



Township of Derry Township News

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A municipal community publication for the residents and businesses of Derry Township.



Day, Romberger,
Melhorn, and Dotts



Fuller and Beard



Kienzle



Rode



Sargen and
Mowery



Condran,
Warner, and Shearer

2012 Police Commendations Are Awarded

Chief Patrick O'Rourke presented commendations and awards at the June 12, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting. The following individuals were recognized for bringing distinction upon themselves.

Sergeant Gregory Day, Detective Brian Romberger, Detective David Melhorn, and Detective Matthew Dotts received the Distinguished Unit Citation award for their swift action in relocating and securing items in the police evidence room, protecting all items from being destroyed in the flood of September 7, 2011.

Sergeant Steven Beard and Accreditation Coordinator Leslie Fuller for their efforts in complying with standards for national and state accreditation and hosting assessors during a challenging flood recovery from major damage in the facility.

Dispatcher Ashley Kienzle received a commendation for locating a missing, intoxicated and suicidal female, by observing surveillance cameras of Hersheypark Drive near the Swatara Creek Bridge.

Officer David Rode received the Life Saving Award for his quick and decisive intervention in treating a fall victim who was not breathing and had no pulse with an Automated External Defibrillator.

Officer Gregory Mowery and Officer Sean Sargen received a Life Saving Award for administering compressions and rescue breathing to a female vehicle passenger in cardiac arrest.

Lt. Garth Warner, Officer Dennis Shearer and Officer Andrew Condran for their quick and decisive actions performing CPR and administering the Automated External Defibrillator to save a victim of cardiac arrest.

Chief O'Rourke also acknowledged **Lt. Timothy Roche** for his role in overseeing the flood restoration of the police department, **Township Manager James Negley** for his support and leadership during the flood emergency, and **Director of Public Works Tom Clark** for his department's assistance during the emergency response to the flood of September 2011.

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Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting to be Held on Oct. 11th.

Experts Provide Advice



Shred It Event

Saturday, October 13th
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Public Works Facility, 600 Clearwater Road
Limit of two boxes or two bags.



D.T.P.D. and DEA Drug Take Back

Saturday, September 29th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hershey Public Library, 701 Cocoa Avenue
Needles will not be accepted.

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A Report

from Chris Abruzzo, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors



Thank You For Hanging Tough And Being Patient

2012 will surely go down in the history books as one of the township's busiest years of construction and infrastructure improvements. As progress continues on stormwater improvements in the Village, the replacement of water lines, the creation of a community square in our downtown, and the restoration of Bullfrog Valley Pond and the Eshenour Trail, please know that your patience and understanding is sincerely appreciated.

Construction Downtown and in the Village

While many of the projects in our Village Core Area were initiated over five years ago, it's important to understand that the planning, funding, design, and permit approval processes take years to complete. We have done our best to coordinate the storm water and sewer projects so that the road is only being torn up once and the inconvenience to our residents is minimal.



Installation of the new stormwater pipes in the area of 322 to the Hershey Public Library has been completed, including an 8' crossing of 322. A new stream channel south of 322 has been excavated. Sanitary sewer and stormwater installation along the west side of Cocoa Avenue has started and will be completed late in the fall. Work on the storm water project continues in the Village Area and the intersection of 322 and Cocoa Avenue. The system is currently being installed along W. Maple Avenue and 6th Street. The work will then move to Cocoa Avenue and Elm Street and is anticipated to be completed in the early fall.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to help beautify the community and reduce storm water runoff by planting trees throughout the township. The TreeVitalize grant provided by the Dauphin County



Department of Parks and Recreation along with an overwhelming number of volunteer laborers allowed the planting of over 1,000 trees in our community without any cost to the Derry Township tax payers.

Unfortunately, we could not delay the stormwater projects until the realignment project in the center of town was

completed. It would have increased the costs substantially and continued to expose residents in certain areas of the township to flooding damage. When the construction and improvements are completed, we will be left with a stronger and more effective stormwater and sewer system, a substantially more functional intersection and new bridge in the center of town, which with beautification measures provided by the Hershey entities, will become the anchor of our downtown revitalization efforts.

Bullfrog Valley Pond

We also appreciate your patience as we undertake the flood restoration of Bullfrog Valley Pond and the Jonathan Eshenour Trail. Residents have been anxious to have the pond and the trail repaired, but the repairs are costly and we could not begin the work without the necessary permits from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency.



In an effort to save time and money, the dredging of Bullfrog Valley pond is being performed by the Public Works Department. When the dredging is finished, a new bridge to the trail will be installed. Approval of funding has been received from FEMA for the pond and the trail. The township is awaiting permits from the EPA in order to proceed with the repairs to the trail.

As our residents will recall, the township incurred millions of dollars of damage after the historic flooding and repairs to our infrastructure depleted our reserve funds. All repair projects had to be prioritized based on public safety needs. Nevertheless, we are grateful for the public's understanding, as well as the support of the many residents and civic organizations who volunteered to cleanup the pond and trail and who pledged monetary assistance to get the project started.

Water Line Replacement

Lastly, thanks to all the residents who have patiently waited while the water company replaces old water pipes on their street. This is another effort to update the aging sub-surface infrastructure in our community. While the township has no involvement in this project, be advised that broken sub-surface water lines are one of the causes of sinkholes in our community and the newer and stronger water lines will serve to reduce, and hopefully prevent, sinkholes experienced in our neighborhoods.

A Word on Trash Collection

Your tolerance during the transition to a new waste hauler is appreciated. It proved to be more difficult than our waste hauler expected or promised, and we apologize for the many problems associated with the transfer of service. Rest assured that we have communicated our mutual concerns and frustration to the waste hauler and have demanded better performance. If we don't see improvements, we will consider our options under the terms of our contract.

You Can Shape the Future!

Participate in the Community Discussion on October 11th at 6:30 until 8:00 pm, at the Hershey Public Library

You are invited to the Community Discussion to shape the future of Derry Township.

We are moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan Update. Thousands of residents and business owners responded to the Community Survey and participated in Listening Sessions held throughout the community to express their opinion of how our community should look in the next 10 to 20 years. Now, it's time to put your ideas into action.

Thanks to a generous Technical Assistance Grant from Smart Growth America, nationally-recognized land use expert, Chris Duerksen, will facilitate the discussion and share his ideas on "Smart Growth Fixes for Small Cities" (See sidebar). Duerksen will describe common barriers that can hinder the development of an attractive, walkable downtown – and easy ways to remove these

stumbling blocks. He also will describe ways to preserve the beauty and character of our town.

This is a meeting you don't want to miss. Our future depends on it. For additional information on the efforts to update Derry Township's Comprehensive Plan go to <http://www.derryvision.org/> The web site includes survey results, the notes from the 22 Listening Sessions and many other smart growth resources.

What is Smart Growth?

As outlined in Derry Township's Fall 2011 Community Survey and Winter 2012 Listening Sessions, Smart Growth principles include:

1. Walkable communities
2. Transportation options
3. Efficient land use
4. Open space preservation
5. Predictable development decisions
6. Community collaboration
7. Attractive communities with a Sense of Place
8. Housing choices
9. Homes near jobs / stores
10. Strengthening communities

Long-Term Caretaker of the Hershey Recreation Center Retires



A party was held in honor of Kevin Jones on June 30th at the Hershey Recreation to celebrate his retirement and recognize his 33 years of service with the Department of Parks and Recreation Center. Family, friends and co-workers gathered to share stories and enjoy an evening of camaraderie. Kevin retired on July 8th as a Work Leader, the position he remained dedicated to since his first day of employment on January 2, 1979. Kevin took great pride in the maintenance and operation of the pool and facilities at the center. His co-workers look fondly on his career and their friendships with Kevin. Everyone feels fortunate to have worked with him.

Vice-Chairwoman Kelly Fedeli presented Kevin with a plaque and gift card in honor of his retirement.

We wish Kevin a wonderful retirement.

Leaf Collection

Leaf Collection begins Monday, Oct. 8th and continues through Dec. 7th. The Public Works Department will make every effort to adhere to the schedule. Inclement weather and a high quantity of leaves may cause a delay in the schedule.

Leaf Collection Guidelines

Please remove all items from leaf piles. Leaf piles with foreign material will not be collected.

Leaf collection will not be made in alleys.

Grass clippings will not be collected. Leaves may be taken to the Recycling Center during operating hours.

Do not park on leaf piles or allow children to play in the leaves placed on the street for collection.

Please place basketball hoops behind the curb and trim street trees to a height of 9' above the cartway so that the leaf trucks can pass safely.

We would like to remind residents that as they complete fall yard cleanup, wood waste can be brought to the Recycling Center. Please make sure that only wood material is dropped off. Also, brown "Kraft" bags are available in packs of 5 for \$4 plus tax at the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center also sells compost bins for \$25 plus tax. They are easy to put together and provide rich compost for use in your gardens.

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 (IN TOWN), 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, Park Village Plaza

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

The last issue of the 2012 Township News will be available at township facilities on November 9th.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Trick-or-Treat Will Be Held On Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Safety Tips

- Wear flame retardant costumes.
- Hem your costumes so you don't trip and fall.
- Apply reflective tape to your Halloween costumes.
- Avoid cumbersome masks. Use make-up instead.
- Use only hypoallergenic and non-toxic makeup.
- Wear comfortable, practical shoes.
- Double tie your shoelaces so you don't trip.
- Keep your costume and wig away from candles.
- Don't carry fake swords, guns, knives or similar accessories that look authentic. Make sure they're flexible and cannot harm anyone.
- Plan your route ahead of time in familiar neighborhoods.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries after dark.
- Take a cell phone.
- Travel in groups, accompanied by an adult.
- Stay on the sidewalks and out of the streets.
- Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks.
- Walk. No running.
- Watch out for open flames in jack-o-lanterns.
- Walk with your head up and be aware of your surroundings.
- Only visit well-lit houses.
- Don't approach unfamiliar pets and animals.
- Don't cut across yards and stay out of backyards.
- Follow traffic signals and don't jaywalk.
- Always watch for cars backing up or turning.
- Review the "stop, drop and roll" procedure in case your costume catches on fire.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Don't eat any candy until it's inspected for tampering under bright lights.
- Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, is unwrapped, has puncture holes, or is homemade.
- Small children should not be allowed hard candy they may choke on.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police.



Police Department Receives State and National Reaccreditation

Derry's Honor Guard Performs Opening Ceremonies

On July 11th, the Derry Township Police Department was recognized during the Annual Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Conference in Camp Hill, where they received their award for State reaccreditation through PLEAC, (Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission).

The award was presented during a formal dinner, which culminates the conference every year. The dinner had an "Irish" theme with the Derry Township Police Honor Guard headlining the opening ceremonies this year. The Guard had the distinction of presenting and posting the "colors" (American Flag and State Flag). Officers Robert Bennett, Darren Cotten and Jason Rode conducted the ceremonial commencement under the command of Lieutenant Timothy Roche and were brought into the ceremony with music being played by Chief O'Rourke on the bagpipes. The dinner was attended by Chiefs of Police from across the Commonwealth. Subsequent to the opening ceremonies, the unit received a deluge of positive compliments regarding their performance. They were told, "That was by far, the best opening ceremony this conference has ever had."

On July 21st, the Derry Township Police Department was recognized during the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. This in an International Accreditation attended by Law Enforcement Leadership from across the world. During the Commission Hearing, held Saturday morning, the department received multiple compliments on its ability to achieve a relatively spotless onsite assessment, while responding to the needs of the community during a time when the Police Department was still in the recovery phase of reconstruction due to the damage that resulted from the flood in September, 2011. Because of the lack of deficiencies in their accreditation review, Chief O'Rourke fielded many questions from "intrigued" members of the Accreditation Commission on the impact the flood had on our community and the Police facility and how the department responded to all of the challenges. The award for reaccreditation was received at the formal dinner Saturday evening by Chief O'Rourke, Lieutenant Tim Roche and Accreditation Manager, Leslie Fuller.



Incoming president of the PA Chiefs of Police, John Mackey with the Honor Guard



Chief O'Rourke and Lt. Roche proudly display the department's CALEA reaccreditation.

Preventing Property Violations

The Department of Community Development enforces the International Property Maintenance Code and other Township Ordinances to insure public health, safety and welfare and to prevent blighting of neighborhoods.

We ask all residents to work toward preventing the following common violations on their property:

STORAGE of JUNKED, WRECKED or INOPERABLE VEHICLES - Includes any motor vehicle that meets any of the following conditions:

Cannot be moved under its own power, in regards to a vehicle designed to move under its own power, other than a vehicle clearly needing only minor repairs;

Cannot be towed, in regards to a trailer designed to be towed;

Has been demolished beyond repair;

Has been separated from its axles, engine, body or chassis;

Includes only the axle, engine, body parts and/or chassis, separated from the remainder of the vehicle;

Does not contain current license or registration; and/or

Is otherwise unworthy for road travel in accordance with applicable Local, State or Federal regulations as



determined by the Township Zoning Officer, Codes Enforcement Officer or any other Township agent appointed by the Board of Supervisors for enforcing this chapter of the code.

HIGH GRASS and WEEDS - Township ordinance prevents premises from having grass and weeds that exceed six inches in height.

ACCUMULATION of RUBBISH and GARBAGE - All exterior properties and premises shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.

PROTECTIVE TREATMENT - All wood surfaces shall be free from peeling and flaking paint.

PUBLIC SIDEWALKS - Sidewalks shall be maintained in proper state of repair and should have no heave or gore greater than ½ inch as to prevent a tripping hazard. Sidewalks that do not comply should be repaired or replaced.

SNOW and ICE - All snow and ice shall be removed from any public sidewalk abutting any street or alley within 24 hours of the end of a storm.

GUTTERS and DOWNSPOUTS - Gutters and downspouts shall be in good repair, free from obstructions and not be discharged in a manner to create a public nuisance.

SMOKE ALARMS - Smoke detectors are required in each bedroom, in the vicinity outside each bedroom and at least one on each floor level, including basements.



21 W. Caracas Avenue 533-2953 www.hersheyfire.org

Recently, the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company held a fire apparatus housing ceremony for our new Pierce pumper and Pierce rescue truck. Both of these well-equipped fire apparatus were provided by grants from the Dauphin County Commissioners, with additional funding from the Township of Derry.

Fire truck housing ceremonies are a long-standing tradition in fire service dating to the time of horse-drawn fire apparatus. Hershey firefighters, visiting firefighters, and members of the community joined together to 'push' the new apparatus into the station three times. The Fire Company was honored to have State Representative John Payne, Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries, and Chairman of the Derry Township Board of Supervisors Chris Abruzzo, participate in this important event.



After years of study and planning for our future needs, the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company has chosen Pyramid Construction Services, Inc., a Quandel Enterprises company, as the design/build team for the renovation and expansion of the fire station located at 21 West Caracas Avenue. Pyramid's functional layout provides many of the features that have been established as essential by the Fire Company for the project. Their design blends the 1928 station center with stone and roof lines from the original 1906 building, which stood on the north side of the first block of East Chocolate Avenue.

With the relocation of Cocoa Avenue, the fire station has become a much more visible part of the downtown. Fire Company members felt strongly that the station design needed to be an exceptional showcase to match the architecture and tradition of our town. We are certainly excited that this fire station expansion project preserves our history by remaining on land donated by Milton S. Hershey, and allows the Fire Company to continue our mission of protecting *His Dream* for many years to come.

The Hershey Partnership will hold their Annual Soup Cook-Off at the fire station on Saturday, October 6, from 11 am to 2 pm. More than fifty cooks, from teenagers to executive chefs, will be participating in professional and non-professional categories and competing for trophies and the title of "Soup Champion." The Cook-Off benefits the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company. The Hershey Partnership wants to help support the planned fire station renovations by raising funds through the Soup Cook-Off. For more detailed information on the Soup Cook-Off, or to register to be a cook, log onto www.HersheySoupCookOff.com. The Fire Company is very pleased to continue its support for this popular community event.

Employee Performance & Service Awards

The following employees have been selected and recognized for their high level of performance and exceeding expectations.

Andrew Herr, Police
 Jeff Kawich, Public Works
 Karene Robinson, Parks & Rec.
 Joy Burrell, Library
 Robert Ohliger, Fire Company

The Township would like to thank and recognize the following employees for their loyal and dedicated services to the Township.

5 Years of Service
Jason Grimes, Parks & Rec.

10 Years of Service
Dale Nelson, Police
Dennis Shearer, Police
Marisa Weldon, Comm. Dev.
Brian Romberger, Police

15 Years of Service
Robert Shaffer, Public Works
Amy Clemson, Parks & Rec.

20 Years of Service
Jan DeAngelis, Parks & Recreation
Brian Grubb, Police
Terry Ferree, Police

25 Years of Service
Peter Shearer, Library

Annual Veterans Breakfast

Representative John Payne will host the annual Veterans Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 9th.

8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

The event will be held at the Spring Garden Reception and Conference Center, 903 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown.

Please call 717-534-1323 for answers to questions or directions.

What Is Happening? In my town



The Board of Supervisors approved the following during April, May, and June:

Approved the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Derry Township School District Middle School

Addition, Plat #1215. This plan proposes the addition of 4,559 square feet of new floor area and the removal of parking previously proposed at the southeast corner of the high school.

People Movers Will Get You There



People Movers has been providing transportation for senior citizens since 1974. Transportation services are provided free of charge to Derry Township citizens who are 60+ years old, to appointments, grocery stores, and to run general errands.

Call 717-533-3642 to arrange a ride.
www.ThePeopleMovers.org

Meeting Your Municipal Needs

Board of Supervisors

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RECYCLING CENTER HOURS (Effective October 8th through April 1st)



Mon.	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fri.	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sat.	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Center will be closed on Monday, September 3rd and Friday, November 23rd.

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.

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.

Hershey Public Library

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Hershey, PA 17033
Phone: (717) 533-6555
Fax: (717) 534-1666
www.hersheylibrary.org



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Anne Reeves
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Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Adult Programs

Until Tuesday

Sunday, September 9 @ 2:00 p.m.

Author Captain Luis Carlos Montalvan will sign books and talk about his book and how as a wounded Army veteran, his golden retriever saved his life. Registration for the event begins August 9th. Call the circulation desk at 533-6555.

Book Groups

Applications for the Classic Book Group, which meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and the Between the Lines Book Group, which meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. are being accepted. Please check the library website for details. Register by calling the library at 533-6555.

Children's Drop-In Programs

Trick-or-Treat Storytime

Wednesday, October 31, 1:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 to 6, come in costume to enjoy stories and a chance to trick-or-treat in the library. No registration necessary.

3rd Annual Polar Express Extravaganza

Thursday, December 2, 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.

Wednesday, December 26, *Arthur Christmas* (rated PG)

Thursday, December 27, *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (rated PG)

Friday, December 28, *Hugo* (rated PG)

Wii Game Days

Join us one Sunday a month for Wii games played on the big screen! All ages welcome. We will play from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16.



Friends Family Programs

The Franklin Institute - Chemistry!

September 16, 2:00 p.m.

Crazy for chemistry? This "highly reactive" show explores all aspects of chemistry - from the chemistry you see every day to the chemical "detective" work performed by laboratory scientists. Watch as our friends from THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE use chemistry to turn water into gel, make a foam sculpture (in less than a minute) and explode a hydrogen balloon. Kaboom!

Art of Inspiration

October 14, 2:00 p.m.

It all happens within minutes! Vibrant color is set on a huge canvas -- at times with broad strokes and at other times with intense detail. RICHARD HIGHT

begins this one-of-a-kind presentation with the dramatic creation of an illustration (which the library can keep!). Children are mesmerized by the powerful combination of art, spoken word and music. Richard's unique presentations encourage children to use their imagination, to discover their originality and to celebrate their differences!

The Ways of the Len'ape

November 4, 2:00 p.m.

Long before William Penn founded our home state, the Lenni Len'ape Nation lived in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. This program demonstrates the cultures and customs of these tribes during pre-colonized times, including the tools, clothing, toys, games, medicine and music that were part of their daily lives. Pow-wow at the library!

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 10:00 and 11:00 September 5 - October 10
Resident registration begins August 20; open registration begins August 27.
November 14 - December 19

Resident registration begins October 29; open registration begins November 5.

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 9:45 and 10:45 October 19 - October 30
Resident registration begins October 1; open registration begins October 8.

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 October 18 - November 5
Resident registration begins October 1; open registration begins October 8.

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 September 10 - October 8
Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 September 5 - October 10
Resident registration begins August 20; open registration begins August 27.
Monday mornings at 10:00 November 12 - December 17
Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 November 14 - December 19
Resident registration begins October 29; open registration begins November 5.

Storytime for 4's and 5's

Monday afternoons at 1:30 September 10 - October 8
Tuesday mornings at 10:00 September 4 - October 9
Resident registration begins August 20, open registration begins August 27.
Monday afternoons at 1:30 November 12 - December 17
Tuesday mornings at 10:00 November 13 - December 18
Resident registration begins October 29, open registration begins November 5.

There will be no Storytime on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3rd.

A Living Legacy: Hershey's Memorial Field

On a July day in 1944, M.S. Hershey invited the Derry Township School Board (Harry L. Erdman, Amos F. Geesaman, William H. Dunbar III, Dr. Wayne D. Stettler, Clayton C. Gingrich, Howard G. Shelley, Edward Stover, and Raymond H. Koch, school superintendent), to a luncheon at his home in the Hershey Country Club. After lunch, he proposed a project to create a large athletic field for the 1,900 or more students of the grade school, the junior-senior high school and Hershey Junior College. He wanted the athletic field to be a living memorial for the men from Derry Township, who gave their lives defending their country in World War I and World War II, and dedicated to the living veterans of these wars. He wanted to provide a recreational area that would be more centrally located for the community than Hershey Park.

Based on official studies and recommendations for public school play space, the School Board first proposed that the Memorial Field cover 36 acres. The Board envisioned providing space and fields for a variety of sports including: archery, badminton, baseball, basketball, bowling green, golf, cricket, croquet, deck tennis, field ball, field hockey, football, handball, horseshoes, lacrosse, quoits, soccer, softball, speedball, touch football and volleyball.

After giving the school project much thought, Milton Hershey decided to give the School District 18 1/4 acres of a farm located south of the then-current school buildings (today the Granada Avenue School Complex). At the time, the land was owned jointly by Hershey Estates and Hershey Industrial School (now Milton Hershey School).

Work on the Memorial Field did not get started until after Milton Hershey's death. In the fall of 1946, funded by income derived from the Milton Hershey Testamentary Trust, grading of the athletic fields and seeding permanent grasses was completed. Memorial Field would not be dedicated for two years to permit the grass to become well established.

During the summer of 1947, three hard-surface tennis courts were added. In addition, that same year, plans for the future development of the park were announced. These plans were soon implemented and in 1948 Memorial Field expanded significantly with the addition of a practice football field, an area for field hockey, two softball fields, a baseball diamond, a quarter-mile track and a 3 1/2-acre children's playground. The playground included a jungle gym, slides, swing sets, seesaws, horizontal ladders, a children's wading pool, and a merry-go-round.

On Saturday, June 12, 1948, Memorial Field was formally dedicated. Robert E. Woodside, a Dauphin County Juvenile Court judge, was the featured speaker. John H. Treder, Vicar of All Saints Episcopal Church, gave the invocation. The day-long dedication program included athletic events for people of all ages. Before the formal ceremony, the day kicked off with morning competitions. After the 1:45 p.m. dedication program concluded, baseball games and tennis matches were held during the rest of the afternoon.

Memorial Field was more than athletic fields and recreational space. In the summer of 1948, John R. Finley, a student majoring in community recreation at Penn State, was hired to be the playground director, assisted by Lee Anne Wagner, a Penn State graduate. The summer program included various types of games in the morning for elementary students, programs for high school students in the afternoon and activities for adults in the evening. The program included arts and crafts, tennis tournaments, pitching horseshoes, a church softball league, folk and square dances, talent shows, hobby exhibitions and a circus presented at the end of the season. Instruction was given in field hockey, tennis, volleyball, softball and other games. On rainy days programs were held in the basement of the grade school. The recreational summer program continued for several years.

The School District wanted to expand the facilities at Memorial Field. Plans included building an outdoor basketball court, a place to play quoits and horseshoes, a building with toilet facilities and a place for equipment storage. Other ideas for Memorial Field included building a reading room for a children's story time, a grandstand for track and field events, with dressing rooms and showers under the stands. They also envisioned adding lights for night games. To accomplish these dreams, the School District sought support from local organizations.

In 1947, in response to this appeal, the Servicemen's Gift Committee of Derry Township, reworked a quarry pit on the land with the goal of creating a picnic area where roasts could be held. They donated roasting ovens. Hershey Rotary Club donated the money raised from the Cocoa Bean game, a Football Game between Hershey Industrial School and Hershey High School, first played in 1943. In 1947, the Rotary Club donated \$3,000 in proceeds from the games to the Memorial Field fund. Since that beginning, Hershey's Rotary Club has designated the proceeds of the Cocoa Bean game for the support of the Memorial Field and related athletic programs. Over the years, the Rotary's Cocoa Bean fund has supported a number of major improvements including resurfacing the basketball and tennis courts, construction of a field house adjacent to the picnic pavilion, re-roofing the pavilion, the construction of an exercise trail and the purchase of new picnic tables.

Memorial Field facilities are available to all Derry Township residents. Today Memorial Field includes five tennis courts, an outdoor basketball court, a lighted baseball field, softball fields, a football field, a track, a playground, two service buildings, a picnic pavilion and shuffleboard courts.

People gather at Memorial Field for an unknown event, ca. 1950-1960



Walk to School Wednesday, October 3rd



The Township is partnering with the Derry Township School District to promote walking and biking to school as a healthy way to reduce traffic and save your tax dollars. More details to follow.



Community Events



Racing With the Moon

Saturday, September 22, 2012, 5:30 pm to 10 pm
Hotel Hershey



This fall, the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society will recreate, for one night, the aura of a structure that's been gone for more than 30 years as they transform The Hotel Hershey's Garden Terrace Ballroom into the once, full-of-life, Hershey Park Ballroom for the Society's 16th Annual Preservation Dinner.

"We want participants of the evening to feel as if they are actually experiencing the Hershey Park Ballroom on a Saturday night in 1947, with all the sights and sounds of the Big Band era," stated Lauren Grubb of the Historical Society Preservation Committee. The committee plans to use life-size displays, large-scale photos, and music from Hershey Symphony Orchestra's Big Band, under the direction of Paul Metzger, to accomplish this. "It will be a wonderful evening of music and dancing and we invite everyone in the region to come enjoy the nostalgia," continued Grubb. "Nearly half of the tickets have already been sold, so folks need to act quickly."

The Hershey Park Ballroom, first called the Dance Hall, opened in the mid 1920s, when Hershey was in its earliest stages of growth. The hall boasted a massive 22,900 square-foot dance floor and came into national notoriety in 1930 when Rudy Vallee and the Connecticut Yankees performed for a sold-out crowd. The Ballroom became a destination point for the most acclaimed performers of the day.

By the late 1930s, headlining acts such as Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and Tommy Dorsey, performed in Hershey. Over 176 different groups played in the Ballroom between 1933 and 1942 and regularly attracted crowds of 5,000 or more. Dances were held every Wednesday and Saturday evening with a ticket price of \$.50 to \$1.50.

"People don't believe you when you tell them you saw Miller and Dorsey for a buck," stated the late Bob Payne, former Hershey resident, in an interview previously recorded with the Historical Society. "Those were great days."

World War II impacted the Ballroom when the US Price Administration announced that automobiles could not be driven to "places of amusement." The facility was shut down for the 1943 summer season, opening again that fall.

After the war, the big-band craze continued and in 1947, Vaughn Monroe's famous band drew one of the largest crowds in the history of the Ballroom when over 6,000 people danced to his hit song "Racing with the Moon."

"On a given night," remembered Kathy Lewis, Hershey native and long-time supporter of the Historical Society, "the ballroom attracted more than the entire population of our town. That's really something. It brought many people into our community that otherwise wouldn't have come here."

By the mid 1960s, ballroom dancing had faded as one of America's favorite pastimes. The Ballroom was remodeled in hopes of reviving the ballroom dance movement in Hershey when the center portion of the roof—previously damaged from a snow storm—was removed, leaving the dance floor open to the night sky. The venue received its third name: Starlight Ballroom.

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Rain Barrel Workshop

A Community Partnership with the Derry Environmental Action Committee, Derry Township, and PA American Water

Residents and businesses are invited to attend a Rain Barrel Workshop on October 6th, at 1 pm, at the Hershey Public Library.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsor Pennsylvania American Water, attendees will receive a high-quality rain barrel (valued at \$100.00) at the reduced cost of \$25.00. You must attend the workshop to receive the rain barrel.



You will also learn how to help conserve water, save money on your water bill and reduce storm-water run-off and the chance of flooding. The workshop will include demonstrations to help you install and use your new rain barrel.

Joe Woodward, PA American Water's Field Operations Manager, presented Environmental Action Committee member Diana Myrvang with a check.

Register early. Spaces are limited!

October 6, 2012, at 1 pm
Hershey Public Library
701 Cocoa Avenue

Please call Diane Leitner, Derry Township Recycling Coordinator, at 533-2057, option 4, to register.