



FALL 2022

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PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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 on October 10th - 13th and the east side will be October 17th - 20th.**

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 November 1st**. 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 30th**, dependent upon the weather conditions.



WEST MANHEIM TRICK-OR-TREAT

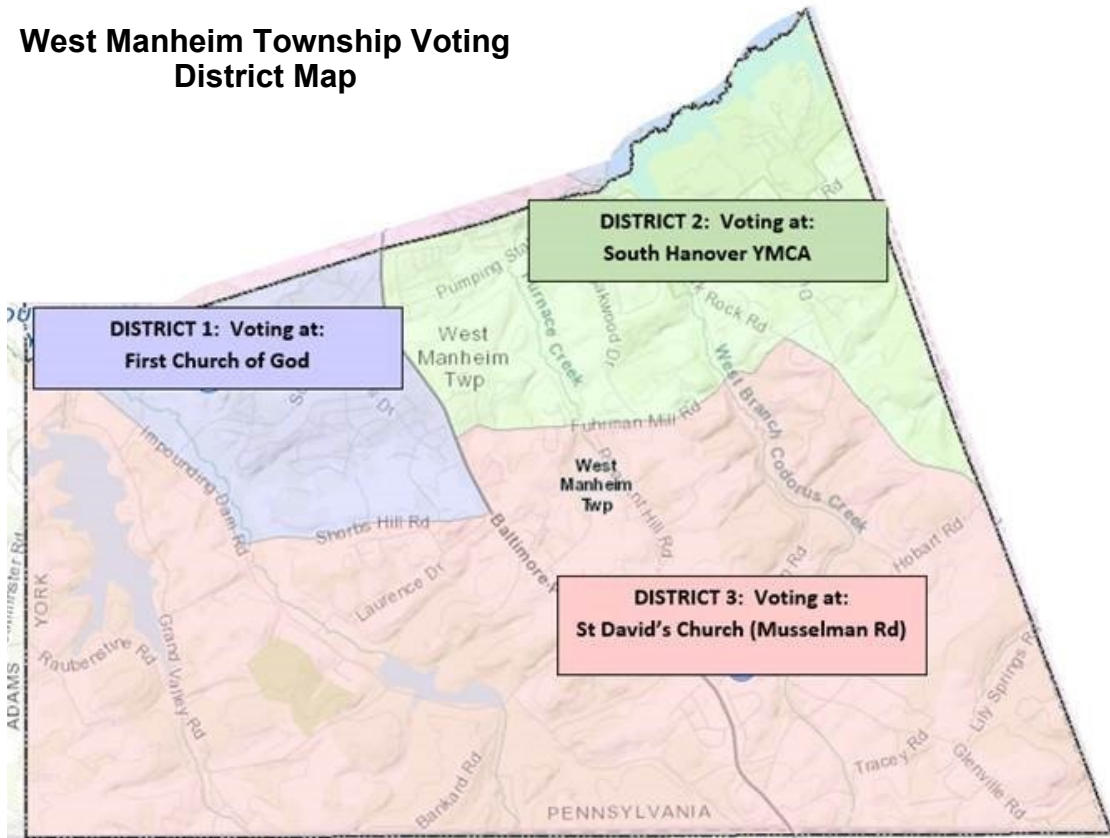
Trick-or-Treat will take place on **Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6-8 pm**. Residents are asked to turn on their porch light if the Trick-or-Treaters are welcome. All Trick-or-Treaters are asked to respect a homeowners privacy by **NOT** approaching homes whose porch light is **NOT** turned on.

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 sure your porch light is working.

VOTING IN WEST MANHEIM TWP

West Manheim Township Voting District Map



2022 FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION ALSO KNOWN AS MIDTERM ELECTIONS

OCT
24

Last day to register to vote; 15 days prior to election day

NOV
1

Last day to apply for a vote by mail ballot; 7 days prior to election day
[Votes.PA.com/County](https://www.votes.pa.com/County)

NOV
8

General election day; Polls are open from 7 AM - 8 PM
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive vote by mail ballots; must be received by 8 PM election day

[Votes.PA.com/Polls](https://www.votes.pa.com/Polls)

TAX NEWS

Message from Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector



Real Estate/Property Taxes are based on your assessed value generated by the York County Assessment Office 717-771-9232. The millage 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-February 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 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

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

E-mail rneiderer@westmanheimtwp.com



In an effort to better serve the residents of West Manheim Township a drop box is located on the exterior of the building. The drop box is conveniently located along the front of the building on the west side facing Route 94 (Baltimore Pike). The drop box is labeled "**TOWNSHIP PAYMENT DROP**". The drop box is secure and available during business and non-business hours.

WMT IS AN MS4?

What is an MS4?

West Manheim Township is identified by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as a small MS4 Community. MS4 stands for **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System**. Municipal indicates that the storm sewer system is owned and maintained by West Manheim Township. Separate indicates that the storm sewer system is separate from the sanitary sewer system. Here lies the critical distinction, waste water collected and conveyed by the Township's sanitary sewer system is treated, cleaned, and re-introduced into a local tributary as effluent (not potable water, but safe for the environment).

As opposed to a separate storm sewer system which collects and conveys stormwater from land directly to a local tributary or waterway, without treatment or cleaning. The Township's MS4 Program is a federally mandated program requiring the Township to take active steps to eliminate and prevent pollutants from being introduced into the stormwater system.

The problem is that rain water runs over the land, picking up various pollutants along the way. Those pollutants are most commonly: fine dirt (also known as sediment), trash and debris, pathogens (from human and animal waste), and nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) from fertilizers and agricultural activities. Eventually, all of these pollutants make their way to the Chesapeake Bay. Decades of polluted runoff have created disastrous ecological and economical impacts on the Bay, its ecosystem, and the industries and people that make their livings from business tied to the Chesapeake Bay. To learn more about the health of the Chesapeake Bay please go to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's website at <https://www.cbf.org/>.

There are 6 priorities of the MS4 Program including:

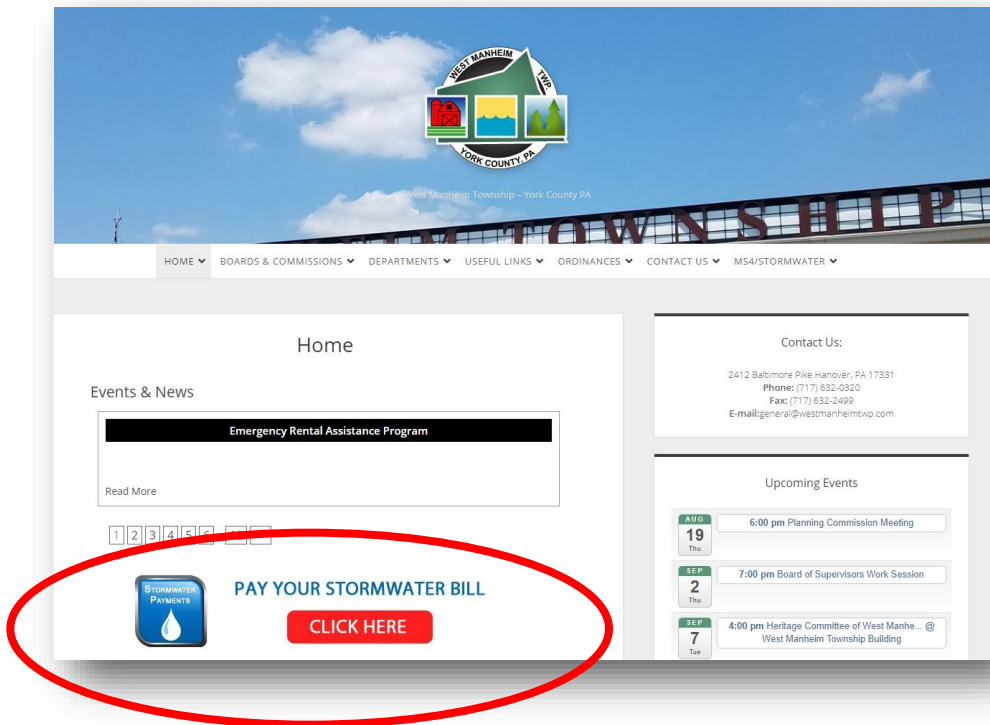
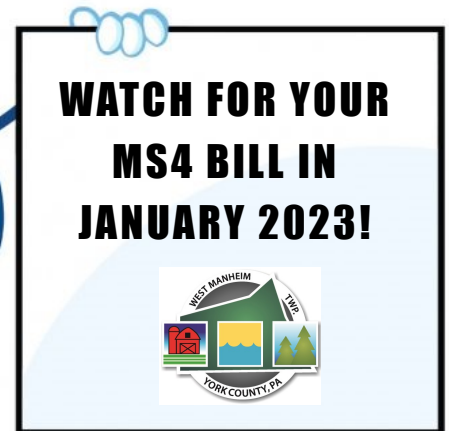
- Pollution Prevention Education of the Community
- Creating Public Involvement Opportunities for the Community
- Eliminating Pollution in the Community
- Monitoring Active Construction Sites in the Community
- Annual inspection of Public and Private Stormwater Management Systems throughout the Community
- Pollution Prevention and Elimination at Community's facilities owned and operated by West Manheim Township

Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!



STORMWATER ASSESSMENT FEE

West Manheim Township will collect an annual stormwater assessment fee from each property owner within the Township boundaries. The assessment fee will be used towards MS4 requirements such as operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, improvements and for all other expenses related to the MS4/stormwater mandates. Agricultural parcels and single-family residences will be calculated at one ERU (4500 square feet of impervious coverage). Parcels with more impervious area such as nonresidential or commercial parcels will be charged based on their existing impervious coverage. The 2023 invoices will be mailed in January.



This fee is **NOT** paid to the Township Tax Collector, Ruth Neiderer. Payment is collected by the Township Administrative Staff. To pay the fee, cash and check payments can be made by stopping by the Township Building during **office hours 8:00am-4:00pm** (lobby is open), drop box located on the exterior of the building or mailed to the Township Office 2412 Baltimore Pike.

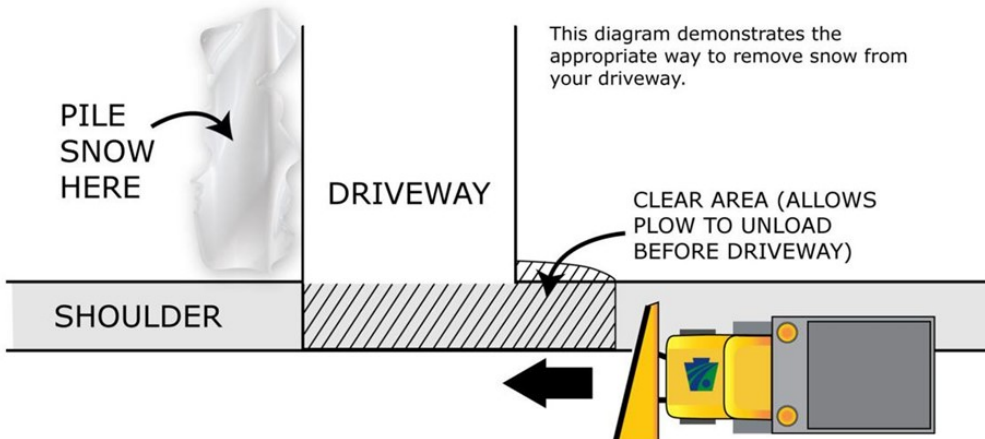
Payments via credit card must be made using the link on the homepage of the **Township Website www.westmanheimtwp.com**. Credit card payments are subject to an additional convenience fee.

WINTER REMINDERS

- Do not drive unless it is absolutely necessary. If a state of emergency is called, please stay off the roads so the plows can do their job without any more danger.
- When possible remove parked cars from roadway to allow the Public Works Department to plow curb to curb.
- Please refrain from completely clearing your driveway until that truck makes its last pass due to the fact that it might get plowed closed.
- Remove snow, ice, and slush from sidewalks, including handicap ramps, within 24 hours after the precipitation has stopped falling. **Failing to do so may result in a fine.**
- Do not push snow onto the street or onto neighboring properties.
- Pile snow from sidewalks and driveways on lawns, not in the street.
- Clear fire hydrants and stormwater inlets of snow as soon as possible.
- Residents are responsible for clearing snow around mailboxes.
- Basketball hoops are not permitted to be located within the right-of-way and must be removed from the roadway.



To prevent your driveway from being plowed closed, please follow the diagram below provided by Penn DOT.



WMT SNOW EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

PARKING

When a snow emergency is declared by the Township Board of Supervisors, the following parking regulations must be followed on non-snow emergency Township Roads.



- **Day #1 of snowstorm:** parking is prohibited on the even number side of the street. This will allow for the plowing and salting of the even house numbered side of the road. All vehicles must park in garages, driveways or on the odd house number side of the street.
- **Day #2 of snowstorm:** After 8:00am on the day following the declaration of a snow emergency, and until the plowing and salting is complete, parking will be prohibited on the odd house numbered side of the road. This will allow for the plowing and salting of the odd house numbered side of the road. All vehicles must park in garages, driveways or on the even house number side of the street.
- **Day #3 of snowstorm:** The process will repeat with #1, parking prohibited on the even-numbered side of the street.

By following of the above snow emergency regulations, the Township Public Works Department will be able to clear all snow and ice from the roads. Residents are reminded to refrain from shoveling, pushing, throwing, plowing, and blowing snow onto streets. Please refrain from depositing snow onto neighboring properties. Please note, the Ordinance authorizes the West Manheim Township Police Department to have any vehicle parked in violation towed away and stored at any authorized towing facility at the expense of the owner of said vehicle.

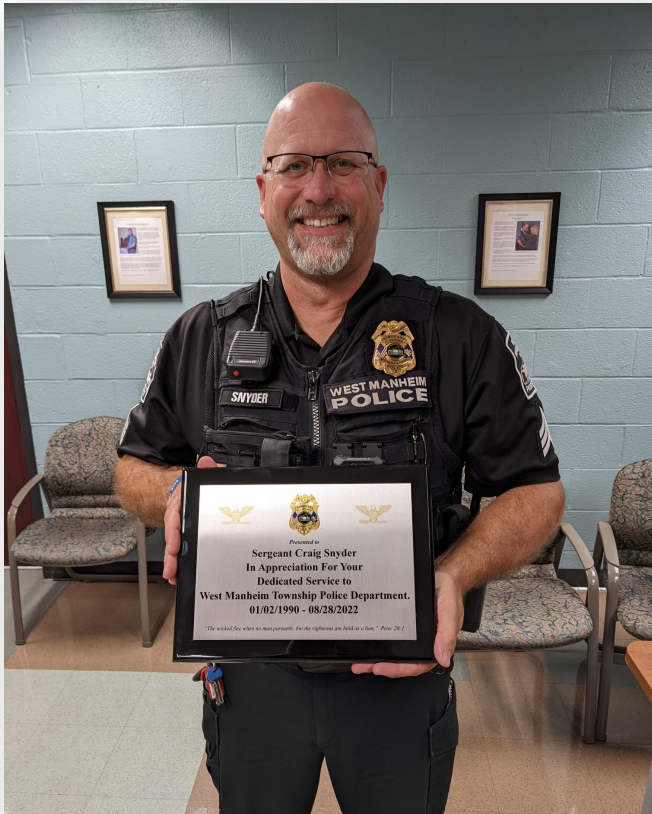
SIDEWALKS

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. There are no exceptions to this requirement including forecasted warmer temperatures 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.**

FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire hydrants shall not be covered. The owner, occupant, or tenant is required to remove or any accumulation and/or impediment which would limit access to, from, and/or around all of the fire hydrants which are located on said property, so as to provide immediate access by fire rescue personnel in cases of emergency. In cases involving a storm, fire hydrants shall be cleared of all snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof within 24 hours following the storm; in any event, any accumulation shall be removed no less than once in every twenty-four-hour period.

WMTPD NEWS



Congratulations to Sergeant Craig Snyder on his retirement. Sergeant Snyder dedicated the majority of his life to serving the citizens of West Manheim. We would like to thank him for his many years of dedicated and loyal service. We wish him and his family the best of luck.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Officer Clayton Swartz as the newest addition to our police department. We want to congratulate Officer Swartz and his family.

JOIN OUR POLICE FORCE

We are in the process of hiring two new officers into the department. If you know anyone interested in becoming an officer please encourage them to apply. Law enforcement across the country is having difficulty recruiting officers.

As a reminder, if you see any suspicious or criminal activity please report it immediately to the police. We are here to respond immediately to ensure your safety.








West Manheim Elementary School opened for the 2022-2023 school year on August 23rd 2022.

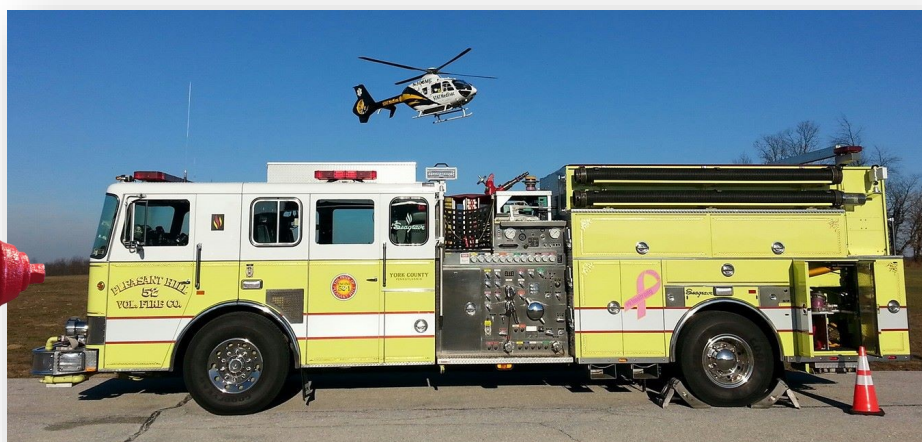
The Police Department would like to remind everyone school is back in session. Please use caution at bus stops and watch for children crossing our roads.

PHVFC NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH	OCTOBER 1ST	NOVEMBER 6TH	NOVEMBER 29TH	DECEMBER 10TH
WINE FEST 	CHICKEN BBQ 	BINGO 	BEEF POT PIE 	BREAK- FAST WITH SANTA 



YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

VISIT US ON  @ PLEASANT HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

BULK TRASH PICK-UP

Oversized & Large Item Pickup

Penn Waste offers our residential customers the opportunity to dispose of large or oversized items that do not fit in a traditional waste receptacle.



Policy for Large Item Pickup

For large items to be acceptable, they must be able to be lifted into a truck by two people. Loose piles are not able to be accepted. You must call Penn Waste to arrange your large item pickup.

Different Ways to Schedule a Large Item for Pickup:

Call (717) 767-4456 to speak with a Penn Waste representative

E-mail requests to info@pennwaste.com

Chat bot on website that pops up when visiting www.pennwaste.com

Acceptable Items

- Appliances such as Refrigerators and Washing Machines
- Carpet (48" max. length, rolled and tied)
- Furniture
- Mattresses & Box Springs
- Car Tires (TIRES ONLY. Must be removed from rims)
- Tree Branches & Brush (48" max. length, bundled and tied)

Scrap Metal (48" max. length)

Non-Acceptable Items

- Paints, Stain, Chemicals and Liquids
- Batteries
- Automobile Parts
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Tires on Rims
- Commercial and Industrial Waste

Construction Materials or Debris, including:

- Drywall
- Brick
- Block
- Treated Lumber
- Roofing
- Shingles
- Ceiling Tiles
- Concrete

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



E.C.R.I.N.

What is E.C.R.I.N.? E.C.R.I.N. stands for Evacuating County Residents In Need. E.C.R.I.N. 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. 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. 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. E.C.R.I.N. provides an organized system to do so. Also, state law requires group living arrangements to provide their own emergency plan. Therefore, E.C.R.I.N. is a resource for residents with special needs who have no reliable source of assistance in the event of an emergency. E.C.R.I.N. 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 currently 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 go to the link below to complete the online form. The paper version can also be completed and returned to the address listed below. 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.


[E.C.R.I.N. \(Evacuating County Residents In Need\) – West Manheim Township \(westmanheimtwp.com\)](http://westmanheimtwp.com)

Mail or return the E.C.R.I.N. form to:
West Manheim Township Emergency Services
Attn: Emergency Management Coordinator,
Township Municipal Building,
2412 Baltimore Pike
Hanover, PA 17331


**EVACUATING
COUNTY
RESIDENTS
IN
NEED**

GENERATOR SAFETY


Winter, spring, summer, and fall all present unique weather hazards, many of which have the potential to cause power outages. When the power goes out, those with generators often fire them up to run essential items within the home.



Using a generator indoors **CAN KILL YOU IN MINUTES.**
Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide.
This is a poison you cannot see or smell.



NEVER use inside a home or garage,
EVEN IF doors and windows are open



Only use **OUTSIDE** and 20 feet from windows, doors, and vents.
Point exhaust away from your home.

CARBON MONOXIDE

HOW TO SPOT THE DANGERS



MILD

Slight headache
Nausea
Vomiting
Fatigue



MEDIUM

Severe headache
Confusion
Drowsiness
Fast heart rate



EXTREME

Unconsciousness
Convulsions
Cardio-respiratory failure
Death

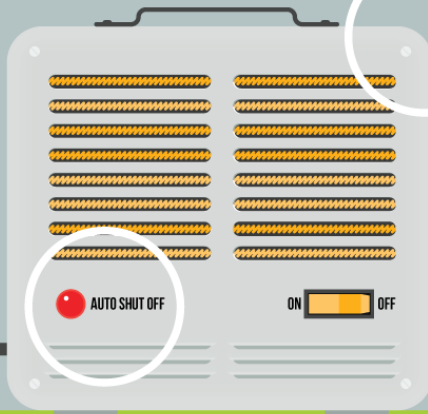
However, generators powered by traditional fossil fuels also produce harmful carbon monoxide gas. Please be sure to operate generators outside of the home and be alert for the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning

SPACE HEATER SAFETY

With colder weather on the way, space heaters may become a common fixture in some homes. But, along with increased space heater use comes the increased potential for fire. In fact, Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the United States. More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year. These fire result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions of dollars in property damage. Please consider the following safety tips when using space heaters to help combat the chill of winter.

Use Space Heaters Safely

DO: Plug your space heater directly into the wall outlet.



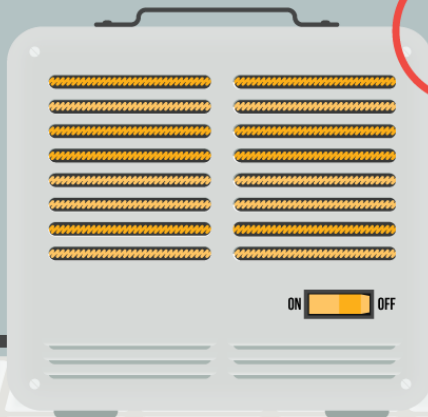
DO: Keep your space heater at a space distance (at least 3 feet) from kids, pets and flammable items.



DO: Buy a unit with an automatic shutoff in case the unit tips over, or you forget to shut it off.



DON'T: Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to overheat, and can be a tripping hazard.



DON'T: Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.

DON'T: Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Mt. Zion United Brethren Church History (Also known as the Wentz Meeting House)

During the 1850's a small group of residents, opted to break away from the St. Bartholomew Church and held separate services in the summer house of John Wentz. On September 19, 1860, John, Philip and Benjamin Wentz purchased approximately one acre for \$15.00. In 1861 a building committee was formed by the three brothers. The church was finished in 1862 at a cost of about \$1,000. Bricks were made in the meadow of Jacob Wentz's farm along Impounding Dam Road (formerly known as Nace's School Road).

Another son, Jacob S. Wentz, was the first minister. The church held regular services for about 75 years. In 2015, Richard Resh, a member of the West Manheim Township Heritage Committee, also became the Historian of the Wentz Meeting House Building Restoration Trustees. There were no records of the persons buried in the small cemetery located beside the church. Mr. Resh solicited the help of the Heritage Committee.

Geraldine Byers photographed the headstones. Clint Bankert began to research the names on the tombstones and gathered data on the immediate family relationships. Based on prior limited surveying experience, Mr. Resh and Harold Coldren located each headstone. The cemetery site has 63 headstones, but 11 markers have two names/two graves. Therefore, there are 74 graves, but Mr. Bankert's work discovered records for 75 burials. The headstone for Sarah Ann Kretz is missing. The last burial was Paul H. Hess in 1975.

The Wentz Meeting House is located at 387 St. Bartholomew Road (formerly Bull Hill Road). The Meeting House is still maintained by a group of Preservation Trustees who contribute their labor and time or make financial commitments to save the site. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact Richard Resh (phone: 717-767-5951). Private donations are also accepted.

The West Manheim Heritage Committee typically meets on the first Tuesday of each month (March thru December), from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the West Manheim Township Office located at 2412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover, PA 17331. More details are available by contacting Harold Coldren by phone at 717-451-8305.



REC PARK NEWS



Fall at the Park

Autumn at the park is one of the most magical seasons. The miles of park trails are beautiful as trees begin to change colors. The air is fresh. Leaves are flying. And native plants are turning rich brown and orange.

“Golden Rod Time” at the park is a time to be cherished. With the advent of fall, things start

slowing down and the Golden Rod turns a bright beautiful golden sunny color. Take a walk down towards the dog park as these fields border each side of the path. A perfect time to take in the colors and beauty.

2nd Annual Jack-O'-Lantern Jamboree

Fall also means Tricks and Treats. We are excited to put on our second annual Jack-O'-Lantern Jamboree. Look for the official date to be announced via our website and the Facebook page as it gets closer. Registration information and additional details will be available at that time. Come dressed in your costume and Trick or Treat through the woods at the park. Stay for games and fun after you're done. We can't wait to see you there!

More to Come!

Keep an eye on our park as we look forward to more enhancements and improvements. Last year we applied for a grant through the DCNR and earlier this year we were informed we were chosen as a recipient. The Grant will allow us to put in a wildlife corridor, bird viewing area (complete with handicap access), and add to the playground. It will allow us to do some upgrades like paving the road, provide additional parking, and running water and electricity to the pavilions.

We are excited to see our park grow and transform and continue to provide an escape into nature for our neighbors!

Want to Volunteer?

The West Manheim Township Park is always happy to have volunteers.

Our Park Board would love some new faces to help plan events and make decisions for the park. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month either via Zoom or in person.

Additional volunteers to help maintain the physical aspects of the park; like the 6 miles of walking trails, mulching, Angel Garden upkeep, and other special projects are always welcome and encouraged.

Looking for volunteer service hours? Want to be a part of something special in your community? Interested in learning more on how you can help (in any way)?

Please contact our co-chairs
Nina Rynearson or Christina Sones at
parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com to find out
how you can volunteer.

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP REC PARK PRESENTS
THE
2ND ANNUAL
JACK-O'-LANTERN
JAMBOREE

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED AS YOU TRICK
OR TREAT THROUGH THE TRAILS
ENJOY GAMES & COLORING TOO!

DATE TBA: LOOK FOR IT AT THE
END OF OCTOBER

WEST MANHEIM TWP REC PARK
255 ST BARTHOLOMEW RD
HANOVER, PA 17331

FREE EVENT SIGN UP INFO TO COME

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP



2412 Baltimore Pike Hanover, PA 17331

Office Hours, Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Phone: 717.632.0320 Fax: 717.632.2499

Email: general@westmanheimtwp.com • Website: www.westmanheimtwp.com

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Tonya Bulson *Office Assistant*

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Steve Harmon, *Codes/MS4*

Kevin Mahan, *Utilities/ Maint.*



Seated (Left to Right): Terry Ryneanson, Jeremy Ault & Harold Hartlaub
Standing (Left to Right): Travis Wetzel & Jason Franks

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Ruth Neiderer

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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

Zoning Hearing Board - 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM

**All meetings are held at the
Township Building & OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**