Manchester Township

Newsletter

RECREATION

Great Family Campout

Friday, September 27, 2024 / 5:00 pm - Saturday, September 28, 2024 / 8:00 am

Grab a tent and enjoy an evening being active with other families, make a s'more, sleep under the stars and wake up refreshed in beautiful Cousler park! Bring your bikes, yard games, fishing rods, sports equipment and whatever camping gear you need. Don't worry about bringing meals, we have you covered!

Where: Cousler Park

1060 Church Road - park in lot beside basketball courts

Manchester Township Residents:

\$15 / Family

Use coupon code "Campout" at checkout to apply discount.

Manchester Township Non-Residents:

\$25 / Family

5:00 pm

Tent Set Up

6:00 pm

Dinner provided by Johnny's Eats and Treats food truck

6:30 pm

Gaga, Soccer, Basketball, Fishing, Playground and more!

8:30 pm

Camp Fire/S'mores

10:00 pm

Lights Out

8:00 am

Camp Clean Up



Manchester Township Parks

Cousler Park

1060 Church Road (Corner of Church & Greenbriar Roads)

Emigsville Park

15 Emig Road

Nittany Park

Olmstead Way (Penn State Estates Development)

Ridings Recreational Area

19 Martingale Drive (Ridings Development)

Eagles View Park 2399 Friesian Road

Johnston's Park 2985 Lewisberry Road

Mt. View Park 3298 Raintree Road

Stillmeadow Park

600 Kyle Road

Youth Night Dodgeball!

Friday, September 6, 2024 / 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Children must be signed in and out by parent/guardian at drop off and pick up. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be available.

Who: Ages 10 - 15

Cost: FREE for Township
Residents

\$5.00 Non-Residents

Where: Manchester

Township Municipal

Building

3200 Farmtrail Road



Online registration can be done at: www.mantwp.com or by scanning the QR code.

Registration ends September 5, 2024.



Fun Fest

Saturday, September 21, 2024 / 3:00 pm

Manchester Township's Family Fun Festival is a community tradition with fun for the whole family. The day will include carnival games, a great variety of food truck cuisine, music, non-profit vendors, and many other events.

Where:

Cousler Park

1060 Church Road

Children's Activities: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

\$5 all you can play wristband

- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting
- Spin Art
- · Create a Fall Craft
- Creatures Great and Small Animal Show
- Ripley's Magic
- Disney Princess Meet and Greet

Food Trucks:

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Entertainment: 6:30 pm

Music by: **Unforgettable Big Band**

Fireworks: 8:45 pm

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and the whole family to Cousler Park for one of the best fireworks displays in York County!



Halloween In The Park

Saturday, October 19, 2024 / 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Where:

Cousier Park 1060 Church Road

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Food Trucks Pumpkin Painting (Pumpkins available on a

(Pumpkins available on a first come first serve basis).

Halloween Bingo Hayrides Candy Scramble Fall Craft Station

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Families can enjoy breakfast and a special time with Santa. Photo opportunities will also be available.

Who: Manchester Township Residents Only

Where: Manchester Township Municipal Complex, 3200 Farmtrail Road

Time: Begins promptly at 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Cost: \$5.00 per person – (each attending family member must be paid and registered)



Must register by December 7, 2024.

Maximum number of participants is 120.

Online registration can be done at: www.mantwp.com or by scanning the QR code.



Trick or Treat Night

When: Thursday, October 31, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Who: Children 12 and under

Please turn porch light on if you plan to participate. We ask that children only go where lights are turned on.

RAIN OR SHINE

York County Libraries — Martin Library Satellite Service



Manchester Township, in coordination with Martin Library and York County Libraries, offers a pickup/drop off service at their township building as an added convenience for Manchester Township residents.

York County residents can order books and other library materials online or by calling Martin Library at **717-846-5300**.

You can also pick up or drop off materials from **8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday** at the Manchester Township Building located at 3200 Farmtrail Road.



SMedicare YOU

Medicare 101 Educational Seminar

What a great time to attend this Medicare 101 Educational Seminar since the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period is right around the corner. From October 15th to December 7th, you will be able to sign up or make changes to your current Medicare insurance plan.

Whether you are new to Medicare, or have been on Medicare for years, understanding Medicare can be overwhelming! If you're seeking information for yourself or helping a family member navigate Medicare's complexities, we are here to help. Attend this educational "Medicare 101" seminar, where Liz Heath, Licensed Insurance Broker/Owner, Heath Insurance Solutions, LLC will explain:

- The A, B, C's (and D) of Medicare
- · Original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage
- · When and how to enroll

- Choosing a Prescription Drug Plan and be informed about the upcoming 2025 changes to Part D
- Supplementing Medicare

There is no cost for these educational seminars. The seminars will be offered on the following dates:

When: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cost: FREE

For accommodation of persons with special needs at meetings call **717-417-0000** or **TTY -771-417-0000**



Registration for this year's Manchester Township Rec Sports basketball league will begin on September 1st. Registration will be open to boys and girls up to grade 12.

Grade Groups:

Co-Ed Grade

K-1 / 8' Rim

2 / 10' Rim

Girls Grade

3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Boys Grade

3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 & 11-12

Cost: K-1 8' Rim - \$70.00

8 Game Season

All Other Age Groups

\$130.00 10 Game Season

25% registration refunds will be offered to those persons who serve as a team head coach for the season.



Registration opens September 1, 2024.

Scan the QR code for a link to our online registration platform beginning September 1st.



Sports Contact Persons



Manchester Township Athletic Association www.mtaaonline.org

Basketball

Manchester Township 717-764-4646 www.mantwp.com



York Youth Soccer League 717-741-6939 https://yysl.soccer/

Keystone FC SOUTH www.keystonefc.com or info@keystonefc.com



Central York Lacrosse Club centralyorklacrosseclub@gmail.com



SilverSneakers® Programs

Monday

SilverSneakers® EnerChi™	9:15 am – 10:00 am
SilverSneakers® Classic	10:15 am – 11:00 am
SilverSneakers® Walking Cardio	11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday

SilverSneakers® Yoga	9:15 am - 10:00 am
SilverSneakers® Strength & Balance	
SilverSneakers® Seated Cardio	11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday

SilverSneakers® BOOM™	9:15 am – 10:00 am
SilverSneakers® Walking Cardio	10:15 am – 11:00 am
SilverSneakers® Yoga	11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday

SilverSneakers® EnerChi™	l •••••••	9:15 am – 10:00 am
SilverSneakers® Strength	& Balance	.10:15 am – 11:00 am

Friday

SilverSneakers® BOOM™	9:15 am – 10:00 am
SilverSneakers® Walking Cardio	10:15 am – 11:00 am
SilverSneakers® Yoga	11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Where:

Manchester Township Building 3200 Farmtrail Road York, PA 17406

Instructor:

Rhonda Smith c/o Remain Calm, LLC Rhonda315@yahoo.com 443-854-4161

Cost:

Punch cards are available for participants without Renew Active® or SilverSneakers® benefits. 5 punches for \$20. Unlimited Monthly attendance \$35, paid on the 1st or 15th.

Register in person.

New York City Bus Trips



Saturday, November 16, 2024

Shop, take in the sights, or just enjoy the Big Apple.

Time:

6:00 am - Departing from Municipal Bldg

10:00 am - Arrive in New York City

7:00 pm - Leave New York City

11:00 pm – Arrive at Municipal Complex



Visit www.mantwp.com or scan QR code to register.

Cost:

\$70.00 for Township Residents \$80.00 Non-Residents

The cost will include transportation to and from New York.

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Shop, take in the sights, or just enjoy the Big Apple in all its holiday glory.

Time:

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10:00 am - Arrive in New York City

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11:00 pm - Arrive at Municipal Complex

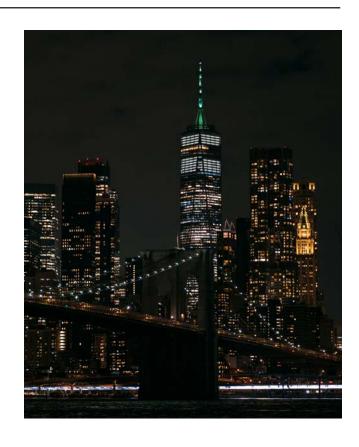
Cost:

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The cost will include transportation to and from New York.



Visit www.mantwp.com or scan QR code to register.



Pickleball Courts Now Open at Cousler Park

Manchester Township is pleased to add another recreational amenity to our largest and most utilized resident park. Designed by local landscape architect, YSM, and built by Horst Construction, the complex boasts eight courts, two spacious pavilions, and player benches.

Pickleball is exploding in popularity and continues to bring more players to the game each year. The game is family friendly and enjoyed by a wide range of ages. Manchester Township Manager, Tim James, expresses gratitude to the Recreation Commission and Board of Supervisors' vision in recognizing the recreational need here in Manchester Township.



Join the fun today! Courts will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Where: Cousler Park Pickleball Courts, 1060 Church Road



Manchester Township



SUPERVISOR'S NEWS

Office

3200 Farmtrail Road York, PA 17406-5699

Phone

717-764-4646

Hours

Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm

E-Mail

Info@mantwp.com

Board Of Supervisors

Rodney K. Brandstedter Debra K. McCune Craig M. Miller David J. Chiaverini Harry M. Long, Jr.

Supervisors Meetings

Held the **2nd Tuesday** of each month **at 6:00 pm** at the Municipal Building unless otherwise posted on our website.

Township Manager

Timothy R. James

Administrative Director

Kimberly A. Hackett

Finance Director

Danelle L. Goodwin

Public Works Superintendent

Robert M. Hartman

Zoning/Planning Officer

Rachel M. Vega

Staff Engineer:

Benedict "B.J." Treglia

YAUFR Fire Chief

Daniel J. Hoff

NYCRPD Police Chief

David L. Lash

Exercise Your Right to Vote!

Join your fellow residents on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to vote in the general election. Polls are open on election day from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. Check to confirm your polling location prior to November. Manchester Township offices will be closed on election day.

Important dates to remember in the election cycle include:

- October 21, 2024, is the last day to register to vote.
- The last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is October 29th, 2024.

If you need more information on voter services in York County, please visit **www.yorkcountypa.gov/526/Voter-Services** or call **717-771-9604**.

To learn about polling locations, elections dates, and more visit www.yorkcountypa.gov/503/Elections-Voter-Registration.



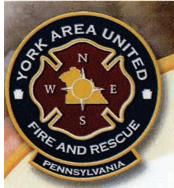
For information about the township and events please visit our website **mantwp.com**



As a way to offer you more convenient ways pay your sewer/ trash bills, Manchester Township now offers online payments and paperless billing options. partnered We have with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider of online & electronic payment systems. All you need is an internet



connection and an email address. It is simple to use. Every quarter we'll send you a reminder email to let you know when your bill is online. Then, you just log into your account at xpressbillpay.com or use our mobile app to view your bill. When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Enter the information and you are done! It's that easy, and only takes you a few minutes each quarter. Or you can set up your bill on Auto Pay and have it automatically paid for you each quarter. To sign up, go to www.mantwp.com and follow the instructions there, or go to www.xpressbillpay.com.



YORK AREA UNITED FIRE AND RESCUE

TIPSHEET:

BACK TO SCHOOL

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School is back in session and we need to pay close attention to school bus and pedestrian safety.

The safety of children depends on drivers paying close attention around school zones and when driving near or approaching school buses.

ALWAYS BE ALERT: Always pay attention to

your surroundings. Before you enter your car take a quick lap around and look for anything that is might be in your obstructed view. Watch out for children walking or bicycling to school...SO BE ALERT!

When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely...SO BE ALERT!

Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in neighborhood...SO BE ALERT!

Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops...SO BE ALERT!

Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic...SO BE ALERT!

Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law

Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.

Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.

Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.

If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

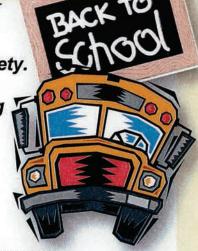
The penalties if convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law include:

\$250 fine

Five points on your driving record

60-day license suspension

SO BE ALERT AT ALL TIMES



Tips from your Tax Collector

It is tax time again and I would like to remind you to PLEASE WRITE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK. Unlisted numbers make it difficult to reach you if there is a question or problem with your payment.

School real estate bills for the 2024-2025 tax year were mailed on July 15, 2024. Those properties enrolled in the Homestead/Farmstead relief program will show a discount of \$176.73 on the school tax bill.

The rebate period for 2024 school tax payments ends at midnight on Monday, September 16, 2024. The window will be open from 9 am to 4:30 pm that day and a secure night slot is available on the outside of the township building for last minute payments. Please don't ask me to break the law and accept payments after the deadline!



If you pay by mail and need a stamped receipt for the PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate, ENCLOSE BOTH HALVES of the bill along with a selfaddressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

Please call the tax office at **717-767-6689** with any questions.

Jean Stambaugh / Manchester **Township Tax Collector**

Tax Collector-Window Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Noon - 3 pm.

SPECIAL HOURS Monday, September 16th, 2024 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Yard Waste Collection

Penn Waste will be performing this service. Please visit the website for additional information **pennwaste.com**.

Items will need to be placed at curbside by 6:00 am.

"Yard Waste" materials are defined as tree trimmings, shrubbery and any other organic landscape vegetation, excluding grass clippings.

Materials should be packaged as follows:

- Place items in either Biodegradable Kraft bags or tied in easily handled bundles.
- Bundles should be no longer than four (4) feet in length.
- Bundles should not weigh more than 30 lbs. each.
- Branches should not exceed 6 inches in diameter.

The following items should not be placed out for **Yard Waste Collection:**

- Leaf Waste (Note: Manchester Township provides this service)
- Dirt or Stones
- Fruits and/or Vegetables
- Any material in a Plastic Bag

Held the 4th Saturday of each month March - November.

Yard Waste Disposal

Are you wondering what you should do with your yard waste as we are in full swing in the season of raking leaves? Penn Waste offers yard waste pick-up at your curb on scheduled days which makes yard waste disposal very easy. If you simply have leaves and grass, you can use a mulching mower to mulch them. Your back will thank you and the clippings on the lawn will help prevent weeds from germinating. Another option for disposal of grass and leaves is to place them in your garden beds and around trees and shrubs to prevent weed growth. You can also dispose of vegetation and small branches by bringing your yard waste to the York County Resource Recovery Center (YCRRC). Be sure to visit www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/ for specifics on what can and cannot be accepted at the YCRRC. There are some items that we cannot accept, however our website will direct you to a business that can help you if the YCRRC cannot accommodate your needs.



Leaf Collection

- Rake your leaves to the curb. DO NOT put leaves in bags or with regular garbage.
- · No Grass Clippings!
- Please DO NOT place boards, wood, bricks, etc. on your leaves. These items can cause extensive damage to the leaf collection equipment.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaves will not be picked up according to a specific schedule because of unknown factors such as volume of leaves and uncertainty of weather conditions.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

When: Monday thru Friday | October 28 - December 13, 2024

Reworld™ and Goodwill Keystone Area have joined forces to provide free electronic waste recycling locations

Reworld

Take advantage of this service at the following Goodwill locations:

- 965 Loucks Road, York
- 1120 Roosevelt Ave, York
- · 450 Eisenhower Drive, Hanover
- 535 S. Main Street Market Square Center, Shrewsbury



What electronics can residents bring?

What will be accepted:

Computing and Peripheral Devices

Computers, Monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, printer/ scanner/copier all-in-one devices, networking equipment

Entertainment Electronics

Video Players (VCR/DVD/Blu-ray players), Gaming Systems, Audio Devices (stereos, radios, MP3 players)

Communication Devices

Telephones, Mobile Devices

Visual and Imaging Equipment

Cameras (cameras, video cameras), Televisions, Cable or Set-Top Boxes

Small Appliances

Toasters, Vacuum Cleaners

Miscellaneous Electronics/Items

Cables, Electronic Wiring, Answering Machines



What electronics should residents NOT bring

What won't be accepted*:

Loose Batteries, Bulbs, Smoke Detectors, Hazardous Household Waste, White Goods (refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, unit air conditioners, washing machines, clothes dryers and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances), Freon-Containing Devices, Devices Containing Mercury

Plan Ahead For Building Permits

All construction, additions, placement of prebuilt structures (sheds, swimming pools, etc), paving, patios, fences, and decks require that a permit be obtained **BEFORE** any work can legally be started. This includes inflatable swimming pools over 18" if new or previously removed.

State law requires the township to adopt the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), better known as the "building code". The UCC allows a municipality up to 15 working days to review a permit application for residential properties and either grant or reject the permit from the time a completed application is submitted to the municipality. A completed application includes a completely filled out application form, 3 copies or an electronic version of a site plan for the entire lot showing all **existing and proposed** improvements on the lot (including driveways, buildings, patios, decks, and sidewalks) with all dimensions and distances to property lines and 3 copies or an electronic version of all documentation related to the proposed improvements. Manchester Township strives to process the permits as quickly as possible



although during busy times of the year it may take the full 15 working days. **NO WORK** can be started until you have a granted permit in hand and a placard placed in a location that can be seen from the street.

The permit application can be found online at mantwp.com. Click on the forms tab and you can find the application. Permit applications and supporting documents can be dropped off in person or emailed to **zoning@mantwp.com**.



RECYCLE THESE ITEMS



WHEN IN DOUBT -> THROW IT OUT

NO Plastic Bags

NO Food/Liquid

NO Garden Hoses

NO Shredded Paper

NO Clothing

NO Diapers

NO Medical Waste

NO Scrap Metal

NO Styrofoam

CREATING A GREEN COMMUNITY TOGETHER

P.O. Box 3066, York, PA 17402 717-767-4456 www.pennwaste.com







Emergency Contacts

Fire Department Contact Information

Emergency - 911

For business related information contact Department of Fire Services or paid personnel at the 24 hour manned station at 3200 Farmtrail Road: 717-992-2679

For the Alert Fire Company trustees or other business, call the volunteer station at 3118 North George Street in Emigsville: 717-764-1148

911 Hang Up Calls Ordinance #2007-03

It is important that all telephone owners be responsible for the proper use of their telephones so that police officers are not required to spend important patrol time in responding to false 911 calls.

An excessive number of 911 hang up calls from a telephone will result in the assessment of fees or penalties in accordance with ordinance #2007-03.

Please be responsible for the proper use of telephones.

Notices and Reminders

ADA Notice

If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend any township meetings, please contact the office at least **three (3)** business days **prior** to discuss how your needs may be served.



50 Commons Drive

York, PA 17402

Citizens Of

MANCHESTER, SPRING GARDEN, and SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIPS

Are proudly protected by the men and women of

York Area United Fire and Rescue

Pennsylvania's First Regional Combination Fire Department

For more information on fire department activity and services, membership information and contact information please visit our website at **yaufr.com**

Sign up for our quarterly newsletter and keep up to date with everything your fire department is doing to be a service to our citizens.

YORK AREA UNITED FIRE & RESCUE Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief 717-718-2383

Department Of Fire Services

Manchester Township Career Firefighters Offer **Reflective Address Markers.**



Firefighters and emergency personnel may need to find your home quickly if an emergency occurs. It is difficult for emergency personnel to find homes and businesses when address numbers are not properly posted.

Applications for address markers are available at:

3200 Farmtrail Road York, PA 17406-5699

Cost: \$15.00

Daylight Savings time ends Sunday - November 3, 2024

Remember to turn your clocks back!







Project Lifesaver provides law enforcement with a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The necessity of this program was determined through the correlation between cognitive conditions and the act of wandering. The program has grown from a localized program to a program recognized internationally as a proven and effective method of "bringing loved ones home."

The method relies on proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams. Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized frequency signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. The first responders will then use the client's individualized frequency to locate the position of the individual.

The Northern York County Regional Police Department has nine officers trained in the operation of the Project Lifesaver Program. Four of these officers are School Resource Officers.

If you are a parent, guardian or caregiver of an individual that is at risk of wandering away and you feel they should be enrolled in the Project Lifesaver Program, please visit **www.nycrpd.org** and complete the information on the Project Lifesaver Page located on the right side of the home page.

If you don't believe that your loved one is a wandering risk but would like to provide the NYCRPD with information about their at risk or special circumstances, please visit **www.nycrpd.org** and complete the information on the At Risk Individual / Special Circumstances Page located on the right side of the home page.



Greetings Manchester Township! On behalf of Central York, I am excited to share with you our latest community update!

- This Spring, Central York School District was named a "Best Community for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation. This is the eighteenth year that Central York has achieved this designation.
- On May 31, 2024, 465 students graduated from Central York High School. The Class of 2024 earned 287 scholarships totaling over \$6.2 million. Central York had a 100% graduation rate this past school year.
- The District continues to see results and growth from our newly adopted elementary math and reading curriculum.
- The first day of school is Wednesday, August 21, 2024. We can't wait to welcome back our Panthers!

Visit our District Website for the latest news, events and Panther updates and always, thank you for your support. -pja

Sincerely Peter J. Aiken, Ed. D Superintendent



STAY UP TO DATE ON NEWS AND EVENTS

The District website includes news and upcoming events in the Central York Community.

Visit www.cysd.k12.pa.us to check out the latest happenings or view upcoming events on our District Calendar.

The District also shares the wonderful things happening in our school community on social media. Be sure to follow Central York School District on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn!

GOLDEN AGE PASSES

Golden Age Passes allow District residents ages 65 and older to free admission to school-sponsored events including home athletic events, plays, musical productions, and other Central York programs that may have an admission fee. They do not apply to PIAA playoff games.

Passes are available at the District's Educational Service Center. A driver's license or identification card for proof of age and residence is required.

Educational Service Center 775 Marion Road York, PA 17406

Summer Hours: Mon - Thur | 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

www.cysd.k12.pa.us (717) 846-6789

Central York School District has various full-time and part-time support staff and professional staff opportunities!

- Various Shifts Available
- All Locations
- **Paid Time Off**
- Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System
- Paid Benefits (varies by position)



Wanted! **SUBSTITUTES**

1-800-357-7827 | thesubservice.com Retired teachers and current college students can apply to sub!

Scan me!

Christmas Tree Recycling

When: December 26, 2024 - January 31, 2025

Residents may bring their trees to York County Solid Waste Authority, 2700 Blackbridge Road

FACILITY OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

For provided curbside collection, you may place your tree at the curb with your regular trash, and it will be **picked up by the township public works department December 26, 2024 thru January 10, 2025** and will be recycled.

For more information visit: www.ycswa.com



General Election Day

When: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

If you have any questions concerning elections or polling places, please contact:

York County Elections Office at 717-771-9604.





Recycle

Please place all of your trash and recyclables at the curb by **6:00 am** the day of your scheduled collection.



Vandalism Costs You...

Whenever there is a theft or disfigurement of road signs and other Township property, this vandalism costs tax dollars to replace and repair – dollars that could be spent elsewhere.

If you witness abuse on public property, please dial 911 to report it. If you have information after the fact, please report it to the Township office at **717-764-4646** or to the Northern York County Regional Police Department at **717-292-3647**.



Lost & Found

A lost & found is located at the township office. If you are missing items and may have left them at one of our parks or in our gym, please check at the municipal office.



Snow Removal

Snow removal presents a challenge to Manchester Township. During an active snowstorm the public works department will attempt to keep open the major routes (arterial and collector) streets of Manchester Township to facilitate the movement of emergency vehicles. As a storm subsides the snowplows will methodically plow each and every public street in Manchester Township. Residents can assist the public works department by moving, where possible, vehicles off of the streets during and after the storm event.

According to the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, responsibility for the maintenance of sidewalks rests with the adjoining property owner. Therefore, remember to be a good neighbor and remove snow from sidewalks to keep them safe for pedestrians.

The Township is NOT RESPONSIBLE for damage to mailboxes since they are located in the right-of-way.

Manchester Township **DOES NOT** provide snow and ice removal on any state roadways.

Helpful Hints

- 1. When shoveling out the mouth of your driveway, deposit snow to the right or "downstream." This will help to avoid the re-depositing of the snow in your driveway when the plow comes to your street. Remember it is impossible to not have snow pushed into your driveway. Please do not throw the snow from your property into the street.
- 2. Please allow yourself some additional time to travel.
- 3. Use common sense and "Be Patient."

4. Keep a flashlight, a battery powered radio and emergency equipment available in case of a disruption in power.

Fire Hydrants

Clearing snow away from fire hydrants is a very important responsibility.

The fire department asks residents to clear a **36-inch path around hydrants** to allow for access.

If you join together with your neighbors, it only takes a few minutes to ensure the fire hydrants are clear of snow. Please take the few extra minutes needed to protect your home and family.



Leaves Don't Belong In The Stormdrain

When it rains, it drains! Clean up leaves from the stormdrain at home, work or play.

For more information about what you can do to help keep clean water and save the Chesapeake Bay, contact the Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. watershedallianceofyork.org

The Drain Is Just For

It is illegal to dump anything into the storm sewers located along the streets. Do not dump used oil, gasoline, or grass clippings into the storm sewers.

MS4 Program in Manchester Township

The MS4 Program (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) is mandated by both the Federal (EPA) and State (DEP) government and requires that Manchester Township actively engage in practices to decrease and eliminate sources of stormwater pollution. Stormwater becomes polluted as it travels across lawns, parking lots, roads, gutters, and ditches. Guided by gravity, stormwater travels downhill picking up speed and yard waste, bits of debris, unabsorbed fertilizers, organic wastes, and hazardous chemicals. This contaminated water is not treated, but conveyed directly into local waterways where it eventually drains to the Susquehanna River, then on to the Chesapeake Bay, and finally the Atlantic Ocean.

Reducing sediment (fine granules of soil, dirt and other debris) will improve water clarity, while at the same time, reducing the presence of nitrates and phosphates from fertilizers. There are several ways for Township residents to be a part of this effort in the fall months:

- Replace patches of bare soil in lawns and flowerbeds with grass and ground cover plants; this will prevent erosion and sediment-laden water from making its way into the municipal storm sewer system
- Follow all guidelines provided on lawn fertilizer materials
- Keep drains (gutters, roof drains, and inlets) clear of debris. This may also help to prevent instances of localized flooding
- Fall is a great time to inspect any stormwater facilities you may have on our property. i.e. basins, rain gardens, rain barrels, drywells and stream and riverside vegetation
- · Always pick up and dispose of animal waste appropriately
- Blow grass clippings into your yard and not into the street. This keeps leaf and yard debris out of the street drainage system

Township Maintenance Projects

As part of our ongoing yearly maintenance of the township sewer system, Manchester Township will be replacing sewer lines in the following areas:

- May Road
- Willow Ridge Court
- · Woodland View Drive near Friesian Road
- Susquehanna Trail north of Farmbrook Lane.

The projects will occur throughout the remainder of 2024. If a project requires a lane closure for the safety of the contractors and residents, notification will be sent utilizing the Savvy Citizen and township Facebook platforms. Additionally, utilities will be marked prior to the start of the projects.

If you have questions on the projects above or any other township matters, please call (717)764-4646.





Time to Change Those Batteries in Your Smoke Detectors!!!

If you have a sealed smoke detector with a 10-year battery, test the detector by pressing the test button to activate.

Check the dates on all your detectors. We recommend replacing all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every 10 years.

Hard wired smoke detectors should have a battery backup. Replace the battery to ensure operation in a power outage.

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors come in many styles and models. If you have any questions on what you need for your home contact York Area United Fire & Rescue.

We recommend at least one detector on each floor of your home. We prefer one in every bedroom and advise sleeping with your bedroom door closed.

You can install individual smoke and carbon monoxide detectors or purchase combination detectors which are both smoke and carbon monoxide detecting.

If you are in need, have any questions on types of detectors or installation, please give us a call.

York Area United Fire & Rescue 717-718-2383

Or jump on our website click on **How do I?** Click on **Get a** smoke detector or **Contact YAUFR**.



Is This the Worst Invasive Plant? 'Bradford' Callery Pear (Pyrus calleryana)

One way to help the ecosystem is to grow more trees. Trees provide many ecosystem benefits including improving water quality and mitigating stormwater runoff. Another way is to kill a certain white flowering tree, said Sally Holbert, Landscape Architect, and project manager for the Stillmeadow Climate Resiliency project. Pennsylvania banned the sale of Bradford Pears, native to Asia, in February of this year. They have been on PA's Noxious Plant list since 2021.

The Bradford Pears, once popular as ornamental trees in our Pennsylvania landscapes, have fallen out of favor and are considered a property liability due to several significant drawbacks. Initially, they were prized for their fluffy white blossoms in the spring, symmetrical shape, and rapid growth. However, as they aged, numerous problems became apparent.

One of the primary issues with Bradford Pears is their structural weakness. These trees are notorious for their poor branch structure, which often leads to splitting and breaking during storms or heavy winds. The branches tend to grow at narrow angles, with multiple branches coming off at one place creating weak points that are prone to failure. This not only poses a hazard to property and people, but also results in a shorter lifespan for the tree, often only 15-25 years.

Additionally, Bradford Pears were initially believed to be sterile, which contributed to their widespread planting including in Stillmeadow



Park. However, it was later discovered that when different cultivars of callery pears cross-pollinate, they can produce viable seeds. This has led to the proliferation of invasive offspring in the wetlands and meadows with tough woody thorns, which spread aggressively and out compete native plant species. The resulting wild Callery Pears form dense thickets, disrupting local ecosystems and diminishing biodiversity.

Due to these significant drawbacks—structural weaknesses, invasiveness, and susceptibility to breakage, disease and pests—Bradford Pears are no longer available for sale at nurseries.

As part of the Stillmeadow Climate Resiliency project at Stillmeadow Park, Bradford Pear will be targeted for removal and replacement with native tree varieties.

Here is a link to more information on the harm the trees are doing to our ecosystems. **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDmGPRRcQM8**

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Recreation Commission

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the municipal office, unless otherwise noted, at 7:00 pm. Public is welcome to attend.

Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

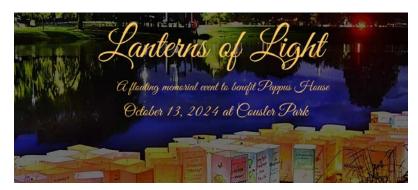
September 12, 2024 – Johnston's Park October 10, 2024 November 14, 2024 December 12, 2024

Commission Members

Craig Jacoby, Chairperson Virginia Hobbs, Vice-Chairperson James Kohr Douglas Hershey Adam Levine

OFFICE CLOSED:

Labor Day – September 2, 2024 Election Day – November 5, 2024 Thanksgiving – November 28 & 29, 2024 Christmas – December 24 & 25, 2024 January 1, 2025



6th Annual Lanterns of Light

Where: Cousler Park (at the pond), 1060 Church Road

When: Sunday, October 13, 2024 (Rain date October 20, 2024)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Join Pappus House to honor, remember, and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have gone before us.

Personalize floating lanterns in memory of your loved ones, then gather with us for a memorial program led by WGAL's Lori Burkholder. The twinkling lanterns will be launched into the water at sunset, a heartfelt celebration of light and love.

For more information and to reserve your lanterns, visit www.pappushouse.org or call 717-893-5310.

Proceeds from this annual event benefit Pappus House, our community's home for end-of-life care.