

FALL 2026

MANCHESTER

TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER



MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PARKS

Cousler Park
1060 Church Road

Nittany Park
Olmstead Way

Eagles View Park
2399 Friesian Road

Mt. View Park
3298 Raintree Road

Emigsville Park
15 Emig Road

Ridings Recreational Area
19 Martingale Drive

Johnston's Park
2985 Lewisberry Road

Stillmeadow Park
600 Kyle Road



**Celebrate America's 250th at Manchester Township's
Fun Fest on September 19, 2026, at Cousler Park from
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**The day will include bounce houses, spin art, food trucks, live
music, face painting, a petting zoo, non-profit vendors,
and FIREWORKS!**

**Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and the whole family to
Cousler Park!**

Manchester Township would like to thank our event partners:



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C.S. DAVIDSON, INC.
ENGINEERING A BETTER COMMUNITY



Code Administrators



315 Busser Road P.O. Box 278 Emigsville, Pa. / (717) 840-9697 / Fax: (717) 840-1578

250th Themed Activities Will Include:

- 250th trivia and candy guessing game - Pavilion E
- Red, white, and bark patriotic dog parade through the park, 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- Kid zone activities, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., \$5.00 fun all day.
- Red, white, and blue tie-dye shirt making (first-come, first-served), 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Food trucks, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Petting zoo and face painting, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Apple pie eating contest, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- ★ • Wiffle ball home run derby, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Entertainment

★ Unforgettable Big Band, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ★

FIREWORKS immediately following the playing of "God Bless the USA"

Thank you to the following businesses for their donations for our Fun Fest event prizes:

Dunkin Donuts – Susquehanna Trail location • Leg Up Farmers Market • C.S. Davidson
Kerri's Pawsome Bakery • Popcorn Loft • Davi's Pizza



YOUTH NIGHT DODGEBALL

Grab your friends for a fun night of dodgeball

Open to children ages 8 to 15, we will play a variety of dodgeball formats. Be ready for a great time!

WHEN: Friday, September 11, 2026

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, 2026.

MANCHESTER/SPRINGETTS REC BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

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

GRADE GROUPS:

K-1 8' Rim (co-ed)

Grade 2 10' Rim (co-ed)

Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10,
& 11-12 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 who serve as a team
head coach.

REGISTRATION:

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



SilverSneakers®



Where:

Manchester Township Building

3200 Farmtrail Road

York, PA 17406

Monday

SilverSneakers® **EnerChi™** 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** 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SilverSneakers® **Walking Cardio** 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday

SilverSneakers® **BOOM™** 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SilverSneakers® **Yoga** 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SilverSneakers® **Strength & Balance** 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday

SilverSneakers® **EnerChi™** 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SilverSneakers® **Strength & Balance** 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SilverSneakers® **Seated Cardio** 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday

SilverSneakers® **Walking Cardio** 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SilverSneakers® **BOOM™** 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SilverSneakers® **Yoga** 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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 24, 2026

Where: Cousler Park, 1060 Church Road, York PA

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hot Cider

Pumpkin Painting

(Pumpkins available first come, first served)

Hayrides

Fall Craft Station



TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

When: October 31, 2026

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

An opportunity to have children enjoy breakfast and talk to Santa. Photo opportunities will also be available.

Who: Manchester Township Residents Only

When: Saturday, December 12, 2026

Where: Manchester Township Municipal Complex,
3200 Farmtrail Road

Time: Begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

Must register by December 7, 2026.

Maximum number of participants is 120. Online registration can be done at: www.mantwp.com or by scanning the QR code.



New York City Bus Trip

Cost will include transportation to and from New York. Shop, take in the sights, or just enjoy the Big Apple in all its holiday glory.



WHEN: Saturday, December 19, 2026
TIME: 6:00 a.m. – Depart from Municipal Bldg.
 10:00 a.m. – Arrive in NYC
 7:00 p.m. – Depart NYC
 11:00 p.m. – Arrive at Municipal Complex
COST: Resident – \$75 per person (use coupon code word "Resident" to deduct discount)
 Non-Resident – \$85 per person

PASSENGER TICKET



Registration:
 Online registration can be done at www.mantwp.com or scan the QR code.

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 & more!



Now available!

Sign up for free
 instant access
 to our online
 resources today!



Donations from community members like you help York County Libraries provide programs and services like eCards. Learn how you can help today!



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 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, Health Insurance Solutions, LLC will explain:

- The A, B, C's (and D) of Medicare
- Original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage
- When and to how to enroll
- Choosing a Prescription Drug Plan and be informed about the upcoming 2026 changes to part D
- Supplementing Medicare

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

When: **Wednesday, October 7, 2026,**
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: **Manchester Township**
3200 Farmtrail Road

Cost: **FREE**

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



We are excited to announce that an AED cabinet with AED has been installed at Pavilion C at Cousler Park. Thank you to Wellspan Health for the generous donation and to the Peyton Walker Foundation for their continuous work in raising awareness of sudden cardiac arrest.



Peyton Walker
FOUNDATION



	Indoor Rental Space	Pavilion (Rental Fee)	Grills	Sand Volleyball Courts	Pickleball Courts	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Playground Area	Walking Trails	Restroom Facilities	Nature Areas	Fishing Pond	Baseball/Softball Fields	Soccer Fields	Gaga Pit	Outdoor Stage
Cousler Park (110 acres)		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Eaglesview Park (12 acres)		X	X					X	X							
Emigsville Park (5 acres)	X	X				X	X	X		X		X				
Johnston's Park (2.48 acres)	X							X		X						
Nittany Park (1.71 acres)		X				X		X		X	X					
Mt. View Park (1.64 acres)		X						X		X						
Ridings Recreation Area (5.25 Acres)										X						
Stillmeadow Park (18.12 acres)		X			X		X	X	X	X	X					

Recreation Facility Rental Fees

Recreation Area	Resident	Non-Resident
Athletic Fields #1-10	\$10.00 / per hour	\$25.00 / per hour
Athletic Fields #11-13, 16-18	No Fee	\$30.00 / per hour
Athletic Fields #14-15	No Fee	\$35.00 / per hour
Emigsville Park Building	\$175.00 + \$250.00 sec. deposit	\$300.00 + \$250.00 sec. deposit
Johnston's Park Building	\$175.00 + \$250.00 sec. deposit	\$300.00 + \$250.00 sec. deposit
Park Pavilion (w/ electric)	\$60.00/per day	\$80.00/per day
Park Pavilion (w/o electric)	\$40.00/per day	\$60.00/per day
David A. Raver Stage	\$30.00 per hour + \$100.00 sec. deposit	\$60.00 per hour + \$100.00 sec. deposit
Multi-Purpose Room (1/2 Room Rate)	\$50.00 per hour + \$50.00 sec. deposit	\$65.00 per hour + \$50.00 sec. deposit
Multi-Purpose Room (Full Room Rate)	\$75.00 per hour + \$50.00 sec. deposit	\$95.00 per hour + \$50.00 sec. deposit

Office

3200 Farmtrail Road
York, PA 17406-5699

Phone

717-764-4646

Hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

E-Mail

Info@mantwp.com

Board Of Supervisors

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

Supervisors Meetings

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

Zoning/Planning Officer:

Tina Wagner

Recreation Director:

Nate Lankford

Public Works Superintendent:

Robert Hartman

Township Engineer:

Benedict "B.J." Treglia

YAUFR Fire Chief:

Daniel J. Hoff

NYCRPD Police Chief:

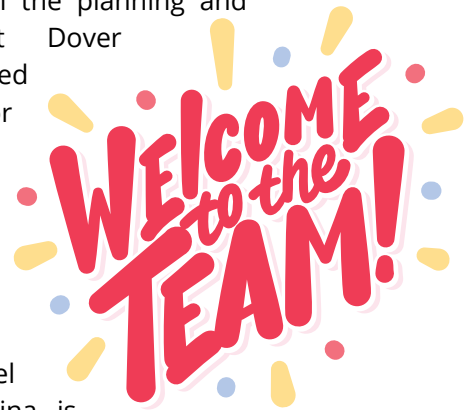
David L. Lash

Manchester Township Welcomes New Staff Member

Manchester Township is pleased to welcome **Tina Wagner** as our newly appointed Zoning and Planning Officer.

Tina has over seven years of experience in zoning, municipal ordinance compliance, and subdivision and land development review. She recently worked in the planning and development department at Dover Township where she provided support for the planning director in all areas of zoning and land development. Tina has also worked in the financial sector for Fulton Bank. She enjoys working with the public, training and mentoring her staff, and striving to provide a high level of service to our residents. Tina is looking forward to this new challenge and we are pleased to have her leading this department.

Please welcome Tina to the township as you see her in the community. For questions regarding zoning, permits, and land development, please contact our Planning/Zoning department at **717-764-4646** or email zoning@mantwp.com.



MS4 Public Educational Event

Please Join Dover Township, Manchester Township, and West Manchester Township for our Fall MS4* education session.

Location:

3200 Farmtrail Road
York, PA 17406

Date/Time: October 14, 2026 at 5:30 pm

"The Impact of New MS4 Permit Regulations"

*MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System which is Stormwater requirements.



Christmas Tree Recycling

When: December 26, 2026 - January 31, 2027

In addition to curbside collection, residents may take 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 26, 2026 thru January 10, 2027** and will be recycled.

Leaf Collection

Monday through Friday

October 26 - December 11, 2026

- Rake your leaves to the curb. DO NOT put leaves in bags or put them in 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.

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**

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 26, 2026 | October 24, 2026 | November 28, 2026

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



YORK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY may also be helpful for more information regarding small root balls, small tree stumps and trimmings. Please visit their website at www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/yard-waste for more information. There is also information regarding dropping off yard waste at their facility on that website.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

General Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

If you have any questions concerning elections or polling place, please contact the York County Elections Office at **717-771-9604**.



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
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



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



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App today!

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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.

Cleaning Out or Moving In?

Are you in need of trash services for larger items? Penn Waste offers weekly large item/bulk pickup disposal services for items that do not fit into a traditional waste receptacle. Items must be manageable for two people to lift the articles into the truck. Loose piles are not accepted.

Large item collection does require either a call to customer service at **717-767-4456** or a request on the Penn Waste website. A complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items is available on the Penn Waste website at <https://www.pennwaste.com/services/for-your-home/large-item-collection>. This is the same website address for scheduling the pickup.



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 **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 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 (**M**unicipal **S**eparate **S**torm **S**ewer **S**ystem) 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.

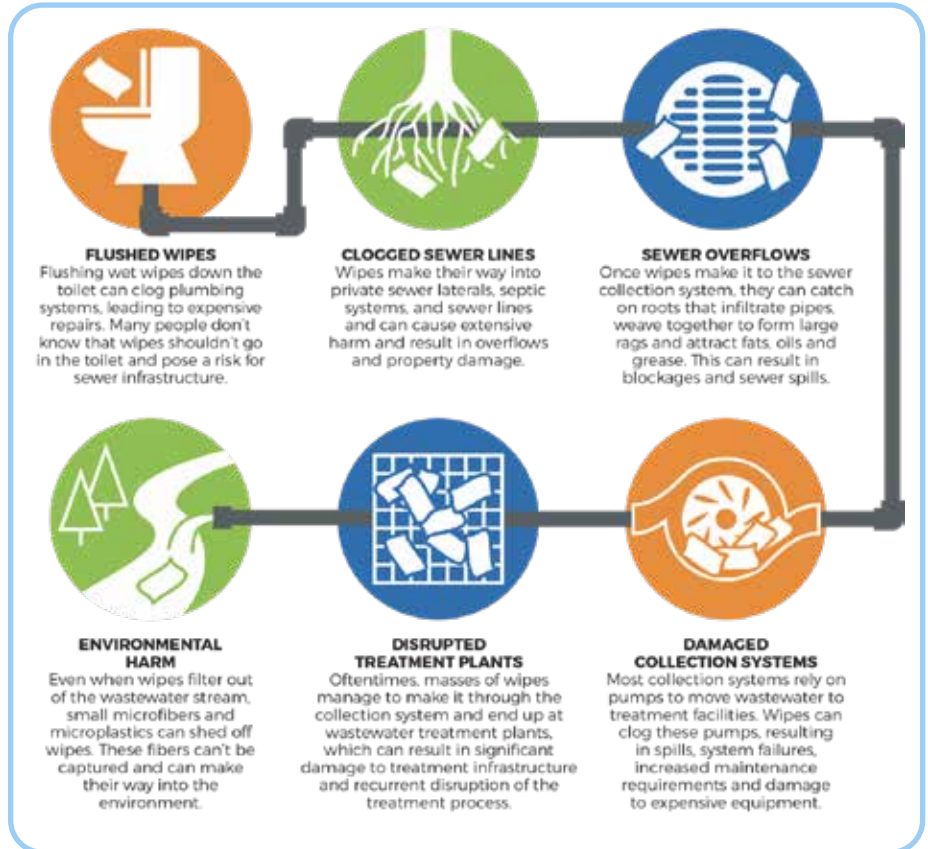
Reducing sediment (fine granules of soil, dirt and other debris) will improve water clarity while at the same time reducing the presence of nitrates and phosphates from fertilizers. There are several ways for township residents to be a part of this effort in the fall months:

- 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 your 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.

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 big difference.



Have an Old or Torn AMERICAN FLAG?

Bring your old or torn American flags
to be retired by the VFW Post 2493, Mount Wolf

A collection box is available at
Manchester Township Building
3200 Farmtrail Road
York, PA 17406



Community Programs Newsletter York Area United Fire & Rescue

York Area United Fire & Rescue is proud to offer a variety of community programs designed to enhance safety, build life-saving skills, and support residents and businesses throughout the area. Explore the programs available to you and your organization:

Smoke Alarm & Fire Education (SAFE) Program

Protect your home and loved ones with properly installed smoke alarms. This program provides smoke alarms to residents in need, along with hands-on education about their importance and correct usage. Trained crews will install alarms in key areas of your home to ensure maximum protection and peace of mind.

Community CPR Program

In partnership with the American Red Cross, this program offers CPR training to community members. With twelve certified instructors on staff, participants gain essential, life-saving skills. A small fee applies to cover certification and instruction costs.

First Aid Training

Be prepared for everyday emergencies. Certified instructors provide First Aid training as a standalone course or combined with CPR instruction for a more comprehensive approach. A small certification fee applies.

Fire Extinguisher Training

Designed for commercial and industrial workplaces, this program teaches employees how to safely operate fire extinguishers, evacuate effectively, account for personnel, and manage fire hazards during emergencies.

Fire Safety & Prevention Education

Educational programs are available for both children and adults. Community groups are encouraged to schedule customized sessions tailored to their needs, helping everyone stay informed and prepared.

Get Involved Today! Interested in any of these programs? Contact York Area United Fire & Rescue: Phone: 717-718-2383 Website: YAUFRR.com

Together, we can build a safer, more prepared community.



To Locate Missing Persons with Alzheimer's, Autism, or Down Syndrome



Peace of mind for those you Love

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 NYCPRD 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.

Are You In Compliance?

The Manchester Township Code of Ordinances has several provisions that must be followed to be in compliance. The following are provisions often overlooked:

- Grass and weeds cannot exceed 12 inches in height.
- Junked or inoperable vehicles cannot be stored on a property for more than 30 days unless 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.
- Any improvements or re-grading cannot change the flow of stormwater where the stormwater will be directed onto an adjoining property.

If you have any questions, please contact the Zoning Department at zoning@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.

Planning on Making Additions, Changes or Improvements to Your Home or Property?

Be sure to complete a Residential/Commercial Permit Application found at www.mantwp.com/forms and submit it to zoning@mantwp.com or deliver it to the Manchester Township building. The Uniform Construction Code (UCC) allows the township up to 15 *business days* to review a permit application and either grant or reject it. Included with the permit application please include a drawing showing the existing and proposed improvements of the lot with dimensions and distances to property lines. No work can begin until you have a granted permit in hand.



Examples of work that require a permit include:

- Replacing/installing a fence or retaining wall
- Replacing/adding an accessory structure such as a shed, carport or unattached garage
- Replacing/adding a patio, porch or deck
- Widening, replacing or relocating a driveway
- Alternative energy such as solar, geothermal, outdoor furnaces, etc.
- Addition of ramps and stairs which are attached to the house
- Swimming pools deeper than 24" even if above ground and/or temporary

A Stormwater Management Permit Application (also found at www.mantwp.com/forms) may be required to be completed for some work you are looking to have done. If you build or place something on your lot 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 *normal* rain conditions. You will need to know the measurements of all structures, patios, sidewalks, swimming pools and paving, existing and proposed, on your lot to obtain a stormwater permit to meet these requirements before a permit will be able to be issued.

TREE TRIMMING

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

For further details, please review Ordinance #2014-01 on the township website at mantwp.com.

Tips From Your Tax Collector

WINDOW HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL HOURS:

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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 2026-2027 tax year were mailed on July 15, 2026. Those properties enrolled in the Homestead/Farmstead relief program will show a reduction on the school tax bill.

The rebate period for 2026 school tax payments ends at midnight on Tuesday, 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 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



Magisterial District Judge 19-2-04

Jeffrey L. Oberdorf

3202 Farmtrail Road

York, PA 17406

717-767-5700

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

It's Kitten Season Throughout York County

Anybody who has fed cats in their backyard or adopted a cat from a shelter has probably heard the term “kitten season.” What is kitten season exactly? Kitten season is the time of year starting in early spring and going until mid to late fall that community cats begin giving birth to litter after litter of kittens. Unlike normal seasons when, if you stick it out for three to four months, you can find solace in knowing the next season is right around the corner, kitten season can last eight to ten months.

We know “kitten season” might sound adorable. How could it possibly be a bad thing to be flooded with cute fluffy kittens? The simple answer: overpopulation. When community cats give birth to litters of kittens outside, they are adding to feline overpopulation. A single un-spayed female cat can birth about 180 kittens in her lifetime, on average.

You can help by taking community cats in your neighborhood through a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program. TNR is a method of spay/neuter for outdoor, free-roaming cats. Participating in TNR is the only proven way to humanely decrease the population of free-roaming community cats. Having a cat spayed or neutered not only cuts down on adding to overpopulation, but it also cuts down on other nuisance behaviors associated with outdoor cats like territorial yowling, fighting, and spraying. We offer a TNR program through our low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, and you can learn more about this on our website, www.ycspca.org/TNR.

During kitten season, you may assume the best action is to bring the kittens into the shelter. This is sometimes the case, but not always. Neonatal kittens should not be separated from their mother whenever possible. You may feel that you are saving them by bringing them indoors but removing a newborn kitten from their mother means depriving them of the antibodies and nutrients they need to survive. Trying to care for a kitten on your own or taking them to a shelter can cut their chance of survival in half. Feline infants, like human infants, are still in very early stages of development and, therefore, are immunocompromised. Kittens must go into a foster home as soon as possible to be given the best chance of survival. In a foster home, they can receive one-on-one, round-the-clock care that a shelter does not have the capacity to provide.

Without an extensive network of foster caregivers, we would be unable to help these kittens thrive. We are always in need of more feline foster superheroes to help us save these endearing little lives. The YCSPCA provides our foster caregivers with food, litter, supplies, and vet care for their foster pet. Can't become a foster? Support kitten caregivers by donating items from our wish list! These items are sent directly to the shelter and given to our loving foster families to help care for vulnerable kittens.

Please visit www.ycspca.org/wish-list or scan the QR code to learn more.



NOTICES

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, November 1, 2026

**Remember to
turn your clocks
back!**



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES:

Reflective Address Markers

ONLY \$15.00

Applications for address markers are available at:
3200 Farmtrail Road
York, PA 17406-5699



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.

LOST & FOUND

A lost and found is located at the municipal office. If you are missing items such as keys, sunglasses, etc. that may have been lost at one of our parks or our gym, please check at the municipal office.

OFFICE CLOSED

Labor Day – September 7, 2026 | Thanksgiving – November 26 and 27, 2026

Christmas – December 24 and 25, 2026

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR

FALL CLEANUP COMMUNITY DAY

When: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Where: 3200 Farmtrail Road

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

MEET AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING AND THEN
YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A ROADSIDE AREA

Open to any and ALL volunteers ages 12 and up!

Great for Community Service hours!

In order to have plenty of safety supplies,
please scan the QR code
to register for this free event!



For more information, please call 717-764-4646



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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. The public is welcome to attend.

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Commission Members

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

Upcoming Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

October 8, 2026
November 12, 2026
December 10, 2026
January 14, 2027

Lanterns of Light

The Joy of Remembrance

Join Pappus House for the 8th Annual Lanterns of Light Event

Our cherished community tradition to benefit Pappus House returns – **Sunday, October 11, 2026 beginning at 5 p.m. at Cousler Park** with opportunities to connect, create, and celebrate the lives of our beloved family, friends, and pets who have gone before us.

This year we are encouraging you to create your own lantern. Why create your own unique lantern for your loved one? It gives families and friends a way to honor their loved one. It helps turn feelings of grief into a visible and lasting symbol of love. The lanterns serve as a beacon of memory, illuminating the past's cherished memories and providing a focal point for reflection during difficult times.

Main Event – **Sunday, October 11, 2026 – Beginning at 5 p.m. at Cousler Park (1060 Church Rd., York)** Enjoy the natural beauty of the park, the warmth of community, and the quiet joy of remembering together. The Path of Remembrance offers time and space for each person

to honor their loved one in the way that feels the most meaningful to them – whether through quiet reflection, conversation with others, or simply taking in the sights and sounds along the way. **In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Zion UMC, 2030 Carlisle Ave York, PA 17404.**

A special welcome tent will be open for families and friends of Pappus House residents who have passed since our 2025 event. Visit with Pappus House staff and volunteers, and see the personalized lanterns Pappus House made for each of our residents.

Event Schedule

5:00 – 5:45 p.m.	Lantern Decoration
5:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Path of Remembrance stroll & quiet reflection
6:15 – 6:45 p.m.	Program and Launch Ceremony
Sunset	Lantern Launch

Plan to bring a camp chair or blanket to watch the program and launch. Additional event details will be emailed to all participants prior to the event.

"Every moment is made glorious by the light of love."

Reserve your lantern today using the attached form or reserve online at **www.pappushouse.org**.

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