

# MANOR UPDATES

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## FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

Hopefully you have been following the consolidation effort of Manor Township and Millersville Boro fire companies to become Blue Rock Fire & Rescue. By now, you should have received the informational brochure that was mailed to each resident.



By way of a quick background, Manor Township and Millersville Boro have decided to consolidate their fire companies to form Blue Rock Fire & Rescue. This change is as a result of some weighty factors on the individual fire companies in recent years; one being the increase of mandatory training for our volunteers making it more difficult to recruit, and two being fiscal pressure from losses in donations. Consolidating will allow them to share more resources and work together as one unit.

The Township is taking a closer look at funding Blue Rock Fire & Rescue by potentially instituting a "fire tax" in

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## COUNTRY CLASSIC 2011



Spend some time to save some farms!

Join us Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the Central Manor Church for the 12th Annual Turkey Hill Country Classic. Admission and parking are free and events begin at 8:00 a.m. We've got something for everyone, so don't miss it!

- > 5K Run-Jog-Walk
- > 10K Run
- > Men's & Women's Bike Races
- > Mascot Race
- > Kids' Run
- > Baby Derby
- > Food
- > Games
- > Entertainment



It's a family event full of food, fun, fitness and entertainment for all ages, all for the good of preserving precious Lancaster County Farmland. It's not just for runners, bikers, and hikers either, every year more and more families are finding out what a great time you can have, whether or not you race. Of course, if you're interested in the races, there are plenty of those too.



For more information and/or specific race times, contact the Township Office at (717) 397-4729. To register for races, visit: [www.turkeyhill.com](http://www.turkeyhill.com).

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## Employee Spotlight

❧ RITA YOUNG ❧



There is little doubt that many Manor Township residents know and have spoken with Rita Young. She was the Administrative Assistant and Tax Collector for Manor Township for 24 years and

retired on December 31, 2010. We'd like to express our gratitude for her many years of dedicated service to the Township.

As Tax Collector, millions of dollars went through her hands and she accounted for each dollar with the utmost integrity. Many of you don't see the work behind the scenes but it is interesting to note that her books always reconciled exactly to the penny. Rita was always willing to pitch in and help out anyone that walked through the front door. We wish her and her family the very best during her retirement years.

Please note that as a result of her retirement from tax collection services, Manor Township has decided to turn over all tax collection services to Lancaster County. Contact info is available on our website or you can call 717-299-8222 for their procedures for filing your taxes in 2011.



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Precipitation from rain or melting snow that flows over the ground creates stormwater runoff. Surfaces like streets, driveways, and sidewalks prevent runoff from being absorbed into the ground. Stormwater runoff flows into storm drains or directly into bodies of water.

Stormwater runoff can pick up chemicals, debris, dirt and other pollutants that will contaminate our water. It is a common misconception among residents that stormwater is treated before it reaches the waterways. This assumption is false, and every thing picked up by the runoff empties into our natural waterways.

By practicing healthy household habits residents can limit the pollution dumped into our storm drains, which empty into the waterways.

### 10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution:

- › Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- › Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- › Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- › Compost your yard waste
- › Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- › Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- › Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- › Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- › Pick up after your pet

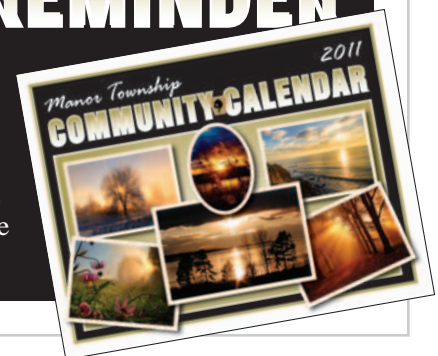
To learn more about what you can do to help protect the quality of our streams, lakes and rivers, visit: [http://www.epa.gov/owow\\_keep/nps](http://www.epa.gov/owow_keep/nps).

## On-Lot Disposal System Program

The Supervisors and management are moving forward with implementing an on lot disposal system program. This is a program that will affect the approximately 1,800 septic systems throughout Manor Township. Residents currently on the public sewer systems will not be affected. The program will require owners to pump out their system and include a basic inspection over a specified period of time. Management is currently working on the details and will notify affected residents as information becomes available. If you have questions, please call any Supervisor or the Township Office at (717) 397-4769.

## CALENDAR REMINDER

If you did not receive a township calendar this year it is because we didn't get your request returned to us. If you would like to receive a calendar, please send your request, including your name, address and phone number to: [evie@manortwp.org](mailto:evie@manortwp.org).





## Common Courtesy to Your Neighbor

We are fortunate enough to live in a great community and it is important to remember common courtesy. Remembering common courtesy will help foster neighborly relations and help promote a healthier community. Please remember the following:

- › It is your responsibility to clean up after your pet.
- › Dogs and cats are not permitted to roam at-large.
- › It is your responsibility to properly dispose of all yard waste including grass, leaves, and tree branches.
- › Check where your flood lights shine. Be sure they don't shine into your neighbor's home.
- › Stormwater drainage easements are to remain free of structures, fill, and other encroachments. Yard waste, plantings, sheds, swing sets, and fences are not permitted within drainage easements.
- › Food should never be intentionally left out for wild animals and keep tight fitting lids on garbage cans. Open trash and food left outside attracts wild or stray animals to your home or yard as well as your neighbor's.
- › Downspout discharge should not be directed onto your neighbor's property or directly into the street.
- › All household wastes should be properly disposed of so that debris does not end up in your neighbor's yard.
- › As you gather family and friends, remember to consider the noise level associated with these gatherings.
- › When shoveling, plowing, or snow blowing, make sure the snow is being confined to the limits of your property and not directed onto your neighbor's property or into the street.

Remembering such common courtesies go a long way to improve your neighborhood environment.



## ITEMS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY

The landscaping and home renovation season is upon us. Often homeowners have limited space to store materials on their properties. Although it may seem to be a convenient spot to deliver items, storing or staging materials on the public street is not permitted. Even if it's just for a couple hours or for a day or two, the Township does not permit dumpsters, piles of mulch, stones, soil, or other materials to be placed on the street or in the right of way. The Township also encourages residents to refrain from planting trees and shrubs in the right of way and to avoid placing portable basketball standards in such areas. Should Township personnel or police discover this situation, the responsible party will be required to remove the materials immediately, and a citation may be issued. If you have a question about the right of way, please call the Township office at (717) 397-4769.

### ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Hundreds of catch basins are located throughout Manor Township and are designed to collect storm water run-off that is piped and released into drainage easements. These drains are not to be used for disposal of unwanted items such as motor oil, paint, concrete, stones, or organic matter since they will eventually reach the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Due to the fact that these are exclusively "drains for rains," swimming pool water is also prohibited from being drained into storm water systems. Citizens are encouraged to report any illicit discharges into storm water facilities to the Township Office at (717) 397-4769.

## Adopt-A-Highway Opportunities

The Adopt-A-Highway program provides an opportunity for volunteer groups or individuals to become special caretakers of portions of our township roads by committing to pick up litter at least four times a year. Trash bags, warning signs, and safety vests are provided by the Township. In return, the Township will place signs along the road acknowledging the participant. Currently, approximately 21 miles of township roads are designated for clean-up by 14 groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, fraternities and sororities, church and service groups, families, and private companies. If you or your group is interested, please contact the municipal office or email: [roads@manortwp.org](mailto:roads@manortwp.org).

# SPRING PROJECTS

Manor Township's Public Works Department maintains 109 miles of roads, which happens to be one of the largest municipal road systems in Lancaster County. To continue to maintain and improve this road system, there are several projects planned for 2011.

Several paving projects have been planned for this summer. The following roads are scheduled to receive a new paved surface: Conley Lane, Hawley Drive, Little Brook Road, Louxmont Drive, Miller Road, and Redwood Drive.

Seal coating is one of the best maintenance and cost effective applications available to Public Works Departments. The application of bituminous material that is coated with clean stone provides an excellent skid resistant surface while sealing the existing roadway. To prepare roads, side gutters will be cleaned to improve the drainage system. Storm water pipes will be inspected and replaced if needed on roads that are scheduled to be seal coated. The following roads have been scheduled to receive this application this summer: Coffee Street,

Habecker Church Road (between Forrey Road and Central Manor Road), Old Blue Rock Road (between Blue Rock Road and the Dead End), Rapho Street, and Rohrer Road.



In 2010, the Township made over 500 tons of base repairs to Stone Mill Road. This year the entire road will be micro-surfaced. Micro-surfacing seals the road and creates a good skid resistant surface for roads that have traffic counts higher than 1,500 vehicles a day.

The Township is also planning to continue the road-widening program that improves the width of narrow roads to 22 feet wide. Widening is planned for Charlestown Road (between Central Manor Road and Prospect Road).



## Pavilion Rentals

Residents can rent pavilions at any of the following Manor Township parks: Charlestown (3 pavilions: Hovis, Shenk or Strickler), Greider, Washington Boro, or Woods Edge. Pavilions are rented on a first come, first serve basis starting the first business day of the New Year at a cost of \$40. Greider and Charlestown's Hovis pavilions are reserved weekdays during the summer for the Township's Summer Playground in the Park Program and are not rented; however, they can still be rented on the weekends.

For more information and/or reservations, please contact the Manor Township Office at (717) 397-4769.



# SUMMER PLAYGROUND



Manor Township will once again be offering a 2011 Summer Playground in the Park program for children 1st-6th grade. The program begins the first full week after Penn Manor School District dismisses for the summer. We hire excellent counselors to engage the children in activities, games, trips, and crafts during the course of the day. Discounts will be available for those who register early so stay tuned to [www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org) for information.

The program is a drop-in program that provides activities, games, trips, and crafts in a safe, organized setting and is open to children who have completed 1st grade up to those leaving 6th grade. Brochures with a registration form and more information will be available mid-May, as well as online at [www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org).



## Antique Road Show

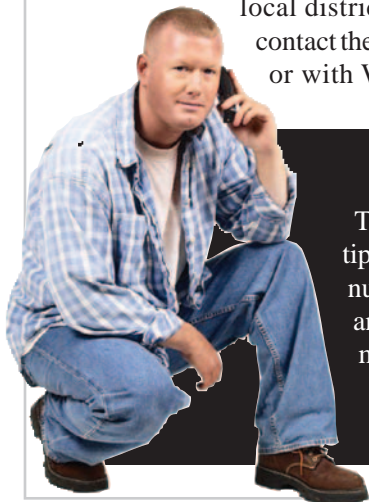
During the past several months the prices of precious metals (gold, silver, platinum) have soared to new record levels and precious metals buyers have popped up everywhere, some as “traveling road shows,” urging consumers to clean out their drawers of old or unused gold and silver and bring it to them for “top dollar” prices. Many of these buyers are from out of town or even out of state and are set up in motels and hotels for just a day or two and then leave town with their purchases.

Before you decide to sell your valued possessions, make sure the following requirements of the Pennsylvania Code (Chapter 501) are met:

- › Present law requires any person who purchases precious metals to be licensed with their county sheriff’s department. If they say they are not and/or don’t know, walk away.
- › Present law requires the dealer to clearly post their current price for gold, silver or platinum for the customer to see. If not posted, walk away.
- › If their scale isn’t where you can observe the weighing process and/or doesn’t bear a current seal of approval from weights and measures, walk away.
- › Dealers are required to post a metric units to troy ounces conversion chart so the consumer understands exactly how much their product weighs and how much they are being offered for it. If not posted, walk away.
- › Dealers are required to provide a receipt that includes the name, address and age of seller, an accurate description of the product, including its weight, as well as the date and time of the sale. They are also required to submit a copy of all receipts to the county District Attorney within 24 hours and maintain records for 1 year from the date of purchase.
- › Each item purchased must be kept in “unaltered condition” for a minimum of five days after report is filed and be available for inspection upon request.
- › If possible, have your items examined and weighed by a local jeweler first to establish a baseline weight and value.
- › It is never advisable for you to send precious metals off by mail to an unknown metals dealer.

Please note that the registration requirements and other regulations do not apply to licensed financial institutions or individuals purchasing precious metals for their personal use (not for resale or refining). In addition, these requirements are for Pennsylvania dealers only.

Should you have a problem or need to lodge a complaint, contact your local district attorney, sheriff or local police. You can also contact the State Attorney General’s Office at (717) 787-3391 or with Weights and Measures at 1 (877) 837-8007.



## POLICE - ANONYMOUS TIP LINE

The Manor Township Police Department participates with the Lancaster City/County Crime Stoppers tip line for residents to call and report drug dealers, criminals and ongoing criminal activity. The number is 1 (800) 322-1913 and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This line is completely anonymous and allows residents to get involved without the criminals knowing who they are. You may leave any information that would be helpful in the investigation and apprehension of a criminal. DO NOT call this number if you need an immediate assistance. For an emergency or crime already in-progress, dial 911. For non-emergencies, call (717) 299-5231 or (717) 664-1180.

## BICYCLES

With the coming of warm weather, be aware that there will be more bicycle traffic on the roadways. With that in mind, it is imperative that both the bicyclist and the motorist understand the rules of the road.



For the bicyclist, it is essential to stay to the right as much as possible and on the berm if one is available. In addition, when riding upon a roadway they MUST obey the same traffic laws, signs and signals that motor vehicles do. These include, but are not limited to: red lights, stop signs, yield signs, and road-closed signs.

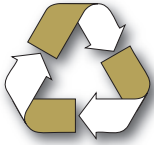
For younger bicyclist’s, it is important that they know the traffic rules, as well as the following rules they may not know: A person may NOT ride other than upon or astride a permanent, regular seat attached to the pedalcycle. No pedalcycle may carry more than the number of passengers for which it was made. This means that no one can ride on the pegs or sit on the handlebars. Also, children under 12 SHALL wear a helmet while riding at all times.

Lastly, if riding on a sidewalk or path used by pedestrians, the pedalcycle must yield the right of way to pedestrians. And in business districts are NOT allowed on sidewalks at all. Remember, bicyclists are subject to the same penalties as motor vehicles and may receive a traffic citation for vehicle code violations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Cpl. Kimberly Geyer of the Manor Township Police Dept. She is in charge of the bicycle unit and welcomes any questions and/or concerns. Please ride safe and smart.

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Full details of all programs can be found at [www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org) or by calling 397-4769

**Fire Service Update**

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2012. This tax would require each home owner to pay a particular millage which will be turned over to the fire commission to appropriate towards fire expenses. The Supervisors of Manor Township will be looking more closely at this tax during the drafting of the 2012 budget and seek your input during the course of 2011 on the issue. Please call the township with your thoughts or opinions or send them an email via the township website at: [www.manortwp.org](http://www.manortwp.org).



**Compost Available**

Now that spring is upon us many home gardeners are ready to work in their vegetable and flower gardens. Adding compost to gardens has been proven to enhance the soil by helping to keep the soil loose and improving its ability to retain moisture.

Compost can be purchased at the Manor Township Compost Facility along Charlestown Road on the following Saturday's: April 9th, 16th, and 30th, and May 14th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Compost can also be purchased on the following Wednesday's: April 20th and May 4th from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The cost of compost remains \$10 a cubic yard.



**ATTENTION**

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, residents can expect temporary road closures and delays on Blue Rock, Anchor, Hostetter, Prospect, Gamber, and River Roads, due to the 12th Annual Turkey Hill Country Classic.

Drivers can also expect a higher level of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the Central Manor area during this time as well, so please **DRIVE SAFELY**.

We apologize for any inconvenience and **THANK YOU** in advance for your cooperation.

**NEW ORDINANCES**

- › **Ordinance 6-2010**.....Creation of the Blue Rock Fire District
- › **Ordinance 7-2010**.....Auth. of the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement
- › **Ordinance 8-2010**.....Adopt LASA's Rules on Industrial Waste Treatment