



## TOWNSHIP *eNews*

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### ***Fizz! Boom! Read!***

Wednesday, June 11th is a big day at the Library. The science-based and fun-filled summer reading program for children and families will be kicked-off from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring infants and children up to 3 years old and children ages 4 to 12 to register for a reading challenge.

### ***Yard Waste Will Be Collected Next Week***

Waste Management will collect yard waste June 9th through the 13th. Collection occurs on the same day as your trash collection day. Please place yard waste in a "Kraft" bag or 10-30 gallon trash can, weighing no more than 50 lbs., and cut brush and branches (no greater than 3" in diameter) to 4' in length and tie in bundles with rope or twine.

### ***Get Over to the Granada Gym***

The Granada Gym and Fitness Center offers a 3-month student membership (ages 13-22) for \$50 and there are meeting rooms and gym rentals for parties, practices, and other special events for reasonable rates. Wi-fi is available. Call 533-7757 for further information.

### ***Keep Children Safe, Playground Safety Tips***

Now that the weather is warm, children are out and about in the parks. Safe Kids Worldwide reports that falls are the most common type of playground-related injury. They offer the following tips to protect children:

Supervise children and make sure that they only play on age-appropriate equipment.

Dress children appropriately in clothing that is free of strangling hazards that can get caught on the equipment such as dresses, drawstrings, necklaces, hoods, and scarves.

Instruct children not to push.

Immediately report any observed hazards to the Department of Parks and Recreation at 533-7138.

### ***Road Repairs to Occur Next Week***

An anti-skid surface will be applied to the turns on Sandhill Road in the area of Hilltop Lane on Wednesday, June 11th and Thursday, June 12th. Motorists may experience delays due to lane closures.

### ***Keep Your Home from Going Up in Smoke from Wildfires***

When we think of Pennsylvania, we don't necessarily think of wildfires; however, this past spring, more than 100 wildfires broke out in the Keystone State between April 19 and 26. Most wildfires occur in the spring and the fall and people were at fault for 98% of the 630 reported fires last year, according to Governor Tom Corbett.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) stresses the importance that homeowners realize that embers and small flames are the leading cause of most of the damage. They offer the following advice to protect your home:

Keep roofs and gutters clean and free of leaves and needles.

Keep flat surfaces such as decks and porches clear of debris that could burn underneath.

Remove large potential heat sources, such as piles of firewood, spare building materials, and vehicles from your lawn and keep them a safe distance from your home.

Examine the area around your home for mulch, woody shrubs and plants that could ignite and touch the house.

Clear corners and nooks and crannies that tend to collect debris.

Trim limbs and branches to 10 feet away from the roof and house.

## ***Township Receives Annual Recycling Grant***

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection awarded an Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant in the amount of \$210,323 to the Recycling Center for collecting 15,125.0 tons of residential and commercial materials for recycling in 2012. Congratulations to the residents and businesses in Derry Township who are committed to recycling and helping the environment. The grant amount increased \$90,909 from the 2011 award!

## ***Huge LEGO Event Planned for June***

A Building Block Workshop will be held on June 17, at 1 p.m. at the library. Architect Stephen Schwarts will bring over 70,000 LEGO pieces for family teams to compete in building windmills of the East Coast. The workshop teaches participants about alternative energy sources. Don't forget to register by contacting the Children's Services Department at 533-6555, ext. 3708, or stop by the Children's Desk.

## ***Planning Commission Activities***

The Planning Commission considered the following at their June 3rd meeting:

The Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for the Pennsylvania State Police Historical, Educational, and Memorial Center, Plat #1241. The subject property is located north of Hersheypark Drive and west of Laudermilch Road, and is improved with a 2,400-square-foot building that contains the Pennsylvania State Police Historical, Educational, and Memorial Center. Plat #1241 depicts a 3,285-square-foot addition to the building, as well the development of 29 parking spaces, 2 handicapped-accessible parking spaces, and 1 loading/unloading space. The Commission recommended approval of the plan, subject to the outstanding comments of staff, Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic, Inc., and the Dauphin County Planning Commission being satisfactorily addressed.

The Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for the Hershey Lodge Natatorium Replacement, Plat #1242. The plan depicts the demolition of the existing indoor and outdoor pool facilities at the Hershey Lodge (located along Governor Road and University Drive) and the creation of a leisure pool area, whirlpool area, children's pool area, and exterior spray pad area. The use of these facilities will be limited to guests of the Lodge. The Commission recommended approval of the plan, subject to the outstanding comments of staff, Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic, Inc., and the Derry Township Municipal Authority being satisfactorily addressed.

The minutes of the Planning Commission are available on the township's website, [www.derrytownship.org](http://www.derrytownship.org), Boards & Commissions, Planning Commission.

## ***Pet Stations Make Clean Up Easy***

Keep the Jonathan Eshenour Memorial Trail free of pet waste. Pet stations that provide bags and a waste receptacle are located along the trail for your convenience.

## ***Upcoming Meetings and Events***

Shank Park Drive-In Movies, Friday, June 6, at dusk, Shank Park, Bullfrog Valley Road. Free. Showing *Turbo*

Park Pride Day, Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m., Shank Park, Bullfrog Valley Road. Assist with park projects.

Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, June 10, 7 p.m., Municipal Building, 600 Clearwater Road

Woods in Your Backyard Workshop, Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m., Shank Park Pavilion, Bullfrog Valley Road. Learn about green infrastructure and riparian buffers.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m., Recreation Center, 605 Cocoa Avenue

Composting Program, Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m., Hershey Public Library, 701 Cocoa Avenue