

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP

SPRING 2019

Annual Document Shredding Event

Saturday, June 1st 9:00am - 12:00pm at 2412 Baltimore Pike

FREE SERVICE FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Shredding events will take place once a year.

Have your sensitive and/or confidential documents shredded by a professional company. Binder covers and staples do not need to be removed.

Document suggestions:

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

TOWNSHIP LIMB PICK-UP

West Manheim Township Public Works crews will be collecting brush and limbs in April. Items must be set along the curb. 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 West Side of the Township will take place April 15th - 19th

The East Side will be April 22nd - 26th.

The Township reserves the **right to refuse** excessive amounts of tree trimmings. The Township can refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is NOT responsible for cleanup.

STREET SWEEPING

The Public Works Department intends on beginning the annual street sweeping April 1st and run through the month. **The Road Master asks that you have your vehicles off the roadway Monday-Friday from 7:00am-3:00pm.** This will allow 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.



This winter has taken a toll on some roads. The Public Works Department will be filling in pot-holes as soon as possible and doing patch work as soon as the weather breaks. Please be patient. We remind you to please use caution when driving in a work zone or when you see Public Works working on the roads, this would include when you see the highway mowing along Township roads.



Per Capita Tax Rate- Set to ZERO!

The Board of Supervisors approved the rate for the Per Capita Tax be set to zero for 2019. Previously, the Per Capita Tax rate was \$10.00 annually, per person over the age of 18 years. The collection costs of the Per Capita Tax are high and is considered by many to be a nuisance tax. The chart below demonstrates that by setting the per capita tax rate at zero, it saves money for the majority of township residents. The millage rate for West Manheim in 2019 will be 4.6 mills. Even with the increase of .1 mills real estate tax to offset the reduction of the Per Capita Tax rate, this still saves residents money in the long run.

PER CAPITA TWO PERSON HOUSEHOLD

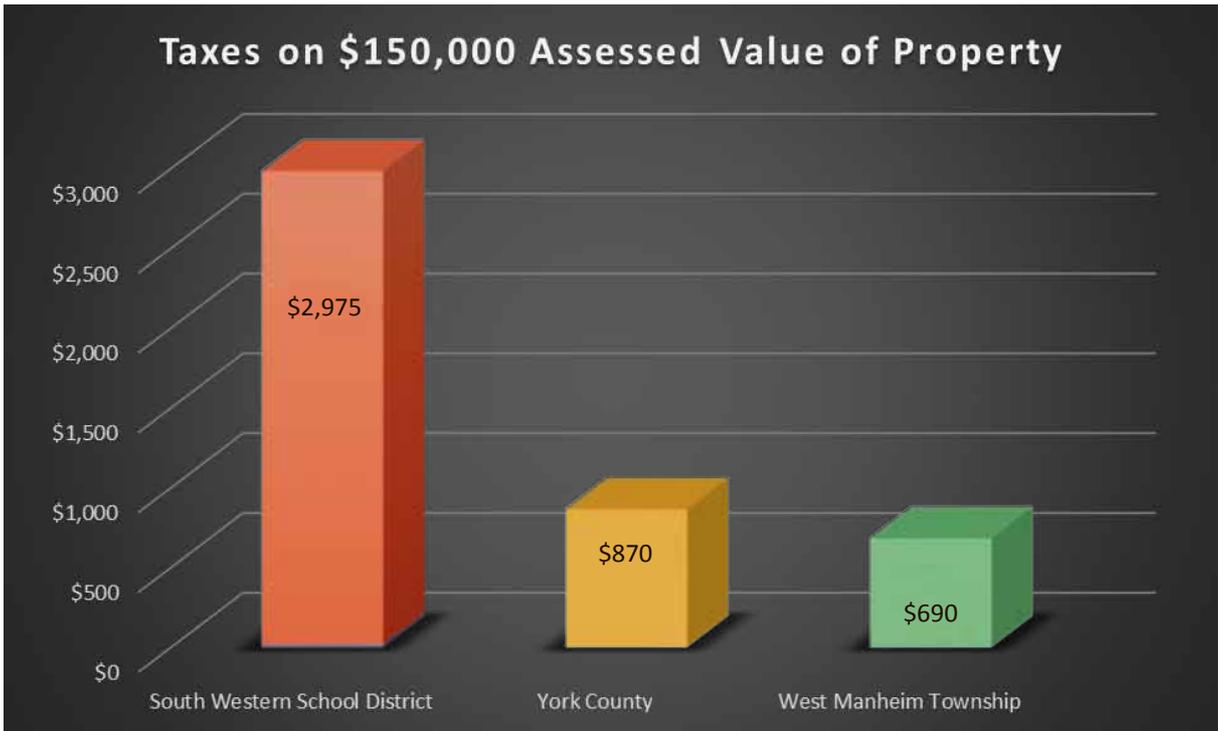
Over 18 Years of Age

Assessment	Tax	Millage	Difference	Impact (Savings)
\$ 160,000	\$ 720	4.5	\$ 16.00	(4.00)
\$ 160,000	\$ 736	4.6		
\$ 200,000	\$ 900	4.5	\$ 20.00	0.00
\$ 200,000	\$ 920	4.6		
\$ 250,000	\$ 1,125	4.5	\$ 25.00	5.00
\$ 250,000	\$ 1,150	4.6		
\$ 300,000	\$ 1,350	4.5	\$ 30.00	10.00
\$ 300,000	\$ 1,380	4.6		

PER CAPITA FOUR PERSON HOUSEHOLD

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Grass & Yard Waste Ticketing Ordinance

On November 1, 2018 the Township Board of Supervisors adopted the Quality of Life Ordinance #2018-01. This ordinance allows the Township to issue tickets rather than citations to those found in violation of blowing grass and/or yard waste into the public street.



Why is grass & yard waste on the road an important issue?

Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the storm drain system. The grass clippings can form blockages in the storm drains. Over time, the excessive amount of clippings can degrade the stormwater facility.

Grass clippings contain nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae, aquatic weeds, and pollutants in the waterways.

Intentionally dumping, discharging, causing to have piled or placing grass clippings, leaves and yard waste onto Township streets creates a public hazard.

A warning notice will *NOT* be provided to the person in violation of this ordinance. 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.

How to avoid a violation ticket?

When mowing your yard, consideration should be given NOT to blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn NOT the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. *If you have a landscaping contractor maintain your property, make sure they are aware of this ordinance.* As the property owner, it is your responsibility to make sure you are in compliance with the Township Ordinances.

MISSION

West Manheim Township and its employees recognize the Value of Public Service and are dedicated to earn and maintain the Public Trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of Professional Conduct, Ethics, and Integrity.

GOALS

- *To provide cost-efficient, essential services that provide value to our residents*
- *To protect Life and Property by promoting the Health, Safety, and Welfare of our residents*
- *To communicate and educate our community regarding services and community*
- *To ensure financial health and integrity through sound operating principles*

ADOPTED AUGUST 15TH, 2017 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company provides emergency medical and firefighting protection to the nearly 8,500 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. In 2018, our volunteers answered the community's calls for help an average of once a day. Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Co. currently operates a 1996 Seagrave pumper for firefighting and a 2002 Seagrave State Certified Rescue Engine for response to all vehicle accidents. A 2005 Ford/SWAB Brush Unit responds to all field and brush fires. Special land and water rescues are equipped with a 16 foot Jon boat, 14 foot inflatable Achilles boat, and a 2007 Polaris ATV with medical pod for transporting patients in off road conditions. Other support equipment includes a 2006 Ford Utility truck with a generator for lighting, personnel transport, and traffic control and a 2012 GMC Sierra truck which is capable of towing the boats and ATV trailers.

Currently, there is no fire protection tax in West Manheim Township. Nearly all of the department's operating budget is dependent on federal or state grants and fundraising. In 2018, volunteers and social members staffed approximately 5,600 hours of fundraising events, which includes the annual fireman's carnival each summer.

Without the dedication of our volunteers and fundraising events, providing the same level of protection to the community and operating the department would be nearly impossible.

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

Chicken BBQ – May 4th

Book Sale – May 31st – June 2nd

Annual Fireman's Carnival – July 22nd – July 27th

Wine Tasting on the Hill – September 28th – September 29th

Fire Prevention Open House – October 13th

Fall Gun Raffle – October 27th



NEW HIRE!

Derek Schneider was recently sworn as a probationary patrolman, bringing the department back up to nine officers. Ptlmn. Schneider participated in the Police Mentoring Program as a high school senior and completed an internship with the department before graduating from South Western High School in 2011. Pursuing a career in law enforcement, he attended the I.U.P. Police Academy and worked part time for Gettysburg Borough PD. Schneider most recently finished four years with the Manchester, MD Police Dept. before starting at WMTPD this past December. Congratulations and welcome to the team!



OFFICERS PROMOTED!

Pfc. David Morris was sworn in as the department's second sergeant. Morris was promoted to sergeant after serving over 25 years with WMTPD. Among his accolades, Sgt. Morris was previously awarded Officer of the Year by the Hanover Elk's Club and was a recipient of the President's Commendation by the Police Heritage Museum.



Ptlmn. Joshua Bower was promoted to Patrolman First Class (PFC) this year. Bower has served with the department for over 12 years, assigned as the Property/Evidence officer and member of the International Association of Property and Evidence (IAPE) while working patrol operations and criminal investigations.

Ptlmn. Justin Seibert was also promoted to Patrolman First Class (PFC) this year. Seibert has served over 7 years with the department, assigned to the York County Forensics Unit, the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and a Field Training Officer (FTO) while working patrol operations and criminal investigations.

Congratulations to these officers and thank you for your dedicated service to West Manheim Township.

We're excited to announce that the West Manheim Township Recreation Park is holding a Grand Opening event for the new all-abilities inclusive Playground on May 11th.

Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WMTPark or the Township's website www.westmanheimtwp.com for additional details on the Easter Egg Hunts (April 13), Playground Grand Opening (May 11), 5k run (Aug 3) among other activities.

Remember to rent a pavilion at the park for your birthday parties, family parties, or graduations. The park has two pavilions available for rent for \$50 each. Your reservation includes the use of one volleyball court and one horseshoe pit (bring your own volleyballs and horseshoes). Rental forms and further information are available on the township's website. Search "park rules".

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. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Email parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com.



Do I need to use an additive in my septic system to keep it working?

Homeowners do not need to add a stimulator or an enhancer to a septic tank that is designed, operated, and maintained properly. Human waste supplies the septic tank with ample quantities of bacteria for the septic tank to break down waste efficiently. Therefore, contrary to popular belief, yeast, dead chickens, possums, or raw hamburger do not need to be added to the septic tank. Chemical additives, such as caustic hydroxides and sulfuric acid, should never be added to a septic system. These additives could potentially be detrimental to the function and components of the septic system. Products of this nature can destroy the bacterial population in the septic tank, change the permeability characteristics of the soil absorption system, and may cause ground - water contamination. Often, manufacturers of biological additives market their product to restore the bacterial balance in a septic tank on a monthly basis as part of a routine maintenance program. Again, this is not necessary because these bacteria already resides in human feces.

Your septic system is an expensive asset. Therefore, it is only natural for you to want to maintain your septic system and keep it working efficiently for as long as possible. The claims made on the effectiveness of additives to either eliminate pumping of a septic tank or restore permeability of the soil absorption system are unsubstantiated. No product will allow a homeowner to escape a regular septic tank pumping and maintenance schedule.

Notice Illegal Dumping?

It is a violation of State and Federal laws to discharge anything that is not a permissible substance into the storm sewer systems without a permit. It is a common misconception that storm drains lead to a wastewater treatment plant. The water entering street drains receives no treatment and is usually discharged directly into the closest stormwater retention pond/basin. Based on the age of the infrastructure, it can go directly into a stream or waterway. The dumping of prohibited materials and foreign matter can damage or kill plants, animals, and marine life and make humans ill. Debris can also cause storm drains to become blocked, causing them to overflow onto adjacent streets and properties.



Think twice about dumping anything into a storm drain:

- Lawn debris such as grass and tree clippings should *never* be swept or hosed into a storm drain or onto a street
- Clean up pet waste and properly dispose of it in an approved trash receptacle
- Sweep pesticides and fertilizer off of hard surfaces and onto your lawn to avoid direct runoff into storm drain
- Wash vehicles on a grassy surface allowing the dirty and soapy water to be absorbed by the plants and soil
- Pick up trash or debris that from the streets or storm drains
- Properly dispose of chemicals such as but not limited to:
 - Do not dump wash water from paint or paintbrushes into streets
 - Do not pour wastewater from mop buckets into streets or drains
 - Do not dispose of automotive fluids such as oil or antifreeze into storm drains
 - Clean up after any spills and avoid allowing any chemicals to reach the storm drains
 - Do not discharge pool water directly into the public street

Remember when it rains, it drains. Please contact the Township to report illegal dumping by calling 717-632-0320.



STAY INFORMED!

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

 Facebook: **@PennWaste**

 Twitter: **@PennWaste**

 Instagram: **@PennWaste**

 YouTube: **@PennWasteInc**

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

Message from Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector

All Real Estate Taxes are based on your assessed value generated by the York County Assessment Office (717-771-9232) and 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 homeowner.**

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 31.

If you have an escrow account which pays your real estate taxes, please contact or forward it to them. If you receive an interim bill due to additional improvements, please check with your lender to see if they will pay interim bills from your escrow. I would encourage you to check statements to be sure **ALL** payments have been disbursed.

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 placed in the township drop box or stopping by during office hours.

Checks payable to: Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector OR West Manheim Twp., Tax Collector

Phone (717) 632-3155

Fax (717)-632-2499

(Closed for lunch 1:00-2:00)

PLEASE CHECK THE OFFICE HOURS INSERTED IN YOUR ENVELOPE!

Interested in the history of West Manheim Township? We encourage you to attend a Heritage Committee meeting. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at 4 p.m., in the West Manheim Township Municipal Building, located at 2412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover, PA, 17331. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Harold Coldren at coldren7201@comcast.net or call (717) 637-8488.



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*
- Tim Pfaff, *Utilities Supervisor*
- Heather Bair, *Code Enforcement*
- Mike Hampton, *EMA Director*
- Marty Strausbaugh, *Utilities/ Maint.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Neiderer



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

ROAD CREW

- Jeff Rummel, Roadmaster
- Robert Gregory
- Terry Hockensmith
- Brandon Martz

EMS STAFF

- Jerry Misner Eric Miller
- Brian Bankert Paul Storke
- Isaac Burke Josh Gursky
- Elyssa Cool Colby Snyder
- Kim Lindner David Abbott, Jr



A Municipal Election will take place this year. The primary election will take place on May 21st and the election is on November 5th. Voting will take place at St David's Evangelical Church 1032 Musselman Road. The polls are open 7am-8pm. For more information contact York County Board of Elections.