

TOWNSHIP News

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AROUND THE TOWNSHIP WITH JOHN W. FOLEY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN

“ONE OF THE AREAS OF FOCUS IN DERRY TOWNSHIP IS THE MIDDLETOWN ROAD CORRIDOR. WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO EXPAND THE WALKING AND BIKING PATHS, IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, AND MANAGE SMART GROWTH IN THE AREA,” BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN JOHN FOLEY EXPLAINS.

[VIDEO LINK](#)

Gather under the tent at 6:00 PM
**MUSIC ON CHOCOLATE
 LINE UP**

*& enjoy a concert on warm summer nights
 in the heart of Hershey.*

- MAY 15.....SABRINA DUKE BAND**
- JUNE 19THE JELLYBRICKS**
- JULY 17PAT CUSICK AND HIP 450**
- AUGUST 21UP POPS THE DEVIL**
- SEPTEMBER 18 THE SWAINES**

DOWNTOWN HERSHEY

Comes Alive with Activities

Chocolate Avenue is where you'll want to be this spring and summer. The plan for the Revitalization of Downtown Hershey has sparked a renewed energy for bringing people together for special events, shopping, and dining, while enjoying the warm weather outdoors. The Downtown Hershey Association (DHA) has big ideas to create a sense of community for Hershey and new for 2015 is the first Market on Chocolate, a farmers market featuring locally grown and raised, homemade and handmade products. The Market will be held every Saturday morning from May through September from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning May 23, in front of the Hershey Post Office on Chocolate Avenue.

A grand opening event will be held on June 6, featuring local artisans, handmade crafts and children's activities. The Market will provide shoppers with fresh produce, meats and seafood, infused olive oils, hand-crafted spices, homemade bread and baked goods, handmade candles, cold press juices and fruit sorbets, all-natural dog treats, and high quality art designed by local residents.

The Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society (HDTHS) has teamed up with the Downtown Hershey Association to present a fine art and craft festival, Art On Chocolate, on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Hershey.

This is the 10th arts festival to be held by the HDTHS featuring juried and non-juried exhibitors, a large children's area, a food court and entertainment stages, and now it will be held in a location where we can celebrate the heritage of Hershey.

Future streetscape enhancements along Chocolate Avenue and the downtown area have been revealed to include beautifying the area with landscaping and flowering planters, street trees, patterned crosswalks and sidewalks, lighting, benches and bike racks. The Township is exploring financing options that include a Tax Increment Financing district and grants, to fund the revitalization.

The DHA is seeking acceptance into the commonwealth's Keystone Communities program and a Main Street designation, which will make funding opportunities available. This designation requires that there is an Economic Development Manager (EDM). The Township has created this new position to oversee the revitalization of downtown and to work with the Downtown Hershey Association, coordinate downtown projects and events, seek grant funding and attract new businesses. Lauren Zumbun has been selected as the EDM and began her employment with the Township this week.



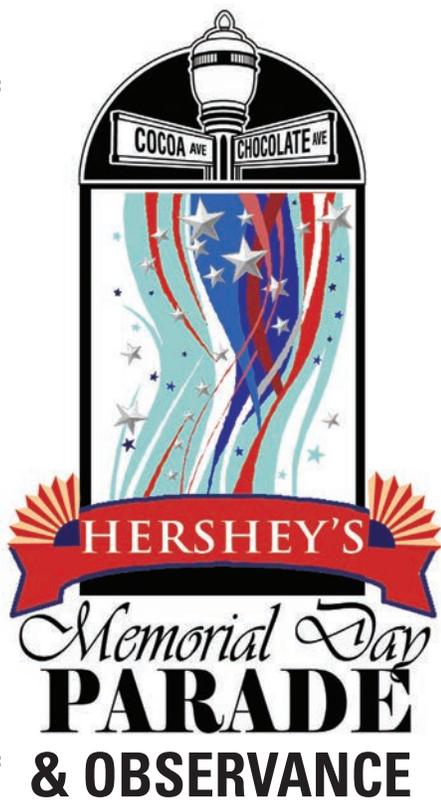
Lauren's previous experiences have provided her with the opportunity to develop skills in planning, funding and project management. She was employed by Rettew Associates, Inc. for 10 years as a project manager working with municipal clients and serving as the zoning officer for four government entities. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Geography from Shippensburg University and a Master of Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg.

Lauren is a member of the Hummelstown Borough Planning Commission and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association. She resides in Hummelstown with her husband and two sons.

Lauren has expressed a passion for downtown economic development and she is enthusiastic to begin her endeavor to develop a downtown that exemplifies the vision of the community and Mr. Hershey's legacy.

Chairman of the Derry Township Board of Supervisor John Foley said, "This position will play a critical role that is essential to the coordination of efforts to revitalize downtown Hershey. Lauren's experience in urban planning and project funding will be an asset for not only the development of the core of Hershey, but for the township as a whole."





Show your patriotism and honor America's fallen heroes at the Memorial Day Parade and Observance Ceremony, Monday, May 25. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Center. Find a great spot along the route, Cocoa Avenue to Elm Avenue, Elm Avenue to Ridge Avenue, Ridge Avenue to Chocolate Avenue, and Chocolate Avenue to Cocoa Avenue to the Recreation Center.

At the conclusion of the parade, at 11:30 a.m., a special ceremony will be held at the Recreation Center, 650 Cocoa Avenue, to honor those who have served our country in the armed forces.

The ceremony will include a keynote speaker, live music, and the two winners of the youth essay contest will read their essays.

FREE SUMMER FAMILY FUN AT CHOCOLATETOWN SQUARE!

PRESENTED BY THE HERSHEY STORY

DERRY'S WEBSITE IS UP TO SPEED FOR THOSE ON THE MOVE

WWW.DERRYTOWNSHIP.ORG

Derry Township recently launched their newly redesigned website to keep up with the needs of our quick paced, mobile, information seeking users.

The Township realized that visitors want information fast, within a click or two and that most people are now using mobile devices to obtain information. The fresh, visually appealing site was designed with easy navigation for a great user experience.

The site map features sections specifically geared to resident and business services so that information can be located directly. All of the information can be found from the homepage pull-down menus.

The website will adapt to the screen size of the user's device for an optimized experience, allowing the full page to be seen. Users can drop by to see the latest news, or to access agendas, minutes, and newsletters from a menu on the homepage.

Residents that are not signed up to receive emergency telephone notifications and the eNews (a condensed electronic listing of news, services, and events), are encouraged to visit the site and provide the necessary information.

Stop by and see the new website!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 AT NOON SILLY JOE SINGS Silly Joe entertains audiences with high-energy songs about the everyday lives of kids and families. With a guitar, a loud voice, a wig, a kazoo, boxer shorts, and a lot of silly body movements, Silly Joe keeps everyone involved in the show!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 AT NOON JUGGLING HOFFMANS You'll be amazed by the tricks and amused by the antics in a smile-a-long, laugh-a-long interactive good time for all ages. It's a kid's show the adults will love, too!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 AT NOON KIT'S KABOODLE Mother Nature Mother Nature packs a powerful message with her depiction of the natural world. Combining ecology with mythology, Mother Nature and her friend, The Fairy Queen, teach the importance of preservation.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 AT NOON FORGOTTEN FRIENDS This interactive show is "crawling" with fun and laughter, presented by herpetologist, author, photographer, and certified class clown, Jesse Rothacker. Meet live snakes, lizards, turtles and crocs; some from around the world and a few from your own backyard!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 AT NOON TOY CHEST TREASURES Toys from Long Ago Families can have fun outdoors with old-fashioned toys, such as hula-hoops, ring tosses and whimmy-diddles that require "kid-power!"

ChocolateTown Square is located in downtown Hershey at Cocoa and Chocolate Avenues. In the event of inclement weather, performances will take place at The Hershey Story.



HEROIN RELATED DEATHS ARE ON THE RISE

REDUCE THE RISK OF ABUSE IN YOUR HOME

Heroin addiction can occur after one use. Heroin is an opiate drug that is processed from morphine, which comes from the poppy plant. It is the most addictive illicit drug known and the withdrawal causes severe physical and psychological symptoms that can begin as soon as six to eight hours after the last dosage and become unbearable. Tolerance builds quickly causing a need to increase the amount of heroin used to produce the same effect. The need for more puts users at great risk of an overdose.

Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gave testimony before the Committee on Appropriation on March 25, 2015, giving warning that drug abuse has become an epidemic. He said, "We have witnessed a deadly epidemic quietly unfold in rural areas and on the main streets of America: deaths from drug overdose have been rising steadily over the past two decades, and have become the leading cause of injury death in the United States. Every day in the United States, 120 people die as a result of drug overdose, and another 6,748 are treated in emergency departments for the misuse or abuse of drugs."

On September 30, 2014, Gary Tennis, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, presented a Report and Recommendations for Reducing Heroin and Other Opioid Use and Overdose to then Governor Tom Corbett. Recognizing the sharp escalation of deaths from heroin and other opioid use, Tennis pointed out that there were more than 3,000 deaths in Pennsylvania from 2009 until the time of the report in 2014. He said, "While no one sets out to become addicted, we know that approximately 80 percent of heroin users began

with abusing prescription opioids." Prescriptions to painkillers have increased dramatically in the United States. In Frieden's testimony, he said, "The prescription drug overdose epidemic is driven largely by fundamental changes in the way health care providers prescribe opioid pain relievers: 259 million prescriptions were drafted for painkillers in 2012, enough for every American adult to have their own bottle of narcotics. As the amount of opioids sold has increased, so has the number of deaths. Just as troubling, there is growing evidence that the sharp increase in prescription opioid abuse plays a role in the large increase in heroin overdose deaths, which have more than doubled since 2010."

Derry Township Chief of Police Patrick O'Rourke, who has been in drug enforcement throughout his career said, "After many years, it is apparent that pharmaceutical abuse is continuing to increase at an alarming rate in use and sales. Pharmaceuticals such as Percocet and Oxycontin were once prescribed for chronic pain and cancer. Unfortunately, we now see they are being prescribed for sports related injuries, backaches, and toothaches, which increases the use and increases the risk for dependency. Exposure to pharmaceuticals that are needlessly retained in the home and accessible to our children is often where abuse begins."

Chief O'Rourke explained that maintaining an addiction to pharmaceuticals is cost prohibitive forcing addicts to turn to heroin. He said, "Pharmaceutical abusers are 19 times more likely to begin using heroin, and currently heroin appears to be the drug of choice in Pennsylvania, which is truly concerning. The purity is high and prices are low, resulting in an increase in

overdoses, and the latest trend of mixing Heroin with Fentanyl and Acetyl Fentanyl is resulting in an increase in fatalities as well."

"To maintain a Heroin habit, abusers generally resort to committing crime, first stealing from family members and then committing retail theft before escalating to burglaries and robberies," he added.

While methods such as prescription drug monitoring programs and opioid prescribing guidelines are being put in place at the federal and state levels, local government is focusing on education and making the public aware of the dangers of medication misuse and prevention.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, friends and family are the source of 70% of the prescription drugs that are abused.

THIS CAN BE PREVENTED BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES:

1. DO NOT SHARE YOUR MEDICINES WITH ANYONE.
2. STORE YOUR MEDICATIONS SAFELY.
3. DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATION IMMEDIATELY.

It is illegal to share a prescribed drug with others. Do not allow others access to your medicines.

Keep prescribed medication secure. A drug lockbox will keep your medications safe. Many parents make the mistake of thinking that they do not need to hide or secure their medications from their teenagers. Do not take a chance. The consequence is too great.

THE FOLLOWING NARCOTIC PAIN KILLERS AND ANXIETY MEDICATIONS ARE COMMONLY ABUSED MEDICATIONS:

HYDROCODONE	MORPHINE
LORTAB	AVINZA
VICODIN	KADIAN
NORCO	FENTANYL
OXYCODONE	DURAGESIC
PERCOCET	FENTORA
ROXICODONE	CODEINE
ENDOCET	XANAX
OXYCONTIN	VALIUM
METHADONE	ATIVAN

OTHER MEDICATIONS TO CONSIDER SECURING INCLUDE:

- ADDERALL
- RITALIN
- LORAZEPAM
- TRAMADOL
- AMBIEN

The Township has obtained combination lockboxes and is making them available to residents for \$25 at the Township Municipal Building, 600 Clearwater Road. Don't wait until it's too late, keep your medications safe today!

Misuse can also be avoided by taking unused or expired medications to the Derry Township Police Department, 620 Clearwater Road. There is a dropbox located in the lobby and it is assessable 24 hours a day.

Talk with your children about the dangers of drug use and the highly addictive use of Heroin and risk of death. Teach them skills to say no to drugs and emphasize that someone who offers them heroin is not their friend and is not likely to call for medical help if they overdose for fear of getting in trouble.

Visit WWW.INTHEKNOWZONE.COM for more ways to teach them to say no.



DRUG DROP BOXES REPLACE DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



Despite the huge success of the Drug Take Back Day, the Drug Enforcement Agency will no longer sponsor their Drug Take Back program. Now, residents can get rid of unwanted or unused prescription medications at the Derry Township Police Department at any time. The dropbox is in the lobby, which is open 24 hours every day. The service is free and no questions will be asked.

“The main goal is to reduce the number of addictions to prescription opioids so as to reduce the number of addicts transitioning to heroin. The dropbox is provided to reduce accessibility of prescriptions in the home and to provide a safe alternative for disposal. The Derry Township Police Department views this as a beneficial alternative and encourages residents to make use of this resource,” said Chief O’Rourke.

A member of the Dauphin County Criminal Investigation Division will collect the contents of the box and transport it to Ft. Indiantown Gap where they are incinerated.

There are a few restrictions on what can be placed in the box. No liquids, needles or inhalers are accepted. A sign is displayed on the box listing what is permitted and what is not. Make sure that your prescriptions don’t get into the wrong hands.



WHAT'S YOUR REWARD?

Now that you have signed up for RecycleBank at WWW.RECYCLEBANK.COM, and are earning points for recycling and educational recycling activities, how are you going to reward yourself? Don't forget about your points. Log on and see all of the great discounts and merchandise that you can get when you redeem your points. There are rewards to Bed Bath & Beyond, Dick's Sporting Goods, Regal Cinemas and many one-year subscriptions to popular magazines. Points can also be used to enter a drawing for Patagonia gift cards, a Fitbit Surge, iPad Mini 3, Apple Watch Sport, and much more.



One Twine, a Recyclebank Marketplace features carefully selected clean and natural products that have a positive impact. There are ECO lunchboxes, green toys, natural health and beauty and home care products, apparel, and pet products.

The products in the Marketplace are selected because they are renewable (can be recycled or repurposed), preserve natural resources, have a gentle impact (made from natural resources), are sustainably manufactured (conserving resources), efficiently manufactured, reclaimable (does not need to go to the landfill), have smart packaging, have a merchant take back when you no longer need or want the product, and the employees are treated and compensated fairly.

Points can be redeemed for a 25% savings. RecycleBank also offers \$25 off purchases of \$75 and free shipping on orders over \$50.

RECYCLING CENTER SCHEDULE

(EFFECTIVE MARCH 9 - OCTOBER 31, 2015)

MONDAY 4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

**THE RECYCLING CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON
MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 25
AND INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4**

Items (wood waste) can only be dropped off at the center and picked up (mulch and compost) during operating hours. Residents may be required to show proof of residency.

RECYCLE HOTLINE 533-8665 Call the Recycle Line to hear the Recycling Center's hours, the materials that are collected at the center, and information about the curbside trash and recycling collection service.

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, or side or back yard.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Waste Management will collect an unlimited amount of yard waste once a month from April through October. Your yard waste collection day is the same day as your trash/recycling collection day. Yard waste collection will occur during the following weeks:

MAY 26

AUGUST 17

JUNE 26

SEPTEMBER 14

JULY 20

OCTOBER 26

COMPOSTING

USING YOUR ORGANIC WASTE AND YARD WASTE FOR FERTILIZER

RecycleBank's EcoLibrary will teach you how to compost. Look for other helpful articles on how to live green and for advice on what can be recycled.

Composting is the process of transforming organic matter into a rich soil, which can be used as fertilizer. Food waste and yard trimmings are encouraged to decompose at accelerated speeds, with the help of bacteria, insects, fungi, and special techniques for preparing and maintaining the compost pile. Nutrients from the original matter are then recycled back into the Earth and new plant life.

HOW COMPOSTING WORKS

All living things decompose. This basic principle is at the heart of the natural composting process. Organic waste, which includes any plant or animal material that was once alive, is assembled into piles. These piles, which vary in size, can be aerated and periodically turned to foster the activity of natural bacteria and other micro-organisms. These micro-organisms then convert the matter into CO₂ and ammonium, and eventually into nitrates, a key nutrient for plant life. In addition to nitrates, compost returns other essential nutrients to soil, such as water, phosphorous, and sulfur. Worms, yeast, mold, and mushrooms can also participate in the decay.

The entire process usually takes at least a few weeks and up to a few months, but can happen more quickly depending on heat and moisture content.

COMPOSTING HAS A LONG GLOBAL HISTORY

Composting is not a recent environmental trend. This process has been used across many cultures and time periods, dating back to the Roman Empire circa AD23. Modern composting practices for organic farming began to appear in Europe in the late 1920s. Today, compost piles are commonly found in private homes, at the municipal level, and in large-scale commercial farming. New technological advances seek to speed the rate of decomposition.

BENEFITS TO BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, AND ENVIRONMENT

Instead of being sent to a landfill, composted materials can be completely recycled into a wide range of uses. The nutrient-rich soil produced can nourish gardens and fertilize agriculture. This fertilizer is less detrimental than artificial fertilizers, which require huge amounts of energy to synthesize. Some communities use the product of local compost piles to fertilize community gardens.

WHERE TO FIND PROFESSIONAL COMPOSTING SERVICES

Maintaining a compost pile at home is a great way to generate fertile soil for a home garden and dispose of organic waste responsibly. However, not everyone has the space or time to properly compost at home. The free directory at FindAComposter.com lists commercial composting facilities by zip code.

GREEN WASTE IS WASTE TOO

Yard waste is any organic waste left over from garden or yard maintenance. It is sometimes referred to as "green waste" because it is biodegradable. Yard waste can include small branches, grass clippings, and fallen leaves, among other debris. In most communities, yard waste must be separated from regular household waste for pickup.

WHERE THE WASTE GOES

Yard waste accounts for nearly 15 percent of all waste in the United States, but that percentage varies widely based on the season and region. (For example, when leaves fall in the autumn in some parts of the country, yard waste can account for over 50 percent of all waste.) Yard waste requires different equipment and methods for pickup and disposal than general waste. And although this waste is biodegradable, yard waste that is dumped in landfills can have a negative impact on the environment as it decomposes. In landfills, the decomposition of yard waste—as with all organic waste—generates methane. This potent greenhouse gas is a major contributor to climate change. Its impact is significant, given that landfills now account for the third largest source of methane emissions in the United States. Yard waste that is collected separately, however, is often incorporated into municipal composting programs, where it helps produce rich soil amendment for local farmers.

LANDSCAPE NATURALLY

In addition to designated yard waste collection, you can also recycle most yard waste right at home through composting. Fallen leaves and clippings collected in a pile to decompose will result in nutrient-rich humus, also known as black gold that you can use as mulch. In addition to acting as a natural fertilizer, this mulch can protect garden beds from drying out, and it naturally deters weeds and pests, reducing the need for chemical pesticides, fertilizers, and commercial potting soil.

Designing a yard that fits your environment can help reduce yard waste and protect natural resources. This approach to landscaping is known as greenscaping and includes practices such as choosing plants that thrive in your local area, which can reduce yard maintenance and watering needs. Grasscycling, or leaving grass clippings on your lawn after mowing, will also reduce waste and can make lawns healthier.

PROPERLY DISPOSING OF YARD WASTE

Yard waste can be brought to the Recycling Center (650 Clearwater Road), or placed at the curb to be collected by Waste Management on your trash day the week of May 26, June 22, July 20, August 17, September 14, and October 26. Grass clippings are not collected with the yard waste.

There is no limit on the amount of yard waste that can be put out for collection, but the container must not exceed 32 gallons, or 50 lbs. Branches must be 3" or less in diameter, cut in 4' pieces, bundled with twine and be no heavier than 50 lbs.

PARK PRIDE DAY IS JUNE 6TH

The 2nd Annual Derry Township Park Pride Day will be held on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Shank Park, Bullfrog Valley Road. The Friends of Parks and Recreation are having another Park Pride Day because of the success of last year's event. They are inviting the public to come and help and have some fun giving back to the community and contributing to the amazing park system.

The Friends will have group leaders, tools and materials ready to go for several hands-on projects. School groups, teams and other organizations are encouraged to register to help by emailing derryparkfriends@gmail.com.

There will be refreshments and family-friendly activities. The first 50 registrants will receive a t-shirt.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Derry Township Police Department is currently in the planning phase for its annual National Night Out. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. Anyone that would like to participate by representing their business, agency, church, or club should contact Officer Rebecca Kessler at rkessler@derrytownship.org, or 534-2202.

ROUNDABOUTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON SR 322

The Derry Township Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Milton Hershey School for two roundabouts on SR 322 (Governor Road). The roundabouts will be located at Meadow Lane and Homestead Lane.

The roundabouts will calm traffic in this busy campus corridor making the intersections safer for students, employees and visitors to the campus. The improvements will include accommodations such as wide shoulders and crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.

FUTURE LAND USES ARE CONSIDERED FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Township held a joint workshop meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 23rd to discuss the draft chapter on future land uses in the Township. The Township's planning consultants Derck and Edson, Environmental Planning and Design, and Traffic Planning & Design, presented maps to those in attendance that depicted the Township's Nature of Place, identified areas suitable for mixed-use development, and provided solutions on how the development approval process can achieve the vision for future growth in the Township.

The Nature of Place diagram identified areas of the Township to be conserved, areas for local residents to recreate and live, and areas for residents and visitors to shop, eat, work, learn and play. The maps and diagrams will continue to be adjusted based on comments received from those in attendance at the meeting.

Lastly, Traffic Planning & Design discussed the steps being taken to draft the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan. Attendees were provided a map of the Township showing locations of traffic signals and traffic counts on the State owned roadway network. The discussion set the stage for the next public meeting held on the comprehensive plan update on Monday, May 11th, at 7:00 p.m., on the draft land use and transportation chapters.

Residents may contact Brandon Williams, Assistant Director of Community Development, at bwilliams@derrytownship.org, or 533-2057, option 2, for additional information on the Comprehensive Plan. The Township looks forward to seeing you in May!

SMARTER WAYS TO COMMUTE

Commuter Services of Pennsylvania can assist you with sharing a ride or choosing alternative transportation. Using a green commute method can save you thousands of dollars a year in fuel and maintenance costs and can help to reduce air pollution.

If you have ever considered carpooling, Commuter Services provides free services to get you going. Visit their website, WWW.PACOMMUTERSERVICES.ORG, or call 1-866-579-RIDE, to learn more about how to find someone to share a ride with, emergency rides home, and more information to assist you.

Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is funded with federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality dollars through PennDOT, regional planning organizations, and the Federal Highway Administration.

MOVING DAY



The HVFC has temporarily relocated the fire station to the old Trolley Barn behind the Hershey Auto Center at 503 W. Chocolate Avenue. The location of this facility allows the Company to maintain their services from the same vicinity while saving them money in rental fees. The HVFC would like to thank Ray Brace and Milt Purcell for allowing them use of their facility!

The last weekend in March, the contents and equipment were moved from the fire station to the Trolley Barn and all emergency calls are being answered from this location during the construction. Please be aware of emergency vehicles entering West Chocolate Avenue at Orchard Avenue and of volunteers coming to the station to respond to calls.

Moving the station to its temporary location was no small feat and required hard work and the assistance of many. The Company would like to express their thanks to member Patrick Rudisill for his time and effort in organizing, planning, coordinating and expediting the move, Hersheypark and Derry Township Public Works for providing use of their forklifts, Mike Gallagher for the use of his tractor and trailer for storage, Jason Dietrich for the use of his flatbed tractor and trailer to move all the equipment, and Boy Scout 203 from First United Methodist Church and The Dauphin County Veterans Honor Guard for participating in the retiring of the American Flag ceremony at the station the evening before the move.



CONSTRUCTION DAY FINALLY ARRIVES AT THE HERSHEY FIRE STATION

The Hershey Volunteer Fire Company held the official groundbreaking ceremony to begin the demolition, renovations, and construction of the station at 21 W. Caracas Avenue on Monday, April 6, at 11 a.m. The project is off to a great start and the members are anxious to see progress made on the construction.



Thank you Joe Calla and Eric Nyman, owners of the Penn Hotel and Sports Bar, for raising \$1,862 through a Super Bowl Fundraiser held in February. Pictured left to right, Deputy Fire Chief Rodney Sonderman, Joe Calla, Eric Nyman, and Patrick Leonard

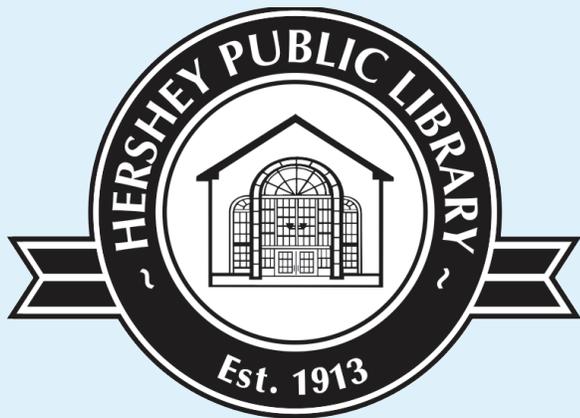


At the site of the new fire station now under construction, Hershey Volunteer Fire Department Deputy Chief Randy Sonderman (left) accepts \$5,000 contribution from Pennsylvania American Water to help support the expansion project. A new fire hydrant, which will be located in front of the station when construction is completed, will be named in Pennsylvania American Water's honor. Presenting the check are Pennsylvania American Water Field Operations Supervisor Michael Rager (center) and Field Operations Manager Joseph Woodward.

The campaign Protecting HIS dream ...and YOURS, involved sending nearly 12,000 mailings requesting support for the project. The Company received a response from 450 citizens and businesses. The targeted fundraising goal is to raise the remaining \$1.5 million to retire the debt of the project in full. The HVFC is confident the small businesses and residents of Derry Township will answer their call for assistance. Any donation is helpful and appreciated. Pledges can be extended over a five year period.

Visit WWW.HERSHEYFIRE.ORG, to make a donation.

A special thanks to all who have made donations! Look for more opportunities to support the Fire Company through local businesses at www.hersheyfire.org, and on the Fire Company's Facebook page.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS • EFFECTIVE THROUGH LABOR DAY

MONDAY-THURSDAY	9:30 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY	9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

EVERY HERO HAS A STORY

at the Hershey Public Library this summer. This year's summer reading program will, as always, include Book Buddies, Toddlertime, Wonderful Ones, Books and Babies, Chewsy Readers and other fun-filled programs for children and families.

Children are encouraged to participate in the summer reading challenge, which provides a no-pressure and fun way to continue reading over summer vacation, thereby maintaining reading skills mastered during the school year. All activities are free of charge.

• BOOK BUDDIES •

Mondays at 10:00- 10:45 a.m., June 15—July 23
Thursdays at 10:00- 10:45 a.m., June 15—July 23

During this program, older children read to younger children, taking the place of the regularly scheduled Storytimes. Readers are needed. If you have completed 5th grade and are a proficient reader who likes young children, apply by contacting the Children's Services department at 533-6555, ext. 3708, or stop by the Children's Desk at the Hershey Public Library, beginning May 1.

• TODDLERTIME •

(24-36 MONTHS AND CAREGIVER)

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., June 17 - July 22

• WONDERFUL ONES •

(12-24 MONTHS AND CAREGIVER)

Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. June 16 – July 21

• BOOKS AND BABIES •

(BIRTH-12 MONTHS AND CAREGIVER)

Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m.
June 15 – July 20

CHEWSY READERS

(7 TO 10 YEARS)

Readers will meet for brown bag lunches and book-sharing again this summer.

Mondays from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., June 15-July 20
FOR AGES 7 AND 8 (HAVING COMPLETED 1ST OR 2ND GRADE)

Thursdays from 12:00-1:00 p.m., June 18-July 23
FOR AGES 9 AND 10 (HAVING COMPLETED 3RD OR 4TH GRADE)

DERRY TOWNSHIP REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MONDAY, JUNE 1
OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MONDAY, JUNE 8

• FURRY TALES •

Struggling readers are paired with licensed therapy dogs and their handlers. A selection of suitable reading material is provided for the children to read to the dogs. Studies have shown that this is a successful means of providing practice in a relaxed and comforting atmosphere. Caregivers of struggling readers, please contact Rita Smith at 533-6555 x3707.

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 -7:30 p.m., June 17-July 22.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY FOR THESE SESSIONS. REGISTER AT WWW.HERSHEYLIBRARY.ORG. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL CHILDREN'S SERVICES AT 533-6555, EXT. 3708 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

VISIT THE LIBRARY!

ARE YOU A DAYCARE PROVIDER, HOMESCHOOLER, SCOUT LEADER, OR TEACHER?

The Children's Services staff at the library is pleased to welcome field trips to the library. We are happy to work with you in meeting your children's needs. Field trips can be scheduled as the programming schedule permits, please call 533-6555, ext. 3708, for dates. Please note that all evening field trips must be scheduled at least one month in advance.

MEET US AT THE MARKET!

The library visits the Farmer's Market! Stop by the Children's Tent at the Farmer's Market in Hershey on Thursdays June 1 and September 10, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Market is located next to the Cocoa Beanery at 1214 Research Blvd (off of Bullfrog Valley Road/US 322).

LET GO MY LEGOS!

JOIN US FOR SPECIAL LEGO EVENTS THIS SUMMER!

Budding architects and LEGO fanatics ages 6+ are welcome to join LEGO Club. LEGO Club will meet from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, June 17-July 22.

DERRY TOWNSHIP REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MONDAY, JUNE 1
OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MONDAY, JUNE 8

FAMILY PROGRAMS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE KICK-OFF

Come over right after school closes for the year! Friday, June 5, is the last day of school and the first day of summer vacation! Kick it off the right way by stopping by the library between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to register for the summer reading challenge, create your superhero persona, try out your super skills, and enjoy a photo op.

HOMETOWN HERO

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 11:00 A.M.

Milton Hershey is our own hometown hero. Our first program of the summer will be a puppet show depicting Mr. Hershey's life. After the show, stick around to meet Heather Paterno, author of *H is for Hershey*, a new picture book all about our hometown! Books will be available for purchase and signing.

SUPER HEROES OF INVENTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 11:00 A.M.

It's Join Field Palentologists Mike and Roberta Straka as they explore the world of inventions. Discover the origins of playing cards, the toothbrush, x-rays, and balloons. Find out how the first Triceratops was discovered in 1887, and see a real Triceratops skull.

BRAVURA BRASS

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 11:00 A.M.

Our good friends the Bravura Brass bring us the soundtrack to our superhero summer.

STAR WARS DAY—MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

We will be celebrating all things Star Wars. Come to make crafts, play games, and meet a few of your Rebel heroes.

MOVIES AND CRAFTS

Movies begin at 11:00 a.m. and are for all ages and especially for families!

JUNE 26 GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY (PG-13)
TAKE HOME YOUR OWN BABY GROOT.

JULY 10 THE INCREDIBLES (PG)
CREATE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO ID CARD!

JULY 24 MULAN (PG)
MAKE A CHINESE LANTERN.

Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org. Call the Children's Desk at 533-6555, ext. 3708, with any questions.

TEENS

Teens, ages 13-17, are invited to participate in their own summer reading challenge, Unmask! Unmask your inner hero by playing a bingo card and trying out our mini-challenges.

VIVE LA FRANCE! Celebrate Bastille Day a few days early by enjoying a showing of Les Miserables (PG-13), at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, June 12.

ADULT PROGRAMS

COMING SOON,
"ESCAPE THE ORDINARY" BINGO
MONDAY, JUNE 1

Sign up and receive a tote bag. Participants that complete a line on the bingo card will earn a raffle ticket to be entered in a drawing at the end of the program in August.

The program, prizes and tote bags are provided by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library.

NEED A RECOMMENDATION FOR A GOOD BOOK? MONDAY, MAY 18

Let the library staff lead you in the right direction. Staff Pick Brochures will be available at the Library on Monday, May 18. Stop by for a brochure to prepare your summer reading list.

CHOCOLATE *Crossroads*

Milton Hershey returned to Derry Township in 1903 to build his chocolate factory and model town. At that time Derry Township was still very rural, populated by dairy farms and small crossroads communities like Hockersville, Vian, and Derry Church. One room schoolhouses offered a limited education to local children. The Derry Township School District operated 14 one-room schools, including the Greiner School, located at the southeast corner of Chocolate and Cocoa Avenue. As one student remembered:

"We didn't graduate from public school in those days. There were no diplomas, no honors. We just went to school." (Maluen Jones; 97004, B1 F133)

From the start, providing good schools was one of Milton Hershey's primary concerns. In May 1904, with Milton Hershey's encouragement, the Derry Township School Board voted to establish a high school. Milton Hershey supported the School District's vision by donating land and five hundred dollars. The Greiner School was torn down, and the McKinley School, a new two-story building, was completed a year later. The McKinley School replaced four of the Township's one-room schools and it enabled the School District to establish a public high school. The student population steadily increased and the McKinley School was enlarged in 1910. That addition soon proved inadequate and in 1914 the M.S. Hershey Consolidated School was built to better meet the needs of Hershey's students.

The McKinley School was quickly repurposed as a community center. It housed a multi-purpose auditorium that was used for showing movies, live theater, vaudeville, public rallies, community worship services, concerts and lectures. The building also housed the Employment and Information Bureau and Hershey's public library. The second floor provided meeting space for a variety of community groups.

In November 1915, the Hershey Press published an article announcing plans to build a new community building that would contain a full range of cultural and recreational facilities on the southeast corner of Chocolate and Cocoa Avenues. Unfortunately, World War I and subsequent financial challenges for Hershey Chocolate Company delayed its construction. Finally, groundbreaking took place in November 1928. The building was constructed using the original 1915 plans. It was completed in September 1932 and officially dedicated in September 1933 as part of the Town's 30th anniversary celebration.

The Community Building was the hub of community life. Covering nearly six acres of floor space, the building housed a gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, bowling alley, game room, driving range, a 600 seat Little Theater, meeting rooms, boarding rooms for men, an expansive reception hall, dining room, and a cafeteria. The Hershey's Men's Club used the building as its headquarters and benefited from all the recreational facilities. The 1,904 seat Community Theatre was also part of the complex. Important community services, such as the Hershey Public Library, the Hershey Hospital (1932-1941), and the Hershey Junior College (1938-1965) all operated out of the Community Building.

The building played an important role in the start of a number of organizations. In 1964 WITF educational television got its start in the basement of the Community Building and broadcast from Hershey until 1982 when operations were moved to a new facility in Harrisburg.

By the 1970s, it was clear that Hershey Estates could no longer afford to operate

the Community Building. During Milton Hershey's lifetime the building had operated at a loss. It was more important to Mr. Hershey that his workers and his community enjoy all the services offered by the Community Building than whether or not it made a profit. After his death, Hershey Estates could not responsibly continue to lose money managing the facility. During the 1960s much of the Community Building's cultural and educational programming was transferred to The M.S. Hershey Foundation. In 1981 the Hershey Public Library moved to the newly renovated old M.S. Hershey Consolidated School building. In 1982, the building was sold to Hershey Foods Corporation for use as a corporate administrative center. Today it is still owned and used by The Hershey Company.



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Community EVENTS



FARMERS MARKET IN HERSHEY

THE FARMERS MARKET IN HERSHEY IS ABOUT MORE THAN THE FOOD!

Each Thursday, the market is held in the research park next the Cocoa Beanery off Bullfrog Valley Road, from May 14 through October 29, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Yes, the food is fresh and delicious, but it's also providing residents with more options for healthy and nutritious meals. Supported by the Milton S. Hershey Penn State Medical Center, the market is focused on wellness, providing public education, prevention, health

screenings, cooking classes, and let's not forget about the summer concert series held each week from 6 to 8 p.m.

Visit WWW.FARMERSMARKETINHERSHEY.COM for a listing of weekly performers.

Weekly activities such as a bounce house, face painting, kids' concerts, and educational programs are also on the site on the calendar.



Downtown Hershey Fine Arts & Crafts
Saturday, May 16 - 10 a - 5 p

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