

# WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP



## NEWSLETTER

FALL 2017

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### Document Shredding Event

Saturday, October 21st 9:00am - 12:00pm at 2412 Baltimore Pike

**FREE SERVICE FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

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
- Legal documents
- Insurance documents
- Credit reports and histories
- All sensitive information: birthdates, social security numbers, signatures, passwords and pins

### LEAF COLLECTION

Leaves may be placed curbside for collection starting October 30th. 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.

### FALL LIMB PICK UP

West Manheim Township Public Works Department will be collecting brush and limbs. Items must be set along the curb.

**The west side of the Township will take place October 16th – 20th and the east side will be October 23rd – 27th.**

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.*



The municipal election is on November 7th. Voting will take place at St David's Evangelical Church 1032 Musselman Road. The polls are open 7am-8pm.

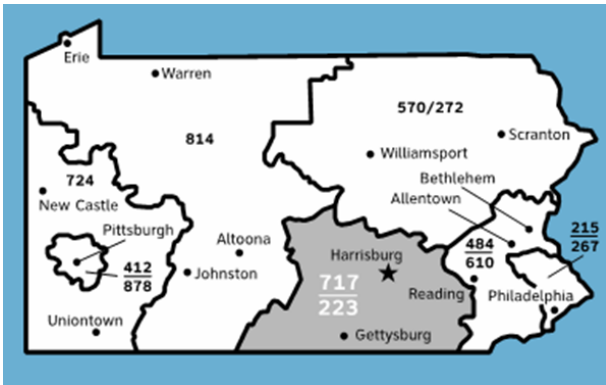
For more information visit: <https://yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections.html>



**Alan J. DeGennaro**

August 29, 1950 ~ August 15, 2017

West Manheim Township lost one of its Supervisors in August. Supervisor Al DeGennaro lost his battle with pancreatic cancer that he had been fighting for the past couple years. Even during his treatments, Al continued to fulfill his duties as Supervisor and also volunteer at Habitat for Humanity. Among other things, he was also involved with his family, the church, and the library. Al was a friend to the community and served West Manheim Township as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board from 1991-2011 and most recently as a Township Supervisor, since November 2015. Al will certainly be missed.



We have revamped our website to be more user friendly and provide more information. We hope you find it useful.

[www.westmanheimtwp.com](http://www.westmanheimtwp.com)

The new 223 area code is being added to the geographic area served by the 717 area code. Because more than one area code will serve the same geographic area, if you have a 717 or 223 phone number, you'll need to enter the area code -- including calls within the same area code. To complete local calls from a phone with a 717 or 223 area code, the new calling procedure requires you to enter the area code and 7-digit phone number.

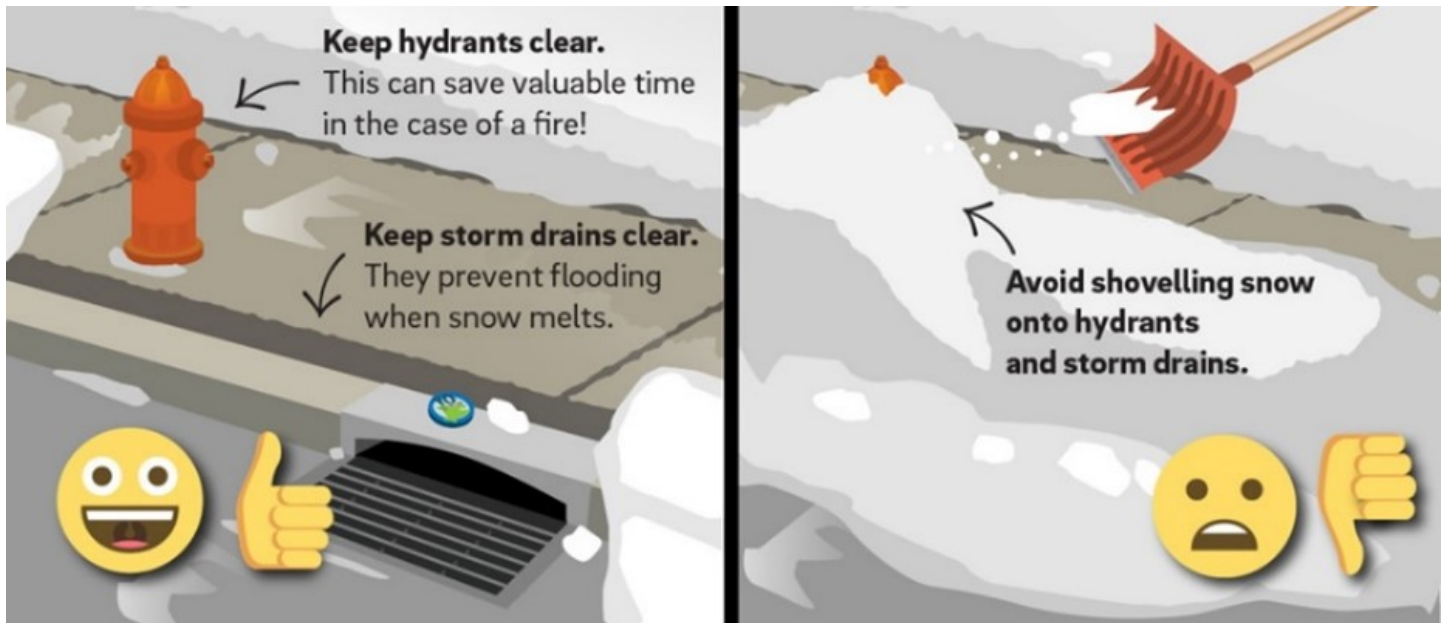
Beginning September 26, 2017, new phone lines or services may be assigned numbers with the 223 area code. If you have a 223 area code, you must enter the area code and 7-digit phone number on all calls or the call won't be completed.

In addition to entering the area code and phone number for all calls, you should also complete the following items:

- Update any pre-programmed 7-digit phone numbers in your mobile device to include the area code, as well as any text or email alert services, and any call forwarding services.
- Check your websites, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included
- Re-program all services and devices that use a 7-digit phone number to include the area code, including automatic dialing equipment. Examples include:
  - Life safety systems and medical monitoring devices
  - Fire or burglar alarm and security systems
  - Security gates
  - Speed dialers
  - Call forwarding settings
  - Fax machines
  - Internet dial-up numbers
  - Voicemail services and similar functions

**THE BURNING** of trash, leaf waste, yard waste, construction material, or recyclable materials within the Township is **PROHIBITED**. Small controlled fires at your residence, such as campfires for cooking, ceremonies or recreation are permitted in accordance with the following requirements:

- Fire pit/ring must constructed of metal or masonry
- Fire pit/ring no less than 10 feet from adjoining property line
- Fire pit/ring shall be no larger than 3 feet square or 3 feet in diameter
- Fire pit/ring may not be less than 25 feet away from any building
- Fire must be supervised at all times by an adult (18 years of age)



Residents are reminded to refrain from shoveling/blowing snow onto streets. Residents are requested to avoid parking vehicles along streets when there is alternate parking available on the property. Snow removal is made more difficult when streets are used for parking of vehicles during snow events instead of parking on the property utilizing driveways and garages. All public walks and fire hydrants are required to be shoveled within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.

### Private Ground Water Wells

Pennsylvania is home to over one million private water wells and springs but it is one of the few states that do not provide statewide regulations to protect these rural drinking water supplies. Ground water pollution can be caused by seepage through landfills, failed septic tanks, underground fuel tanks, fertilizers and pesticides, runoff from urban areas, etc. If polluted, consumed ground water could cause illness. Research has shown that more than 50% of these private water systems fail to meet at least one drinking water standard. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the private well owner to test the well water periodically to ensure that it is free of contamination. A few possible specific contaminants include:

**Bacteria** - a common microbial contaminant that can be introduced into ground water through a combination of well construction characteristics, surface to groundwater geologic pathways, intense rain events, and various surface activities. A common test for bacteria is the "total coliform bacteria" test.

**Viruses** - very small microorganisms. Since they are so small and test-specific, a positive total coliform test is assumed to indicate the possible presence of viruses.

**Chemicals** - can be introduced into ground water through various surface activities. At certain levels some of these chemical contaminants (such as iron and manganese) are not so much a health concern, but instead more of a nuisance. Other chemical contaminants may have health effects if they are consumed for many years.



**Cryptosporidium and giardia** – can be introduced into the ground water through surface water infiltration. Giardiasis is a waterborne disease caused by the protozoan *Giardia lamblia* that lives in the small intestine of warm-blooded mammals. Similarly, cryptosporidiosis is caused by *cryptosporidium parvum*. Drinking water from a surface or surface water influenced source contaminated by *Giardia* cysts can cause infection. *Giardia* normally is not a problem with groundwater sources, unless they are under the direct influence of surface water.

**To ensure that you and your family are drinking safe water stop by the Township Office to pick up a water testing kit.**

The Penn State Cooperative Extension and several partner agencies have created the Master Well Owner Network. These trained volunteers who are dedicated to promoting the proper construction, testing, and maintenance of private water wells, springs and cisterns throughout Pennsylvania. Visit their website for more information:


<http://extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/water/mwon>.




**WIPERS ON? LIGHTS ON!**



**IT'S THE LAW.**



**Stop for Buses**



Schools are back in session, and children will be running to catch the bus.

You **MUST STOP** when you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, including at an intersection.

Stop at least 10 feet away from the bus.

Wait until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm has been withdrawn, and all children have reached a place of safety.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles



*A reminder to call 911 to reach the on duty officer. Leaving a message at the station will result in a delayed response to your needs.*

**Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company**

Support your local Fire Company and their upcoming events.

Fire prevention open house will be held on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. On **October 29<sup>th</sup>** the fire company will host a Gun Raffle. Enjoy a beef pot pie dinner on **November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your kids and grandkids to breakfast with Santa on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

For more information on their upcoming events please call 717-637-7778 or visit the Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company Facebook Page.

The Social Hall is available for rent for parties, weddings and other purposes. Please call 717-476-3279 to schedule your special event.



**E-NOTIFICATIONS:**

The Township is collecting email addresses to send out important information to the Township Residents electronically. If you would like to receive the Township e-notifications, please send your email address to [info@westmanheimtwp.com](mailto:info@westmanheimtwp.com). Notifications will also be available on the Township Facebook page.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

**Sunday November 5th**

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

## Rec Park News:

Reserve a pavilion for your outdoor gathering. For \$35 per day, you get the use of one pavilion, one volleyball court, and a horseshoe pit. For more information, visit [www.westmanheimtwp.com](http://www.westmanheimtwp.com) and select the Parks and Recreation tab under Departments at the top of the page



A dog park is available at the West Manheim Township Rec Park. The dog park is open year round. The dog park allows your dog the freedom to run unleashed once you are inside the fenced in area. The Park offers two areas — one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. For the safety of your pets, please make sure your dog is playing in the correct designated area.

**When using the park facility we ask that you pick up after your dog.**

The Park Board is seeking new members to help with events. If interested, please come to a Park Board meeting to see what it's all about. The Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the West Manheim Township Building.

Email [parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com](mailto:parkboard@westmanheimtwp.com) for more information.



York County Department of Parks and Recreation Proudly Presents...

### Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights

At Rocky Ridge County Park

November 24 – December 31

Closed December 24 and 25

#### Hours:

Mon. – Thu., 6 – 9 p.m.

Fri., Sat. & Sun, 5 – 9 p.m.

600,000 lights

Trains and Holiday displays  
entertainment and food

#### Admission Rates

Adults - \$10.00

Children (4-12) - \$5.00

Under 4 Free

Seniors (over 59) - \$9.00

Adult Group (12+) - \$9.00

#### Coupon

at the 34th edition of Christmas Magic –  
A Festival of Lights

November 24 – December 31

(Closed Dec. 24 and 25 and inclement weather)

Rocky Ridge County Park

Coupon is redeemable for **Buy One, Get One** on  
Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday through Dec. 13  
and anytime December 26 – 31.

Maximum is 2 free regular admissions

Good for 2017 Program only.



For more information and trail updates, call (717) 840-7443. Visit our website at [www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org)





## ON-LOT SEPTIC CERTIFICATION REMINDER

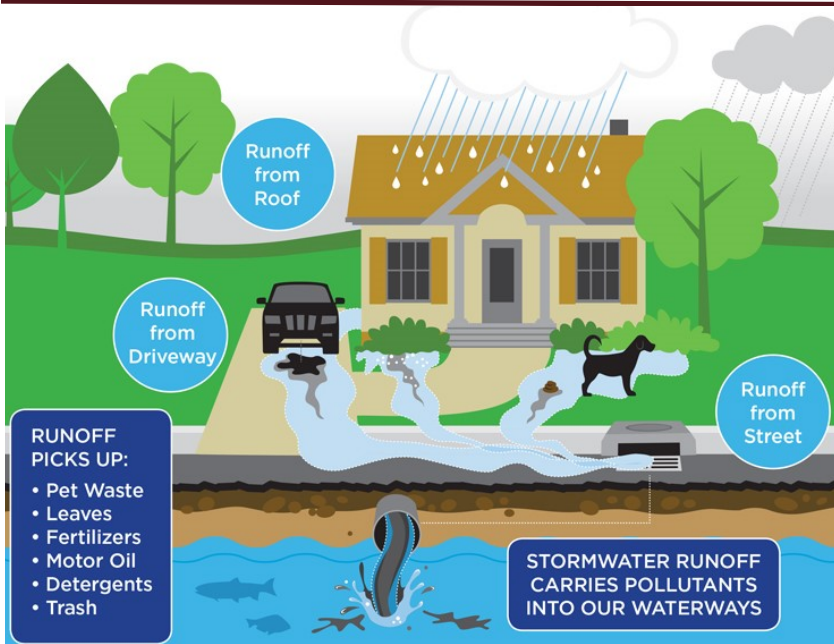
It is time to have your on-lot septic system pumped and inspected.

The pumping and inspection of your on-lot septic system must be scheduled by \_\_\_\_\_.

Applications are available at [www.westmanheimtwp.com](http://www.westmanheimtwp.com) or at the Township office, 2412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover, PA 17331. 717-632-0320

**REMINDER: Septic tank manhole must be accessible for proper inspection and pumping.**

As an owner of a home with an on-site septic system you are required to have the system pumped out, inspected and certified by the Township every 4 years per Ordinance 04-2010. In conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Township is inspecting the system for any cracks or issues which would contaminate the waters of the Commonwealth. The inspection will also verify that the system is functioning as designed. If you are the owner of a property with an on-lot sewage system, the Township will send you a postcard notifying you of the deadline date for the certification of your system.



**Stormwater**—water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground immediately. Stormwater flows from rooftops, over impervious areas and bare soil, and through sloped lawns and fields.

**Stormwater management**—the process in managing and/or capturing the runoff. It is important because it can lead to pollution, erosion, flooding and many other environmental and health issues if not properly understood and maintained.

As it flows, runoff collects and transports soil, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease, leaves, litter, and other potential pollutants that ultimately wind up in local bodies of water. A single garden hose can supply enough water to wash left behind contaminants from the landscape into our local water bodies, so you can only imagine what an entire rain event can do.

*Modern approaches have been designed to rebuild the water cycle and eliminate direct contamination.*

**Infiltration pits** are common for projects such as homes, garages, outbuildings, etc. Runoff is directed into the pit or in voids between the stones and slowly infiltrate into the soil. The soil acts as a filter and removes pollutants. Infiltration devices and associated practices can achieve up to 70 to 98 percent contaminant removal.

**Retention ponds**, also known as wet ponds, have a permanent pool of water that fluctuates in response to precipitation and runoff from the contributing areas. Maintaining a pool discourages resuspension and keeps deposited sediments at the bottom of the holding area. Some contaminants are removed through biochemical processes. Wet ponds can achieve 40 to 60 percent phosphorus removal and 30 to 40 percent total nitrogen removal.

**Detention ponds** are typically dry except during or after rain and snow melts. They are common in the developments within West Manheim to collect the impervious runoff. The pond is used to slow down water flow and hold it for a short period of time, usually 24 hours. Detention basins reduce peak runoff rates associated with storms, decreasing flood damage and settle stormwater particles. Although detention ponds can vary in size and shape, all of the ponds are designed to be separate from local groundwater supplies to prevent movement of dissolved pollutants from surface water to groundwater sources.

*As of 2018, West Manheim Township will be required to enforce the federal Clean Water Act administered under Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4). As a MS4 municipality, we will have to inspect and locate all stormwater management systems on a yearly basis. We will work with the community to eliminate pollution and illicit discharges. With your help, we can reduce our stormwater runoff and reduce water contamination. Do not dump chemicals in storm drains. Fix automobile leaks and clean up any spills. Dispose of household chemicals by following package directions. Clean up after your pets. Do not drain pools or hot tubs into the roadway.*

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON...



# KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW.

TOGETHER WE CAN RECYCLE MORE.



**PLASTICS**  
with numbers 1-7 on, including plastic party trays



**CARTONS**  
egg nog, milk, juice and broth cartons



**CARDBOARDS**  
any size, any kind, including wrapping paper tubes



**GLASS CONTAINERS**  
food and beverage bottles



**PAPER OF ALL TYPES**  
greeting cards, wrapping paper, junk mail, copy paper, magazines, catalogs and paper bags



**CLEAN & EMPTY CANS**  
food, beverage, paint, soup and pet food



**AEROSOLS**  
empty hairspray, cleaning supplies and shaving cream

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT. ARE YOU?



# BANNED FROM THE BIN.

PENN WASTE CANNOT RECYCLE THESE:



**SOILED MATERIALS**  
dirty diapers, wet cardboard, wet papers, and food waste



**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & MEDICAL WASTE**  
needles, propane tanks, pool chemicals and batteries\*



**ELECTRONIC WASTE**  
computers, computer accessories, televisions, monitors and e-readers



**PACKING MATERIALS**  
styrofoam, packing peanuts and bubble wrap



**LIGHTS & GLASSWARE**  
light bulbs, strings of lights, drinking glasses, broken glass and mirrors



**MISCELLANEOUS**  
plastic tableware, plastic bags\*, aluminum foil, scrap metal, can lids, clothing

RECYCLEMOREPA.COM



## INVENTORY OF WENTZ MEETING HOUSE CEMETERY

### Wentz Meeting House History

On September 20, 1860, John, Phillip, and Benjamin Wentz purchased a parcel of land, approximately one acre for \$15.00. In 1861, a building committee was named to build Mt. Zion United Brethren Church. The committee consisted of the same three brothers who purchased the land. The property is located at 387 St. Bartholomew Rd.

During the summer of the same year, the building was completed at a cost of \$1,000.00. The bricks were made near the church site in the meadow of Jacob Wentz's farm, their father. Another son, Jacob S. Wentz, became a minister of the United Brethren Church and served as the first pastor.

### Inventory of Wentz Meeting House Cemetery

Richard G. Resh is a member of the West Manheim Township Heritage Committee and was recently appointed to Wentz Meeting House Building Restoration Committee. A small cemetery is located on the east side of the former church property. According to the current Trustees there are no former records of permanent interments or layout of the cemetery is known to exist. Mr. Resh was assigned the task to inventory the cemetery and requested other members of the West Manheim Township Heritage Committee assist him.

On November 25, 2015, Geraldine Byers photographed the headstones. Clint Bankert began to research the names on the tombstones and gather data on immediate family relationships. Based upon prior limited surveying experience, Mr. Resh and Harold Coldren located each headstone. The cemetery site has 63 headstones. There are 11 headstones with two names/two graves. Therefore there are 74 graves, but Mr. Bankert's work lists 75 names. Several burials occurred while the Church was under construction. The last burial was Paul. H. Hess (No. 14). The headstone for Sarah Ann Kretz is missing.

The headstones are aligned in five (5) rows. Between the first row (closest to the church) and the second row of headstones, several smaller footstones were found. These footstones have the first letter of the first name and first letter of the last name of the person of the headstone on the first row. Based on this data, we assumed the grave orientation to be behind each headstone but can't confirm this consistency throughout the cemetery.

We initially used inventory data records prepared by others or information found on the Internet. Mr. Bankert discovered several incorrect names or duplicate names. While many names on the headstones are not all legible, by using other readable data (birth dates, date of death or family member relationship), Mr. Bankert was able to identify the names on the 63 headstones. A map of the cemetery and inventory of names was provided to the church Trustees and copy is in the display case in the visitors area at the Township Building

### Sarah Ann Kretz Missing Headstone

Mr. Bankert's investigation confirms Sarah Ann Kretz is buried in the Wentz Meeting House Cemetery. Since we could not find any evidence of her grave or a deteriorated headstone 116 years later, we are listing her as an unmarked grave. For whatever reason, the family may have neglected to place a headstone for her. Our concerns are there could be others.

Contributions by:

Headstone Inventory and Genealogy by Clint Bankert

Headstone Photographs by Geraldine Byers

Headstone Location Surveys by Harold Coldren and Richard G. Resh

Report written by Richard G. Resh, Grandson of Clark H. Wentz

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.

**West Manheim Township 2412 Baltimore Pike Hanover, PA 17331**  
**Office Hours, Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm**  
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