

# Township News



## 2014 Budget

Finances Are On Track

## Order Your Rain Barrel Today

\$35 for the first 30 residents who order and install after a \$40 refund!

## Easter Bunny Visits Shank Park at the Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

See inside for the schedule

## The Shred It Event will be held on Saturday, April 12

Keep personal documents safe and bring them to the Public Works Facility from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Residents Only, Max. 4 bags/boxes)

## New Members Take Seats

### Supervisors Engle and Weir Are Ready for Business

Judge Cherry Administers Oath of Office



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# Township Introduces New Board Members

Two new members of the Board of Supervisors were sworn in to office on January 6, 2014. Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas Judge and Derry Township resident John Cherry administered the oaths of office to Matthew Weir and Justin Engle at the annual reorganization meeting.

Both Weir and Engle already had their feet wet in different aspects of local government. Weir was a regular member of the audience at Supervisors' meetings and an active participant in the TreeVitalize programs and rain barrel workshops organized by the Environmental Action Committee. He is busy attending workshops conducted by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors to prepare him for the challenges faced as an elected official.

Engle served as a member of the Industrial Commercial Development Authority and sat on the Comprehensive Plan Volunteer Work Group that was responsible for conducting the citizen survey, creating the Vision Statement for Derry's future and moving the update to the Comprehensive Plan forward.

Both residents of Hershey for the majority of their lives, appreciate its rich history and unique qualities and want to maintain the aspects that make Hershey special while planning for its future.

Weir is a retired school teacher. He taught technology education at Central Dauphin High School for 36 years. After many years of being a positive influence in the lives of his students, he wants to continue to be a positive influence in the

community. He feels that governing bodies need to plan intelligently and make efficient decisions in order to achieve success. He said, "Municipal governments are always challenged to balance growth and to maintain the quality of life for residents in a fiscally responsible manner." He feels that the new Comprehensive Plan will provide us with a blueprint for the future. He added, "As the comprehensive planning progresses, opportunities will arise for residents, businesses, and our government to work together, to find common ground, and to help to develop a vision for our future."

Matt is married to Janet (formerly McHenry) and they have a daughter Emily and a son Matthew.

Engle was drawn to becoming a member of the board because he believes that we are embarking upon a time of amazing opportunities to make our town even greater. As a real estate broker and developer he understands the importance of being prepared and embracing opportunities when they arise. He believes that we need to collaborate as a community and to continue the multiple strategic planning of the Comprehensive Plan. He said, "Through the Comprehensive Plan and the downtown development master plan, we will define our priorities with regard to downtown, environmental initiatives, smart growth and economic development for decades to come."

Justin and his wife Kathy have three children, Jayden (10), Ethan (8), and Cecelia (6). Justin said, "I feel so fortunate to have grown up in a town like Hershey. I value the small town feel, the

multitude of activities available to our families and the fabulous public education that is provided to our children. But most of all, I value the sense of community. We need to always be working to strengthen this sense of community."



Judge John Cherry with Janet and Matt Weir



Judge John Cherry with Kathy and Justin Engle and their children Ethan, Jayden, and Cecelia

## 2014

### Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

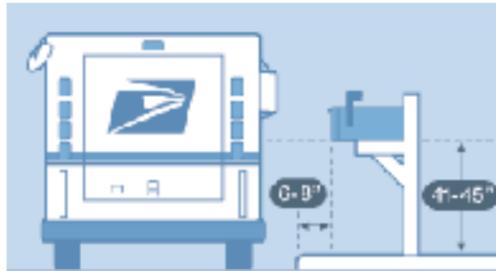
February 11th and 25th  
 March 11th and 25th  
 April 8th and 22nd  
 May 13th and 27th  
 June 10th and 24th  
 July 8th and 22nd  
 August 12th and 26th  
 September 9 and 23rd  
 October 14th and 28th  
 November 11th and 25th  
 December 2nd and 16th

The public is invited to attend the Board of Supervisors meetings held in the meeting room of the Municipal Building, located at 600 Clearwater Road, at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors meetings are approved at the next meeting and are posted on the website after the meeting.

### Mailbox Placement Guidelines

The United States Postal Service provides the following recommendations for installing a new mailbox. The mailbox should be placed where the carrier can safely reach inside without leaving the truck. It should be 41" to 45" off the ground and back 6' to 8' from the curb. Placing the mailbox at this distance from the road will protect it from being hit and also from being damaged by the snow that is plowed from the street.



# From the Chair

John Foley, Derry Township Supervisor



## Encouraging an Exchange of Information

Since I became a supervisor two years ago, I have learned a lot about the operation of local government and I've experienced the multitude of steps that are

required to make major improvements happen. I can tell you that it takes the work of many professional services, a lot of coordination, and a group effort to move in a direction that represents the priorities of the entire township. It also takes the public being informed and getting involved. We are an elected body that represents the needs of the residents and the community and we need interaction between us and the public to be successful. We are committed to communicating with you in new and better ways to make sure you are informed and are a part of the process.

We want to let you know what we have been doing, what our future plans entail, and how it will affect you. We also want to have a public forum for you to express your opinion on issues. If you ever have a question or a concern, please contact the township so that there is an accurate and open dialogue. We want to promote problem solving and prevent the flow of misinformation.

2014 will be an important year as we define the future direction of our township. The preliminary work that leads up to the revised comprehensive plan (last updated in 1991) has been completed and thanks to the residents, business owners, and community representatives who participated, we believe that we have a very clear vision for what the community envisions for the future development of Derry Township.

In order to complete the plan and zoning ordinance updates, the Derry Township Department of Community Development worked with a committee of volunteers to select a consultant. After reviewing proposals from a number of consultants, the Board of Supervisors approved agreements with Urban Research and Development Corporation and Traffic Planning and Design on January 28, 2014.

The project will be completed early in 2015 and includes the following three phases of work:

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| Phase 1 | Future Land Use, Community Facilities, Environmental and Hazard Mitigation Comprehensive Plan Elements |
| Phase 2 | Transportation Comprehensive Plan Element  |
| Phase 3 | Zoning Ordinance Update  |

*"We need interaction between us and the public to be successful"*

In order to encourage meaningful participation and to develop support and consensus, public hearings will be held when Phase 1 and Phase 2 plans are ready to be presented in draft form. Urban Research and Development Corporation will work closely with the Planning Commission, which will then hold a second meeting in order to receive public input. The proposed new comprehensive plan will then follow the normal process and be brought to the Board of Supervisors at a public hearing, and finally, as required by state law, the new zoning ordinance will be presented in a public hearing.

Please watch for notices on these meetings on the Township's website and newsletters. If you have not subscribed to the Township's email yet, I encourage you to do so by going to [www.derrytownship.org](http://www.derrytownship.org), so that we can notify you directly when these meetings have been scheduled and to provide you with preliminary information.

As the comprehensive plan is updated to reflect the desired future direction for the entire township, the Downtown Hershey Association (DHA) is working on plans to continue to revitalize Chocolate Avenue. The group is made up of residents, local business leaders, and government officials who share the vision of a downtown that offers restaurants, shops and activities for all ages and also preserves our community's rich history.

You can stay informed and share your ideas about the Downtown Hershey Association by visiting [www.DowntownHershey.net](http://www.DowntownHershey.net). You can also follow the group on Facebook and Twitter. The Downtown Hershey Association will also be working with a consultant to create a plan for the next phase of revitalization.

It's a time of change in Hershey and I know we have interested and motivated individuals dedicated to enhancing our community. I encourage you to stay connected, to voice your opinion, and to ask questions. I am excited about the future of Hershey and I want to work together to build the best community possible.

**Chairman Foley can be reached by email at [johnfoley@derrytownship.org](mailto:johnfoley@derrytownship.org)**



## 2014 Budget Rebuilding a Healthy Reserve

When times get tough, your survival depends on being prepared. Financial experts advise you to have enough savings to cover your living expenses for at least six months in case you ever have a loss of income. Annually, governments must maintain a cash reserve in order to cover operational expenses during the first quarter of each year because tax revenue is not available until the end of March. Derry Township needs \$1,500,000 in order to comfortably cover expenses during this time. The Second Class Township Code recommends a cash reserve of \$2,000,000; however, it is the township's goal to maintain \$4,000,000 in the cash reserve. During this difficult economic climate, a substantial cash reserve is money in the bank that the township can rely on in a time of financial need. While many communities were in a financial crisis when the economy took a downturn, Derry was able to count on these funds.

When revenues exceed expenditures, the excess funds are transferred to the cash reserve fund. It is projected that revenue will increase slightly in 2014 and that for the first time in three years, a transfer will be made and the cash reserve will begin to grow again. As the fiscal condition continues to improve, it is estimated that in January, 2015, the cash reserve will be \$2,525,000.

This fund is not only important during the first quarter to cover expenses when the revenue is not sufficient, it also is a factor in setting the township's bond rating. The township's AA+ rating enables the township to borrow money to fund projects at a lower interest rate. The reserve assures lenders that the township is not a financial risk.

We continue to prepare the budget under conservative fiscal management and are committed to provide for the most important citizen needs within the limits of our revenues. The township directors are asked to carefully determine what funding will be needed to maintain services and facilities; always seeking cost saving measures. The 2014 Budget, adopted by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on December 3, 2013, maintains the current level of all services at the current rate of taxes.

The General Fund Revenues are estimated to be \$17,203,006. Revenues are expected to increase almost 5% due to an improved job market. The Earned Income Tax is predicted to produce over \$500,000 more than it did in 2013, which will also result in more revenue from the Occupation Privilege Tax.

The General Fund budget, which covers the township's operating expenses totals \$16,439,844; a modest 3.6% increase. Recognizing that 64% of the general fund expenses are for personnel related costs, we continue to

closely monitor these expenses. The township will maintain the existing staffing levels in 2014.

The number of full-time employees has only increased by two in the past ten years. When a position becomes vacant, the responsibilities of the position are analyzed to determine if they can be shared among other employees eliminating the need for the position.

Rising expenses are also buffered with increased employee contributions towards their benefits and performing cost comparisons to insure that we are receiving the best price. The employee health care coverage is a self insured program that manages expenses by paying actual costs rather than inflated premiums. In 2014, the township changed the administrators of the program in order to keep costs lower by having vendors compete for our business. The same was done with the township's property and liability insurance to avoid a renewal with a sizable increase.

There is a growing need for capital expenditures that have been delayed for the last several years. The completion of the stormwater project removed \$1.7 million from the capital budget, providing funding for a new HVAC system at the Library and replacing two aging vehicles in the police department and one in the public works department. Maintenance projects planned for 2014 include the refurbishing of the waterslide, replacement of park signage, and a new pool filter. \$100,000 was set aside for a professional consultant to guide the update to the comprehensive plan and to assist with revisions to the zoning ordinance.

The economy shows signs of improvement, which will result in an increase in the amount of tax revenue received by the township. There are also several new business operations moving into the township, which will produce additional revenue. The 2014 Budget represents the funding necessary to meet the operation needs of the township and the needs of its citizens within the boundaries of our available funds.

The budget is posted on the website, [www.derrytownship.org](http://www.derrytownship.org). If you have any questions or would like further information, please call the township.





### Final Goodbyes

*Recently completing their six-year terms as supervisors, Chris Abruzzo and Kelly Fedeli were recognized for their service at the January 28th Board of Supervisors meeting.*

*No one could possibly understand the magnitude of their ability to bring a project to fruition. We are appreciative of everything that they have done and the support that they have given.*

### Jana Klinger Receives Officer of the Year Award

Jana Klinger was presented with the 2014 Lion's Club Officer of the Year Award at a ceremony held on January 28, 2014.

Jana was introduced to the department in 2009 when she participated in a 480 hour internship with the Derry Township Police Department. It was evident at that time that she had skills that would be beneficial to performing as a police officer. After graduating from Shippensburg University, she joined Derry's ranks as a Community Service Officer (CSO). The CSO program is a valuable opportunity for both the employee and the employer. As an employee, the program enables the CSO to familiarize themselves with the township and get to know the residents and business owners, to get to know the employees within the DTPD and to learn the computer systems. As an employer, we can assess the employee's ability to perform the entry level duties of a Police Officer, prior to offering a full-time position as an officer. "We knew when we hired Jana that we were getting an employee who would not disappoint us," said Chief Patrick O'Rourke.



Jana is a leader and rates high in numerous categories in which officers are evaluated. She has an excellent work ethic as expressed by her fellow officers in their nomination of her as Officer of the Year. They stated, "she doesn't shy away from work, she has a strong work ethic and desire to do the job, Jana's work ethic is an outstanding example for younger and veteran officers, and she is an employee with minimal time on the job and she sets a good example that others could stand to learn from."

O'Rourke added, "I have no doubt that Officer Klinger will continue to excel in her achievements during her career here and will set the standards for others to follow."

Jana is pictured above with Chief O'Rourke.

### Clear A Path

The township and the school district have been working together on making our routes to school as safe as they can be for children who walk to and from school. When a sidewalk is not cleared of snow, and it's deep, they will go onto the street. Please help to keep them safe by removing the snow from the sidewalk and keeping them out of the path of motorists. We also want to remind motorists to use caution and lower speeds when nearing a crosswalk. It only takes one small distraction or one mistake for a pedestrian to be injured or killed. Please make it a priority to drive safely.



**Radon Test Kits** are available for purchase for \$7.00 plus tax at the Municipal Building, Library, Recreation Center, and the Public Works Facility.

The price includes the test, postage, and the test results report.



**People Movers Will Get You There**  
[www.ThePeopleMovers.org](http://www.ThePeopleMovers.org)

People Movers provides free transportation for Derry Township senior citizens who are 60+ years old.

Call 717-533-3642 to arrange a ride.



## *Public Works Administrative Secretary Retires*

In October of 1993, Diane Leitner was hired as the secretary for the Department of Public Works. When hired, Diane had 24 years of secretarial experience. Her skills enabled her to quickly organize and oversee the administrative responsibilities of the department. When Diane accepted the position in 1993, the department was housed in the basement of the Police Department on Hockersville Road. It was equipped with garage bays, but the office space was more fit for storage, until the new Public Works facility on Clearwater Road was opened in 1995.



Diane was always ready to take on a challenge, whether it was learning new software, performing parts inventory, filing required reports, or managing the Recycling Center, a task that she gladly accepted over a decade ago. She coordinated all aspects of the center, including staffing, collections, selling and removal of items, and public outreach. Diane actively pursued new programs for the center including seeking new items to be collected, and also items that could be sold to the public to improve the environment such as composters and rain barrels.

As the voice of the department, Diane worked tirelessly to assist the public with any issues that were brought to her during her 20 years of service; demonstrating her ability to be patient and helpful. In December, she reached a well-deserved retirement. She will be missed by all of the guys in the department who playfully referred to her as "Mom." Diane took care of them by bringing them baked goods and making them breakfast. Tom Clark, Director of Public Works said, "Diane was the first Administrative Secretary for the department. She was responsible for setting up the records and files for the roadways as well as for all of the maintenance and construction projects." Her organizational skills made the department run much more efficiently.

The Board of Supervisors recognized Diane's service to the township at the January 28th supervisors' meeting. She is pictured above with Chairman John Foley.

**Congratulations Diane! Have a wonderful retirement.**

**Yard Waste** will be collected curbside the week following the **FIRST** Saturday of the month from April through October.

Items are to be placed in a container (no plastic bags) not to exceed 32 gallons, or in a "Kraft" bag not to exceed 50 pounds. Branches and tree limbs must not exceed 3" in diameter, be cut to 4' in length, and be bundled and secured by rope or twine, not exceeding 50 pounds. There is no limit on the number of bags/bundles that can be placed curbside for collection.

\*\* **LAWN CLIPPINGS** are not collected under this program and are to be collected as part of the 3 bag/container limit.

Kraft Bags can be purchased at the Recycling Center and the Public Works facility for \$4.00 plus tax for a pack of 5 bags.

## **Get a \$129 Rain Barrel for \$35**



Derry Township has again partnered with the Derry Environmental Action Committee, PA American Water and other community donors to help you get a great deal on a terrific rain barrel. Here's how it works:

1. Go to [DerryGreen.org](http://DerryGreen.org) and click on the picture of Ivy, the rain barrel, to order your rain barrel and pay only \$75 with a credit or debit card (The price is so great because PA American Water, community donors, and RainWater Solutions helped us buy down the cost of the rain barrels).
2. Pick up your rain barrel at the Hershey Public Library after you attend the Rain Barrel Workshop on Saturday, April 5, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
3. Install your rain barrel before June 1.
4. An EAC volunteer will visit you to confirm that your rain barrel is installed and give you a voucher.
5. Take your voucher to the Derry Township Municipal Building at 600 Clearwater Road (off Hersheypark Drive) and collect your \$40 refund. Refunds are limited to the first 30 households. You may buy more than one rain barrel, but you will only receive one refund per household.

**Save money and the environment for years to come.**





## Protecting Lives and Property

### 2013

The Hershey Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC) responded to a total of **818** calls for service. This reflects the total number of calls processed by Dauphin County 911 for Hershey. The Hershey Volunteer Fire Company responded to the highest number of emergency calls in Dauphin County, with the exception of the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire, which is a full-time, paid fire company.

### Notable Events:

The loss of Richard B. Rudisill, a dedicated volunteer serving since 1968

The natural gas leak in Oakmont, resulting in the evacuation of 780 residents to Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

The administering of CPR to save the life of a firefighter

Two major fire losses (any amount over \$100,000) that occurred in a house fire on Stauffers Church Road (\$125,000) and the MHS Senior Hall South roof (\$850,000)

### Fire Education

HVFC is active year-round in fire prevention and fire education throughout the community. In 2013, members of HVFC conducted over 300 hours of education and public outreach. The Fire Education Program is available for adults in workplace environments, and children of all ages. The adult education program consists of a presentation encompassing the major causes of fires, fire prevention tips, activating the 911 system, and using a fire extinguisher. Although our goal is to prevent fires; we are proud to provide our Fire Education Programs that teach members of the community methods to reduce the loss when there is a fire. If you're interested in setting up a Fire Education Program for your workplace or organization, or just would like more information, please visit our website at [www.hersheyfire.org](http://www.hersheyfire.org) and click on "Fire Education Programs."

### Space Heater Safety

Wintertime results in an increased use of space heaters and other heating materials. Space heaters cause one-third of home heating fires and four out of five home heating fire deaths. It is recommended that you turn off all space heaters when exiting the room and keep materials at least three (3) feet away from the heater. Residents are strongly encouraged to use only heaters that have an automatic shut off in case it is tipped over. Additional information on space heater safety can be found online on the U.S. Fire Administration website.

### Fire Hydrant Access

We'd also like to remind residents about the importance of keeping fire hydrants on or near your property cleared of snow. Having a hydrant buried in snow not only wastes valuable time for firefighters, but could result in loss of life and property if we are unable to access the hydrant. Please clear at least three (3) feet around the hydrant.

21 W. Caracas Avenue

533-2953

[www.hersheyfire.org](http://www.hersheyfire.org)



## Curb and Sidewalk Improvement Program

The township is once again sponsoring a program to assist property owners in maintaining the public sidewalks to keep them in safe condition.

The objective of the program is to make it as easy and as inexpensive as possible for property owners to have their sidewalks repaired by having the township coordinate and contract the repairs through a voluntary agreement with individual property owners.

If the sidewalk bordering your property is currently in disrepair, it is a safety hazard to pedestrians and a liability to you as a property owner. The township's voluntary curb/sidewalk program will help you to replace your curb/sidewalk at the lowest possible cost because of the volume of work which will be bid for all property owners under one contract. It will also relieve from you as property owner from the burden of hiring a contractor and overseeing the repair of your curb/sidewalk. The engineering and inspection will be performed by the township's Public Works Department, which will insure that the construction is done in accordance with township requirements.

The Township encourages all property owners who have sidewalks or curbs that need repairs to consider this voluntary program. For additional information on the 2014 Curb and Sidewalk Program, call the Public Works Department at 533-2057, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. before April 11, 2014.

**The next issue of the Township News will be available at Township facilities on May 2nd, August 8th, and November 7th.**

## Help Keep Military Families Connected

The Derry Township Recycling Center collects used cell phones to be donated to the Cell Phones for Soldiers Program. The program, which began in 2004, collects used cell phones, sells them to recycling firms and uses the money to buy calling cards for those serving overseas in the U.S. military, providing them with free communication. The program has provided more than 200 million minutes of free talk time to the troops and has kept more than 11 million cell phones out of landfills.

The next time that you upgrade your phone, please remember this worthy cause and bring your phone to the Recycling Center and deposit it in the collection box.



## What Is Happening? In mytown

The Board of Supervisors approved the following in November, December and January:

Recommended approval of the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Curry Mill, Plat #1239. The plan depicts the development of the former Curry Mill located on Old West Chocolate Avenue near the intersection of North Hockersville Road, with a full-service restaurant.

## Reminder



Please make sure that this side (the side with the metal bar) of your trash cart is turned facing the street so that it can be collected by the automated system. The automation of the system lowers the hauler's costs and provides us with a lower quarterly fee for service.

## Meeting Your Municipal Needs

### Board of Supervisors

Chairman John W. Foley  
Marc A. Moyer  
Sandra A. Ballard  
Matthew A. Weir  
Justin C. Engle



James Negley, Township Manager	533-2057, opt. 5
Jill Henry, Assistant Township Manager	533-2057, opt. 5
Charles Emerick, Director of Comm. Dev.	533-2057, opt. 2
Patrick O'Rourke, Chief of Police	534-2202
Thomas Clark, Director of Public Works	533-2057, opt. 4
Matthew Mandia, Director of Parks & Rec.	533-7138
Barbara Ellis, Director of Library Services	533-6555
Jennifer Johns, Granada Gym Manager	533-7757
Adrienne Eckenrode, Recycling Coordinator	533-2057, opt. 4

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## RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Effective March 10th through November 1, 2014



Monday	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Center will be closed on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17th, and Good Friday, April 18th.

### RECYCLE HOTLINE 533-8665

Call for questions regarding waste disposal and recycling. Items may only be dropped at the Center or picked up during operating hours. Residents may be required to show proof of residency at the Center.

**Yard Waste** Waste Management will collect yard waste the week following the *first* Saturday of the month, beginning in April through October. Branches must be bundled and tied or placed in Kraft bags.

**Holiday Trash Collection** If the holiday is on your regular collection day, your trash and recyclables will be collected the following day. All other collections that week will be on the regular schedule. If the holiday is on Friday, the trash will be collected on Saturday.

Please store trash and recycling totes in your garage, side or back yard.

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Barbara Ellis, Director

### Board of Directors

John Abel  
Julie Isaacson  
Gregory Neuhauser  
Margaret Bradley  
Marc Moyer  
Matthew Weir  
Jennifer Grenoble

### Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## Friends Family Programs

### Hooley School of Irish Dance

Sunday, March 9, 2 p.m.



Get ready for St. Patty's Day! Ireland is magical. Irish dance, with its captivating beat and social energy is sure to enchant you. The Irish dance

experts from Hooley School of Irish Dance will discuss the culture and history of Irish dance, demonstrate various forms, and teach the audience a step or two. If it's a fine bit o' Irish culture you're after, don't miss this "reel"y good show!

### DRAGONS AND DREAMS

Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.

Experience castles, kings, a dragon keeper, an Ice Sorceress, and a daring adventure to save the kingdom. Join the adventure with the Piccirillo Sciencetellers as students learn about the science of fire and ice in the world of dragons and dreams. Using flash

paper, "cool" dry ice and much more, this unique program allows kids to witness first-hand the elusive nature of "dragon's breath." A good time is "joust" around the corner!



### SPLAT Studio

It's a Hershey Public Library tradition-Mother's Day art projects! Meghan Winslow of SPLAT Studio will help you make a little something special for that someone special. Sessions are broken down by age. (These sessions will be held in the library meeting rooms.)

2:00 to 2:40 p.m., ages 2 to 6 (maximum 30 participants)  
3:00 to 3:40 p.m., ages 6 and up (maximum 30 participants)  
Registration for this limited audience program will begin on Monday, April 21st. Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org. Call the Children's Desk at 533-6555 ext. 3708, with questions.

The following programs are made possible by *The Friends of the Hershey Public Library*. Registration is necessary for all programs and can be done either online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org), or by calling the Circulation Desk at a 533-6555.

### Landscaping Ideas Worth Stealing

Presented by George Weigel  
Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.

George returns to one of his favorite venues when he presents the subject of sprucing up the boring landscape. Many great gardeners have gone before and come up with all sorts of creative improvements. This program takes a look at some of the interesting things uber-gardeners have done that might be worth "borrowing" in your own yard.

### Rosie the Riveter

Sunday, March 2, 2:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Michaels, from the American Historical Theater in Philadelphia, will be here with us once again, but this time as Rosie the Riveter, the popular American cultural icon. The name "Rosie the Riveter" was first used in 1942 in a song of the same name written by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb.



J. Howard Miller's "We Can Do It" poster (mistaken for Rosie) is still popular, as is Norman Rockwell's Saturday Evening Post cover featuring the strong, capable woman. In times of war, women were called upon to take on tasks traditionally considered men's work and have shown themselves more than equal to the challenge. Even more difficult might have been returning to traditionally female roles once the men returned home. Rosie has symbolized rising to both types of challenges.

**Sign up for the Adult Winter Reading Program "Bookopoly." Read your way to weekly gift cards and a grand prize at the end of the program.**

### Adult Enrichment Classes

**Beginning Crocheting** Wednesdays, February 19 through March 5

**Learn to Speak Italian** Mondays, March 3 through May 5

**European and American Landscape Art Appreciation** Wednesdays, March 19 through April 9

**Creative Writing Workshop** Saturday, April 26

Visit the library website at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org), or call the Circulation Desk at 533-6555 for details. Registration packets for the Adult Enrichment Classes are available at the library. Fees vary for each class and enrollment is limited.



### New Book Group

Register now for the new Short Story Book Group that will meet the third Monday of each month. Selections from the 2013 Best American Short Stories by Elizabeth Strout will be discussed. See the library website or stop by the library for a listing of the assigned readings.

## Children's Services

Come play Minecraft after school on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month! There are a limited number of laptops and Minecraft accounts for public use. You may bring your own device and account information. **Mining will begin at 3:00 p.m. for middle school students and up; 3:45 p.m. for elementary students.**



Please register online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) to a reserve a spot on each Thursday you'd like to attend.

### Wii need U!!!

Wii Game Days continue at the library. No registration is necessary.

Games will be held on Sunday, March 16, April 20, and May 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

## Service Recognition

### Residents

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank all of the residents that expressed an interest in serving on an advisory board. They feel fortunate to have individuals that are willing to participate and give their time. Quite often, there are a number of candidates for a board and only one position and the member whose term is expiring wants to serve another term; making it more difficult to be appointed. We encourage you to continue to apply and to seek a position on any of boards with the possibility of changing at a later time.

#### 2014 Advisory Board Appointments

The Board of Supervisors made the following appointments at the January 6th reorganization meeting:

**Donald Santostefano** was elected to a 5-year term on the Uniform Construction Appeals Board.

**Daniel Lauria** was elected to a 5-year term on the Uniform Construction Appeals Board.

**Jennifer Grenoble** was elected to a 3-year term on the Board of Library Directors.

**Michael Kushner** was elected to a 5-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board.

**Pam Moore** was reappointed to the Design Review Board for a 5-year term.

**Annette Hart** was reappointed to the Municipal Authority for a 5-year term.

**Robert Wilhite** was reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a 5-year term.

**Gregg Mangione** was reappointed to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term.

#### Thank You for Your Service

We'd also like to recognize and thank the following residents for the many contributions that they made during the time that they served.

**Steve Todd**, Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board

**Matthew Loser**, Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board

**Anne Reeves**, Library Board

**Glenn Rowe**, Design Review board

**Todd Lechleitner**, Municipal Authority

**Matthew Davies**, Zoning Hearing Board

We look forward to working with the members of the township's advisory boards and we encourage residents to also seek other areas to become involved such as the update of the comprehensive plan, the development of downtown, the regional bike plan, annual workshops, and the Friends of the Library and Recreation Center.

### Employees

A huge thank you to the hard working and dedicated employees of the township. Their years of service and all that they do are noticed and appreciated.

We are lucky to have them! Congratulations to the following for reaching milestone anniversaries.

#### 5 Years of Service

**Sean Sargen**, Police Department

**Barbara Clay**, Library

**Jamie Straining**, Police Department

**Kathleen Roberts**, Parks and Recreation

**Sylvia Bonalle**, Granada Gym

#### 10 Years of Service

**Joy Burrell**, Library

**Chris Gawron**, Library

#### 15 Years of Service

**Heather Knott**, Parks and Recreation

**Eric Salley**, Public Works

**Steve Bell**, Public Works

**Jeff Kawich**, Public Works

#### 20 Years of Service

**Donna Small**, Library

**Theresa Weinhold**, Finance

**Diane Leitner**, Public Works



## Children's Services Continued...

### Toddler time and more ...

**Toddler time** is a series of 20-30-minute interactive programs for children (24 to 36 months) and their caregivers. One child and one adult register together for songs, stories, rhymes, and a joyful introduction to the library.

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. April 16 - May 21  
Resident registration begins March 31; open registration begins April 7.

**Wonderful Ones** is a four-week series of 20-minute interactive programs for walking children (12 to 24) months and their caregivers. Register together for songs, simple stories, nursery rhymes, and action plays.

Tuesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Mar. 18 - April 8  
Resident registration begins March 3; open registration begins March 10.

**Books and Babies** is a four-week series of 20 minute interactive programs for pre-walking children (birth to 12 months) and their caregivers. One child and one adult register together for songs, stories, rhymes, and action plays.

Monday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. Mar. 17 - April 7  
Resident registration begins March 3; open registration begins March 10.

**Storytime** is a six-week series of 30 minute programs designed for children 3 to 5. Storytime provides a structured, literature-based opportunity for children to gain independence. Parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to use Storytime to fill their own library needs.

Storytime for 3's and 4's  
Monday mornings at 10:00 April 14 - May 19  
Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 April 16 - May 21  
Resident registration begins March 31; open registration begins April 7.

Storytime for 4's and 5's  
Monday afternoons at 1:30 April 14 - May 19  
Tuesday mornings at 10:30 April 15 - May 13  
Resident registration begins March 31; open registration begins April 7.

Please note that pre-registration is necessary for these sessions. Registration is available on our website, [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) If you have any questions, please call Children's Services at 533-6555 extension 3708, for more information.



## Serving the Community: *Hershey Trust Company*

# HERSHEY HISTORY

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In early 1903, while he made plans to break ground for his chocolate factory in a field near the tiny community of Derry Church, PA, Milton Hershey thought about the needs of his future workers. He had the foresight to recognize that if his chocolate making idea was to work for the benefit of all, he would need a place for his workers to live self-reliant, independent lives. They would need comfortable homes, health and recreational facilities, and schools for their children.

Milton Hershey was more than a dreamer. He was a man of action. While the chocolate factory was still under construction, he began to implement his ideas for a model industrial community. That same year the Hershey Chocolate factory began operations. A state charter was granted on April 27, 1905, and the Hershey Trust Company opened for business on June 15, 1905, in offices located in the Cocoa House, Hershey's first commercial building. Cocoa House also housed boarding rooms for men, a dining hall, a general store, the post office and a men's club. The Trust Company offered personal and commercial services including checking and savings accounts, mortgages, savings clubs and trust services.

The Trust Company played an important role in financing Milton Hershey's construction and development plans for his town. Milton Hershey chose to establish a trust company rather than a traditional bank because in addition to being able to provide basic banking services, a trust company would have the added advantage of doing fiduciary business.

Establishing a trust company truly reflected Milton Hershey's vision for the future of his new community. In 1905, the new town was more of an idea than an actuality. Though the chocolate factory began operations during the summer of 1905, little else was operating in town. Another year would pass before the community was officially named, when the United States Postmaster granted Milton Hershey permission to establish a new post office.



Hershey Trust Company bookkeeping department, ca1914

The original staff for the Hershey Trust Company was modest, consisting of the cashier and a teller. And in keeping with the tradition of other local financial institutions, the original board of directors was comprised of respected local business and community leaders.

From its beginning, the Trust Company was instrumental in the growth and development of the town. The local newspaper advertised mortgage loans to encourage people to build homes in the new community. Other ads promoted savings accounts, saving for retirement and Christmas savings clubs. To broaden its accessibility, special deposit stations were established on Hershey trolleys.

Business grew rapidly, and soon a second clerk was added to the staff. By 1910, the trust company's business was outgrowing its original home. Milton Hershey asked noted Lancaster architect, C. Emlen Urban, to design a building appropriate for the town's financial institution. Urban was responsible for all of Hershey's major buildings designed before 1926, including the original factory and offices, the original Hershey Inn, the first Hershey Department Store building, the Community Building and High Point.

Consistent with the financial institutions of the time, the Trust Company building was designed to impress the public. His design for the new building incorporated Renaissance style elements and was constructed of marble and brick on a granite foundation.

The floor plan was designed to offer separate office space for other Hershey businesses. Large windows, massive interior pillars, bronze grill work, mahogany desks and trim, and marble flooring decorated the bank space. The bank vault was a particularly imposing feature of the building. A Seth Thomas 30 day clock was positioned above the vault door, guarded by two magnificent lions in bas-relief, representing 'Time' and 'Strength.'

On August 20, 1912, workers broke ground for a new bank building at the intersection of Cocoa and Chocolate Avenues. Various construction setbacks delayed the completion of the building for almost a year. Built during an era before email or cell phones, much of the business of erecting the building was conducted through letters. The Archives' collections document the process of construction. The Archives recently created a small exhibit that tells the story of building a new home for the Hershey Trust Company. It is located in The Hershey Story lobby.



[HersheyArchives.org](http://HersheyArchives.org)





**Hershey Area Playhouse Opens Season with Musical Comedy**

Hershey Area Playhouse kicks off its 2014 season with the hilarious musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. It's a tale of six anxiety-filled adolescent super spellers vying for the championship of a lifetime. The Tony Award winning show features an unlikely cast of heroes - quirky, yet charming outsiders who only fit in at the spelling bee. The musical features some mature content and is recommended for an adult audience.

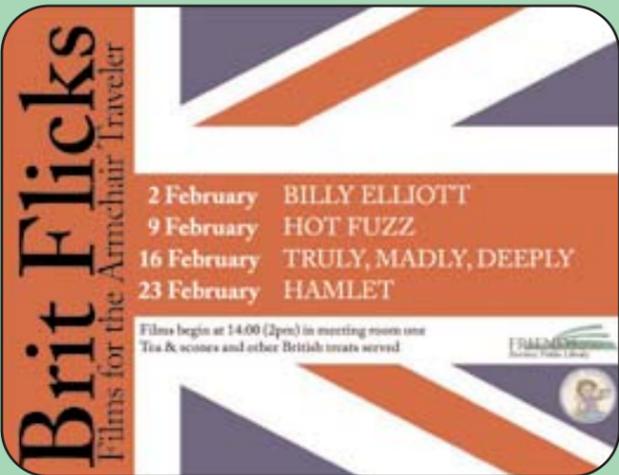
Spelling Bee is directed by Beth Dunham and runs February 13-16, 20- 23, 2014. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. Individual tickets and discounted season tickets are available at [www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com](http://www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com) and at the box office at 717-533-8525.



**Hershey Symphony Heats Up the Winter by Going South of the Border**

Dr. Sandra Dackow  
Music Director

The Hershey Symphony Orchestra will whisk you away from the winter winds to a warm summer night when it heats up the stage with its "South of the Border" concert, February 21, 2014 at 8 p.m. at the Hershey Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at the Hershey Theatre box office, by phone at 717-534-3405, or online at [www.HersheyTheatre.com](http://www.HersheyTheatre.com). For more information about the orchestra, please visit [www.HersheySymphony.org](http://www.HersheySymphony.org).



**Friends of the Hershey Public Library Present a British Film Series**

Friends of the Hershey Public Library's British Film Series features films for the armchair traveler. The series will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays, February 2 - 23, in meeting room 1, at the Hershey Public Library.

**Featured Films**

<i>Billy Elliot</i>	February 2
<i>Hot Fuzz</i>	February 9
<i>Truly, Madly, Deeply</i>	February 16
<i>Hamlet</i>	February 23

*There is no charge to attend. Tea and scones and other British treats will be served.*



**Representative John Payne Invites Seniors to the Ninth Annual Senior Health Expo on April 25th**

Representative John Payne will host a free Senior Health Expo on Friday, April 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company, 249 East Main Street, Hummelstown. This event will provide area residents with an opportunity to gather valuable information about services and programs available to Pennsylvanians. Health care experts, representatives from various state agencies and other exhibitors, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues of importance to those in attendance. Residents of the 106th district, friends, family members or caregivers are welcome to attend. For more information about the Health Expo, contact Representative Payne's District Office at 717-534-1323.