

Township News



Terms Come to an End for Supervisors Abruzzo and Fedeli
A review of their services

Pop-Rock Group R5 Gets LOUD in Hershey on New Year's Eve!

See details in the Community Events section



Reserve Your Shade Tree Today

Limited Number Available

TreeVitalize Information Inside

Lunch with SANTA

Sunday, December 8, 1-3 p.m.

See the Parks section for details



"On average, a pedestrian is killed every two hours and injured every eight minutes in traffic crashes."

*NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts:
Pedestrians, August, 2013*



We Urge You to Review the Safety Precautions for Pedestrians and Motorists Provided Inside



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Powerhouse Team



Chairman Abruzzo and Vice Chairwoman Fedeli Complete Their Terms

Leadership and good governance do not just happen. Newly elected officials often learn quickly that governing requires many skills. It takes dedication and conviction. Honesty and integrity. Patience and compassion. The ability to work as a member of a team, to solve problems, and a willingness to listen. It takes courage to make decisions and courage to stand behind those decisions.

In 2007, Chris Abruzzo and Kelly Fedeli were elected to serve six-year terms on the Board of Supervisors. And now, after six years of hard work and dedication serving our community, they will leave together in December as their terms expire.

Abruzzo and Fedeli, with their fellow board members, have accomplished much during the years they have served the Derry Township community.

Communication Improving communication with residents was a high priority for this team. Shortly after their election, they spearheaded the effort to bring a high-speed emergency telephone notification system, known as "CodeRed," to the township. The system enables the township to reach out to residents to alert them of missing persons, provide information on natural disasters, and to warn them of other public safety matters. This system proved invaluable to residents during the flooding which occurred after Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. In addition, residents are now kept up-to-date through an improved website that includes pertinent information directly on the homepage, a periodic eNews email alert, and an electronic newsletter (replacing the paper version) emailed four times each year. When residents want direct contact with a board member, they can reach them through their township email address which is provided in the township's newsletter and on the township's website. Abruzzo and Fedeli also reduced the number of supervisors sitting on township boards and committees to increase the number of residents who could serve and thus improve community input on township matters.

Stormwater Improvements As the community has grown over the years, it has struggled with increased stormwater runoff and flooding. In 2008, Abruzzo and Fedeli took the lead in crafting an \$8.4 million dollar plan to improve the town's original stormwater control system. Half of the cost of these improvements came from a \$4 million state grant designed to assist communities with stormwater system upgrades. Both Abruzzo and Fedeli actively worked to secure these grant funds at the state level. Nevertheless, due to township budgetary constraints, the focus of the project had to be limited to three areas of the community where largest number of residents were most routinely impacted by flooding. Over the past two years, our community has seen upgrades in the size of culverts, installation of additional inlets and new pipes, and increased diameter of existing pipes. Fedeli also led a subcommittee comprised of community residents which drafted regulations for storm water management and best management practices. The new regulations require storm

water management facilities when the impervious coverage on a property is increased. These improvements have increased the system's ability to convey and contain more water, lessening the amount of water on roadways and properties.

Finances Since the economic downturn of 2008, the township's operating budget has been closely examined and reduced as necessary. At that time, tough decisions were made with regard to freezing salaries and new positions. The board directed department heads to make capital purchases only when absolutely necessary to the continuation of services.

Abruzzo and Fedeli were pivotal in securing \$1.3 million of County Gaming Funds to purchase two state-of-the-art fire trucks and expending no township tax dollars. Using this kind of leadership, all options to lessen expenditures have routinely been explored. When feasible, steps have been taken to share services with neighboring municipalities, lease equipment and vehicles, purchase insurance through pools and self-insurance, purchase energy through a consortium, and seek outside funding sources.

The township's debt service was refinanced to take advantage of lower interest rates on several occasions, saving taxpayers more than \$500,000. General fund taxes were raised only once during their tenure, due to the damage caused to township owned buildings and assets by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Under the leadership of Abruzzo and Fedeli, the township's Standard & Poor's AA+ bond rating remained constant despite the recession. This rating is based on an in-depth analysis of the township's finances, debt, and administrative and management strategies. Derry Township remains one of a few municipalities in the state to achieve such a high bond rating.

Roadway Improvements The township has experienced numerous roadway and traffic improvements since 2007. The joint effort between the township and Palmyra Borough brought about the re-alignment of Lingle Avenue and SR 422, making this busy intersection linking the two communities much safer.

The supervisors also worked diligently to coordinate funding of over \$13 million dollars, which included contributions from local stakeholders, the State Transportation Commission, and the Dauphin County Gaming Fund, to make improvements to the township's downtown area. This improvement project aligned Routes 743 and 422 to create one signalized four-way intersection. The aged and deficient Park Avenue bridge, over the Norfolk Southern Railroad, was replaced as part of this project.

The board heard the concerns of the residents on Cocoa Avenue regarding speed and worked with Rep. Payne to have the speed limit changed to 25 mph for the entire length of this busy roadway.

The board also responded to residents concerned with safety on SR 743/Fishburn Road by authorizing the installation of a traffic signal at Homestead Road and SR 743 to improve safety and the flow of traffic. A four-way stop was sought for the intersection of Wood Road and Waltonville Road after residents raised safety concerns at that intersection. The current Board has actively addressed the problematic traffic concerns of the community.

Downtown Hershey Abruzzo and Fedeli strongly believe the careful and responsible development of downtown Hershey is one of the greatest challenges facing the township in the coming years. Residents want a walkable main street with a historic feel that features a mix of commercial and residential uses. The board, under their leadership, has made subtle changes to ordinances that will help attract restaurants, like Chipotle, and retail stores to our downtown, while preventing the over-commercialization of Chocolate Avenue.

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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



During the last 10 years, there have been over 4,000 pedestrians killed a year on a public roadway by a vehicle accident, according to statistics provided by the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NHTSA). Sadly, these individuals lost their lives for reasons that could have been avoided.

As a pedestrian you have to be aware of motorists, and as a motorist you have to be aware of pedestrians. Almost 75% of the fatalities occurred in urban settings. Over 70% of these accidents occurred at non-intersections and during the nighttime. The NHTSA reports that the male pedestrian fatality rate is more than double the rate for females. Alcohol was involved with either the driver or the pedestrian in almost 50% of the fatal accidents.

We want to improve the walkability of the Township. Walking is a great form of exercise, conserves gasoline and lessens the toll on the environment. It also provides an opportunity to socialize and feel connected to the community.

The last two years, the Township and the School District have been working together to encourage students to walk to school on National Walk to School Day. This year's event, held on October 9th had over 100 walkers, that were greeted by Hershey Bears mascot Cocoa the Bear, a healthy snack, and the chance to receive a raffled gift card to Toys R Us, iTunes, or Mixies, generously donated by the Cocoa Avenue Grill and Mixies Frozen Yogurt.



Recently, through the Safe Routes to School program sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, a walkability audit was performed by consulting engineers Pennoni Associates Inc. Parents, police officers, members of the school board and township board of supervisors, and staff from the district and the township participated in the study. The study was conducted to evaluate the routes to school in order to plan for improvement to enhance accessibility, connectivity and overall the safety of the routes.

The members of the committee are currently reviewing the audit and are considering the recommendations and devising a plan for those that can be implemented now and in the Spring. Some of the improvements will include signage and crosswalk markings, the installation of sidewalk where it does not exist, and training and education.

Pedestrian fatalities can be prevented when walkers and motorists have an awareness of one another.

Please practice the safety precautions provided by the NHTSA on the right.

WALKERS

Be alert. Do not be distracted by electronic devices and keep your eyes on the traffic.

Be predictable and follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.

Walk on sidewalks when they are available.

If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic as far from traffic as possible.

Cross at crosswalks or intersections.

Crosswalk Guidelines

Never cross between parked cars where you may not be visible to motorists.

Look for cars in all directions including cars turning left or right.

Never assume a driver sees you and that they are going to stop. Make eye contact with the driver as they approach to make sure you are seen.

When possible, cross with others. More than one person is likely to be seen.

If there is no crosswalk, cross at an area that is well-lit where you have the best view of traffic. Allow yourself enough time to cross safely between cars. Continue to watch for cars as you cross.

Avoid walking at night and during adverse weather conditions due to poor visibility.

When walking, wear bright or light clothing or reflective material or use a flashlight at night.

Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots.

Do not walk when you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs when your abilities and judgment can be impaired.

DRIVERS

Be alert. Watch for pedestrians everywhere and at all times. Do not take your eyes off the road.

Obey the speed limit and proceed with caution when there are pedestrians near the road.

Use extra caution when driving in conditions that make it hard to see.

Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop at a distance that allows cars behind you to also see the crossing pedestrians.

Yield to pedestrians crossing the entrance to parking lots and driveways.

Drive with caution in neighborhoods, around schools, playgrounds, parks, senior centers, and bus stops.

Make sure no one is behind you before backing up.

Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Township Honors Service of Retiring Employees



Kelly Fedeli, Robert Shaffer, Todd Hack, and Tom Clark

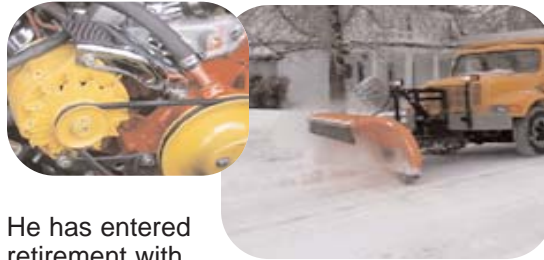
Two long-term, dedicated, Public Works employees were honored at the October 8, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Kelly Fedeli presented Bob Shaffer and Todd Hack with plaques recognizing their years of service and retirement.

Bob Shaffer, a very talented and hard-working mechanic, retired on July 31st with 19 years of service. He was committed to keeping the fleet of vehicles in top-notch shape.

In the final hours of his last day, he continued to complete a list of tasks that he felt that he needed to see through before his departure.

The police department in particular felt much gratitude towards Bob for the attention that he gave to maintaining their vehicles.



He has entered retirement with the intention of catching up on projects around his house, but Bob's dedication could not be completely tamed with retirement and he can still be found from time to time checking in at the Public Works garage.

Todd Hack hung up his work boots on September 5th. Todd served the department of Public Works for 25 years and was one of the department's crew leaders. Todd's no-nonsense, focused ability to get a job done will be missed. His main responsibilities were to oversee road repair and resurfacing projects, signage, landscaping, and special projects. He always gave his best and was true role model.

Todd has no immediate plans for the future, but thinks he might like a part-time job at a garden shop while he awaits his wife Jane's retirement. He does plan to enjoy time with his granddaughter Abby.

Public Works Director Tom Clark said, "They are two valuable employees who leave large shoes to fill. They will be missed greatly."

We wish Bob and Todd many happy days in this next phase of their lives.

Auction to Benefit Police K-9 Unit

The Derry Township Police Department K-9 Unit will hold a Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction on Sunday, November 24, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Bricker's Brickhouse, 251-253 West Chocolate Avenue.

Items to be auctioned include signed and unsigned sports memorabilia from the MLB, NHL/AHL, NFL, and college teams such as the Steelers, Ravens, Redskins, Eagles, Flyers, Penguins, Capitals, Hershey Bears, Phillies, Orioles, Penn State University and many more.

You do not need to be present to win. All winners will be contacted by phone if they are not present at the time of auction close.



Pennsylvania American Water to Award Grants Based on Facebook Voting on "Community Investment Challenge"

We Need You to Vote for Derry Township!

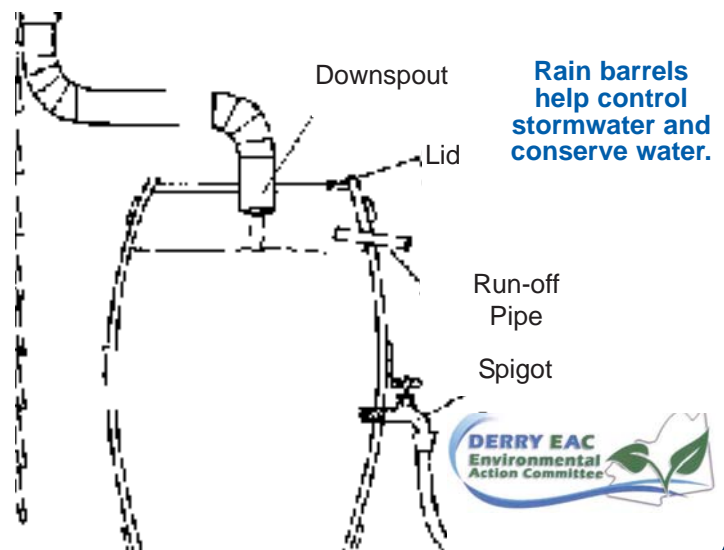
The Township is working with the Derry Township Environmental Action Committee to assist them in holding another Rain Barrel Workshop in the Spring next year.

Residents and businesses are invited to attend an educational session on water conservation and the benefits of using a rain barrel. Attendees receive a new rain barrel valued at over \$100 for a small registration fee.

Funding is needed in order to provide the barrels.

Beginning November 8th through December 8th we need you to go to the Pennsylvania American Water's Facebook Contest Page, www.amwater.com/facebook/pa and vote for Derry's Project.

The top three projects receiving the most votes in the contest will receive awards of \$1,000 (first-place), \$700 (second-place) and \$300 (third place).



Does Your Property Need a Street Tree?

The Derry Environmental Action Committee and the Township are teaming up again this year to provide homeowners with the opportunity to get a great deal on a tree (or two) to be planted in the area between their sidewalk and the street.

For only \$40 per tree, you can select a tree that's the right size and look for your property and we'll plant it for you in April.

Mail or bring your application (click here) and payment to the Derry Township Municipal Building, 600 Clearwater Road, and we plant a tree that will improve your property by providing shade, absorbing storm water, cleaning the air, and enhancing the appearance of your home.

Better hurry because we have a limited supply of trees. First come, first served! If we run out of trees before you can reserve yours, we'll put you on a waiting list for next year and you will be sure to get your tree(s) then. For more information and pictures of the trees, go to DerryGreen.org.



Almost Free Street Trees Only \$40 and some TLC

All you have to do is pay a \$40 registration fee per tree and give your tree(s) some tender loving care. We'll do the digging for you!

The program is funded through a Dauphin County TreeVitalize grant.



Tree Collection will begin January 2nd and continue until January 17th. The Public Works Department will make every effort to adhere to the schedule, weather permitting.

Trees should be placed at the curbside. Pickups will not be made in the alleys.

Residents may also bring their tree to the Recycling Center, free of charge during normal operating hours.

Monday W. Areba Ave., W. Caracas Ave., W. Granada Ave., Beech Ave., Chestnut Ave., Cedar Ave., Swatara Ave., Reese Ave., Half Street, Annscott Manor, Robin Road (area) Stafford Heights, E. Caracas Ave./E. Granada Ave., (IN TOWN), E. Areba Ave., Java Ave., Ceylon Ave., Bahia Ave., Para Ave., Hockersville Road, Fishburn Road, Hilltop Road, Clark Road, Church Road, Valley View (area), McCorkle Road, Old Hershey Road, Gates Road, Jacobs Creek

Tuesday Locust Ave., Maple Ave., Elm Ave., Oak Lane, Briarcrest (area) Cherry Drive, Peach Ave., Somerset Drive,

Cambridge Commons, Glenn Acres, Glenn Acres East, Chadds Ford, South Hills (area), Sandhill Road (N. of Roush Road)

Wednesday Mill Street, Hillcrest Road, Orchard Road, Glen Road, Valley Road (INTOWN), Cocoa Ave., Cocoa Townes, Laurel Woods, Sandhill Road (S. of Roush Road), Woodridge Manor, Roush Road, Landvater Road, Wellbeckon, The Meadows, Hillcrest (area), Hillchurch Road, Twin Oaks/Sunnyside (area), Village of Innsbruck, Shady Hill Estates, Waltonville Road, Walton Spring Hills, Stoney Run, Bullfrog Valley Road

Thursday Ridge Road, Linden Road, Brook Lane, Governor Road, Clifton Heights Road, Dartmouth Farms, JoAnn Ave., Locust Ave., Southpoint, Southpoint Commons, Middletown Road, Mountain View, Orchard Run, Indian Run, Deer Run, Carol Acres, Carol Acres East, The Oaks, Waltoncroft, Derry Woods, Oakmont, Division Street, Royal Street, Old Quarry Road, East Main Street, Park Village Plaza, Stone Creek

Friday W. Chocolate Ave., E. Chocolate Ave., N. Lingle Ave., Lehman Street, Wexford Road, Brittany Drive, Hotel Road (area), Owls Hills (area), Fairway Drive, Trinidad Ave., Palmdale (area), E. Derry Road, Center Road, Park Ave., Park Place

Hershey Volunteer Fire Company



A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY *Remembering Richard B. Rudisill (1950-2013)*

On August 28, 2013, Richard "Rick" Rudisill lost his valiant fight with cancer. With his passing, the residents of Hershey lost a dedicated 45-year servant and the members of the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company lost a leader and friend.

Rick began his service to the department in 1968 when he joined the Fire Company at the age of 18. He was active as a firefighter even while attending Gettysburg College to pursue a degree in Elementary Education and starting a career as an educator in the Central Dauphin School District.

In 1976, Rick was elected president of the fire company. He would serve in that capacity until 1988 and again from 1990 until 1997 holding the distinction of being the longest serving president. During his tenure, Rick was a moving force in the creation of what became known as the Annual Chocolatetown Fireman's Parade which started in 1980 and ran for 12 years, drawing fire apparatus and marching bands and groups from all over the Northeast and Middle Atlantic region. From 1997 until the time of his death, he served as a department Trustee and apparatus driver in addition to serving on many department committees.

An avid photographer of fire apparatus, Rick would travel throughout Pennsylvania and surrounding states taking and sharing photos of apparatus, both old and new, with other photographers and fire buffs. His photos have been featured in many fire apparatus trade journals and newspapers and his passion for the hobby has influenced his son, who now continues the tradition.

In addition to his love of photography, Rick was a published author having written two books, "Protecting His Dream," an illustrated history of the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company prepared for its 100th Anniversary celebration in 2005, and "Rebels in Our Woods," a historical fiction book about the experiences of a young boy during the Battle of Gettysburg.

As a lover of history, Rick was considered the informal historian of the fire company. He had a great ability to add a historical context to any matter related to the department, whether it involved apparatus, the station, firefighting operations, or just providing the younger members with a foundation of the significance of fire department traditions. Rick Rudisill was a leader in every sense of the word.

In 45 years of service, more time than most people dedicate to a career, Rick helped build the fire department into one of the most respected and capable volunteer fire companies in Pennsylvania. His presence will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but the lessons he taught all of us will continue to be reflected by the men and women of the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company.



Supervisors Prepare to Make Advisory Board Appointments

Application will be accepted until December 16th.

The Board of Supervisors is seeking residents for positions on the Board of Library Directors, Municipal Authority, Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, General Authority, and Industrial Commercial Development Authority.

Please visit the Township's website at www.derrytownship.org, Boards & Committees, for information on each of the boards. Interested applicants are requested to submit a resume and cover letter to: Township of Derry, Board of Supervisors, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA, 17033, by December 20th.

The Board will make appointments at the reorganization meeting in January.

The next issue of the Township News will be available at Township facilities on February 5th.

Meeting Your Municipal Needs

Board of Supervisors

Chairman E. Christopher Abruzzo
Kelly C. Fedeli
Marc A. Moyer
Sandra A. Ballard
John W. Foley



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

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The Board of Supervisors approved the following in August, September, and October:

Approved a request from the Hershey Trust Company, Trustee for Milton Hershey School, for a waiver to file a land development plan regarding the construction of a 2,168-square-foot staff home on Crest Lane.

Approved the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for East Point Trade Center - Building C, Plat #1234. This plan represents the development of a 374,125 s.f. commercial distribution warehouse on a 163-acre site located east of North Lingle Avenue and south of the Norfolk Southern rail line.

Approved the Revised Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Milton Hershey School Capital Improvements, Plat #1237. The revised plan removed improvements that were proposed to be made to Plat #1061, which revised the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for the Milton Hershey School Student Housing Expansion, 6th Wave, Plat #1028, that were to occur in 2005 and 2006, but were removed from the project.

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Effective November 4th through March 10, 2014



Monday	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Center will be closed on Friday, November 29th.

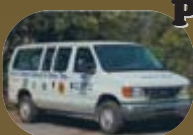
RECYCLE HOTLINE 533-8665

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

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

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

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



**People Movers
Will Get You There**
www.ThePeopleMovers.org

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

Call 717-533-3642 to arrange a ride.

Hershey Public Library

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Phone: (717) 533-6555
Fax: (717) 534-1666
www.hersheylibrary.org

Hours

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



Barbara Ellis, Director
Board of Directors

John Abel
Anne Reeves
Julie Isaacson
Gregory Neuhauser
Margaret Bradley
Marc Moyer
Kelly Fedeli

Friends Family Programs

Folk Trails

January 12, 2 p.m.

Actor, artist, storyteller, Broadway performer and singer **Tim Hartman** combines his talents to create a one-of-a-kind storytelling program. Through improvisational comedy and audience participation, Tim brings the fun and educational world of folk tales to life. Visit a hungry Jamaican spider, an Egyptian monk who can't get rid of a basket of grapes and a Japanese lord who will do whatever it takes to save his people.

ROCKIN ROBOTS

February 9, 2 p.m.

Juice your circuits! Groove to the binary beat! The Carnegie Science Center introduces us to Quasi the Robot, a childlike animatronic robot who dreams of adventure. Help Quasi design and deploy a heroic band of 'bots to help humanity! A "riveting" program! Recommended for grades 1-8.



Children's Services

4th Annual Polar Express Extravaganza

Monday, December 23, 6:30 p.m.

Come in your pajamas ready to be transported to the North Pole! We will show the movie, *Polar Express* (rated PG), provide a direct Internet link to the big man himself for any last minute instructions, have popcorn and chocolate milk and maybe even a few surprises.

Winter Break Movies!!!

Enjoy a free, family-friendly movie each weekday morning at 10:00 a.m. during Derry Township School District's winter break.

Thursday, Dec. 26 *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (rated G)

Friday, December 27 *Ella Enchanted* (rated PG)

Thursday, January 2 *Peter Pan* (2003) (rated PG)

Friday, January 3 *The Iron Giant* (rated PG)

No registration is necessary.



Hershey Public Library 100th Anniversary

What a great year this has been!

Our 100th Year Anniversary will soon end, but not before two more celebration events take place. On November 9, the library is hosting "Dinner in the Stacks with Murder on the Menu." A gifted troupe of actors will present the evening entertainment. Someone will definitely die and the food, provided by Events Etc., promises to be delicious. The Murder Mystery and meal are cosponsored by The Hershey Company and Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, as well as Events, Etc. Library Board members, Anne Reeves, Julie Isaacson, and Peg Bradley have been working with me to make the evening a success. Several local artists have donated items for the silent auction including watercolors, prints, a wood carving, and jewelry. The staff will purchase a gift for the library with the proceeds in honor of the 100th Year Anniversary.

Next, in December, the final event of this centennial year will be a Time Capsule ceremony. Members of the Library Board of Directors, Friends of the Library board and the Endowment Trust Board will place items in the capsule for future reference. The library's 100 year history has established the ground work for many exciting years to come. I hope that you will join us on Sunday, December 29, at 3:30 p.m.

In addition to the planning and preparation for these wonderful events, I want to let you know that our 100 X 100 Campaign has reached the following goals and accomplishments.

100 Pints of Blood: We have collected 146 pints

100 Books for 100 Children: The books have been collected and delivered to the Food Bank.

100 Memorial Bricks: 39 bricks sold in 2013. Please consider this option as a gift for the holiday season.

100 X 100 Volunteer hours: Hours are accumulating, but we have many more to go.

Also...We want to congratulate the *Friends of the Hershey Public Library* on being awarded the 2013 Friends of the Year Award by PA Citizens for Better Libraries. The award was conferred at the PA Library Association conference on Oct. 20th.

Thanks to all for your advocacy and support.

Warm Regards,

Barbara S. Ellis
Director of Library Services

Fresh Evergreen Wreath Making Class

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.

Andrea Beizel of Ashcombe Garden Center will teach you how to make fresh greens into a beautiful wreath to be displayed for the holiday season. The fee for the class is \$35 and includes all materials. The fee is due at the time of registration. Checks are to be made payable to Andrea Beizel.



Adult Programs

Rick Atkinson The Epic Story of the Liberation of Europe in World War II

Sunday, November 10, 2:00 p.m.

Join us on the eve of Veterans Day, 2013, when we have the pleasure of hosting world-renowned author Rick Atkinson.

Rick was born in Munich, in the Federal Republic of Germany and is the son of a U.S. Army officer and grew up on military posts. He is the best-selling author of *The Long Gray Line*, a narrative account about West Point's class of 1966; *Crusade*, a narrative history of the Persian Gulf War; and *The Liberation Trilogy*, which is a narrative history of the American Army in North Africa, Italy, and Western Europe during the Second World War. *The Guns at Last Light*, volume three of the Trilogy was published in May, 2013.

Sounds of the Season: A Holiday Concert Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.

Come and experience the sounds of seasonal and sacred holiday favorites brought to life by the marvelous vocal talent of the New Horizons.

The New Horizons is a select group of students from Milton Hershey School who are also members of the Varsity Choir (grades 9 through 12). They are known as a SATB (combination of soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices in choral music) jazz/show choir and have been in existence since 1980. They were originally established as the first combined male and female singing group at MHS. When New Horizons was formed, the Glee Club and Girls Chorus were still in existence. Since then, the SATB voiced Varsity Choir has replaced the individual male and female groups.

The Underground Railroad in Quilts? Monday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.

The Underground Railroad, the secret paths traveled by African-Americans who escaped slavery in the South, is well documented by historians. With the aid of "conductors" like Harriet Tubman and shelter "stations" in the homes of sympathetic Northerners and free African Americans, thousands of slaves made their way to freedom in the North and in Canada. Several well-known quilt patterns are said to have been used by people involved with the Underground Railroad to pass along information in code to help guide the escaping African-Americans on their way to freedom. But does historical research support these claims?

Commonwealth Speaker Cassandra Gunkel's hands-on talk and demonstration will address the ongoing debate. With the use of authentic 19th century quilts and modern reproductions, Gunkel will explore some of the ways in which women may have stitched their politics, history and mythology in quilt designs. Cassandra is a folklorist who specializes in material culture (the study of history, culture, and traditions as passed on through hand-made objects). She will be here to share her knowledge of the lives of women who captured our histories and stories in their creative work. Cassandra has exhibited numerous times and has organized quilt exhibitions around southeastern Pennsylvania. Gunkel lives in Bucks County and holds a PhD in Folklore and Folk life from the University of Pennsylvania.

These programs are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Hershey Public Library. Registration is necessary for all programs.

**Bookopoly will be back at the library
beginning Thursday, January 2nd.
Stop by to play!**

Powerhouse Team continued

Through the careful drafting of amendments to ordinances, the board has created more opportunities for businesses large and small to locate downtown, thus creating the vibrant downtown so many residents have desired over the years. It will be up to future boards to continue this progress in a thoughtful and deliberate manner.

Support of Programs While it is sometimes difficult for the township to take on new endeavors and special interest projects with limited funds and manpower, the board has provided support to organizations such as the Bowman Trust Beautification of Hershey Program, Kiss Hershey Back Annual Community Clean-up, TreeVitalize Program, the Environmental Action Committee's Rain Barrel Workshop and the Derry Township Community Cat Program that traps, neuters, and releases stray cats.

Maintaining a Sense of Community With an eye toward uniting our community through annual events, Chairman Abruzzo resurrected the community's Memorial Day Parade, which has now been going strong for the past four years. He also led efforts to ensure the township's annual Trick-or-Treat night is held on Halloween, October 31, as opposed to other dates in October.

When someone says, "Good job," it's not always expressed with a full understanding of what was required to achieve the goal. From the construction of shade structures along the bike path and the purchase of new pool side furniture and beautification measures at our community pool, to the realignment of intersections and stormwater infrastructure improvements, Abruzzo and Fedeli have made it look easy from the outside.

We would like to thank them for all of their hard work, their leadership, careful deliberation, sound and responsible decisions and for their sincere desire to do right by the township and its residents. They will be missed.

Toddler time and more ...

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

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Feb. 5 - Mar. 12
Resident registration begins Jan. 20; open registration begins Jan. 27.

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

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Jan. 7 - Jan. 28
Resident registration begins December 23; open registration begins December 30.

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

Monday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. Jan. 6 - Jan. 27
Resident registration begins Dec. 23; open registration begins December 30.

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

Storytime for 3's and 4's
Monday mornings at 10:00 Feb. 3 - Mar. 10
Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 Feb. 5 - Mar. 12
Resident registration begins Jan. 20; open registration begins Jan. 27.

Storytime for 4's and 5's
Monday afternoons at 1:30 Feb. 3 - Mar. 10
Tuesday mornings at 10:30 Feb. 4 - Mar. 11
Resident registration begins Jan. 20; open registration begins Jan. 27.

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

Happy Birthday, Mr. President!

HERSHEY HISTORY

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It is not every day that a small town in rural Pennsylvania gets to honor a president, and, not just any president, but a beloved war hero. On October 13, 1953 the people of Hershey got to do just that, when Hershey hosted a 63rd birthday party for President Dwight D. Eisenhower, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Republican Finance Committee.

The birthday party was intended as a fund raiser for the Republican party (in which they hoped to raise \$500,000), and was comprised of three main events taking place in the Hershey Stadium, Hershey Arena and a big top tent provided by Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Circus. Events held in the Stadium were free to the public, and spectators began arriving at 10 a.m. to attend the evening's festivities. The Stadium show began at 5:45 p.m. Some of the nation's leading golfers, including Lew Worsham, Patty Berg and Ben Hogan, all who later appeared again for the Arena show, teed off from the Stadium field as the crowd awaited the President.

President Eisenhower's entourage of three cars entered the stadium at about 6:14 p.m. and circled the Stadium track. The President and his wife stood alone at the table set for them at the south end of the stadium while the crowd joined in singing "Happy Birthday." President Eisenhower ate a fried chicken box lunch and watched six Pennsylvania bands, including the Lebanon High School state champions, in a field performance. In total, approximately 12,000-14,000 people attended the Stadium celebration that day. After the closing of the Stadium programs, Hershey Park Ballroom offered free dancing to the music of Red McCarthy.

At 5:00 p.m., the gates to the circus tent opened to receive the first of 6,000 diners. This "Big Top" dinner cost \$100 per plate. Decorations featured a huge 24 foot high and 40 foot wide wooden "cake" containing bushels of colorful Pennsylvania fruits and vegetables on its seven tiers and topped with the American flag. The dinner menu included Roast Prime Tenderloin with mushroom sauce, peas, potato croquettes and cole slaw.



Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Circus provided their Big Top tent for President Eisenhower's celebratory dinner. 10/13/1953

After the guests were finished, they moved to the Arena, for the culmination of the day's festivities. President and Mrs. Eisenhower entered the Arena riding in a one horse buggy. There they found 6,000 guests (from the Big Top dinner) singing Eisenhower's campaign song, "Where In The World But In America." The President walked up the steps to a large platform positioned beside his giant birthday cake (9 feet wide by 6 feet high) topped with 63 electric candles. When the President "lit" his cake in the vast darkened hall, the audience also lighted their candles (shaped like hand sized wooden cakes, topped by a small red electric candle). The effect was dramatic. When the Arena lights came up Eisenhower cut Mamie a piece of birthday cake. Only the Eisenhowers got a piece from a small portion of real cake inserted in the second layer. The rest of the "cake" was made of plywood and papier mache.

Other Arena guests were served cake and ice cream by 500 high school girls. Cake was provided by 800 women who each baked a cake for the festivities. At Mamie Eisenhower's suggestion, the maker of one of the cakes received an expense free three-day trip to Washington. The lucky one, to be chosen by lot, was to be the First Lady's guest for tea in the White House.

The 2 ½ hour reception and tribute featured a 45 minute pageant, especially produced by Fred Waring for the party, entitled "The Song of America," a musical saga tracing the founding and development of America.

It was performed by the 1000 voice All-Pennsylvania Schools Chorus. President Eisenhower's birthday gift was the establishment of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship. The goal of the fellowships (incorporated and funded by 55 prominent Americans) was to improve international relations by financing the training of leaders in the fields where they are most needed in the rest of the world.

President Eisenhower would return again to Hershey on two other occasions. In 1960 he returned for a dinner at Hotel Hershey along with Vice President Richard Nixon. In 1963, he returned again, this time for a "Stag" dinner [again at the Hotel] following a format used during his White House years where he invited scholars, business and cultural leaders to gather to discuss issues and ideas.

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Community Events



Teen Pop Sensation R5 to Rock Downtown Hershey on New Year's Eve

Nationally acclaimed R5 will be performing as the headlining act at the New Year's Eve in Hershey event. The pop rock band, known for hits including *Loud*, *Fallin' for You* and *I Want You Bad*, will take center stage at 10:30 p.m.

The L.A.-based group is comprised of siblings Riker, Ross, Rocky and Rydel Lynch, and their childhood best friend "Ratliff." The group debuted "*Loud*" earlier this year and released their first full-length album, *Louder*, in September. Members Ross and Riker have also made names for themselves starring in the Disney Channel Original Series "*Austin & Ally*" and "*Glee*" respectively. Opening acts will be announced as they are confirmed in the coming weeks.



The celebration will feature activities for the entire family, including Rock Around the Clock on New Year's Eve at The Hershey Story, where participants will celebrate midnight in cities across the globe with a Bubble Wrap Stomp. Children will enjoy performances from Mr. Music, as well as activities and refreshments at the First United Methodist Church.

The evening will culminate with the raising of the giant Hershey's Kiss replica followed by a spectacular fireworks display at midnight. The event is held at the square in Hershey and is free to the public. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available from vendors throughout the evening.

Further details will be shared through the event's media sponsors, abc27, The Sun News and WINK 104. Check out the event's website, www.hersheynewyears.org or on Facebook under "Hershey New Year's Eve" for updates.



Hershey Area Playhouse Kicks off Holidays with A Christmas Carol Musical

Hershey Area Playhouse will produce local playwright Barry Kornhauser's effervescent take on the classic Dickens tale - *A Christmas Carol*. Dubbed "a fresh vibrant, stunning and moving evening of theatre" by critics, his story combines live actors with puppets and special effects to charm and delight. The show runs December 5 - 14, Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on December 8 and a Saturday matinee on December 14. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$20 for ages 12 and under.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com or call the box office at 717-533-8525.



**HERSHEY SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

Dr. Sandra Dackow
Music Director

Hershey Symphony Orchestra Sets Annual Holiday Concert

The annual Hershey Symphony Orchestra holiday spectacular is set for Friday, December 6, 2013 at 8 p.m. at The Hershey Theatre. The seasonal favorite will feature familiar songs, an audience sing-a-long and a visit from Santa Claus. The concert will also showcase the talents of the Symphony's 2013 Young Artist Competition winner, Cellist Lilly Wushanley. For tickets and information, please visit www.HersheyTheatre.com.