As we look ahead in 2015, one of the most critical changes in Derry Township will be improvements to several key roads and bridges. In this video, John Foley discusses many of the projects that will impact how we get around our community.

**2015 TOWNSHIP BUDGET AND FINANCES**

The Township entered 2015 in sound fiscal condition. The Board of Supervisors approved a budget with a $1.1 million increase without the need for a tax increase. Revenues are expected to exceed expenditures by $234,301, allowing the general fund balance to continue to grow in excess of $2 million at the end of the year. A balance of $1.5 million is required in the beginning of the year to cover expenses, before tax revenues are received; however, a higher balance is essential to demonstrating stability for obtaining bond financing.

The economy has demanded a lean budget for the last several years, and in an attempt to maintain services with older, less reliable equipment. With conditions stabilizing, more funds can be allocated to capital purchases. The capital budget totals $892,899 with the majority of these funds allocated to resurfacing the tennis courts, replacing the pool filtration system, and leasing a utility vehicle and a van for the Department of Parks and Recreation ($341,400); replacing a security card access system at the Public Works Facility, replacing a dump truck, a mower, and leasing two vehicles ($182,360); performing computer and software upgrades, purchasing an additional in car video system, a speed trailer, body armor, and leasing vehicles for the police department ($111,819). This year’s budget includes consultant fees for the update to the comprehensive plan and a new Economic Development Manager position to attract business to downtown Hershey, seek grant funding, and coordinate downtown events and activities.

The Township’s largest sources of revenue are the Earned Income Tax, which is estimated to be $4.8 million; the Occupation Tax at $2.1 million; and Real Estate Tax at $2 million. The Local Services Tax and the Amusement Tax generate close to $1.5 million each. The Township’s real estate tax is 1.4466 mills, which is $144.66 per $100,000 of assessed value. The balanced budget will fund services, infrastructure improvements, and equipment needs while maintaining taxes at their current levels.

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Check out [WWW.RECYCLEBANK.COM](http://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 like Dick's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Rita's, Isaac's, 1-800-FLOWERS, and many more! If you are not interested in redeeming your points, you can donate them to schools selected to participate in the Green Schools Program.

Accumulate points quickly by viewing short slide shows in the Earn Points section on the Recyclebank website.

**INTERESTING TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- **COST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO GET COZY**
  - Staying warm & toasty without paying for it later (25 PTS)

- **OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW**
  - How to recycle old clothing, gear and gadgets and keep them out of the landfill (25 PTS)

- **SPEAK THE RECYCLING LINGO** (20 PTS)

The Live Green section provides interesting articles in the areas of Home & Garden, Lifestyle, Food & Drink, and Holidays & Entertaining, and recycling topics from A-Z can be found in the EcoLibrary.

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**A PERSONAL APPROACH TO CONSERVATION**

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle is a popular catchphrase that came out of the first Earth Day celebration, in 1970. It describes the main methods consumers and industries have to dispose of waste in an environmentally friendly manner. Overall, these methods represent potent yet simple ways in which every person can contribute to the well-being of the planet and the conservation of its resources — plus, living by this idea often helps save money.

**REUSING GOODS**

Reusing previously used products of all kinds is a very practical approach to conservation. Tools, clothing, cars, and appliances are just a few examples of goods that can be easily refurbished and reused. This method requires more energy and resources than reducing consumption, since the goods still need to be produced in the first place.

By using products to their fullest extent; however, reuse requires less energy and fewer resources than recycling.

**RECYCLING PRODUCTS AND WASTE**

By separating and sorting trash from recyclable materials, consumers and businesses can contribute to lowered emissions and environmental impacts, as these materials will not have to be freshly mined or manufactured. Most areas now have government-regulated programs for safe and easy disposal of recyclables. In fact, recycling is even required by law in some cities.

Consumers can earn valuable rewards for recycling through incentive programs like the ones offered by Recyclebank.

**RECYCLING TIP:** DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE YOUR SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER BOTTLES.
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, 600 Clearwater Road. This event is for residents only and is limited to two bags/boxes.

WHAT'S THE CONDITION OF YOUR SIDEWALKS?

If your sidewalks are cracked and uneven, it may be time have them repaired. Call the Township Department of Public Works at 533-2057, option 4, to participate in the Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Program. The Township will obtain a price for all participating residents under one contract, receiving a lower price because of the collective volume, and will oversee the repairs in accordance with the sidewalk requirements. Repair the damages now before they become a liability. THE DEADLINE FOR PARTICIPATION IS APRIL 30TH.

MEETING YOUR MUNICIPAL NEEDS

JAMES NEGLEY
Township Manager 533-2057, OPT. 5

JILL HENRY
Assistant Township Manager 533-2057, OPT. 5

CHARLES EMERICK,
Director of Comm. Dev. 533-2057, OPT. 2

PATRICK O'ROURKE,
Chief of Police 534-2202

THOMAS CLARK,
Director of Public Works 533-2057, OPT. 4

MATTHEW MANDIA,
Director of Parks & Recreation 533-7138

BARBARA ELLIS,
Director of Library Services 533-6555

MICHAEL LARRY,
Granada Gym Manager 533-7757

ADRIENNE ECKENRODE,
Recycling Coordinator 533-2057, OPT. 4

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission held a joint public workshop meeting on Tuesday, January 13th to discuss the remaining work on the Township’s Comprehensive Plan. The meeting was led by the Township’s consultants Derck & Edson and Environmental Planning and Design.

This meeting marked the start of the discussions on desired future land uses in the Township. Two participation exercises were offered to those in attendance. The exercises included a visioning survey on the design styles and general character of development in the Township, and a mapping exercise for residents to regionally identify where they would like certain types of development to occur.

A schedule of meetings and activities for the community to participate in this important process will soon be posted on the Comprehensive Plan website DerryVision.org. If residents have any questions on the Comprehensive Plan, they are encouraged to email inquiries to Brandon Williams, Assistant Director of Community Development, at BWILLIAMS@DERRYTOWNSHIP.ORG; OR CALL 533-2057, OPTION 2.

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MATTHEW A. WEIR matthewweir@derrytownship.org
Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner and soon it will be time to start working in the yard again!

Yard waste will be collected curbside beginning in April through October on your regular trash day on the following weeks:

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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.

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The Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive insect pest responsible for the death of tens of millions of ash trees since first detected in the U.S. in 2002, has been confirmed in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties. If you have ash trees in your landscape that you value, it is important to have them preventatively treated, or you will lose them within the next few years.

This smallish green beetle, native to Asia, has spread throughout 20 states and two Canadian provinces, and has already become the most destructive and economically costly forest insect pest in U.S. history. The damage is inflicted by the larval stage of the pest, feeding on the inner bark of ash trees. Increased feeding causes the tree’s vascular system to become compromised, and the tree quickly declines due to an inability to transport water and nutrients. Left unchecked, this pest will kill all ash species within three to five years of being infested.

Although it is not feasible to save all ash trees from the advance of the pest, arborists do have systemic insecticidal treatments that can protect valuable ash trees in our communities. Treatments provide one to two years of protection, depending on the type of treatment. Compared with costs associated with the removal and replacement of a mature ash tree, the cost of treatment is very affordable. If you have ash trees that you are interested in preserving from this pest, contact a tree care company staffed by an ISA certified arborist to discuss treatment plans.

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**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 Good Friday - Friday, April 3rd.

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.

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**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.
SUPERVISORS MAKE 2015
ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS
AT THE JANUARY 5, 2015 REORGANIZATION MEETING.

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<td>NED WEHLER</td>
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<td>PATRICIA FOSTER</td>
<td>was appointed to a five-year term on Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.</td>
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<td>MATTHEW LUTTRELL</td>
<td>was appointed to a five-year term on Zoning Hearing Board.</td>
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<td>MARK SHRIFT</td>
<td>was appointed to a three-year term on Zoning Hearing Board.</td>
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<td>CATHERINE WAGNER</td>
<td>was appointed to a one-year term on Zoning Hearing Board.</td>
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<td>JAMES BRANDT</td>
<td>was reappointed to a one-year term on Police Pension Advisory Board.</td>
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<td>JULIE ISAACSON</td>
<td>was reappointed to a three-year term on Board of Library Directors.</td>
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<td>DR. MARILYN CARTER</td>
<td>was appointed to a three-year term on Tax Collection Association.</td>
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<td>DR. MATTHEW CPLES</td>
<td>was appointed to a five-year term on General Authority.</td>
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<td>JAMES INGALZO</td>
<td>reappointed to a five-year term on Industrial Commercial Development Authority.</td>
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THE TOWNSHIP WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS FOR THE TIME THAT THEY DEDICATED, AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THEY MADE SERVING ON AN ADVISORY BOARD.

- JOHN ABEL, Board of Library Directors
- WILLIAM TAFUTO, Zoning Hearing Board
- CHRISTOPHER DAWSON, General Authority
- JAMES INGALZO, Tax Collection Association
- JOHN LUTES, Parks & Recreation Board
- MATTHEW BROUILLETTE, Zoning Hearing Board
- MICHAEL ANGELLO, Zoning Hearing Board

2015 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

The following are the meeting dates for the Board of Supervisors. They generally meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at 7 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 24
- MARCH 10
- MARCH 24
- APRIL 14
- APRIL 28
- MAY 12
- MAY 26
- JUNE 9
- JUNE 23
- JULY 14
- JULY 28
- AUGUST 11
- AUGUST 25
- SEPTEMBER 8
- SEPTEMBER 22
- OCTOBER 13
- OCTOBER 27
- NOVEMBER 10
- NOVEMBER 24
- DECEMBER 1
- DECEMBER 15

( NOTE: THE DECEMBER MEETINGS ARE MOVED UP A WEEK.)
It is crunch time at the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company as the March 2015 construction date rapidly approaches. In order to expedite the construction process, the station will be temporarily vacated and relocated to the rear of 515 W. Chocolate Avenue.

The Hershey Volunteer Fire Company will continue to provide uninterrupted, 24/7, fire protection for the residents of Derry Township and surrounding areas through 9-1-1. Residents are asked to be extra vigilant in the 500 block of Chocolate Avenue as fire apparatus will be responding to emergency calls from the temporary location.

**FUNDRAISING**

The Hershey Volunteer Fire Company needs your support in building the new firehouse.

Custom engraved bricks are to be placed in a walkway outside the new station are now being sold. The bricks are $250.00 or $450.00; however, any donation is helpful and appreciated. Pledges can also be made over the next five years.

Protecting HIS dream ...and yours! Visit [WWW.HERSHEYFIRE.ORG](http://WWW.HERSHEYFIRE.ORG) to make a donation.

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**MILESTONES**

The following members of the HVFC were recently recognized for their years of service to the HVFC.

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<td>RODNEY SONDERMAN</td>
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**LIFETIME MEMBERS**

In order to reach LIFETIME member status with the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company, members must serve the residents of Derry Township as a volunteer with the Hershey Fire Company for 25 years.

**THIS YEAR RECIPIENTS ARE:**

- BRAD KISCADDEN
- SCOTT STEIN
- BURKE SACHETTE

**THE RICHARD B. RUDISILL FIREFIGHTER/VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

This award is selected by HVFC membership and goes to the person who best exemplifies what volunteering in the fire service is all about. It's about what goes on behind the scenes. It recognizes not only all the time and effort responding to fire calls, but public services, non-emergency calls, trainings, station tours and all activities required to be a dedicated volunteer.

**THIS YEAR RECIPIENT IS:**

- IAN MEMMI

**FIRE SAFETY TIP**

This is the time of year to make sure that your smoke detector is functioning properly and also that your carbon monoxide alarm is in working order. Be sure and test both detectors.

If you’re not sure how to test them, contact the HVFC at www.hersheyfire.org, and a member will be more than happy to assist.

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**FILE YOUR LOCAL TAX RETURN ONLINE**

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. YOUR 2014 LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX RETURN IS DUE ON APRIL 15.

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 with the Township's tax administrator, Keystone Collections Group’s secure website, which is available 24/7 at [WWW.KEystoneCOllectS.COM](http://WWW.KEystoneCOllectS.COM).

Keystone Collections Group’s e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2014 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 any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE, or a Schedule C).

Please note that the forms changed this year. If you will be claiming an out-of-state tax credit, or if you work in Philadelphia, you may be eligible for a local earned income tax credit up to the amount you owe to your resident municipality. The worksheet on the back of the form will help you calculate your out-of-state tax credit (attach a copy of your out-of-state filing).

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, 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” at [WWW.KEystoneCOllectS.COM](http://WWW.KEystoneCOllectS.COM).

**TAXPAYERS WITH EARNED INCOME IN 2014 ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.**
Representative John Payne will host a free Health Expo on Friday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company, 249 East Main Street, Hummelstown.

The event will provide senior citizens with the opportunity to gather valuable information about services and programs available to older Pennsylvanians. Health care experts, representatives from various State agencies, and other exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues of importance to Seniors.

Friends, family members, and caregivers of Senior Citizens residing in the 106th district are welcome to attend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEALTH EXPO, CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE PAYNE’S DISTRICT OFFICE AT 534-1323.

Officer Robert Bennett joined the Derry Township Police Department in 2005 and was previously working in the Traffic and Patrol Section. He is currently assigned to the Community Services Section and has been very active in the Bike Unit and the Dauphin County Crisis Response Team (CRT). His solid performance and commitment to The Derry Township Police Department and the residents serves as an example to others.

Chief Patrick O’Rourke said, “Bob’s strong work ethic is second to none. He is consistently kind to others and willing to assist anyone on our team whenever he is called upon, as evidenced over the last several years. He has stayed strong while facing difficult obstacles and suspects in his Crisis Response Team capacity and rarely misses a day of work. Bob is a team player, never places himself before the organization and exhibits a high degree of leadership in his day to day duties and responsibilities.”

Lieutenant Garth Warner presented the award on January 20th at The Hershey Italian Lodge.

TWO NEW OFFICERS WERE SWORN INTO OFFICE ON DECEMBER 16, 2014, BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FOLEY, AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MEETING.

NICK KAUFFMAN has been working part-time with the Derry Township Police Department as a Community Service Officer for over two and a half years and is coming from a position with the Harrisburg International Airport Police Department. He was born and raised in South Londonderry Township, attended Palmyra Area High School and then graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Shippensburg University. Subsequent to this, he obtained an Act #120 certification from the Municipal Police Academy at Harrisburg Area Community College.

ELLIOIT KELLER was previously serving as a Patrol Officer with the Philadelphia City Police Department where he was assigned to patrol in the 22nd District, and he and an assigned partner walked a permanent foot beat. He was born and raised in Palmyra Borough and graduated from Lebanon Catholic High School. He attended Penn State University and continues to pursue a few remaining credits for his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Law and Justice. He obtained his Act #120 certification after graduating from the Philadelphia City Police Academy.
The information below has been provided by the EPA. Please review it and the attached documents to learn how to lessen the effects of storm water runoff.

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.

Storm water causes a problem because it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and 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.

Polluted storm water runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people.

Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.

Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can’t exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels. Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.

Debris such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.

Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paints, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish, or ingesting polluted water.

Polluted storm water often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

The primary method to control storm water discharges is the use of best management practices.

The following techniques can be used by property owners to reduce 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 barrels are available for purchase at the Public Works Facility, 650 Clearwater Road, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for $90.

- 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.

- 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.

More information can be found in this EPA Clean Water is Everyone’s Business Article and at WWW.EPA.GOV/NPDES/STORMWATER.
CHILDREN’S SERVICES

**STORYTIME AND TODDLERTIME**

The Hershey Public Library provides a regular schedule of Storytime and Toddlertime sessions from September to July.

**STORYTIME** is a six-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.

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Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., April 15 – May 20  
TOWNSHIP RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 30  
OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 6. |
| **STORYTIME FOR 4S AND 5S** | Mondays at 1:30 p.m., April 13—May 18  
Tuesdays at 10:40 a.m., April 11 – May 12*  
TOWNSHIP RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 30  
OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 6.  
THERE WILL BE NO STORYTIME ON MAY 19* |
| **TODDLERTIME** | Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., April 14 - May 12  
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., April 15 - May 18  
TOWNSHIP RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 30  
OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 6. |
| **WONDERFUL ONES** | Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., March 17 – April 7  
TOWNSHIP RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 2.  
OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 9. |

FOR ONES IN YOUR LIFE: 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 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.

Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org for all children’s programs!
BOOKS AND BABIES
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-
Monday mornings at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.,
March 16 – April 6
TOWNSHIP RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 2.
OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 9.

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.

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 16 - July 24. Interested readers should contact Children's Services at 533-6555, extension 3708, beginning May 1.

MR. MIKE’S DINORIFIC SCIENTIFIC NAME GAME SHOW
APRIL 1 AND 22, MAY 27, AND JUNE 24, 6:30 P.M.
We need an audience and contestants! 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 just have fun as part of the audience. Whether you’re a dino expert or amateur, we guarantee the whole family will have a fabulous prehistoric experience.

FRIENDS OF THE HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHILDREN’S SERIES
ALL PERFORMANCES ARE FREE. FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED.
SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!

FOLKTALE FUN BY TAHIRA
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2 P.M.
Clever spiders, signifying monkeys, and grinnin' buzzards are just some of the intriguing characters in the folktales told by TAHIRA. Folktales Fun is an interactive program ideal for preschoolers and early elementary school-aged children. Delivered in her signature high-energy style, TAHIRA captivates young audiences while imparting universal values such as appreciating differences and being kind with your words.

PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF
SUNDAY, APRIL 19 – 2 P.M.
Theatreworks USA presents Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief at the Hershey Middle School Auditorium.
Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school, again, and that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeus's master lightning bolt has been stolen and Percy is the prime suspect.

Now Percy has ten days to find and return Zeus's stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus. But to succeed on his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the true thief, he must come to terms with the father who abandoned him, solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend, and unravel a treachery more powerful than the gods themselves. Adapted from the book The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. (Approximately one hour in length. Recommended for grades 2-6.)

PLEASE NOTE: Free tickets are required for entry. Tickets must be picked up from the Hershey Public Library prior to the day of the performance.

SPLAT STUDIO
SUNDAY, MAY 4
It’s a Hershey Public Library tradition - a surprise Mother’s Day art project. Back by popular demand, Meghan Winslow of SPLAT Studio – Spirited People Learning Artfulness Together - will help the children design a special project for a loved one.
Pre-registration is required. (These sessions will be held in the library meeting rooms.)
2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m., ages 2 to 6 (maximum 30 participants)
3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m., ages 6 and up (maximum 30 participants)
Registration for this limited audience program will begin on Monday, April 20.

Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org. Call the Children's Desk at 533-6555, ext. 3708, with any questions.
We know in our hearts that books and movies are so different that we really shouldn't compare them. And yet, we just can't help it. In this presentation, Bill Wine discusses the psychological differences between the reading and viewing experience. He also analyzes the way classic and modern novels have been translated into films. A collection of indelible written works that have provided the source material for storied, memorable movies are discussed, including The Grapes of Wrath, To Kill a Mockingbird, Schindler's List, Bridget Jones' Diary, The Graduate, A Clockwork Orange, The Silence of the Lambs, Sophie's Choice, The Maltese Falcon and more. Bill also discusses the “bombs.” Audiences are encouraged to bring their preferences, opinions, memories and questions.

Bill Wine is a speaker from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council Commonwealth Speakers Bureau, a Communications Associate Professor, at La Salle University, and a KYW Movie Critic. He has been writing about and teaching film throughout his career, serving as a movie critic for magazines, newspapers, radio, television, and online. He served as the movie critic for Fox Television for twelve years, earning eight Emmy Award nominations and winning three Emmy Awards. Wine has been the movie critic for the CBS station KYW News radio in Philadelphia since 2001. He has also written for The Village Voice, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Daily News and many other publications. Wine also is a produced and published playwright.

Come and listen to an enlightening, entertaining, and educational look at some of the plants that we overlook on our woodland hikes. Some of the most interesting and unusual wildflowers are growing in our own backyards right under our noses. Join native plant expert Barry Glick for a fascinating wild wander into the wonderful world of woodland wildflowers.

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 Helleborous. The other major focus at Sunshine Farm & Gardens is native plants. Barry has developed propagation protocols and growing regiments for many native species previously thought to be difficult to grow.


Barry will be bringing along many plants with him for purchase at the event.

Australian-born Geraldine Brooks is an author and journalist. She began her career at The Sydney Morning Herald before moving to the United States to attend the journalism master's program at Columbia University in New York City. She then spent 11 years as a correspondent at The Wall Street Journal, where her beats included some of the world's most troubled areas, including Bosnia, Somalia, and the Middle East.

Her fiction debut, Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague, was published in ten countries and was a 2001 Notable Book of the Year for The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the Chicago Tribune. For her second novel, March, Brooks was awarded the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, and her third book, People of the Book, became an instant New York Times bestseller. Her most recent novel is Caleb's Crossing.

She is also the author of two acclaimed works of nonfiction, Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women, and Foreign Correspondence: A Penpal's Journey from Down Under to All Over. Brooks was a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University in fall 2005 and was the recipient of the 2010 Dayton Literary Peace Prize for Lifetime Achievement. Brooks lives with her husband, author Tony Horwitz, and their two sons in Massachusetts. Books will be sold and signed at the event.
EXPLORING YOUR FUTURE WORKSHOP
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If you are 50+ and started asking yourself, “What’s next in my life?” then join us for a unique opportunity to create a vision to make your future rewarding and satisfying. The following topics will be covered:

SESSION I: REFLECT
SESSION II: EXPLORE
SESSION III: ENVISION
SESSION IV: ACT

FOUR WEEK SESSIONS
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18 AND 25, 1 TO 3 P.M.
WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 1, 8, 15 AND 22, 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.
$25 for each four-week session • Classes are limited to 12 participants.

VEGGIES - READY, SET, GO!
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 6 TO 7:30 P.M.
Join Crystal Huff, gardening expert, as she presents all you need to know to raise your own delicious vegetables. Learn how to plan your garden, start seeds, enrich your soil, and plant a garden to harvest healthy vegetables. Fee: $10

MIXED MEDIA READING JOURNAL
INSTRUCTOR: KRISTEN (FROM ENCHANTED MEMORIES)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 AND 25, 6:00 P.M.
Create a mixed media reading journal using various types of papers, stamps, stencils, mediums, embellishments and techniques. This project requires the individual to attend both evenings in order to complete the project. The journal is small enough to take with you, but large enough for your journal entries, notes and inspirations. Fee: $30 Class is limited to 8 participants.

GARDENING WITH ANNUALS
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 6 P.M.
While perennials and bulbs go in and out of bloom, annuals provide the flower garden with season-long color and continuity. Brooke Umberger, Horticulture Coordinator at the Hershey Gardens, will provide information on the many different types of annuals that are available and explain their best uses. Learn how to select and incorporate annuals into your landscape and how to maintain them once they are there. There is no fee for the class.

MEET THE AUTHOR
COL. (RET.) COLE KINGSEED
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2 P.M.

Come and join us for another unique “Meet the Author” opportunity that will be presented by the Hershey Public Library in collaboration with the Derry Township Historical Society. This program will feature Col. (Ret.) Cole Kingseed, discussing his new book, Conversations with Maj. Dick Winters. Books will be sold and signed. Registration is necessary.

CRIME VICTIMS AWARENESS PANEL DISCUSSION
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2 P.M.
Join a panel discussion with community professionals and authors, Lynn Shiner, Nancy Chavez, and Nancy Eshelman whose book, “Stabbed in the Heart” will be discussed. This program is being held in recognition of the month of April as “Crime Victims Month.” The event is being held to help raise awareness and support for victims of violent and non-violent crimes. Registration is recommended.

PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP
INSTRUCTOR: LORI MYERS
SATURDAYS, APRIL 11, 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.,
AND SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 10 A.M. TO NOON
Playwriting: Stories for the Stage; Dialogue for the Page - What people say and how they say it is important whether you write plays, novels, or essays. Dialogue must “speak” volumes about your characters and move the plot forward. This workshop will focus on dialogue in all writing genres. Participants will free-write from prompts given in class and write a short play and/or a monologue. It is intended for all writers. Fee: $50, for the two-part workshop. Class is limited to 20 participants.

LIVING HERB WREATH
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 10 A.M.
Andrea Beitzel from Ashcombe Garden Center will be here with us again to teach a class on how to make a fresh herb wreath. All materials are included in the cost of the class. Fee: $35
As Milton Hershey developed his vision of a model town, he often started small and then grew and expanded his ideas as demand increased. The Cocoa House, built in 1905, housed many community businesses while they were first getting started. For example, the Hershey Trust Company began operations in a room in the Cocoa House and ten years later moved into its large and impressive building next door.

Milton Hershey tried to provide for all of his new community’s needs. The first Hershey-owned general store was established in 1907, after Milton Hershey purchased the merchandise of an independent store that had been operating in the Cocoa House. The new Hershey store quickly outgrew the available space and Milton Hershey made plans to build a larger facility across the street on the southwest corner of Chocolate and Cocoa Avenues. Opening in 1910, the new facility was also a multifunction building. The first floor housed the new Hershey Store Company (soon named Hershey Department Store) and the second floor housed the Hershey Inn, which offered boarding rooms. The store’s business quickly expanded and the next year an addition was built, doubling the store’s retail space. Milton Hershey liked to repurpose buildings when the original tenant moved out. By 1920, the Hershey Department Store had outgrown its home on the southwest corner of Chocolate and Cocoa. The business was moved across the street to the Hershey Press Building. While the second floor continued to provide boarding rooms, the vacated first floor was used in a variety of ways. In 1920, Hershey’s public school was bursting at the seams and two classrooms soon occupied part of the newly vacant space. The first floor also housed an exercise studio, a photography studio, and a weekly farmers’ market. The basement provided meeting space for the Woodmen of the World and other community activities.

Beginning in 1924, part of the first floor was also used as a classroom and sleeping quarters for the Pennsylvania State Police Academy students. Police motorcycles were stored in the Hershey Inn basement and many students have memories of listening to the motorcycles roar on their way out of the building. Fortunately, the police academy students were able to move into permanent quarters on Cocoa Avenue that July. Hershey public school students also moved out of the building the following year when the Hershey Junior-Senior High School opened for the 1925-1926 academic year. Hershey’s development as a tourist destination increased the need for guest lodging. After the building was no longer needed for classroom space, renovations got underway. The classrooms and adjoining space were redesigned to accommodate a new foyer, registration desk, newsstand, dining rooms, and a cafeteria. Most of the second floor boarding rooms were repurposed as guest rooms. The new, tourist-oriented Hershey Inn opened in June 1926.

Located close to the Hershey Chocolate factory and its tours, Hershey Park, the Central Theater and downtown shopping, the Hershey Inn was in the perfect location to serve as Hershey’s guest lodging. Its success led to the building being enlarged in 1936. Two stories were added and the building was faced in red brick. Renamed the Community Inn, it was well known for its Oyster Bar, a popular seafood restaurant. The building was updated again in 1958 with new interior decorations, and 16 new guest rooms. All the guest rooms were updated with new television sets.

The popularity of the Cocoa Inn soon began to wane in the 1960s as more guests found the Cocoa Inn’s un-air-conditioned rooms cramped and old-fashioned. Staying at the Inn was complicated because downtown Hershey offered very limited visitor parking. Responding to changes in vacation travel, Hershey Estates opened the Hershey Motor Lodge in 1967. The downtown Cocoa Inn’s days were numbered. On December 29, 1970, the Cocoa Inn was demolished.

The corner sat vacant for several years as the community and the Hershey entities debated its future. In 1985, a one-story shopping center opened on the site. Featuring a bank, a realtor and a pizza shop; the business center stood in sad contrast to its architecturally elegant neighbors. Assorted proposals for the corner were considered, but nothing was pursued. Finally, in 2008, PennDOT announced plans to straighten the intersection of Route 422 [Chocolate Avenue] and Route 743, aligning Cocoa Avenue with Park Avenue. Work commenced January 14, 2011.

The project moved Cocoa Avenue to the west creating an opportunity for a new public space. This area, which includes the abandoned road section and old Cocoa Inn site, will be transformed into a community park honoring Milton Hershey and his vision for a model town. While plans for this new park are not yet finalized, the new public space will serve as a tribute to our founder.
ART ON CHOCOLATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 21 & SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2 P.M.

Another unique “Meet the Author” opportunity will be presented by the Historical Society in collaboration with the Hershey Public Library on March 21 and 22. This program will feature Col. (Ret.) Cole Kingseed discussing his new book, Conversations with Maj. Dick Winters.

More details to follow at www.hersheyhistory.org.

Meet the author: Col. (Ret.) Cole Kingseed’s new book, Conversations with Maj. Dick Winters

LEND ME A TENOR
APRIL 16-19, 23-26

On an exciting evening in 1934 at the Grand Opera Company, the world's most talented tenor, Tito Merelli, has arrived to perform Otello. Through a series of tranquilizers and confusions, Tito is mistaken for dead and the scramble ensues to find a replacement for the world-renowned performer. The misunderstandings and troubles of mistaken identity will keep you laughing in this delightful musical comedy directed by Jeff Cartwright.

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 p.m., Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m., and 90 minutes prior to each performance. E-mail: info@HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com

MODERN CROONERS: SATURDAY, MARCH 7
8 P.M.

A tribute to the Music of Michael Buble and Harry Connick Jr. is presented at the Hershey Theatre. Featuring Clayton Lee, Vocals

Please call the Hershey Theatre Box Office (717) 534-3405, for tickets.

BEETHOVEN BLOCKBUSTER

SYMPHONY NO. 9 IN D MINOR "CHORAL"
OP. 125 LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 8 P.M.

Featuring the Choruses of Dickinson College under the direction of Dr. Amy Wlodarski, Lebanon Valley College under the direction of Dr. Mark Mecham, and Hershey Symphony Festival Chorus under the direction of Sean Hackett

Please call the Hershey Theatre Box Office, 534-3405, for tickets.

ART ON CHOCOLATE: SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

The first-ever Art on Chocolate festival to be held in downtown Hershey will take place on Saturday, May 16th. This event is the result of an evolving collaboration with the Downtown Hershey Association to host our former Artists, Authors & Artisans annual event in a new location, while expanding opportunities for guests, artists and participants!

Look for more detail at www.hersheyhistory.org, in our e-blasts, and in the next issue of Reflections.

If you are not signed up to receive automatic e-notifications about upcoming events and programs, please send an email to info@hersheyhistory.org. Please call the Historical Society at 717-520-0748 with any questions. The Historical Society is located at 40 Northeast Drive.

Hershey Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Sandra Dackow
Music Director

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Winter Arts
The following employees reached a milestone employment anniversary during the second half of 2014. We want to congratulate them and thank them for their commitment and service to the Township.

**5 YEARS OF SERVICE**

JEFF FASTRICH  
August 19th, 2009  
Parks and Recreation

CHARLES EMERICK  
December 14th, 2009  
Community Development

KENNETH YODER  
December 22nd, 2009  
Police Department

**10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

GREGORY MOWERY  
July 6th, 2004  
Police Department

JULIE BRNIK  
September 27th, 2004  
Library

DEBRA MALARO  
October 18th, 2004  
Parks and Recreation

**15 YEARS OF SERVICE**

KAREN NEBLOCK  
November 1st, 1999  
Library

REBECCA KESSLER  
December 20th, 1999  
Police Department

ANTHONY CLEMENTS  
December 20th, 1999  
Police Department

**20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

DENISE PHILLIPS  
July 11th, 1994  
Library

JILL HENRY  
July 5th, 1994  
Administration

**40 YEARS OF SERVICE**

JAMES NEGLEY,  
October 4th, 1974  
Administration