**Manchester Township** 

**Newsletter** 

# RECREATION





# Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Cousler Park, 1060 Church Road

Children's Activities: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$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

Food Trucks: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### **Entertainment**

6:30 p.m. Unforgettable Big Band

8:45 p.m. FIREWORKS

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





# YOUTH NIGHT DODGEBALL



Play dodgeball, kickball, mat ball and many more games. Open to children ages 10 to 15 who must be signed in and out by their parent/guardian at drop off and pick up. Pizza, snacks and drinks are available for purchase.

WHEN: Friday, September 5, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Manchester Township Municipal Building

3200 Farmtrail Road

**COST:** Free for township residents | \$5 for non-residents

Online registration can be done at **www.mantwp.com** or by scanning the QR Code. Registration ends September 4, 2025.

# MANCHESTER/SPRINGETTS REC BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

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:**

K-1 8' Rim (co-ed)

2 10' Rim (co-ed)

Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, & 9-12 Boys

Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, & 9-12 Girls

#### COST:

K-1 8' Rim – \$75.00 (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.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

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



# **WOOD CARVING**

Join instructor Tom Wolfgang for a hands-on wood carving workshop. Over the course of five weeks participants will learn essential wood carving techniques, tool safety, and step by step guidance to create their very own comfort bird. Open to ages 10 and up, this workshop is perfect for beginners and anyone interested in the art of carving. Please note that participants ages 10 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult (only the participant needs to register). Come ready to learn, create, and take home a handmade piece of art!



WHEN: September 30, October 7, 14, 21 and 28

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Johnston's Park Building 2985 Lewisberry Road, York PA

17404

**COST:** \$25

To register visit

www.mantwp.com or scan the QR code



# Fall into Reading and a Dunkin Donut Gift Card!

Begin your fall reading program utilizing our branch library services and enter our "Fall into Reading Contest." Each book you reserve will enter you into our drawing for the chance to win one of two \$20 Dunkin Donut gift cards. Entry forms will be at the front counter when you pick up your books.

The contest ends October 31, 2025.

If you are not a library member, you can sign up by using the QR code above and quick FAQs to help you get started:

# How long does it take?

 Filling in the online form only takes a few minutes. It may take the library a few days to create your card, but they will let you know right away when it is ready.

# How do I get my card?

- The library will email you the library card information as soon as it is made, if you provide an email.
- The library will also mail the physical card to your home along with helpful library information.



# When can I start using the library to check out items?

• As soon as you <u>receive an email</u> with your library card information - even before the physical card arrives! The library card number will work right away online to place holds and for digital items. In person, if you visit any YCL library, they can look you up if your card has not arrived (or if you forget it).

# How long are cards good for?

• Library cards are good for three years and renewing takes as little time as updating your contact information.

Manchester Township, in coordination with Martin Library and York County Libraries, offers a pickup/drop off service at the township building as an added convenience for Manchester Township residents. Choose Manchester Township as the location for your material hold. Materials can be picked up or dropped off Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the township office located at 3200 Farmtrail Road.



# SilverSneakers® Programs

# **Monday**

SilverSneakers® <b>EnerChi™</b>	9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Classic	10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Walking Cardio	11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# **Tuesday**

SilverSneakers® Yoga	9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Strength & Balance	e 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Seated Cardio	11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# Wednesday

SilverSneakers® <b>BOOM™</b>	9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Walking Cardio	10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Yoga	11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# **Thursday**

SilverSneakers® EnerChi™	'9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Strength	<b>&amp; Balance</b> 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Classic	11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# **Friday**

SilverSneakers® <b>BOOM™</b>	<b></b> 9:15 a.m	· 10:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Walking Cardio	10:15 a.m	- 11:00 a.m.
SilverSneakers® Yoga	11:15 a.m	- 12:00 p.m.

# 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

Mundis Mill Park at Locust Lane 545 Locust Lane

## Where:

Manchester Township Building 3200 Farmtrail Road York, PA 17406 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. Instructor: Rhonda Smith c/o Remain Calm, LLC Rhonda315@yahoo.com, 443-854-4161

# HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

**When:** Saturday, October 25, 2025 **Where:** Cousler Park, 1060 Church

Road, York PA

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Food Trucks** 

# **Pumpkin Painting**

(Pumpkins available on a first come, first served basis).

Hayrides

**Fall Craft Station** 

**Trick or Treat Candy Hunt** at 7 p.m.

(bring your own flashlight)

*Manchester Township residents only* 



# trick or treat night

When: October 31, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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** 



# **Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday, December 13, 2025

An opportunity to have children enjoy breakfast and to talk to 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 a.m. and

continues until 10:00 a.m.

**COST:** \$5.00 per person (each attending

family member must be paid and

registered)

MUST register by December 10, 2025.
The maximum number of participants is 120.
Online registration can be done at
www.mantwp.com or by scanning the QR code.





# Lowee's Group Tours

# JIM THORPE TRAIN

**September 30, 2025** 

**COST:** \$99 per person

## **TO REGISTER:**

Visit www.lowees.com

OR

Call **717-657-9658** to reserve your seat

Payment can be made by credit card (3% CC fee) or sending a check to:

Lowee's Group Tours PO BOX 6658 HARRISBURG, PA 17112

#### TRIP INCLUDES:

- Transportation
- Train Excursion
- \* Driver & Escort Gratuities are not included

# **ITINERARY**

7:30 a.m. Depart Springettsbury Township Park, York

8:15 a.m. Depart Clearview Bowling, Mount Joy

10:00 a.m. Approximate arrival in Jim Thorpe

10:30 a.m. All aboard the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway!

Depart on a 16-mile, 70 minute, roundtrip scenic train ride. Relax and ride comfortably in the vintage coaches built as early as 1917 pulled by diesel engines. The narrated tour follows the majestic Lehigh River over bridges, through Glen Onoko, and into the Lehigh Gorge State Park. High-rising cliffs, mountain scenery, and wildlife surround the train along the forested route to "Old Para Haven"

Penn Haven."

12:15 p.m. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure!

There are so many places to visit such as the Old Jail Museum, Mauch Chunk Museum, or maybe you want to take a narrated trolley tour! Lots of great restaurants are available for lunch and you will have time to do some shopping as well!

Depart Jim Thorpe

6:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Approximate return to the area

Lowee's Group Tours

# RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

**November 21, 2025** 

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime, extraordinary experience that will redefine "Spectacular" as snow falls, the glow of fireworks light up the stage, and the Rockettes dazzle you in this year's spectacular celebration. The show promises to delight from the moment you enter the hall with a showcase honoring the enduring tradition and immersive moments that will envelop you and your loved ones in the true meaning of Christmas!

# **ITINERARY**

6:15 a.m. Depart Springettsbury Township

Park, York

7:00 a.m. Depart At Home Store, Harrisburg

11:00 a.m. Approx. arrival in New York City

Enjoy the day at your leisure

2:00 p.m. Showtime

4:00 p.m. Depart for home

Fast food stop on your own

8:00 p.m. Approximate return to Harrisburg

8:45 p.m. Approximate return to York

COST: \$185 per person

#### TRIP INCLUDES:

- Transportation
- Orchestra seats for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular
- Taxes

\*Driver gratuity not included.





TO SIGN UP — CALL AND SEND PAYMENT TO:

Lowee's Group Tours PO BOX 6658 HARRISBURG, PA 17112 717-657-9658 TIFFANY@LOWEES.COM OR REGISTER ONLINE AT:

www.lowees.com

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# Winterin New York City

# December 6 & 13, 2025

# **Enjoy the holiday magic of New York City in winter!**

Travel comfortably by deluxe motorcoach for a day full of NYC's famous sites on your own. With over 150 world-class museums, 18,000 restaurants, 135 Broadway theaters and an array of shopping there is something for everyone!

**December 6** – Bus departs at **7:00 a.m.** from Springettsbury Park

December 13 – Bus departs at 6:15 a.m. from Springettsbury Park

Approximate arrival into New York City 11:00 a.m.

*Enjoy the day on your own!* 

7:00 p.m. Depart for home

11:00 p.m. Approximate returns

**COST:** \$89 per person

To reserve your seat visit www.lowees.com or call **717-657-9658** 

Payment can be made by credit card (3% CC fee) or sending a check to:

**Lowee's Group Tours PO Box 6658** Harrisburg, PA 17112

\* Driver gratuities not included





# **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 15 to December 7 you will be able to enroll 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 are 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, Cs (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:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Manchester Township Building, 3200 Farmtrail Road

COST: FREE

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

# Manchester Township Resident Rental Program Discount

As an added benefit, Manchester Township offers our residents a discount on Cousler Park pavilions and the buildings at Emigsville and Johnston's Parks. During the checkout process, enter the word "pavilion" in the coupon code box for renting pavilions and the word "resident" for reserving the Emigsville or Johnston's Park buildings.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the township office at **717-764-4646**.

Office 3200 Farmtrail Road York, PA 17406-5699

Phone 717-764-4646

Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

E-Mail Info@mantwp.com

# **Board Of Supervisors**

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

#### **Supervisors Meetings**

Held the **2nd Tuesday** of each month **at 6:00 p.m.** at the Municipal Building.

## 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

#### **Township Engineer:**

Benedict "B.J." Treglia

#### Fire Chief:

Daniel J. Hoff

#### Police Chief:

David L. Lash



#### **FLUSHED WIPES**

Flushing wet wipes down the toilet can clog plumbing systems, leading to expensive repairs. Many people don't know that wipes shouldn't go in the toilet and pose a risk for sewer infrastructure.



#### **CLOGGED SEWER LINES**

Wipes make their way into private sewer laterals, septic systems, and sewer lines and can cause extensive harm and result in overflows and property damage.



#### SEWER OVERFLOWS

Once wipes make it to the sewer collection system, they can catch on roots that infiltrate pipes, weave together to form large rags and attract fats, oils and grease. This can result in blockages and sewer spills.



# ENVIRONMENTAL HARM

Even when wipes filter out of the wastewater stream, small microfibers and microplastics can shed off wipes. These fibers can't be captured and can make their way into the environment.



# DISRUPTED TREATMENT PLANTS

Oftentimes, masses of wipes manage to make it through the collection system and end up at wastewater treatment plants, which can result in significant damage to treatment infrastructure and recurrent disruption of the treatment process.



# DAMAGED COLLECTION SYSTEMS

Most collection systems rely on pumps to move wastewater to treatment facilities. Wipes can clog these pumps, resulting in spills, system failures, increased maintenance requirements and damage to expensive equipment.

# The Truth About "Flushable" Wipes

Despite clever marketing claims, so-called "flushable" wipes are not truly flushable – at least not in the same manner as toilet paper is. While they may flush in your toilet, wipes do not break down properly and cause serious blockages in the sewer system, leading to costly repairs and dangerous overflows.

Blockages and overflows can result in environmental hazards, health risks, and expensive emergency repairs – costs that ultimately may result in higher rates to our residents. By only flushing toilet paper and placing wipes in the trash instead, you can help to maintain the efficiency of our sewer systems and keep treatment costs low for the township. **This small change can make a difference.** 

# Community Reminders

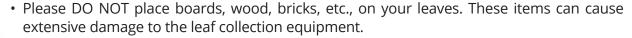




# LEAF COLLECTION

Monday through Friday October 27 - December 12, 2025

- Rake your leaves to the curb. DO NOT put leaves in bags or put them in regular garbage.
- · No grass clippings!



**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.



# **Christmas Tree Recycling**

December 26, 2025 - January 31, 2026

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

FACILITY OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT YCSWA.COM

Curbside collection is provided. 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 29, 2025**, through **January 16, 2026**, and will be recycled.



# YARD WASTE COLLECTION

PENN WASTE will be performing this service on the 4th Saturday of each month through **November.** Remaining dates for this year are:

- September 27, 2025
- October 25, 2025
- November 22, 2025

Items need to be placed at the curbside by 6:00 a.m.

"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 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

Join your fellow residents on Tuesday, November 4, **2025**, to vote in the municipal election. Polls are open on election day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Check to confirm your polling location prior to November.

Important dates to remember in the election cycle include:

- October 20, 2025, is the last day to register to vote.
- The last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is October 28, 2025.

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.







PAY YOUR SEWER/TRASH BILL ONLINE with no fees at www.mantwp.com and follow the instructions there, or go to www.xpressbillpay.com.

You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Enter the information and you are done! It is that easy and only takes you a few minutes each quarter.

# 3 Easy Ways to Manage and Pay Your Bills with Manchester Township!

THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER



#### 1. Create a free on-line account

Go to www.xpressbillpay.com or download the app.

#### 2. Pay without creating an account

CHECK OUT AS A GUEST:

- Go to www.mantwp.com
- Go to Pay Bill Online
- Click CHECKOUT AS GUEST

#### 3. Pay by phone with a live operator

1-385-218-0343 Xpress Bill Pay Customer Support



Download Xpress Bill Pay App today! Manchester Township Partners with:



www.xpressbillpay.com



#### Paperless Billing

Get rid of the clutter and go paperless. Get notified via email or text when your statement is ready.



### Auto Pay

Set it up once and never worry about paying on time ever again.



#### Pay by Text

Set up text notifications and then simply reply "PAY" to have your bill paid in full.



Daylight Savings time ends Sunday, November 2, 2025 Remember to turn your clocks back!



A lost and found is located at the township office. If you are missing items such as keys or sunglasses 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) 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 <u>DOES NOT</u> 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 not to 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.

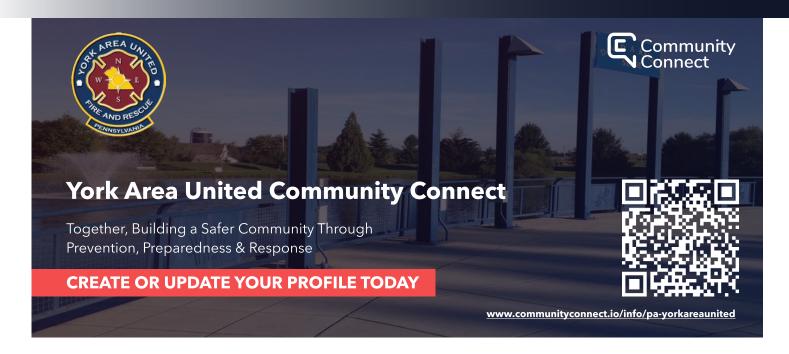
If you join together with your neighbors, it only takes a few minutes to ensure the fire hydrants are clear of snow. Please take the few extra minutes needed to protect your home and family.

# 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 waste 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 or mulched areas 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, use sparingly. Consider organic fertilizers and pest control methods.
- 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 your property or construct new stormwater facilities, such as basins, rain gardens, rain barrels, drywells and stream and creek-side vegetated buffers.
- 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.
- Take used motor oil and other chemicals to a recycling facility.
- · Have your on-lot septic system inspected for proper function.



# Create an account

Sign in for free and get started doing your part. It just takes your email, phone number and address.

# **Enter the info** that matters most

Enter valuable information that can help us assist more effectively during an emergency.

# **Help your Fire Department when** seconds count

That's it. Just keep us updated when things change overtime so we can always be prepared.

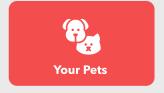
# WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION **CAN I PROVIDE?**

Any information you provide through Community Connect is completely voluntary and based on what you are comfortable sharing. We have made it easy for you to know what may be important by organizing your secure portal into buckets of information you can enter.









# **HOW SECURE IS MY DATA** AND HOW IS IT USED?

Data that you provide Community Connect is secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving you during emergency situations. Your information is never used for any other purpose. All logins are password protected with bank level encryption and security. If you're comfortable logging in to your online bank you'll be comfortable logging in to Community Connect.



Community Connect is

Safe & Secure



# TREE TRIMMING

**Ordinance #2014-01** 

Property owners are required to maintain clearance of trees and similar vegetation from the street cartway (curb to curb) to a height above the cartway of fourteen feet (14'). Upon notification of a violation the property owner shall have 30 days to correct the violation prior to being subject to penalties.

Ordinance #2014-01 is available for review on the township website: **mantwp.com** 

# **HEDGES**

When considering your clean up and/or landscaping, please remember to keep your trees, hedges, and bushes trimmed. They should be trimmed to no higher than three feet (3') within the clear sight triangle of any intersection, of any street, to improve safety and visibility.

# STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Any building or zoning permit application that proposes any new impervious area must first satisfy the requirements of the storm water management ordinance.

# <u>Ultimately it is the property owners' responsibility to control runoff from their property.</u>

This requirement is a mandate from the United States Environmental Protection Agency EPA, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection DEP, and the County of York. Manchester Township passed Ordinance #2022-06 in order to comply with the mandate. Failure to comply with the mandates would subject the township as a whole to penalties from either DEP and/or EPA.

Put simply, if property owner builds or places on their lot something that covers the ground so that rainwater cannot penetrate or that will not allow grass to grow, something must be done to allow the runoff to soak into the ground under a normal rain condition.

Anyone applying for a Building or Zoning Permit is required to address the storm water runoff from any new impervious area to be installed or placed on any lot.

You will need to know the measurements of all structures, patios, sidewalks, swimming pools, and paving, existing and proposed, on your lot in order obtain a storm water permit to meet these requirements **BEFORE** a building or zoning permit will be able to be issued.



The Manchester Township Code of Ordinances has several provisions which must be followed in order to be in compliance. Some common ordinance provisions which are often overlooked are as follows:

- Grass and weeds cannot exceed 12 inches in height.
- Recreational vehicles and unconnected trailers cannot be parked in the front of the house, even in the driveway; they are only permitted in the side and rear yards.
- Any improvements or re-grading cannot change the flow of stormwater where the stormwater will be directed on to an adjoining property.
- Junked and inoperable vehicles cannot be stored on a property for more than 30 days unless stored inside an enclosed structure.
- A clear sight triangle must be maintained at intersections. Any planting or other item placed within the clear sight triangle cannot exceed three feet in height, including any plantings.
- Items may not be placed in any easement or rightof-way. It is the property owner's responsibility to know the location of easements and rights-ofway on their property.

Failure to obtain a permit prior to construction is a violation of the Manchester Township Code of Ordinances and could result in enforcement proceedings which may carry a fine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Zoning Department at zoning@mantwp.com or **717-764-4646.** For answers to more specific questions, the following may be helpful in determining who in the Zoning and Planning Department to direct your questions to:

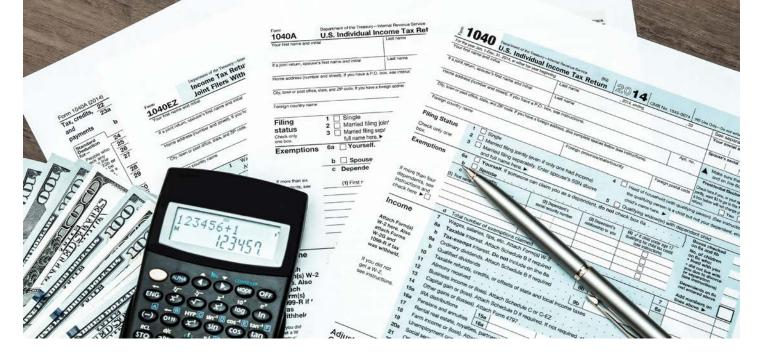
Rachel Vega, Zoning and Planning Officer r.vega@mantwp.com

Marita McVey, Assistant Zoning and Planning Officer m.mcvey@mantwp.com

Joseph Jones, Code Enforcement Officer j.jones@mantwp.com

# Draining Pool/Spa/ Hot Tub Water

Servicing a pool, hot tub, or spa often involves discharging all or a portion of the water or backwash water from filters, both of which may contain residual chlorine at levels that could be damaging to the environment. As such, these waters may be considered "polluted" (i.e., "wastewater"), and must be managed to protect public health and to prevent pollution to the waters of the commonwealth such as rivers, streams, lakes, and including storm sewers. Please visit our website at www.mantwp.com to review the DEP fact sheet related to this type of discharge. The fact sheet can be found by clicking on the "forms" button.



# **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 2025-2026 tax year were mailed on July 15, 2025. Those properties enrolled in the Homestead/Farmstead relief program will show a reduction on the school tax bill.

The rebate period for 2025 school tax payments ends at midnight on Monday, September 15, 2025. The window will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day and a secure night slot is available on the outside of the township building for last-minute payments. Please do not 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

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

Jean Stambaugh MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR

## **WINDOW HOURS:**

**TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY** 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

# SPECIAL HOURS

Monday, September 15, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Magisterial District Judge 19-2-04** Jeffrey L. Oberdorf

> 3202 Farmtrail Road York, PA 17406 717-767-5700

Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



# **CENTRAL YORK** SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pursuing Excellence: All Panthers. Every Day. In All Ways.

# Proud to be a Panthe

5,600 +

# **Students**

Central York School District serves a growing and diverse population of more than 5,600 students in grades K-12.

Years as a "Best Community for Music Education"

by the NAMM Foundation.

**Device Program** 

**Every Central York School** District student has access to their own device to support their education journey.

# **Top 2**

# **School Districts in** York County

Central York was named one of the Top Two School Districts in York County by Niche.com in 2025.

700 +**Employees** 

Dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators.

**Top 50** 

One of the Top 50 **Employers in York County** 

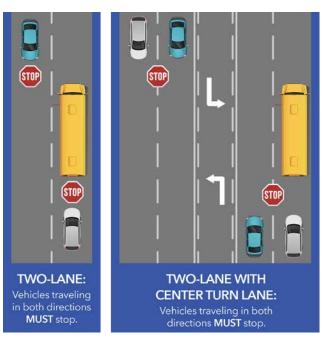
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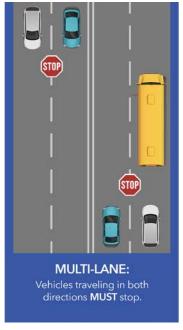
# Visit our District Website!



Our District Website serves as a hub for the Central York Community. It includes career openings, upcoming events, news and announcements, calendars, and more!

Visit to learn more about Central York or use it as your go-to spot for District news, resources, and information.







School is back in session which means school buses making multiple stops and students walking to school. York Area United Fire & Rescue is asking you as a motorist to be extra patient and cautious. Please stay off your phone when driving. Distracted driving severely reduces your reaction time to a bus stopping in front of you as well as kids crossing the street.

# 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 activated.
- 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 of the children have reached a place of safety.

# **Penalties**

# There are two distinct programs related to violations of Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law.

- **Criminal violations:** 75 Pa. C.S. § 3345.0 (Meeting or overtaking school bus) identifies fines and penalties when a police officer pulls you over for a violation, including:
  - \$250 fine and a \$35 surcharge to be deposited into the School Bus Safety Grant Program Account
  - · Five points on your driving record
  - 60-day license suspension
- **Civil violations:** 75 Pa. C.S. § 3345.1 (Automated enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights) allows school entities to install and operate a side stop signal arm enforcement system for the purpose of enforcing the School Bus Stopping Law. Civil violations include only a \$300 fine and do not reflect any points or insurance ratings.



# Give Hope, Share Joy: Support Local **Shelter Pets This Holiday Season**

As the holiday season approaches, many of us look forward to the warmth of home, family traditions, and the joy of giving but for the hundreds of animals in the care of the York County SPCA the greatest gift of all is a safe place to heal, grow, and be loved—thanks to supporters like you.

This year, the York County SPCA invites Manchester Township residents to make a meaningful impact by supporting shelter pets during the season of giving. Whether it's a puppy recovering from surgery, a senior cat awaiting a loving home, or a litter of kittens in foster care, every animal deserves comfort and care.

Here's how you can help:

- **Donate:** Your gift provides food, medical treatment, and shelter to animals in need. Even \$25 can help purchase life-saving vaccines or nourishing meals.
- **Give a gift from our online wish list:** Send supplies directly to our shelter by choosing from items we need most—like kitten formula, enrichment toys, and cleaning products.
- Give in honor of a loved one: Make a donation in someone's name and send them a heartfelt card this holiday season.
- **Foster or volunteer:** Open your home or lend your time to give these animals the love and attention they deserve.

Together, we can ensure every pet experiences the comfort of care and the hope of a second chance—this season and beyond.

To make a gift or shop our wish list, visit www.ycspca.org/holiday or scan this QR code!

Happy Holidays from the York County SPCA!

## 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.

#### **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.

# **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

# CONTACTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cost: \$15.00

### **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



OCTOBER 11TH

This is a FREE Event held between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm



Visit www.ycswa.com/services/wastedisposal/household-hazardous-waste/ for more deta



#### **FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

YCSWA will hold its second FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collect Event on Saturday, October 11th from 9 am-1 pm. There is no fee for York County residents, but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. This event will be held in the area behind YCSWA's Recycling Drop-Off Center. Look for additional information and a registration link on their website and on YCSWA social media a few weeks prior to the time of the event. **Click here** for a list of items that are accepted and not accepted during the event. Businesses and government entities are not eligible to participate in this event.

# More Information About Trash Disposal or Recycling in York County

More information about York County Solid Waste Authority can be found at **www.ycswa.com**. For questions or concerns residents can call **717-845-1066.** 



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#### **Recreation Commission**

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

Manchester Township 3200 Farmtrail Road York, PA 17406-5699 (717) 764-4646

#### **Commission Members**

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

#### Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

September 11, 2025 @ Johnston's Park October 9, 2025 @ Manchester Township Building November 13, 2025 @ Manchester Township Building December 11, 2025 @ Manchester Township Building

#### **OFFICE CLOSED:**

Labor Day – September 1, 2025 Thanksgiving – November 27 and 28, 2025 Christmas Holiday – December 24 and 25, 2025 and December 31, 2025

# 7th Annual Lanterns of Light

**Date:** Sunday, October 12, 2025 (rain date October 19)

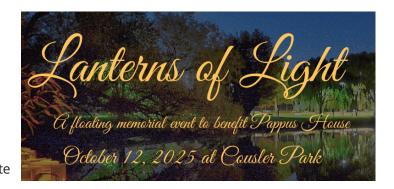
Time: 5:00 p.m. Lantern Decorating,

6:15 p.m. Program & Lantern Launch

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

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



Personalize floating lanterns in memory of your family, friends, and beloved pets then gather with us for a memorial program led by WGAL's Lori Burkholder. Hundreds of 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 **717-800-8570**. Proceeds from this annual event benefit Pappus House, our community's home for end-of-life care.