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# SUSAN CORT TAKES ON NEW ROLE in Derry Township

Susan Cort's service and leadership has been an asset to many community and cultural organizations in Hershey for more than two decades. She continues to devote her time and energy to our community by now serving as a Derry Township Supervisor.

Susan is a 28-year resident of Derry Township and is highly involved and well respected. She is a founding board member of the Downtown Hershey Association, an organization formed to foster a vibrant downtown. As the 2015 chairperson, Susan, the board, and the Township's new economic development manager Lauren Zumbrun, worked to make downtown Hershey a gathering place for entertainment, shopping, and dining.

She helped lead the association's many events, including the farmers market, music series, holiday celebration, Art on Chocolate and Choctoberfest.

"I see serving as a supervisor as a natural extension of the work I have done over the years as a dedicated community leader. I want to serve my community in an even more meaningful way and am honored to be able to represent the residents as a Township Supervisor," she said.

In her new role as supervisor, Susan serves as a representative on the Tax Collection Association, Design Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Police Pension Advisory Board, and as an alternate member of the Capital Region Council of Governments. Previously, Susan was selected to serve for two years on the Derry Township Vacancy Board, where she prepared to step in as supervisor if needed.

As a Supervisor, she feels a responsibility to work to maintain the excellent quality of life that we enjoy in Derry Township. She stresses the importance of balancing growth that increases the tax base with well-planned, intelligent development that serves our community and is aligned with supporting infrastructure improvements.

Susan is a founding board member and long-time chairperson for the Hershey Area Playhouse, served as a board member and vice-president of the Hershey Symphony Orchestra, was a board member for the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society, and is member of the Hershey Rotary Club, where she was president in 2014. In addition, she was a longtime communications lead for the annual New Year's Eve in Hershey event and has been an Apollo Awards judge, which honors outstanding student achievement in the performing arts, since its inception. She also performs with the Playhouse and the Hershey Symphony Big Band.

A former TV anchor/reporter, Susan is the Director of Communications for JPL, an integrated marketing and communications agency in Harrisburg. Her experience and expertise will help to greatly enhance the communications efforts of the Township.

Susan has a real love for Derry Township. "I am happy to have raised my daughters, Meredith and Mallory, in such a wonderful community. We are truly blessed to live in a place that has a little bit of everything at our fingertips." "It's a privilege to help preserve and guide the future of our township as a supervisor."





# 2015 Focused on Future Needs of the Township

Throughout the past year, the Supervisors were actively involved in a number of projects that will guide the future development of the Township and provide infrastructure, amenities, and programs that will enhance aspects of the quality of life in Derry Township.

Consultants Derck & Edson and Environmental Planning and Design were retained for their expertise in planning and zoning to guide the Township through the revision of the Comprehensive Plan. The draft Plan, Sweet and Sustainable: Derry Township, defines a strategic approach to guide the direction for the community's future growth. The Plan will support Derry Township's sense of place and the planning philosophy of Milton S. Hershey, with a focus on green space, design quality, housing equity, land use designations, redevelopment, traffic, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. The Plan was recently adopted and the Zoning Ordinance will be revised to implement the goals and objectives of the Plan.

A critical step towards the revitalization of downtown Hershey was made last year with the creation of an Economic Development Manager position. Lauren Zumbrun took on this position in May and began working with the Downtown Hershey Association on downtown activities and events, applying for a Main Street designation in the Commonwealth's Keystone Communities program, seeking grant funding, and attracting new businesses. New life has been brought back to the heart of Hershey with special events, markets, and concerts. The Township is awaiting notice on the status of funding for the engineering design of streetscape enhancements that include landscaping, patterned crosswalks and sidewalks, lighting, and benches and bike racks along Chocolate Avenue and the downtown area.

Last year, engineering and pre-construction activities for the Park Boulevard Bridge replacement were completed making way for the project to begin in 2016. In addition to improving the infrastructure, the curves will be eliminated making the roadway safer.

The Township's engineer, Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic worked closely with the Supervisors on the design, and obtaining permits and easements for a connection to the Jonathan Eshenour Memorial Trail in the area of Middletown Road. The proposed link is on Middletown Road near Madison Heights and will cross Middletown Road at Gramercy Place, connecting to Grove Street. Required easements are still being pursued.

Enhancements at the Walton Avenue corridor were also designed by Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic for improved traffic flow and pedestrian and cyclist features in this busy area. This federally funded project will include restriping the eastbound approach to create two left turn lanes and a through lane on Walton Avenue, traffic signal enhancements, pedestrian signals, and sidewalks.

The facility needs for the Hershey Volunteer Fire Department will be provided for adequately into the future following the \$6.8 renovation at the 21 W. Caracas Avenue station. The Township was instrumental in obtaining the land necessary

for the expansion, securing a loan that will be paid through the Department's fundraising efforts, and guaranteeing the bonds. The station will be ready for operation at the end of the month.

During the last quarter of 2015, the Supervisors began discussions on the transfer of the maintenance of the stormwater system to the Derry Township Municipal Authority and the creation of a Stormwater Advisory Council. The necessary ordinance was adopted to transfer the control and maintenance of 310,000 l.f. of pipe and 3,200 inlets in the system to the Authority. The Authority, created in 1971 to oversee and maintain the sewer system will be better aligned with the responsibilities needed for the maintenance of the stormwater system and to meet the requirements of state mandates. This process will continue in 2016 with the development of a Stormwater Advisory Council. Visit DTMA's website www.DTMA.com for more information.

The stormwater improvement project on Java Avenue and Locust Avenue will begin in the spring.

The future needs for a recreation center were evaluated last year and feedback from residents and organizations on what features are wanted in a new facility was received at two community meetings. A consultant was hired to assist the Department of Parks and Recreation with formulating a plan for a new facility at its current location on Cocoa Avenue. More information will be provided in the coming months.

A newly designed website that provided easier access to information, and optimized mobile use, and the Recyclebank rewards program was announced to residents last year. Over a third of homeowners have signed up and are redeeming points that they've earned on Recyclebank's website, www.recyclebank.com, for prizes and discounts. Efforts will continue in 2016 to raise awareness of the benefits of recycling and to increase the participation in the Recyclebank program.

Another area of focus in 2015 was property maintenance. At the end of the year, the Supervisors heard a presentation from Community Champions on a vacant foreclosed properties management program. The program, at no cost to the Township, will track vacant foreclosed properties and communicate with the owners (mostly banks) to report maintenance and code violations to bring them to compliance. The Department of Community Development has devised a more aggressive property maintenance program to include educational outreach, improved complaint procedures, GIS mapping of the violations, community-based neighborhood support efforts, grant funding, incentive programs, clean-up days, and partnerships. As part of the increased effort to keep properties in compliance in Hershey, residents will be seeing more information on property maintenance regulations.

Throughout 2016 much of the efforts of the Supervisors will be seen in the completion of projects that will affect the daily lives of residents now and well into the future.

# Supervisor Moyer Serves Second Term



# Supervisors Reorganize

The 2016 Board of Supervisors reorganization meeting was held on January 4, 2016. Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas Judge John Cherry administered the oath of office to Marc Moyer, serving his second term as supervisor, and to newly elected supervisor Susan Cort. Marc Moyer will serve as the chairman of the board.

The following appointments were made to Township advisory boards:

Christine Taylor Brann was appointed to a one-year term on the Vacancy Board.

Joyce St. John was reappointed to a two-year term on the Planning Commission.

Don Santostefano was appointed to a four-year term on the Planning Commission.

Mark Brace was appointed to a two-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Stephen Moniak was appointed to a five-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Lou Verdelli was appointed to a one-year term on the Police Pension Advisory Board.

Leigh-Anne Dornberger and Glennys Button were reappointed to three-year terms on the Board of Library Directors.

Richard Polignone was reappointed to a three-year term on the Tax Collection Association.

Sarah Simmons was appointed to a two-year term on the General Authority.

Brian Shiflett was appointed to a two-year term on the Industrial Commercial Development Authority.

Charles Duncan was appointed to a three-year term on the Municipal Authority.

The Board of Supervisors were appointed to the following positions:

Marc Moyer will serve a one-year term on the Library Endowment Trust.

John Foley will serve one-year term as the Emergency Services Liaison, Transportation Liaison, and on Tri-County Regional Planning.

Justin Engle will serve a one-year term as the Transportation Liaison.

Susan Cort will serve a oneyear term on the Police Pension Advisory Board, a two-year term on the Tax Collection Association Board of Directors, a five-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and a five-year term on the Design Advisory Board.

Matt Weir will serve a oneyear term on the Police Pension Advisory Board, a four-year term on the General Authority, and a five-year term on the Municipal Authority.

Tom Clark, Director of Public Works, will serve a one-year term on the Capital Region Council of Government and Susan Cort will serve as an alternate member.

A complete listing of all of the positions that the board members hold can be found under Board Bios on the website.



# Supervisors Pass a Balanced 2016 Budget

The 2016 Budget represents a conservative spending plan requiring no tax increase. The General fund budget decreased 0.54% to \$17,481,145. This budget accounts for the day-to-day operation of the Township's six departments, the Board of Supervisors, the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company, the Tax Collection Association, Non-Departmental Accounts, and Fund Transfers.

The following is the breakdown for General Fund expenditures:

Police Department	\$6,679,859	38%
Fund Transfers	\$2,394,569	14%
Public Works	\$2,442,372	14%
Parks and Recreation	\$1,690,524	10%
Library	\$1,186,664	7%
Administration	\$992,448	5%
Finance	\$264,742	1%
Hershey Vol. Fire	\$486,900	3%
Tax Collection Assoc.	\$194,098	1%
Non-Departmental	\$294,000	2%
Board of Supervisors	\$121,440	1%

The Capital Projects budget totals \$2,964,200 and provides funding to lease three vehicles, purchase new radios, and upgrade the computers in the Police Department, consulting fees for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, and portable vehicle lifts and an in-ground lift, leasing of mowers, a dump truck, and a backhoe for the Department of Public Works.

Funding is included for new playground equipment for Cocoa Castle, software upgrades at Parks and Recreation, and equipment maintenance at the Library. The Capital Project revenue is estimated at \$2,651,550.

Other notable aspects of the budget include:

- Workers' Compensation Insurance does not reflect a premium increase, only allowing for contractual salary increase.
- Property and Liability insurance does not have a rate increase, but only reflects the addition of new equipment and vehicles and the increased value for property recommended by the builder's cost index
- The Department of Community Development will hire a part-time secretary to support the growing administrative needs of the department.
- The Township's debt service increased 11% to \$1,943,836.

The revenue is estimated to be \$17,481,272. 28% of the Township's revenue is generated through the Earned Income Tax, which is 1% of earnings, and 13% is generated through property taxes. Increases to the budget are not granted without much consideration and scrutiny. The Township tries to maintain the highest level of services within a controlled allotment of spending and hopes that the value of the quality of services and amenities exceeds the monetary amount of the taxes paid.

The General Fund balance is estimated to be \$2,156,276 at the end of 2016.

The 2016 Budget can be reviewed in its entirety here. Please call the Township at 717-533-2057, option 5, if you have any questions on its content.

# Ballard Recognized for Service



It was a full house at the December 15th Board of Supervisors meeting as family, friends, and supporters of Supervisor Sandy Ballard attended the last meeting of her term to acknowledge and thank her for her service over the past six years.

From the start, Sandy was passionate about walkability; creating a community with sidewalks connecting neighborhoods, parks, and places of business, where pedestrians can safely use crosswalks. She is an advocate for walking, biking, and public transit, initiating a Safe Routes to School study, working with the School District to implement improvements and participating in the annual Walk and Bike to School Day. Improvements to the Walton Avenue corridor will begin in 2016 as the result of a study that she was able to obtain for pedestrian improvements.

Shortly after taking office in 2010, she created a committee to undertake an update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan. As a proponent of Smart Growth principles, she led the development of a vision and mission statement for the plan, facilitating a community survey and public information gathering sessions seeking input on the future needs of Derry Township. Her initiative led to the hiring of a consultant to guide the Township through the revision of the plan, which was adopted in January.

She was successful in receiving the TreeVitalize grant through the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council for five years, beautifying Derry Township with the addition of around 300 trees. Her efforts provided residents with trees, planted in the area between the street and the sidewalk, for only \$40.

As an advocate for recycling, Sandy encouraged residents to create less trash and requested that Waste Management offer residents a Pay as You Throw program where residents can buy bags as they need them, reducing the cost for their quarterly trash service.

During her term, Sandy served as a communicator, active listener, and responsive representative, always conscious of expenditures and methods to reduce expenses.

She was presented with a Community Service Award acknowledging her many contributions to the Township of Derry.

# Chief of Police Patrick O'Rourke Retires to Accept Position with The Hershey Company



Pictures from left to right – Representative John Payne, Township Manager James Negley, District Attorney Ed Marsico, Acting Chief of Police Garth Warner, Patrick O'Rourke, Swatara Township Chief of Police Jason Umberger, Chief Dauphin County Detective John Goshert, and Supervisors John Foley.

Derry Township Chief of Police Patrick O'Rourke ended a 33 year career with the police department on January 3rd. O'Rourke, who has served as the Chief of Police since February 2011, will leave Derry Township to accept a position as a security manager for global security with The Hershey Company.

His career in law enforcement began in 1983 as a patrol officer where he served as a K-9 officer for six years. He and his partner Norbo assisted with investigations conducted by the Federal D.E.A., F.B.I., U.S. Customs, Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and numerous Drug Taskforces. He became a detective in 1993 and worked

undercover for the Dauphin County Drug Taskforce and the Dauphin County Crisis Response Team as a hostage negotiator. Seven years later, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant overseeing the traffic and patrol division, and later the criminal investigation section.

His dedication, knowledge, experience and leadership skills resulted in a promotion to Lieutenant in 2005, and ultimately managing the force as the Chief of Police in 2011.

O'Rourke said, "I remain forever indebted to the Township of Derry, the residents and business owners who provided me with the never ending opportunity to learn, serve and to provide the leadership necessary to deliver the best police services possible to our community and beyond. I remain steadfast in my support and will always back the fine men and women of one of the best law enforcement organizations on the east coast."

"Chief O'Rourke has been a tremendous leader for Derry Township's Police Department. I am saddened to see him retire but happy he is able to take on new professional challenges. It has been my pleasure to work alongside Pat during the various emergencies we've faced in our community over the years," said former Chairman of the Board John Foley.

Chief O'Rourke has had notable achievements during his career with the Derry Township Police Department:

- Instituting a total reorganization of the department
- Adopting a Community Policing Philosophy placing officers into the community on foot and bike patrols

- Establishing the Motorcycle Unit
- Providing leadership training throughout the ranks
- Facilitating technology upgrades with the replacement of an obsolete Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records
- Implementing a Management System (RMS) by procuring Gaming Funding
- Providing total connectivity with Dauphin County Emergency
   Management Agency
- Initiated the use of the TRACS system, enabling officers to print traffic citations in the patrol units, saving time, money and man-hours
- Overseeing the recovery of the community and the police department following the flood of Tropical Storm Lee
- Maintaining both international and state accreditation with CALEA and PLEAC

He was a motivated, determined, forward thinking member of law enforcement. In addition to his management responsibilities, he learned to play the bagpipes and created an honor guard for the police department. He later developed the Cops for K.O.P.S. (Keep Our Pipers Silent) hockey charity event benefitting the children of fallen officers.

His professional activities included the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police

Association, Dauphin County Chiefs of Police Association, an Executive Board member of the Central Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Derry Township Police Department Honor Guard, and the South Central Counter Terrorism Taskforce.

Township Manager and former Derry Township Police Chief James Negley said, "I have worked with Chief O'Rourke since the start of his career and am pleased that he has the opportunity to pursue his new career interests, although we will be losing an outstanding leader and I will miss working with him. We are grateful for his loyal and dedicated service."

A retirement luncheon was held on January 13, where he was presented with awards and citations from Derry Township Supervisor John Foley, Sergeant and President of the Derry Township Police Association Greg Day, Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries, Representative John Payne, District Attorney Ed Marsico, Chief County Detective John Goshert, and Swatara Township Chief of Police Jason Umberger.

The Township is sorry to see him go, but is grateful for his fearless police services, team approach, innovative ideas, community policing, and philanthropic spirit. We wish him continued success with The Hershey Company.

Lieutenant Garth Warner, a 27-year veteran of the department was appointed Acting Chief of Police of the 40 officer department by the Board of Supervisors, while a succession plan is formulated.

# O'Rourke Receives A Final Reward



On Tuesday, January 19th, retired Chief of Police Patrick O'Rourke was presented with the Lion's Club Officer of the Year award.

Acting Chief Garth Warner presented him with the award at the annual awards dinner. He said,

"Chief O'Rourke has faithfully served the community of Derry Township and the men and women of the Derry Township Police Department for 33 years before his retirement on January 3rd v of this year. Chief O'Rourke grew up in a police officer's household, his dad having been a Trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police for many years. I'm sure the stories he heard and the way his father loved police work made an impact on Chief O'Rourke in his formative years."

"Probably the best way to describe Chief O'Rourke and his love for police work is to say Pat is a 'cop's cop.' I don't think there is anyone out there, who works in this profession, and is familiar with Pat, that would tell you anything other than Pat loves police work. While Pat may have retired from the Derry Township Police Department,

I don't think his mind will ever retire from 'the job.'

I would like to read one of the nominations Chief O'Rourke received this year. It is from one of our officers and indicates the reputation and impact Chief O'Rourke made on his officers."

"For his loyal and dedicated service to the residents of Derry Township and all of the employees under his command. Chief has never wavered in his support, fairness, and leadership of the officers, which he has led for the past 5 years. His dedication to his profession goes further back than just his time as Chief of Police. He has always put forth 110% effort, as a Patrolman, Detective, K-9 Handler, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Chief, to make and keep this agency running smoothly and efficiently."

"Chief O'Rourke has made an impact on the officers of the Derry Township Police Department, but has also shown his commitment and compassion for all law enforcement officers by starting and maintaining the COPS for K.O.P.S benefit hockey game and fundraiser. The proceeds from this yearly event provide much needed assistance to families of fallen officers. It is a legacy he hopes will continue to show those families that the rest of us have not forgotten the sacrifice their loved ones made. It also shows how deeply Chief O'Rourke cares about the profession of law enforcement."

Are You Earning Rewards for Your Recycling Efforts?

Recyclebank®

Check out www.recyclebank.com and sign up to earn points through online learning and your curbside recycling efforts. Points can be redeemed for discounts, products, and services from local and national businesses. If you are not interested in redeeming your points for discounts and products, you can donate them to the Derry Township School District for their native plant program that is a finalist in the Green Schools Program.

Points accumulate quickly. Check out the great reward options on the Recyclebank website.

The ultimate goal of the program is to reduce the amount of materials going to the incinerator to reduce the quarterly trash collection fee.

# Hershey High School Needs Your Recyclebank Point Donation to Win Funding through the Green Schools Program

The Hershey High School Environmental Club, Garden Club, and Student Council, are working together to increase the number of native plants on the Derry Township School District campus and are promoting the use of native plants in home gardens.

Their project was selected as a finalist in the Recyclebank Green Schools Program. Recyclebank, introduced to residents a year ago, rewards residents with points for their recycling efforts. Points can be redeemed for discounts and products, and now, they can be donated for the benefit of education in Hershey.

Points are automatically earned monthly just for recycling curbside and for participating in educational recycling activities on their website. If you haven't signed up yet, click here . If you are already a member, click here and make a donation to Hershey High School. The more points that are donated, the more grant funds they will receive to support their project.

The students' project includes a planting event, plant education, and community outreach.

#### **Planting Event**

Several locations on campus will be designated for native plants. Native trees, shrubs, flowering plants and grasses will be planted by elementary, middle, and high school students.



#### **Plant Education**

Students will place tags identifying the native trees and plants and will create a "Native Plant Campus Tour" brochure with an overview of the project and a map for a tour of the native plants.

## **Community Outreach**

Students will work with local conservancy and environmental groups and local nurseries to learn about native plants, how to select appropriate species of native plants, and to explore opportunities to promote the project throughout the community.

Visit www.recyclebank today! You can learn about recycling, earn more points, and donate the points to help Derry Township students learn about the benefits of native plants! Support their environmental, educational project! Points will be accepted until March 15th and awards will be announced on April 15th.



The Downtown Hershev Association would like thank manv volunteers sponsors for making "Life on Chocolate" an incredible place to be. Here's a look back at 2015 as the organization makes plans for ongoing revitalization in coming year. Check out www.DowntownHershey.com for more information, or to get involved! Downtown Hershey Association Year in Review

# 2016 Board of Supervisors Meetings

The following are the meeting dates for the Board of Supervisors. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at 7:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building, 600 Clearwater Road. The public is invited to attend and there is a time scheduled for public comments at the beginning and at the end of the meeting.

February 23 • March 8 • March 22 • April 12 • April 25 • May 10 • May 24 • June 14 • June 28 • July 12 • July 26 • August 9 • August 23 • September 13 • September 27 • October 11 • October 25 • November 7 • November 22 • December 6 • December 20

(Note: The December meetings are moved up a week.)

# Shred It Event

#### Saturday, April 2nd from 8 to 10:45 a.m.

Are you storing documents that you no longer need, but contain personal information? Safely dispose of these items at the Township's spring Shred It Event at the Public Works Facility, 650 Clearwater Road. This event is for residents only and is limited to two bags/boxes.



Downtown Hershey Association
Announces Date for Art on Chocolate
Saturday, May 14th

Visit www.ArtonChocolate.com and www.DowntownHershey.com

# The Informed Citizen



The Derry Township Department of Community Development is launching a series of informative articles for both the weekly eNews blast and the quarterly newsletter. These articles are meant to provide interesting facts about our community and touch on different parts of our regulations to help keep our citizens informed about our Township and aware of the Township's regulations. If the information sparks any questions, please feel free to contact Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development, at chuckemerick@derrytownship. org, or 533-2057, option 2.

First, some basic information about Derry Township. The Township of Derry was incorporated on August 1, 1729. It presently contains 17,000 acres of land, or 26.56 square miles, although it was larger in 1729. By comparison, the state of Rhode Island contains 1,545 square miles, the District of Columbia has 68 square miles and South Hanover Township has 11.4 square miles. According to the 2010 Census Data, our population is 24,679. Again by comparison, Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, contains

28.2 square miles and has a population of 47,360, and Swatara Township, Dauphin County, contains 15.5 square miles and has a population of 23,362.

The Department of Community Development is responsible for addressing the majority of complaints regarding the maintenance of properties in Derry Township. The enforcement responsibilities include administration of 9 chapters of our regulations, which are Brush, Grass and Weeds, the Uniform Construction Code, Property Maintenance, Property Maintenance Sewers (onlot septic), Stormwater Management, Streets and Sidewalks, Subdivision and Land Development, Storage of Vehicles, and Zoning of the Code of the Township of Derry.

Derry Township did not require zoning permits until April, 2011. As a result of this change, some improvements that did not require a permit, like sheds and fences, now required a permit. If you are planning a project around your home, please be sure to check to see if a permit is required.

# **Road Improvements are Set for Spring**

The Public Works Department is scheduling a number of street renovation projects this season. A bid has been awarded for Cold-In-Place recycling of approximately 34,000 square yards of roadway in the Township.

The affected streets are ones where infrastructure improvements were made last summer. The Cold-In-Place recycling process involves milling the existing street, injecting liquid asphalt emulsion into the aggregate, and installing it as a base course for the final surface with a paving machine. All ADA ramps have been upgraded in preparation for these projects on the following roads:

- Linden Road from Elm Avenue to Valley Road
- Granada and Caracas Avenue from Homestead Road to Para Avenue
- Para Avenue from Chocolate Avenue to Areba Avenue
- Areba Avenue from Mill Street to Linden Avenue

The Cold-In-Place Recycling is scheduled to be completed by late June. There will be a substantial cost savings on the project with the final wearing course being installed by the Township's work crews, and as the result of cost sharing with the utilities that upgraded their facilities that service the community in these area. During construction, access to roads may be interrupted during the day at times; however, all roads will be open at the end of the day's work.

A new pavement preservation process is planned for Fiddlers Elbow Road. The process, referred to as "Fiber Mat," involves applying aggregate, asphalt emulsion and fiberglass to the road surface. This process is intended to be a cost effective treatment to extend the life of an existing pavement as opposed to the cost of reconstruction and repaving.

# Street Safety

The Department of Public Works would like to remind residents of the dangers of basketball hoops overhanging the streets and sidewalks. The hoops pose a problem with the safe navigation of not only the street sweeper, but also school buses and fire and emergency apparatus.

Residents are asked to make sure the hoops placed behind the sidewalk. Residents also reminded that the Township's Tree Ordinance specifies that street trees must be trimmed to a height of 10-12 feet over the cartway to allow for the safe passage of buses, emergency equipment, street sweepers, and leaf collection equipment.

# **Fourth K-9 Team Takes to the Streets**



The newest Derry Township K9 team is Officer Michael McCormick and K9 Jack, who started working as a team on patrol on November 13, 2015, when the team successfully graduated from K9 training at Castle's K9 Academy in Mechanicsburg. The team is certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association as a Patrol/Narcotics K9 team.

Jack is a Belgian Malinois/German Shepherd breed from Hungary and is 1 ½ years old. Officer McCormick has been with the Department since January 2012, after serving as a police officer with the Harrisburg City Police Department.

On one of their first deployments, K9 Jack alerted to a vehicle during a traffic stop. A subsequent search revealed drugs, paraphernalia and packaging materials associated with illegal drugs. With the addition of Team McCormick/K9 Jack, the Department is back up to its full complement of K9 Teams. The purchase of these dogs is made possible through the fundraising done by the non-profit group, Friends of Derry Township Police K9 Foundation.

# Thank You for Your Service

The volunteers that serve on Township advisory boards provide a very important service to the community. We would like to thank the following residents for their service, expertise, and input:

Catherine Wagner..... Zoning Hearing Board

Mark Brace ......General Authority

Domenick Argento ... Industrial Commercial Development Authority

Chris Abruzzo.....Industrial Commercial Development Authority

Anne Hart ...... Municipal Authority

Jenny Hammer ...... Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Gregg Mangione ...... Planning Commission

# **Employees Recognized for Dedicated Service**

The Township would like to acknowledge the following employees for reaching a milestone anniversary with the Township of Derry. We are very happy when we can retain our employees and we value the experience and knowledge that longevity provides in the workplace and to the services that are provided to our residents.

### 5 Years of Service

Heather Mahraj..... Library, 9/21/10

## 10 Years of Service

Robert Bennet ...... Police Department, 7/5/05

Krista Hughes..... Library, 7/11/05

David Rode ...... Police Department, 11/18/05

#### 15 Years of Service

Jason Rode...... Police Department, 10/11/00

Paula Fastrich.....Parks and Recreation, Child Care, 12/11/00

Keystone Collections Reminds You -

**Local Tax Returns Must Be** Filed By April 18th



It's that time of year again. The 2015 local earned income any other income documents that may apply (such as a tax return filing deadline is approaching. The due date is extended to Monday, April 18th this year because Washington, DC, is commemorating Emancipation Day on Friday, April 15th.

Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can e-file on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

Keystone Collections Group's e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2015 tax return. It lets you file your tax return when it is most convenient for you. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number and

PA-UE or a Schedule C).

Keystone redesigned e-file to make it even faster and more user-friendly.

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, visit Keystone's Frequently Asked Questions, or call Keystone's Taxpayer Helpline at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions to Taxpayer Support. Taxpayer Service Agents try to respond to all online inquiries within three business days.

Taxpayers with earned income in 2015 are required to file a Final Tax Return by Monday, April 18th.

# New Committee Formed to Discuss Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors has appointed an advisory committee to work with the Township's Planning Consultants, Derck & Edson and Environmental Planning and Design, to begin the process of revising the Township's current Zoning Ordinance. While various amendments have been considered since the adoption of the present Zoning Ordinance in 1993, a comprehensive revision has been deemed necessary to implement the goals and objectives of the Township's Comprehensive Plan, which is in the final stages prior to adoption.

The committee includes individuals that are at the helm of development decisions and recommendations in the Township, including two Supervisors, two Planning Commission members, two Zoning Hearing Board members, one Design Advisory Board member, and three Township staff members. The Zoning Ordinance modifications will be based on the Comprehensive Plan findings and public comments received during its development and will likely include updated classifications of zoning districts: changes and additions to permitted uses, and lot requirements, improved landscaping and tree preservation requirements, and updates to the permitted signage and minimum offstreet parking requirements, to name a few items.

Once the first draft is completed, there will be ample opportunity for public review and comment. Any questions on the update process may be directed to the Assistant Director of Community Development, Brandon Williams, at 533-2057, option 2.



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.

# **Wood Waste Notice**

Residents are reminded that the wood waste pile at the Recycling Center is for woody materials only. Items such as trash bags, flower pots, plant stakes and plastic planting materials will become part of the mulch pile after the woody materials have been put through the tub grinder. These materials are an unsightly addition to the mulch pile as well as a hazard to the grinding equipment and the operator.

# **Equipment Replaced at the Recycling Center**

The 25-year old tub grinder at the Recycling Center will be replaced this year. The grinder is used to process the yard waste that is brought to the Center. A grant application was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Municipal Recycling Program for \$267,050 to cover the cost of the industrial tub grinder.

In order to be eligible to apply for the grant funding, municipalities must require that recyclable materials be collected separately at special events when the attendance is expected to be 200 or more.

# RECYCLE HOTLINE

**533-8665** Provides Information on Trash and Recycling in Derry Township

If you have questions on the recycling and trash collection services in Derry Township, call the Recycle Line at 533-8665. The Recycling Center operating hours, a list of materials that are accepted at the Center, and information on curbside pick-up are provided.

## 2016 Yard Waste Collection Schedule

Yard work is a couple months away, but it's not too early to mark the yard waste collection weeks on your calendar. Collection will begin in April on your regular trash collection day on the following weeks and will run through October.

April 25th May 23rd June 27th July 25th August 22nd September 26th October 24th

Yard Waste is to be placed in a container that does not exceed 32 gallons, or in a "Kraft" bag that does not exceed 50 pounds. Branches and tree limbs must be 3" or less in diameter and must be cut to 4' in length, bundled and secured by twine, and must not be heavier than 50 lbs. There is no limit on the amount of yard waste that can be put out to be collected. "Kraft" bags can be purchased in a five-bag pack for \$4 plus tax, at the Recycling Center.

**Please Remember** – Lawn clippings are not collected under the Yard Waste program and can be placed with the trash.



#### **Recycling Center Schedule** \_

(Effective March 14 through November 5, 2016)

Monday4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.Wednesday4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.Friday8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.Saturday8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Recycling Center will be closed on Good Friday, March 25, 2016.

These are the only times items may be dropped off at the center and that mulch and compost may be picked up.

# **Hershey Volunteer Fire Company Activity Report**

#### **Station Update**



Reflecting back almost a year ago, the fire department was preparing to relocate to the rear of 515 W. Chocolate Avenue for what would be one of the most historical moments for the fire department, the expansion and renovation of the existing fire station located at 21 W. Caracas Avenue.

Today, we are excited to announce that the \$6.8 million project is near completion and the fire department will be returning to 21 W. Caracas Avenue on February 28th to begin fire responses and general operations from the newly renovated facility. This is without a doubt one of our proudest moments in the department's history, and we thank everyone for their efforts and support throughout this past year to make our new home possible.

#### **Education and Training**



Over the past several months, 60 Hershey Volunteer Firefighters participated in and were certified in several Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Training programs offered at our station. They included, Basic Ropes and Rigging, where firefighters learn how to tie knots and prepare victims to be moved over uneventerrain or steep inclines, and Rope-1, where the firefighters learn the art of repelling and the technique of on-rope rescues. The training for the year concluded with the Pennsylvania State DOH Vehicle Rescue Technician class. The 48-hour class was comprised of both lecture and practical sessions on automobile extrication.

### **Awards and Recognition**



Every year, the membership of the HVFC selects a member who best exemplifies what volunteering in the fire service is all about. This award not only recognizes the commitment to "calls for assistance," but their commitment to training and the many hours of public service, non-emergency details and activities. The Hershey Fire Department is proud to announce that this year's recipient of the Richard B. Rudisill Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award is Gordon Peters.

Gordon joined the HVFC in August of 2014, holds a Firefighter-1 certification, and makes a valuable contribution to the Hershey Volunteer Fire Department. Congratulations Gordon!

### **Year End Summary**

The Hershey Volunteer Fire Department was alerted by Dauphin County dispatch 840 times. On average, this equates to 2.52 fires a week (up from 2.02 in 2014), or 2.20 calls per day, or 15.42 calls per week (up from 14.72 in 2014). The breakdown of those 840 responses are: 731 full crew responses, 61 duty officer only responses, and 10 fire police only responses.

The fire department would like to thank everyone involved in helping us with our success. We continue our fundraising efforts though the sale of engraved brick pavers (information is available at www. hersheyfire.org) that will become part of our memorial patio and walkway. We are looking forward to our first public open house to be held in May and will provide more information on the event on our website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts.

As springtime emerges, it is a good time to check your house numbering to make sure they are visible from the street. Damaged or broken numbers should be repaired to assist emergency personnel in locating you quickly if the need were to arise. As always, check your smoke detectors on every floor to make sure that they are operating and that they have working batteries.

# 2016 Township News Distribution Schedule

Summer Issue: May 11 Fall Issue: August 10

Winter Issue: November 16

If you cannot receive the newsletter electronically, copies are available at the Hershey Public Library, the Hershey Recreation Center, the Municipal Building, and the Recycling Center. If you need to have a newsletter mailed to you, please contact the Township at 533-2057, option 5, and you will be placed on a mailing list.



Residents with questions regarding either the sanitary sewer system, or stormwater management should call (717) 566-3237, or visit www.DTMA.com

Protecting and enhancing the water environment for the residents of our community and the region

\*Reliably \*Responsively \*Professionally

# LESSEN THE EFFECTS of Storm Water Runoff

We don't think of rainfall as a threat to our water, and it's not the precipitation, it's the debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants that are picked-up by storm water runoff that flow into a storm sewer system, or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

There are techniques that we can practice to reduce the pollution caused by storm water runoff to eliminate the negative effect on plants, fish, animals, and people.

These primary methods are effective in reducing the impact of storm water runoff:

Rain Barrels are connected to a downspout to capture and store runoff. The water can be used to irrigate lawns and gardens.

Rain Gardens are landscaped areas planted with wildflowers and other native vegetation to replace areas of lawn. Rain gardens allow about 30 percent more water to soak into the ground than a conventional lawn. The soil consists of sand, top soil and leaf compost for infiltration.

**Permeable Surfaces** promote absorption of rain and snowmelt. When installing a driveway or patio, consider concrete, stone, or paving blocks and grids.

**Recycle** or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides,

pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground, into storm drains, or down the sink.

**Pesticides and Fertilizers** should be used sparingly.

**Grass Clippings** should not be swept into the streets. The decomposition process uses dissolved oxygen in waterbodies that aquatic life needs and the phosphorus in the clippings is a pollutant.

Use a Commercial Car Wash Facility that treats or recycles its wastewater to prevent grease and detergents and other contaminants from getting into the storm sewer system, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.

Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at the Recycling Center.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection provides the following information on stormwater runoff.

Keeping Grass Off the Road

When It Rains It Drains

# **Township Assists Residents with Sidewalk Repairs**

Sidewalks are part of the development of neighborhoods and commercial areas to provide safe access to pedestrians from one area to another, out of the path of vehicle traffic. Sidewalks that are in disrepair are a hazard to our citizens and a liability to property owners.

The Department of Public Works sponsors a voluntary Curb and Sidewalk Improvement Program to assist with the repair of public sidewalks in accordance with the requirement of the Township. The objective of the program is to make it as easy and inexpensive as possible to have the repairs made.

The Township will coordinate the repairs between the contractor

and all of the participating property owners, therefore receiving a lower cost because of the collective volume of the work that is competitively bid. Engineering and inspection of the work is performed by the Township, ensuring that the construction is done in accordance with the Township's requirements.

The Township encourages all property owners who have sidewalks or curbs that need repair to consider this voluntary program. Please call the Public Works Department at 533-2057, option 4, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for additional information, or to sign up for the 2016 Curb/Sidewalk Program. The deadline for participation is April 15th.

# HERSHEY SPORTS ARENA HERSHEY HISTORY PROVIDED BY ARCHIVIST PAMELA CASSIDY WHITENACK



Workers broke ground for the Hershey Sport Arena on March 11, 1936. Nine months later the Arena opened on December 19, 1936.

The Hershey Sports Arena is a testimony to Milton Hershey's love of risk taking and for innovative ideas. Its engineering significance and the story of its construction are a fascinating part of Hershey's history.

Ice hockey was very popular from the moment it was introduced at the old "Ice Palace" in 1931. By 1936, the growing crowds indicated that a new, larger, structure was needed.

Mr. Hershey had Hershey Lumber Company's manager, D. Paul Witmer, solicit plans for a new, larger building. A Portland Cement Company salesman introduced Witmer to Anton Tedesko, a German engineer with the Chicago designconstruction firm Roberts and Schaefer. Tedesko was the design engineer who developed the concept of thin shelled concrete structures. The Arena project offered Tedesko a chance to design the largest, monolithic concrete roof structure in North America. It would be an enormous challenge: there were no design codes, and no established construction practices for a project requiring such precision.

On January 21, 1936, Tedesko presented his idea for a huge arena to Paul Witmer, who in turn presented it to Mr. Hershey. The design's innovation and newness quickly overcame Milton Hershey's initial skepticism and approval was soon given. Tedesko quickly began work on design plans and ground was broken on March 11, 1936.

The Sports Arena features a barrel vault roof, whose concrete shell is only 3 1/2 inches thick at the upper most part, 100 feet above the floor. The shell was constructed as five sections, each separated by expansion joints.

Tedesko realized that the Hershey project would be like no other. Initially,

construction was rather chaotic. Milton Hershey wanted to save money and refused to hire a construction manager. Tedesko quickly became the planner-architect-engineer-construction manager. Fortunately, Tedesko secured the help of Oscar Spancake, a local carpenter-foreman, who mobilized a crew of 250 men, 4 concrete mixers and 2 elevators. The workers were not familiar with concrete construction, and Tedesko had to supervise all aspects of the concrete pours. Even so, on July 2, 1936, workers began pouring the first roof section.

A patchwork of standard lumber sizes was used to build the forms and scaffolding, since Milton Hershey had stipulated that all the project lumber must later be used in future construction projects. The project made use of 300,000 board feet of yellow pine lumber. The concrete work required that both sides of each section of the Arena be started simultaneously, and pouring couldn't stop until the two sides came together at the top of the arena. These pours took anywhere from 14 to 20 days, with the men working 24 hours a day.

After the pour was complete, the concrete was allowed to cure for a few days. The plan was to lower the support jacks and the forms would drop away from the concrete shell. The forms could then be wheeled and raised to form the support for the next section. The first time the forms were lowered, Witmer feared that the structure was about to collapse. As the support jacks were lowered, the concrete continued to stay attached to the forms for the first two inches. Much to his relief, the concrete shell stopped settling and separated from the forms as the scaffolding continued to be lowered.

As the work progressed, the workers gained skill and subsequent sections were completed more efficiently. However, sections were still being poured when the temperature dropped significantly. To protect the uncured concrete Witmer collected all the horse and cow manure that he could find in the area and had it packed around the concrete to keep it from freezing.

When it opened on December 19, 1936, the Hershey Arena was the first large scale barrel shell roof structure in the United States. Its construction established Anton

Tedesko as the preeminent engineer for such structures.

Since it opened, the Arena has been used for a variety of entertainment. It served as home ice for the Hershey Bears AHL hockey team until 2002. The Arena also hosted many AHL Calder Cup championship games, including the Bears championship seasons of 1947, 1958, 1959, 1969, 1974, 1980, 1988 and 1997.

The Arena helped Hershey extend its entertainment season, providing a year-round venue for a variety of sporting and performance events. Over the years, the Arena has hosted the circus, musical performances, tennis matches, ice skating competitions, ice shows, and basketball games. The Arena's most famous basketball game was held on March 2, 1962 when the Philadelphia Warriors played the New York Knickerbockers. During this record setting game, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points, a record that still stands.

The Arena quickly became an important part of the Hershey community. Milton Hershey's birthday parties were held at the Arena in 1937 and 1938. During the 1950s, Hershey Employee Christmas parties were celebrated at the Arena.

The Arena also hosted a number of national events. In 1953, the National Republican Committee celebrated President Dwight D. Eisenhower's birthday in the Arena. That same year, the Hershey Skating Club hosted the National Figure Skating competition. In April 1979, the Arena served as an evacuation site during the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster with 186 people living at the Arena for three days.

A new sports facility, the Hershey Giant Center, opened in 2002. The Giant Center now serves as home ice for the Hershey Bears and hosts an extensive program of entertainment. Though its use has changed, the Arena is still important part of Hershey's extensive recreational facilities, hosting Hershey Figure Skating Club practices, college and youth hockey, as well as occasional Hershey Bears' hockey practices.

View a selection of photos of the Arena from the Hershey Community Archives' collections.

# **LIBRARY PROGRAMS**



# FALL AND WINTER LIBRARY HOURS (EFFECTIVE THROUGH MEMORIAL 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.

# HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS

# "CAUGHT IN THE SNOWSTORM" WITH SCOTT WEIDENSAUL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2:00 P.M.

The winter of 2013-14 saw the largest invasion of snowy owls into the eastern United States in perhaps a century and marked an unprecedented opportunity to learn more about these mysterious Arctic hunters. Author and researcher Scott Weidensaul will share the story of Project SNOWstorm — how a huge, collaborative research effort focused on snowy owls came together in a few frantic weeks, funded with the help of people from around the world, and — continues to make discoveries and unexpected insights into the life and ecology of this great white raptor.

Scott Weidensaul is the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist, "Living on the Wind," about bird migration. His newest book, "The Peterson Reference Guide to Owls of North America and the Caribbean," was published in October. Weidensaul's writing has appeared in dozens of publications, including Audubon, for which he is a contributing editor among many others. He also directs the ornithological programs for national Audubon's famed Hog Island Center on the coast of Maine.

Scott lives in Schuylkill County where he studies the migration of owls and hummingbirds. Books will be sold and signed at the event.

# TRANSITIONING YOUR GARDEN TO ORGANIC CARE WITH JESSICA WALLISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2:00 P.M.

Jessica Walliser, co-host of "The Organic Gardeners," on KDKA-Radio in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will discuss the how to grow organic by transitioning your garden. More and more research is pointing to the direct benefit of growing organically. Jessica will share with us a new understanding of the ease and convenience of organic practices. She will discuss lessons she learned in her own garden and will help demystify organics to guide gardeners through the transition process step-by-step. Based on the first two chapters of her book, Grow Organic, this presentation will provide attendees with a basic understanding of organic practices and plenty of tips for ensuring a successful garden.

Jessica Walliser is a former contributing author for Organic Gardening magazine and a regular contributor to Fine Gardening, Urban Farm and Hobby Farms magazines. Jessica also serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of the American Horticultural Society. Her weekly gardening columns have been enjoyed for over eight years and her fourth book, Attracting Beneficial Bugs to the Garden, was named one of the Top 12 gardening books by Martha Stewart Living in March 2015.

She is the former owner of a 25-acre organic market farm and received her degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Penn State University. Jessica lives and gardens northwest of Pittsburgh with her husband and son, seven chickens, two hermit crabs, and billions and billions of "very good" bugs.

# 18TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AUTHOR VISIT GUEST AUTHOR LISA SEE

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 2:00 P.M.

Acclaimed author Lisa See will be our special guest for this annual event. Lisa See is an American writer and novelist. Her paternal great-grandfather was Chinese, which has had a great impact on her life and work. Her books include, On Gold Mountain: The One Hundred Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family, a detailed account of See's family history, and the novels Flower Net, The Interior, Dragon Bones, Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, Peony in Love, Shanghai Girls, Dreams of Joy, and her latest, China Dolls.

See has led an active and varied career. She was the Publishers Weekly West Coast Correspondent for thirteen years. As a freelance journalist, her articles have appeared in Vogue, Self, and More, as well as in numerous book reviews around the country.

She currently serves as a Los Angeles City Commissioner on the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Monument Authority and was honored as National Woman of the Year by the Organization of Chinese American Women in 2001. See was also the recipient of the Chinese American Museum's History Makers Award in Fall 2003.

# THE JOY OF PROPAGATION, AKA EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PLANT PROPAGATION, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

PRESENTED BY BARRY GLICK — THE PLANT WHISPERER SATURDAY, MAY 14 10:00 A.M.

Come and experience Barry's popular hands-on propagation demonstration. At this event, every imaginable aspect of plant propagation will be covered including plant pollination, hybridization, seed collection and sowing, and tissue culture. Subjects will also include rhizome division, air layering, branch layering, root division, root cuttings, stem cuttings, use of hormones, mist propagation and more. All materials used in this class will be given to the participants and each attendee will receive a seed collection bag.

Growing up in Philadelphia in the 1960's, a mecca of horticulture, Barry Glick would hitchhike to Longwood Gardens, Scott Arboretum, Winterthur and other gardens before he was old enough to drive. In 1972, he realized there was just not enough room for his plants and him in a big city environment, so he bought 60 acres of a 3,650 foot high mountain top in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, where he founded Sunshine Farm & Gardens, started his plant collection and has remained there since. The main focus of his plant breeding is within the genus Helleborus. The other major focus at Sunshine Farm & Gardens is native plants. Barry has developed propagation protocols and growing regimens for many native species previously thought to be difficult to grow.

Barry is the author of many articles in Garden Design Magazine, Brooklyn Botanical Garden Journal, many North American Rock Garden Society Chapter Newsletters, Elusive Plants Journal in the UK, along with others. His landmark article discussing Native Terrestrial Orchids was published in the Nov.-Dec. 1998 issue of Fine Gardening. He is a regular columnist for Washington Gardener Magazine and several other gardening and nature publications.

The programs sponsored by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library are free but registration is required and can be done either online, or by calling the Circulation desk at 533-6555

# ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

# THE ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM,

"WHAT'S ON THE MENU?" RUNS THROUGH Thursday, March 31.

Stop by the library to pick up your game card.

# ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY GAINING GROUND BY FORREST PRITCHARD

TOPS THE PUBLIC VOTE AS THE 2016 ONE BOOK SELECTION.

Representatives from libraries in Berks, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Perry and York Counties proudly announced *Gaining Ground* by Forrest Pritchard as the 2016 One Book, One Community selection.

A book discussion for the 2016 One Book, One Community read will take place at the library during February or March 2016. Please check our website for more information that will be posted as it becomes available.

# ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

In conjunction with the library's mission to support lifelong learning, the Hershey Public Library hosts a variety of classes for adults. Participation in most of the classes involves a fee, which usually covers all of the classes in the series and is determined by the instructor. The library does not keep any part of the fee.

If you are interested in enrolling in any of the classes, you must stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up the packet for the particular class. Upon completion of the registration form and submission of the fee made payable to the designated individual, you will be considered enrolled in the class.

Some classes are limited in size. They will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The classes are open to individuals 18 and older unless otherwise noted. Please not that fees will not be reimbursed after the first class.

## WRITING CLASSES

#### WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 2 THROUGH APRIL 20, 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Cathy Jordan will teach this series of eight individual classes on a variety of writing topics such as Developing a Premise, Bringing Conflict Into Your Story, Character Development, Story Structure and more (a complete list is available at the library, or on the library's website).

The fee is \$25 and the class is limited to 15 participants.

# A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO USING ESSENTIAL OILS FOR NATURAL HEALING

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

Instructor Charlotte Claypool will teach beginners and those who wish to deepen their understanding about the safe use of essential oils and more. Class members will make a nasal inhaler to take along with them.

The fee is \$40 and the class size is limited to 15 participants.

# PRESSED FLOWER CRAFT CLASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

Karen Lee Newman invites those 13 and older to learn how to use pressed flowers to make bookmarkers and cards.

The fee is \$15 and includes all materials.

# FRUIT BASKET MAKING CLASS

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 6:00 P.M.

Central PA Basket Guild members Donna Kumpf and Jean Foutz will be here to teach how to weave a 6" fruit basket. Instruction will include how to weave a round base, weaving techniques and rimming the basket. You must attend both nights in order to register and be able to complete the basket.

The fee is \$20 and includes all materials.

The class size is limited to 14.

# EXPLORING YOUR FUTURE (EYF) WORKSHOP

TWO FOUR-WEEK SESSIONS - THURSDAYS, APRIL 7, 14 21 AND 28 AND WEDNESDAYS, MAY 4, 11, 18 AND 25, 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by Coming of Age of Central PA and RSVP of the Capital Region, Inc.

If you are 50+ and started asking yourself "What's next in my life?," then join lain Hall for a unique opportunity to make your future rewarding and satisfying. Topics will include:

Session I: Reflect • Session II: Explore • Session III: Envision Session IV: Act

The fee is \$25 for each four-week session and the classes are limited to 12 participants.

# THE LOST ART OF HANDWRITING

MONDAYS, APRIL 11, 18, 25 AND MAY 2, 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

There is nothing quite like finding a card you have kept for years and experiencing the immediate joy of recognizing a loved one's unique handwriting. If your handwriting could use some improvement for business reasons, for journal writing, or to help your own children develop penmanship skills, then this class, instructed by Elizabeth Pegg, might be of interest to you. Bring along your favorite writing instrument and join us. The fee is \$20 and is limited to 12 participants. Ages 13 and older are welcome to participate.

# PRESSED FLOWER CRAFT CLASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

Instructor Karen Lee Newman will teach you how to use pressed flowers to make an egg-shaped laminated box, or spring bird house. Ages 13 and older are welcome to participate.

The fee is \$15 and includes all materials.

# GREEN SPRING CLEANING WITH ESSENTIAL OILS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

Charlotte Claypool returns to teach you how to make your own inexpensive natural cleaning products without the artificial colors, fragrances and harsh chemicals to take home and use. The fee is \$40 and includes all materials. The class is limited to 15 participants.

# LIVING HERB WREATH

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 10:00 A.M.

Andrea Beitzel from Ashcombe Garden Center will be here with us again to teach a class on making a fresh herb wreath. The fee is \$35 and includes materials.

## PRESSED FLOWER CRAFT CLASS

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

Learn how to use pressed flowers to embellish a journal cover, or scissor sheaths perfect for Mother's Day giftgiving. Instructor Karen Lee Newman welcome ages 13 and older. The fee is \$15 and includes all materials.

# PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN GENEALOGY

MONDAY, MAY 9, 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

David Klees will present a free class on how to research your Pennsylvania German (i.e., "Pennsylvania Dutch") genealogy, with an introduction to this ethnic group and helpful hints for tracing your Pennsylvania German ancestry, including archaic German handwriting. There will be heavy focus on the numerous religious denominations, along with the issues that can be faced in tracing your ancestors who belonged to each of these various groups. Must be 18 or older to participate. Registration is necessary in order to accommodate as many people as possible.

# THERAPEUTIC BATHS WITH ESSENTIALS OILS

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

While a bath can be used to get you clean, it is also one of the best ways to help you relax and destress. Charlotte Claypool will help you discover the therapeutic properties of water with the benefits of essential oils. Class members will make a personalized hydrotherapy to take along with them. The fee is \$40 and the class size is limited to 15 participants.

The Spring Adult Enrichment Class brochure can be picked up at the library, or downloaded from the library's website, www.hersheylibrary.org.

# LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL

THE LIBRARY IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FIRST LOCAL AUTHORS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND.

Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books at the library's first Local Authors Event. The event is a tribute to all of the incredible authors that live right here in Hershey and surrounding areas. We are excited to offer these authors the chance to get some great exposure, network with other writers, and to discuss their experiences, while selling books along the way. The library is also pleased to provide an opportunity to our reading community to discover exciting new work. Both self-published and traditionally published fiction and non-fiction authors will be showcased.

If you are an aspiring author who is looking for an opportunity for exposure, this would be a great event for you. Please submit a registration form, available at the library, by March 15th in order to participate in the event.

# **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

# STORYTIME AND TODDLERTIME

The Hershey Public Library provides a regular schedule of Storytime and Toddlertime sessions from September to July. Each ten-week cycle includes two weeks of registration, six weeks of programming and two weeks of staff preparation.

Storytime is a five-week series of half-hour 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. To best serve our young listeners, sessions are divided by age. Storytime for 3's and 4's is presented Monday mornings at 10:00 and Wednesday afternoons at 1:30. Storytime for 4's and 5's is presented on Monday afternoons at 1:30 and Tuesday mornings at 10:40.

Toddlertime 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. Toddlertime is presented on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30.

## SPRING SESSIONS STORYTIME FOR 3'S AND 4'S

MONDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00, APRIL 25 — MAY 23 Wednesday Afternoons at 1:30, April 27 — May 25

### STORYTIME FOR 4'S AND 5'S

MONDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1:30, APRIL 25 — MAY 23 TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:40, MAY 3 — MAY 24 \*\* There will be no storytime held on April 26.

#### **TODDLERTIME (24-36 MONTHS AND CAREGIVER)**

TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30, MAY 3 — MAY 24
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AND 10:30, APRIL 27 — MAY 25
Township registration begins April 11.
Open Registration begins April 18

## **WONDERFUL ONES**

#### TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AND 10:45, MARCH 22 — APRIL 19

The Hershey Public Library presents a four-week series of 20-minute interactive programs for walking children 12 to 24 months and their caregivers. One children and one adult register together for songs, simple stories, nursery rhymes and action plays. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children while introducing your baby to the library and literacy. Wonderful Ones is presented on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45.

Wonderful Ones (12-24 months and caregiver)

# **BOOKS AND BABIES**

#### PRESENTED ON MONDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AND 10:45.

The Hershey Public Library presents 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, simple stories, nursery rhymes and action plays. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children while introducing your baby to the library and literacy.

## **BOOKS AND BABIES**

(BIRTH-12 MONTHS AND CAREGIVER)

MONDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AND 10:45, MARCH 21 — APRIL 18

Township Registration begins March 7. Open Registration begins March 14.

Please note that pre-registration is necessary for these sessions. Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org.

Please call Children's Services at 533-6555, extension 3708, for more information.

# FRIENDS OF THE HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SERIES

All performances are free. Registration is not necessary unless specified. Programs are suitable for grades K-5 unless specified.

# WATER IN THE WORLD AROUND US

MARCH 5, 2:00 P.M.

Special Saturday program! The Pennsylvania American Water Company will "drop" in to shower us with facts about the water cycle and the importance of water conservation and watershed protection. We will even splash around with some water related crafts.

# **AUTHOR BILL HARLEY IN CONCERT**

APRIL 3, 2:00 P.M.

Come see author Bill Harley's family concert before he visits the Derry Township elementary schools and get a preview of the fun! Intergenerational entertainment at its best, Bill's songs and stories paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of growing up, schooling, and family life. Masterful storytelling and comic narrative songs will have listeners, young and old, laughing out loud.

There will also be an opportunity for book and CD purchase and signing. Presented in conjunction with the Hershey Elementary PTO.

## SPLAT STUDIO

It's a Hershey Public Library tradition -

a surprise Mother's Day art project. Back by popular demand, Meghan Winslow of SPLAT Studio, will help the children design a special project for a loved one.

Preregistration is required.

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

# DON'T MISS MR. MIKE'S DINORIFIC SCIENTIFIC NAME GAME SHOW

THE GAME SHOW STARTS AT 2:30 P.M.

We need an audience and contestants on April 24th! Hosted by children's dino author Michael Sgrignoli, this event will have you talking dinosaurs for the next 65 million years! Come early to register to play, or have fun just being part of the audience. Prizes provided by local merchants! Whether you're a dino expert, or amateur, we guarantee the whole family will have a fabulous prehistoric experience. Come early at 2:00 p.m. to sign up for a chance to compete.

## MAKE IT FRIDAY!

### RETURNS ON JANUARY 29 FROM 2:45 TO 3:45 P.M.

It's a chance for tweens and teens to hang out and build it, make it, program it. We will give you a challenge, how you meet it is up to you. No registration is necessary.

## **LEGO CLUB**

Let go of my LEGOs! For ages 6+. Club meetings will be held on April 6 and May 4 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Registration is required. Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Are you a good reader who has completed 5th grade? We are looking for volunteer readers to read to young children during our summer Book Buddies program. Book Buddies meet on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. This year's program will run from June 20 through July 28. Interested readers should contact Children's Services at 533-6555, ext. 3708, beginning May 1.



# Hershey Area Playhouse Presents Charley's Aunt



Hershey Area Playhouse's spring comedy, Charley's Aunt, is an energetic and fast-paced farce. Written by Brandon Thomas and directed by Jeff Cartwright, this play, in three acts, follows two students at Oxford who force their friend and fellow student to pose as an aunt from Brazil. Charley's Aunt will be performed April 14, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m., April 17 at 2:00 p.m., April 21, 22, and 23 at 7:30 p.m., and April 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com, or at the Box Office, 717-533-8525, 830 Cherry Drive, Hershey.

The Box Office is open Wednesdays, noon to 4:00 p.m., Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and 90 minutes prior to each performance. E-mail: info@HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com

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