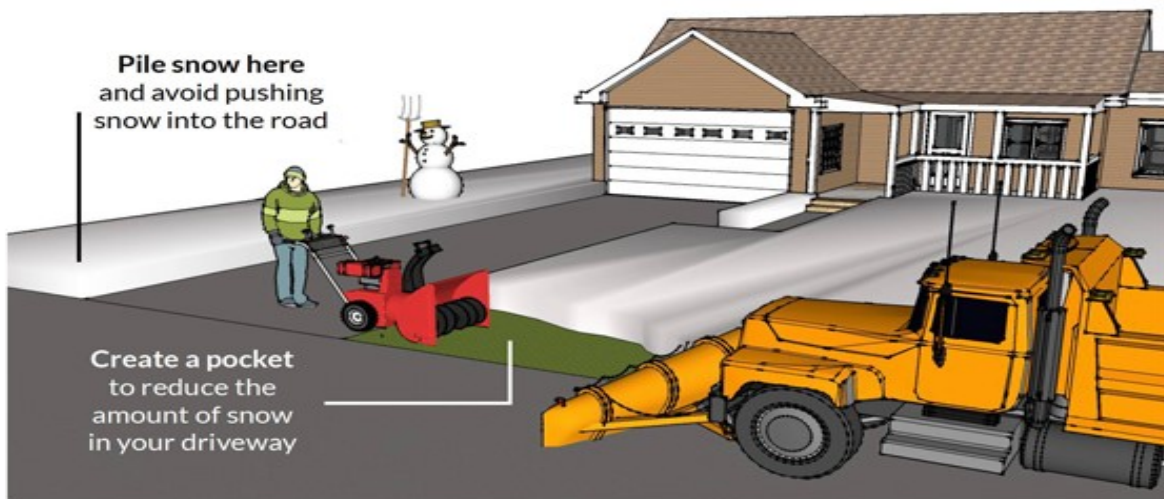


Before the storm- Pretreat/Salt brine is a pre-determined and measured mix of water and salt which is sprayed on the roadways before frozen precipitation starts to fall. Salt brine can help prevent frozen precipitation from bonding to the road and provides a jump start on removing ice and snow. The roads are not typically pretreated when a storm is forecasted to start as rain, as rain will wash the material away, or when there is enough residue from a previous storm's application of salt brine. You may have seen rows or lines going down the roads before a winter storm. This is evidence of salt brine pre-treatment.

During and after the storm- Anti-skid is a fine aggregate that is used to give motorists traction on the ice or snow packed roads. Unlike salt, the cold temperatures do not affect how anti-skid works. Large quantities of anti-skid can be stored outside and are a fraction of the per ton cost of rock salt. Rock Salt is most effective on high traffic roads where traffic is crushing and spreading it on the road. Pure salt is less effective once air and road temperatures dip below 23-25 degrees. The use of pure salt in cold temperatures may also cause the roads to refreeze. Rock salt must be stored indoors and the Public Works Department has limited indoor storage. Rock salt residue will be left on the road in the form of white powder after roads have dried. Anti-skid will be noticed on the roads after the storm and can be slippery. Each spring the Public Works Department performs street sweeping operations to keep anti-skid out of the waterways and storm sewers. As previously stated anti-skid is approximately \$7 per ton and rock salt is \$75 per ton. The Township utilizes the product that will create the best results while keeping the cost as low as possible. Plowing of snow or slush will take place when accumulations on the road are between 2-3 inches.

How Can I Keep Snow Out of my Driveway?

Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:



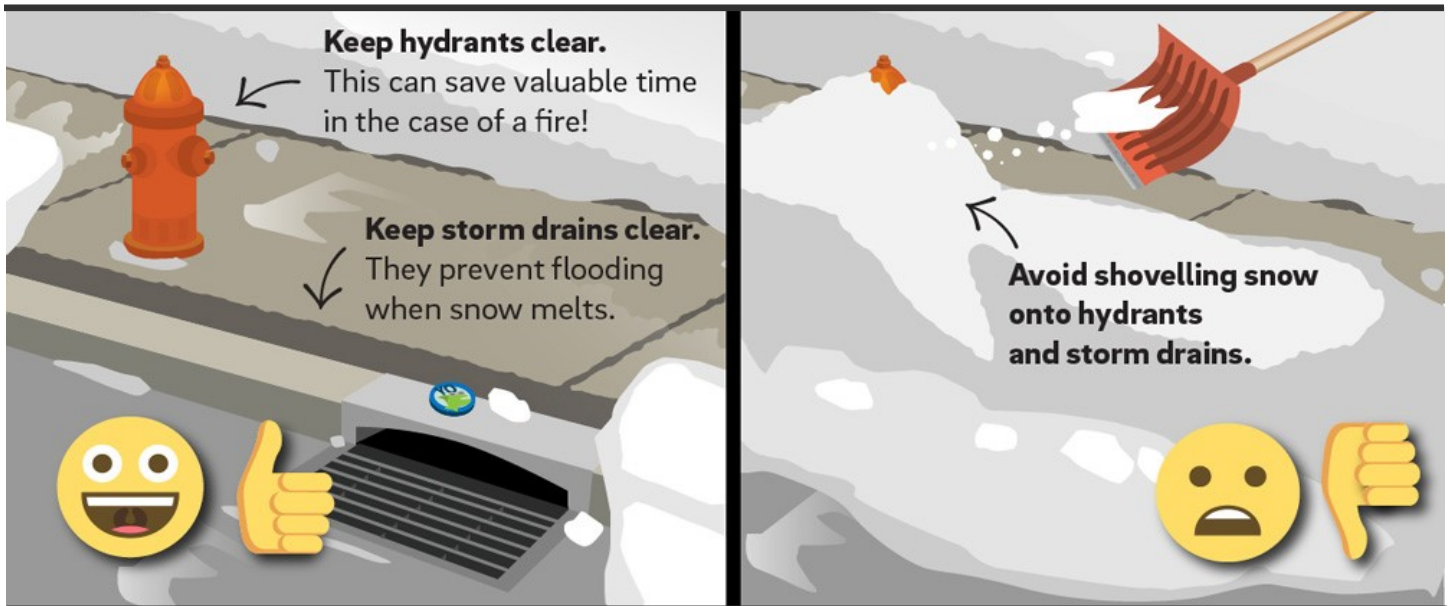
Using this method to clear snow will reduce the amount of snow that accumulates at the end of your driveway!

Residents are reminded to refrain from blowing snow onto streets. Snow removal is also made more difficult when streets are used for parking of vehicles during snow events instead of parking on the property utilizing driveways and garages. Residents are requested to avoid parking vehicles along streets when there is alternate parking available on the property.

Avoid a Fine: Clear Your Sidewalk in Time:

Every owner, occupant, or tenant is required to remove all snow and/or ice from public sidewalks within 24 hours after the weather event. This includes any snow and/or ice residue from the plow trucks. All snow and/or ice shall be removed to a width of not less than three feet and shall not be placed on any public street or highway. All public sidewalks must be free and clear of all snow and/or ice. There are no exceptions to this requirement including forecasted warmer weather after the weather event.

As part of the Quality of Life Ordinance, warnings will not be issued for noncompliance. **Fines of \$50.00 for the first offense will be issued if sidewalks are not cleared.** The violation ticket will be mailed first class with a certificate of mailing to the violator's address of record. The violator has 10 days to pay the applicable fine. This Ordinance promotes the best interest of the residents of the Township by permitting the resolution of an alleged violation in an expeditious fashion without resorting to the courts to resolve the matter.



❄️❄️Melting Snow: It's Stormwater Too❄️❄️

Just like when rain falls the rest of the year, melting snow turns into stormwater runoff. In winter, melting snow can cause unique stormwater problems because the ground is often frozen, and the melting snow can't infiltrate into the soil. Therefore, melting snow carries pollution (especially de-icing salts and chemicals), and high volumes of water into our nearby streams, lakes, and other waterways. Both rain and snow melt can seriously impair Pennsylvania's waters.

Here are some tips for managing your property for winter stormwater this season:

- ❄️When piling your snow after shoveling and plowing, choose locations where the snow will have the most opportunity to infiltrate instead of becoming stormwater runoff. Pile your snow in areas where you don't usually have ponding in the spring rains, on relatively flat areas, and away from sensitive areas like streams, ponds, and your private well if you have one.
- ❄️Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- ❄️Make sure your nearest storm drains are clear. Do not pile snow on storm drains and make sure your neighborhood plow is not piling snow over the drains too. Clear away any snow that may have been kicked onto the drains by passing cars.
- ❄️Use de-icing chemicals and salts judiciously. Use what you need to make your walkways and drive ways safe, but try to avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways and your private well.
- ❄️Postpone outdoor construction projects in winter, when you can't establish new vegetation to reduce soil loss and muddy runoff.
- ❄️Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt, and make a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs.



We recommend all residents that have signed up for Nixle text Alerts also FOLLOW us on Facebook at facebook.com/wmtpd

(Nixle has changed their alert criteria and some users may not receive important notices from the WMTPD.)



BACK TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



- DRIVE CAREFULLY** and be alert. Watch for students crossing the street and gathering at bus stops throughout the community
- STOP AT LEAST 10 FEET AWAY** from a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended
- MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- DO NOT MOVE** until all of the children have reached a place of safety
- NO PASSING** a stopped bus when the red hazard lights located on the top of the bus are flashing. It is illegal in Pennsylvania.

SLOW DOWN when traveling through school zones. The speed limit during school zone times is 15mph.

Emergency Management Agency

“Failing to prepare is preparing to fail”

Benjamin Franklin

The West Manheim Emergency Management Agency is always preparing for emergency situations that could impact the community. Emergencies such as severe weather, mass-casualty incidents and hazardous materials incidents can put a significant strain on community health and resources.

Being prepared for emergency situations before they arise allows the agency to work towards successful outcomes through evaluation, assessment, coordination and training. As residents, preparation starts at home. The following link has some guidelines to consider:

<https://www.fema.gov/blog/2015-04-29/everyone-must-be-prepared-emergencies>

Residents with Special Needs Registry

We have recently streamlined our process through the township website regarding our “Residents with Special Needs Registry.” Should an emergency occur, and an evacuation is needed, having a list of residents who need assistance in an area can help expedite the process. To complete, follow:

www.westmanheimtwp.com > Departments > Emergency Mgmt > Special Needs

In the past, the form has been downloadable and had to be either hand delivered or mailed to the township building for filing. Now residents can simply fill out the form online and submit. It will be filed in a database for emergency management/emergency services use only. It is voluntary to complete, however, if on file it will allow responders to be better prepared and informed.

West Manheim Township Rec Park News:

The park is open year-round, dawn to dusk. Come out for a walk through the park, a sporting event, or to let your dog run in the dog park. **The inclusive playground is officially open.**

For more information about upcoming park events, check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WMTPark.

To reserve a pavilion for your outdoor gathering, visit www.westmanheimtwp.com and select the Parks and Recreation tab under Departments at the top of the page.

The Park Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the West Manheim Township building. The public is welcome to attend. Come learn how you can become a part of the park’s activities. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Email parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com if you have any questions.



Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company

provides emergency medical services and firefighting protection to the nearly 9,500 residents living within the 21 square miles of West Manheim Township. Established in 1931 with the purchase of a Seagrave fire engine, Pleasant Hill Vol. Fire Co. continues to protect the community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Crew from 52 is comprised of more than 50 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians. Standing by at the ready, we protect the residents, business owners, and visitors of West Manheim Township with fire suppression, vehicle extrication, and special land and water rescues.



The Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Co. would like to take this opportunity to update the community on some exciting adventures for 2020. The department has formed a committee to purchase a new frontline fire engine. Purchasing a new fire engine is an exciting time in the history of any fire company, and we, too, are excited. Federal regulations and guidelines require that frontline fire engines are replaced every 25 years regardless of their usage. This requirement is based primarily on the advances in firefighter safety and fire suppression technologies that increase over the years. Technological advancements inevitably mean an increase in cost. To maintain the same level of service we currently provide, this new engine will cost the company nearly \$700,000.

In addition, the company is faced with the responsibility of replacing all the self-contained breathing apparatus for our responders. This equipment is the first responders' life line in an environment that is otherwise uninhabitable. Our current breathing apparatus is nearly 20 years old and becoming unserviceable. In order to provide the best service to our community in today's turbulent times, we believe there must be breathing apparatus available to each responder on each emergency vehicle. For us, that comes to a total of 20 units at \$6,000 each. Similar to the new engine, this will include many technological upgrades such as integrated thermal imaging, increased comfort (which will reduce responder fatigue), increased operating times, and individual face pieces (which will reduce cross contamination for our responders).



In continuing our goal for first responder safety, we have approved upgrades to our engine room floor. Our current floor is the original from when the station was built in 1993. Over the years, heavy equipment, water, abrasive liquids, and weather have had a negative effect. This year we are updating our floor with a durable epoxy finish that includes anti-skid and non-slip technologies. This will present a safer environment for our responders who operate equipment and perform tasks within the apparatus room. This project will cost the fire company nearly \$40,000.

Currently, there is no fire protection tax in West Manheim Township. Nearly all of the department's operating budget is dependent on fundraising, donations, and federal or state grants. In 2019, volunteers and social members worked approximately 5,600 hours of fundraising events, which includes the fireman's carnival each summer. While generous donations and vigorous fundraising have enabled us to maintain our annual operating budget, these purchases will add an additional fiscal responsibility of nearly \$900,000.

This year's donation drive has begun, you should be receiving a letter in the mail. This year a local resident has offered to match each donation. If you have already donated, we greatly appreciate it! If you haven't we would like to urge you to reconsider, as your generous contribution will have twice the impact.

Pleasant Hill Vol. Fire Co. is always looking for good citizens to join our ranks either as an emergency responder or social member at fundraising events. For information, please call the Station at 717-637-7778. Also, give us a like on Facebook under "Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company".

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fire Prevention Open House - October 13th

Pot Pie Dinner - November 17th

Fall Gun Raffle - October 27th

Breakfast with Santa - December 7th

Message from Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector

Phone (717) 632-3155 Fax (717) 632-2499

Real Estate/Property Taxes are based on your assessed value generated by the York County Assessment Office - (717-771-9232). The tax rate is determined by the elected officials of each taxing district.

The tax bill is the property owner’s responsibility. All bills are mailed to the property owner. I would encourage you to check lender’s statements to be sure payments have been disbursed.

The York County and West Manheim Township bills are mailed mid-Feb. and the 2% discount is due mid-April. The South Western School bill is mailed mid-July and the 2% discount is due by the end of September. There is an option to pay the school bill in three installments. The first installment payment must be received by August 31st.

If you have an escrow account which pays your real estate taxes, please contact or forward it to them. If you have applied for a permit due to an improvement to your property, an interim bill is generated. INTERIM bills must be forwarded to your lender for payment. All current year bills must be paid in full by December 31st each year. Personal checks are not accepted after December 15th. Payments can be made by mail (post mark is accepted) or placing in the township drop box or stopping by during office hours. Payments: Credit card and cash (over \$100.00) are not accepted. Checks payable to: Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector OR West Manheim Twp., Tax Collector

PLEASE CHECK OFFICE HOURS INSERTED IN YOUR ENVELOPE OR ON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE!

The Mason-Dixon Line monument reads: “MASON-DIXON LINE Made famous as line between free and slave states before War Between the States. The survey establishing Maryland – Pennsylvania boundary began in 1763; halted by Indian wars 1767; continued to Southwest Corner in 1782; marked 1784.”

In our neck of the (Penn’s) Woods, you might say that we have done well when it comes to preserving the original stones demarking the Mason-Dixon Line. Only eight of the original 82 markers/stones are missing in the Maryland – Delaware section of the famous boundary line that separates the states along a north-south boundary. One of the missing markers was used as a corn crib step and another as a farmhouse door step. The remaining missing stones are felt to have fallen and are covered by over 250 years’ worth of debris.

Besides the North-South Maryland Delaware border, the line extends west to Ohio. It divides Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The north-south boundary, marked by stones every mile and by “crown stones” every five miles, was determined by the British surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, both mathematicians and astronomers. Each original limestone marker, or monument, was a foot square and three to six feet long. They weighed up to 600 pounds. The markers were said to be quarried and carved in Dorsetshire, England, and were transported to the colonies as ballast on the ship, Betsy Lloyd.

Lord Baltimore’s Family (Cecil Calvert would become Lord Baltimore following the death of his father, George Calvert) and the Penn family of Pennsylvania are both represented on the coat of arms and armorial shields on the monuments.

A bit of background on the famous and controversial Mason-Dixon Line:

In 1632, King Charles I gave Cecil Calvert land that would later become Maryland.

In 1681, about 50 years later, King Charles II gave William Penn land which would be Pennsylvania. From the south, the boundary extended east along the 40th parallel of north latitude until intersecting an imaginary arc that encircled the courthouse at a radius of 12 miles – “Twelve-Mile Circle” around New Castle. The issue, though, was that the 40-degree latitude line and the circle don’t intersect anywhere and, even at the closest point, they were 13 miles apart. This, known as “The Wedge”, is now considered a part of Delaware.



So the Calvert and Penn families both claimed this land between the 39th and 40th parallels in accordance to the charters granted to each colony. The conflict was especially heated because it meant that Philadelphia, Pennsylvania’s largest city, colonial capital, and sole seaport, would be in Maryland.

Lord Baltimore (of the Calvert Family) wanted the City of Brotherly Love in Maryland, but Penn resisted. The two never did reach an agreement to that end; but in 1732, the next generational line of leaders for each side (Penn’s sons and Charles Calvert) decided to divide the land in two. Still, the issue wasn’t remedied until 1763 when Penn brothers, Thomas and Richard, and Lord Baltimore asked Mason and Dixon of London to survey the line (over 80 years after the initial conflict). The survey for the line took four years (the end of 1763 – 1768, but was stopped by the Indian wars in 1767) and Mason and Dixon were paid \$16,000 for their work. The line finally demarked the boundary at a northern latitude of 39 degrees and 43 minutes and was marked by using stones to designate “P” for Pennsylvania on one side and “M” for Maryland on the other. Interestingly, due to an inconsistency with gravity and the measuring tools at that time, the line does meander a bit.

Before and during the Civil War (1861 – 1865), the Mason-Dixon Line represented freedom in the north for those who were escaping slavery in the south. When the Congressional debates leading up to the Missouri Compromise of 1820 focused on slavery, abolition and whether new states entering should be free or slave states, the Mason-Dixon Line was the specific boundary that divided the free states from the slave states.

The Heritage Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. at the West Manheim Township Office, located at 2412 Baltimore Pike in Hanover, PA.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System also known as MS-4

MS-4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. These are the storm drains along the side of the road, these drains go directly into creeks, streams, rivers and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. In 2004, it was determined by EPA and PA DEP that current efforts are not sufficient in Pennsylvania, and, in particular, the tributary waterways to the Chesapeake Bay. The basis of the permit is to clean up stormwater from impervious (hard) surfaces such as roads, buildings, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc. Federal regulations define an MS4 illicit discharge as "...any discharge to an MS4 (storm sewer that is not permitted or composed entirely of storm water." Intentionally partaking in an illicit discharge is a property maintenance violation. The most common sources of illicit discharges can be from common household activities such as:

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| Grass Clippings/leaves/lawn debris | Sanitary Wastewater |
| Swimming Pools Drainage | Carwash wastewaters |
| Improper disposal of auto & household toxics | Effluent from septic tanks |
| Spills from roadway accidents or malfunctioning cars | |

West Manheim Township has received their first Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. Please report any illicit discharges or illegal dumping to West Manheim Township at 717-632-0320 or general@westmanheimtp.com.

We live in a disposable age, with convenient products which can be used and thrown away. Tissues, wipes for faces and bottoms, cleaning wipes, dental floss, diapers, cotton buds, and feminine products to name a few of these items. Although some of these items are marketed as flushable, they can cause havoc if flushed into the public sewer system and private on-lot septic systems. When flushed these items don't just disappear down the piping, but clump together to block sewer lines. The blocked piping can cause a back up into your home. Some of these items may even leave the treatment plant and end up in the local waterways. The best way to avoid a potential backup within your home is to avoid flushing items that don't belong in the sewer system both public and private.

IGNORE THE HYPE: DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!



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 Dept 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 Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm, except holidays.



STAY INFORMED!

Follow Penn Waste on social media for the latest news including holiday and inclement weather delays.

- Facebook: @PennWaste
 Twitter: @PennWaste
 Instagram: @PennWaste

To sign up for our e-newsletter: www.pennwaste.com/e-news-signup/

If you would like to receive the Township e-notifications, please send your email address to general@westmanheimtp.com. Notifications will also be available on the Township Facebook page.



West Manheim Township 2019 COUPON 36th edition of Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights

November 29 – December 31
(Closed Dec. 24 & 25 and for inclement weather)
Rocky Ridge County Park

Coupon code is redeemable online for Buy One, Get One of equal or lesser value free.

Code: MUNICIPALITY2019

Valid Mon., Tues., Wed., or Thurs. through Dec. 12 and anytime December 26 – 31.

Good for 2019 Program only.

For more information and trail updates, call (717) 840-7440.

Tickets MUST be reserved in advance from our website.

Visit our website at www.yorkcountyparks.org.





West Manheim Township
 2412 Baltimore Pike Hanover, PA 17331
 Office Hours, Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Phone: 717-632-0320 Fax: 717-632-2499
 Email: info@westmanheimtwp.com

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors- 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00PM, Supervisor Caucus at 6:00PM & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM, Supervisor Caucus at 6:00PM.

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

Park & Rec Board- 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00PM

Heritage Committee- 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM

All meetings are held at the Township Building & open to the public

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Chairman, Harold Hartlaub
- Vice Chairman, Jeremy Ault
- Jim Staaf
- Brian Blettner
- Terry Rynearson

TOWNSHIP STAFF

- Marc Woerner, *Township Manager*
- Miriam Clapper, *Secretary*
- Jeanette Lepley, *Treasurer*
- Brittany Sharp, *Office Assistant*
- Jennifer Thornton, *Office Assistant*
- Heather Bair, *Code Enforcement*
- Jason Baldwin, *EMC*
- Marty Strausbaugh, *Utilities/ Maint.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Edwin Schneider
- Sergeant Toby Wildasin
- Sergeant David Morris
- Pfc. Craig Snyder
- Pfc. Joshua Bower
- Pfc. Justin Seibert
- Officer Shawn Ricketts
- Officer Randy Wagner
- Officer Derek Schneider
- Lou Sordon, Office Assistant



Seated L-R: Jeremy Ault, Harold Hartlaub
 Standing L-R: Brian Blettner, Terry Rynearson, Jim Staaf

TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Neiderer
 Phone (717) 632-3155 Fax (717) 632-2499

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm
 (CLOSED FOR LUNCH 1:00PM – 2:00PM)

Plus additional office hours for deadlines

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

ROAD CREW

- Jeff Rummel, Roadmaster
- Terry Hockensmith
- Brandon Martz
- Colton Muse
- Thomas Pyles

EMS STAFF

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| Jerry Misner | David Abbott, Jr |
| Eric Miller | Colby Snyder |
| Brian Bankert | Elyssa Cool |
| Paul Storke | Kim Lindner |
| Josh Gursky | Matt Barnes |