



Township of Derry Township News

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

If You RECYCLE All of These Items....

You Will Need This Tote



Recycling is good for the environment and for your wallet!

As more and more recyclable items become available, we can reduce the amount of trash that is burned at the incinerator or taken to a landfill, resulting in lower trash collection service fees.

When the Township bid the contract for trash collection in February, the 64-gallon recycling tote was included in the specifications in order to encourage residents to recycle more and reduce the amount of trash that is disposed. If you are only recycling glass, plastic, and cans, you will be surprised how quickly you can fill a larger container when you include paper cardboard from drink containers, paper food boxes, and junk mail.

Changing to a larger recycling tote reduced the quarterly billing by \$3.69 or \$14.76 a year. The price of services rarely ever go down and this is an easy way to reduce your costs.

Give it a try and see!



Reduce Your Cost Further by Becoming a Pay As You Throw Customer (PAYT)

If you reduce your trash to one bag per week, you can lower your quarterly cost by \$14.38. That's a \$57.52 saving a year!

Quarterly Cost	\$54.58
1 Bag (\$3.35)	\$40.20 (12 bags)
	\$14.38

Call Waste Management at 1-800-869-5566 to change to PAYT. Bags are available at the Recreation Center, Library, Municipal Building, Public Works, and the Recycling Center.

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A Report

from Chris Abruzzo, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors



Projects to Improve the Flow of Water and Traffic are Moving Along

Stormwater, in the most troubled areas in Derry Township, will be better controlled with upgrades to the system that

are now underway. Work first began early in the year, in February, in the Village Area near the ball field on Cocoa Avenue so that the construction didn't interfere with the spring baseball season. The contractor has completed the installation of storm sewer pipes and is currently working on upgrades on I Street. This is the first of the three areas that were included in the project. Work will continue in this area through the summer months.

The realignment of the intersection of 743/Cocoa Avenue and 422 is nearing completion. Work is in full swing on the underground pedestrian tunnel beneath Chocolate Avenue and on the new bridge. The factory side of the tunnel is done and contractors are working on the other side in front of the



Hershey Theatre Building. The underpass will provide a safe corridor to access both sides of this busy section of Chocolate Avenue. There is a lot of activity around the Park Avenue Bridge. Shoring on both sides of the aged bridge has been completed in preparation for the new bridge, which will be located next to it.

Stormwater and traffic congestion are the two biggest challenges the township is facing. While both of these projects will not eliminate these issues, they are major undertakings that will provide significant relief in both areas.

This month, we will celebrate Memorial Day. I hope to see you at the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to honor America's fallen heroes who served our country in the armed forces. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Hershey Recreation Center and will be followed with the ceremony around 11:30 p.m. at the War Memorial in front of the Recreation Center. The event will include live music, a presentation of the youth essay winners, and keynote speaker and township public work's employee, Army Sergeant Joseph Simonetti.



Thank You For Your Patience

Residents, thank you for your understanding and patience during the transition to a new waste hauler. We know that the process of exchanging bags and bins is frustrating.

THANK YOU

Police Department Celebrates 45 Years

Join us on June 2nd for an Open House

The Derry Township Police Department was 45 years old in 2011. As a result of many challenges faced throughout 2011, the most significant being the unprecedented flooding in September, the department was unable to celebrate this momentous event in the department's history.

On Saturday, June 2nd, the Police Department will celebrate their 45th anniversary and invites you and your family to an open house in recognition of this special occasion. Members of the community are encouraged to stop by from 3 pm to 5 pm, meet the officers, and observe first-hand the services provided by the Police Department and tour the recently refurbished police facility. For additional details, please visit the "Derry Township Police Department" Facebook page.



Bike to School

Wednesday, May 9th is National Bike To School Day.

It's Fun, It's Healthy, It's Good for the Environment and it Improves Traffic Congestion.

The Township and the School District are encouraging students to ride their bikes to school on May 9th. Ride your bike and support the Township's goal to create a more walkable/bikable community.

Visit www.walkbiketoschool.org

Waste Management will collect yard waste April through October during the following weeks: April 30th, May 28th, June 25th, July 30th, August 27th, October 1st, and October 29th

Yard waste must be placed at the curb on your trash collection day in "kraft" bags or 10-32 gallon trash cans. Brush and branches must be tied in bundles 4' or less in length. Branches can be no greater than 3" in diameter.

Lawn clippings are not to be collected with the yard waste. They can be treated as solid waste.

Yard Waste



Learn How to Compost! And Win a Compost Bin



It's Free and Good for the Environment

Learn the basics of composting and enter to win one of two compost bins valued at \$60 each.

Master Gardeners from Penn State Cooperative Extension will show you how.



You must be present to win the compost bin.

What: Learn how to compost at home

When: Saturday, May 12, 2012

Where: Hershey Public Library

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Other: The program is free, but registration is required. Register by May 7th by calling the Township of Derry at (717) 533-2057.

National Night Out Scheduled for August

Plan to attend the Police Department's National Night Out on August 7th, from 6 pm until 8 pm, at the Hershey Middle School.

The event promotes neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in a fight for a safer nation.

Long-Term Employees Retire



The Township would like to congratulate Gregory Reichard and William Woodring on their retirement. Greg retired after 32 years as a communications specialist. He saw many changes in the Police Department during his employment and he always enjoyed serving the community. He and his wife will retire in Arizona.

Bill, better known as Woody, was the mechanic for the Public Works Department for 24 years. He took a lot of pride in his work and always maintained a meticulous shop. He is enjoying his retirement working on his wife Judy's "honey do" list and helping the Hershey Volunteer fire Department with their maintenance needs.



A Comprehensive Plan Update Report Planning for the Future

Why Plan? A Comprehensive Plan is a guide for planning decisions, regulations, and public investment. It embraces general goals and objectives established by the governing body, based on input from its constituents, to guide the government in making day-to-day decisions. Comprehensive Plans can help preserve and protect a town's character and the integrity of the neighborhoods within it. The Township's 1991 Comprehensive Plan (or a 78-page summary of it) can be viewed at www.DerryVision.org

Smart Growth In April 2010, the Supervisors voted to begin the process to update the 1991 Comprehensive Plan and corresponding ordinances using smart growth principles including: walkable communities, transportation options, predictable development decisions, community collaboration, and homes near jobs and stores.

Working Group Funding to hire a consultant was not available. A Working Group representing the various members of the community was created to do the work. The Working Group does not intend the Comprehensive Plan update to be a significant departure from the land use and community development values that are currently operational. Rather, the intent is to lay the conceptual foundation for substantive modifications to the zoning ordinance by suggesting principles for the Comprehensive Plan that support a vision for the future and the positive aspects of the Township's past.

Survey An important first step in the comprehensive planning process is determining the community's vision of how and where to grow. Those who live and work in Derry Township were able to provide input on what they think about Derry Township and how they want it to look in the future by responding to a community survey during the Fall of 2011.

The survey participation exceeded expectations in the number of responses needed in order to be confident in the results.

Survey Results According to the survey, people want a reinvigorated downtown that preserves its historic character and small town atmosphere. Respondents liked the low crime rate, quality schools, access to health care, the bike/walking path, and the small town atmosphere in Derry Township. Items least liked were event and rush-hour traffic, insufficient downtown businesses and activities, over-development, limited shopping opportunities, the high cost of housing and insufficient public transit. To see all the survey responses and comments, go to: <http://goo.gl/GgQ07>

Listening Sessions In January 2012, the survey results were presented to the community to further discuss the feedback and begin to craft a vision for the future. Members of the Working Group hosted roughly 20 "listening sessions" by visiting community groups such as the Lions Club, AARP, the Mohler Center, the Historical Society, the AREBA Club, Homeowners Associations and others. You can review the the Listening Session comments at www.DerryVision.org. Please add your comments on [DerryVision.org](http://www.DerryVision.org), as we work together to envision the future for Derry Township.

Crafting a Vision Now, the Working Group is creating a vision based on the survey feedback and Listening Session discussions. The draft vision statement and action items will be presented to the public and will need Board of Supervisors' approval for further action.

Next Steps This Fall, Christopher Duerkson, a nationally-recognized expert in land use law, will help the Township to review ordinances and will make recommendations to assist in achieving the vision and supporting smart growth. His services are funded through a technical assistance grant from "Smart Growth America."

Additional information can be found at DerryVision.org.

Copies of future issues of the Township News will be available at township facilities on August 10th and November 9th.

Police Department Undergoes Review for Reaccreditation



The Derry Township Police Department recently hosted two trained assessors who conducted a comprehensive review of the department's administration, operations, policy and procedure and support services available to the community in order to receive reaccreditation from the National Commission of Accreditation Law Enforcement Agency.

James Minkowsky, Deputy Chief of the Lewiston Police Department, Lewiston, Maine, and Christopher Bonvillain, Watch Commander of the World Bank Group, Security Operations Center, Washington, D.C., spent four days with members of the Police Department to assess the level of compliance with more than 450 standards established by the Commission.

Making this particular on-site assessment a huge challenge, was the ongoing flood recovery from the major water damage that was caused by Tropical Storm Lee in September.

Meeting several of the standards was very difficult and required teamwork to accomplish. The department recognizes the long hours and hard work of Sergeant Steve Beard, Accreditation Manager and Leslie Fuller, Accreditation Coordinator in meeting the organizational goals during this on-site process.

The Commission's Review Committee conducts hearings every three years to assess the level of compliance with these standards. The Derry Township Police Department anxiously awaits a positive recommendation for reaccreditation by the Commission at the July Conference in Arizona, which will result in being awarded accreditation for another three year period.

Wednesdays Are Kid's Days at Chocolatetown Square

Concerts begin at noon at Chocolatetown Square. The concerts will be moved to The Hershey Story Museum if it rains.



July 25th

Zoo America: Paws, Claws, Scales and Tails

Learn how animals use their paws, claws, scales and tails for defense, finding food, eating, swimming and escaping predators.

August 1st

The Cat's Pajamas

"The Cat's Pajamas makes very cool music for kids, bringing a musical comedy twist to high-octane kid rock."

August 8th

Spirit Wing and the Eastern Woodland Pathways Dance Troupe

Spirit Wing features contemporary Native American music. Eastern Woodland Pathways features the social dances of the indigenous people of the North Eastern United States and Canada.

Hershey Volunteer Fire Company



21 W. Caracas Avenue 533-2953

The Hershey Volunteer Fire Company will hold an annual open house on Saturday, May 12th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire station located at 21 W. Caracas Avenue. A traditional fire apparatus housing ceremony will be held at 11:00 for the new Pierce pumper and Pierce rescue truck. Residents are encouraged to visit the fire station, meet the firefighters and see the new apparatus. This event will provide the Fire Company membership with the opportunity to thank residents for their ongoing support.

The new equipment was funded with grants from the Dauphin County Commissioners, with additional funding from the Township of Derry. The apparatus was designed by members of the Fire Company and manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing, a division of the Oshkosh Corporation. Located in Appleton, Wisconsin, Pierce is recognized as the leading fire apparatus manufacturer in the country. Pierce fire apparatus is utilized by many of our nation's largest cities including Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, and Washington, D. C.

Designated as Engine 48, the pumper is built on a Pierce Arrow XT chassis. It is equipped with a 2000 gallon-per-

minute pump and carries 750 gallons of water. There is a compressed air foam system with two tanks holding Class A and Class B foam. In addition to fire hose, nozzles, and ladders, a variety of firefighting equipment is carried on the apparatus. Seating is provided for eight firefighters in the enclosed cab.

Rescue 48 is constructed on a Pierce Velocity chassis and has seating for ten firefighters. Specialized rescue gear consists of two Hurst spreaders, two Hurst O-cutters, Hurst rams, various size air bags, and a variety of air operated tools. A high pressure 200 foot hose reel with an Atlas Copco compressor is included. Other features include a 35 KW generator, telescoping light tower, and 9,000 pound portable winch.

Both pieces of fire apparatus are powered by a Series 60 515 horsepower Detroit Diesel engine with an Allison automatic transmission. They are equipped with several new safety features including rear and side vision cameras. Each chassis has independent front suspension with frontal impact and side roll protection airbags.

Township residents are encouraged to learn more about the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company by visiting hersheyfire.org. Fire Company activities and important fire prevention facts are available on the site.



Chief Patrick O'Rourke Is Recognized for His Crisis Management Skills



Chief Patrick O'Rourke was presented with the American Society for Industrial Security Officer of the Year Award. He was nominated by the Hershey entities for his leadership during an unprecedented number of severe natural disasters during his first year as the Chief of Police.

What's Happening? In my town



The Board of Supervisors approved the following during January, February, and March:

Recommended approval of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Hershey Community

Food Bank, Plat #1210. The plan proposes the construction of a 3,300-square-foot building to be used as the Hershey Food Bank on land located at the southwest corner of the intersection of East Derry Road and Trinidad Avenue.

Recommended approval of adopting Ordinance #621, amending Chapter 78, Outdoor Burning, by adding certain requirements to address the use of outdoor wood-fire boilers and to clarify other Sections of Chapter 78.

New Lieutenant Is Chosen



Chief O'Rourke, Chairman Abruzzo and Lt. Warner

Garth Warner was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on March 27th at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Chairman Abruzzo administered the oath of office.

Lieutenant Warner was born and raised in Hershey and graduated from Hershey High School in 1983. In 1985, he graduated with the 32nd Municipal Police Academy Class at Harrisburg Area

Community College and was briefly employed by Police Departments in both Highspire Borough and South Londonderry Township.

In 1988, Warner was hired as a patrol officer with the Derry Township Police Department. During his tenure with the department, he has served as an Accident Reconstructionist in the Traffic Safety Section and for many years, has been one of the department's Employee Assistance Peer Support Officers. For the past twenty years, Lieutenant Warner has handled three dogs while serving in the department's K-9 Unit. He will now be tasked with directing day-to-day operations as the Operations Division Commander and will continue to supervise the K-9 Unit.

Lieutenant Warner resides in Lebanon County with his wife Michelle, and their three daughters Caitlin (21), Madison (11) and Mackenzie (9).

Meeting Your Municipal Needs

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RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

(Effective March 12th through October 27th)



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

The Center will be closed on Monday, May 28th, and Wednesday, July 4th.

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.

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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



Adult and Teen Summer Reading Programs

It's time to gear up for summer reading at the Hershey Public Library. Come in and sign up to play the "Between the Covers Pursuit" for Adults and "Own the Night Pursuit" for Teens.

Participants will be entered into a drawing to win a Kindle (one for the adults and one for the teens). Numerous other prizes will be given away.

Teens and Tweens

We have big dreams for you, too, this summer! We invite you to *Own the Night*. Join us for a writing workshop, a virtual pajama party, a monstrous contest, and ...brunch and a movie every Friday in July at 11:00 a.m.

Crafts! Are you a crafty kid? Join members of the Teen Tech Squad for fun crafts each Tuesday (June 19 - July 24), immediately following the 11:00 a.m. program. These free, drop-in programs will be tied to each week's program. Make a dream catcher, a planetary mobile; make your creative dreams come true! Check the library website for more details.

NEW! Kindermusik Playdate

You and your baby, toddler or preschooler (babies to 5 years) are invited to come and discover how music can stimulate every area of your child's development with singing, dancing, listening and moving. You get the same Kindermusik fun and learning as in the classroom ... and the same high-quality take-home materials including a Music CD and instrument. It's also a GREAT opportunity to see what Kindermusik is all about! Taught by Licensed Kindermusik Educator Carol Anne Friesen.

Choose one playdate or join us for all three:
Friday, June 22, 10:15 to 11:00
Friday, July 27, 10:15 to 11:00
Friday, August 24, 10:15 to 11:00

5 participant minimum and 12 participant maximum.



Students should dress in comfortable clothes and bring socks because they will take off their shoes.

\$10/family paid to the library

Equipment and supplies are provided by the instructor. Take Home Kit (one per family) including - Music CD/Download Card and Child's Instrument/Prop - \$5 paid to the instructor

Friends Family Programs

Dream Big-Read!

at the Hershey Public Library this summer. Children are encouraged to participate in the summer reading program, which provides a no-pressure, fun way to continue reading over summer vacation thereby maintaining reading skills mastered during the school year. All activities are free of charge but require pre-registration. Please call Children's Services at 533-6555, ext. 3708, or register online at www.hersheylibrary.org. Register online for the summer reading program beginning June 1st.

Flow Circus

June 19, 11 a.m.

Bravura Brass

June 26, 11 a.m.

Planetarium Show

July 3, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

While You're Asleep

July 10, 11:00 a.m.

Tales of the Arabian Nights

July 17, 11:00 a.m.

Ran D'Shine: Magician

July 24, 6:30 p.m.

Stormy weather spoiling your pool plans?

Never fear, the library is here! If you can't make a splash at the pool, come to the library any weekday afternoon in June and July when the township pool must close due to weather conditions. We will show a movie at 2 p.m.

Please call ahead 533-6555, x3708, for the day's feature or if you have any questions.

Movies to be shown include: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Kung Fu Panda*, *Chicken Little*, *Kit Kittredge: An America Girl* and *3 Ninjas*.

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

June 20 - July 25

Resident registration begins June 4; open registration begins June 11.

Class will not be held on July 4th.

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

July 3 - July 24

Resident registration begins July 18; open registration begins June 25.

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 11:00

July 2 - July 23

Resident registration begins June 18; open registration begins June 25.

Chewsy Readers is for readers ages 7 to 10. Bring your brown bag lunch and get together for book sharing.

Monday mornings at 11:30 (ages 7 and 8)

June 18 - July 23

Thursday afternoon at 12:00 (ages 9 and 10) June 21 - July 26

Book Buddies will be offered on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10-10:45 a.m. June 18th- July 26th. This is a program of older children reading to younger children that takes the place of our regularly scheduled storytimes. Readers are needed. If you have completed 5th grade and are a proficient reader who likes young children apply by contacting the Children's Services department at 533-6555 ext. 3708 or stop by the Children's Desk at the Hershey Public Library beginning May 1.

There will be a training session for all Book Buddy Readers June 7 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Derry Township registration begins on Monday, June 4
Open registration begins on Monday, June 11

Archivist Pamela Cassidy Whitenack

Landscaping and beautification of grounds and property was always a priority for Milton and

Catherine Hershey. Mr. Hershey strongly believed in giving his

people a beautiful place to live, and he was very fond of flowers and plants. The gardens at his home, High Point, were well-planned and beautiful. There was beautiful landscaping throughout Hershey, including Hershey Park and public buildings. After The Hotel Hershey was completed in 1933, it was noted for its extensive formal gardens that surrounded the hotel.

2012 marks the 75th anniversary of Hershey Gardens. Originally named the Hershey Rose Garden, it was created in 1937 with the encouragement of Horace McFarland, a Harrisburg resident, who was a nationally known leader in the City Beautiful movement and active in the American Rose Society.

Mr. Hershey requested Erdman to stake out the new garden. Several days later, Erdman brought Milton Hershey to the site and Hershey immediately agreed that the rose garden project could move ahead. In June 1936, plans were drawn up and the plot was graded and a small manmade pond was formed out of an erosion gully. The first rose bushes were planted in November 1936.

Most of the roses came from Conard-Pyle Company's Star Rose collection. Over 12,000 rose bushes in 450 varieties were planted. The Gardens opened to the public in June 1937, with more than 5,000 visitors during the first week of its opening. The Rose Garden had over 200,000 visitors during its first season.

Hershey Rose Garden was formally dedicated on Thursday, September 15, 1938, during the American Rose Society's annual meeting held at The Hotel Hershey. At the closing luncheon, it was proposed that a rose be named after Milton Hershey. American Rose Society member Mary Dixon read aloud a poem composed in support of this proposal. A few stanzas of the lengthy tribute follow:

Whene'er a Rose receives a name
It's like a complicated game
To please the public, see what goes,
What name will suit this newest Rose?

To illustrate just what we mean:
Here's one for which we'd all be keen
'Twould lend a Rose enduring fame
How's M.S. Hershey for a name!

We haven't titles, royalty
But we have lots of loyalty
Oh what a joy if we were able
To write M. Hershey on a label.

And going to our garden plot
We'd keep from him the dread black spot
And how we'd pamper him and fuss
To feed him well, as he fed us.

Honoring Milton Hershey: The M.S. Hershey Rose



L.B. Coddington, a prominent rose hybridizer from Murry Hill, NJ, proposed that a hybrid tea, scarlet-crimson red (velvet black red) rose he was developing be named 'M.S. Hershey.' In his patent application to register the new rose Coddington included a full description:

This new variety I have found to be a good grower, very well branched with an unusual amount of foliage. It is also an excellent bloomer, and an important feature resides in its habit of quickly repeating its bloom the second time after its first bloom. It is also particularly notable that this new variety possesses a high rating for form, color, and fragrance, the rose holding its color far better than most red roses, without turning purple as the bloom ages.

The rose was formally introduced at the Hershey Rose Garden on Milton Hershey's birthday, September 13, 1940. That fall it was planted in the Rose Garden in beds surrounding the oak grove and also in Harrisburg's Municipal Rose Garden. Over 750 M.S. Hershey rose bushes were planted in garden beds surrounding the oak grove and elsewhere. It was available for retail sale beginning with the 1941 season. It was sold commercially for many years by The Conard-Pyle Company under the Star Rose line.

Once the M.S. Hershey Rose was no longer offered for retail sale, the number of M.S. Hershey rose bushes in the Rose Garden began to steadily decline. Today there are only a few remaining M.S. Hershey Rose bushes in Hershey Gardens. Since the rose is not available commercially, the Gardens decided to save this historic rose by having it propagated.

Two professional rose growers were selected to take cuttings from the existing bushes and propagate new rose bushes for Hershey Gardens. Several new M.S. Hershey Rose bushes will be planted in the Gardens this year and in 2013, 75 of these heirloom roses will once again thrive at Hershey Gardens. As part of the Gardens' efforts to reintroduce the M.S. Hershey Rose, it will be available for retail sale beginning in 2013.

Hershey Gardens is honoring Milton

Hershey's love of horticulture and celebrating its 75th anniversary by creating the M.S. Hershey Tribute Garden. This new garden will showcase the revitalized M.S. Hershey Rose. The Tribute Garden will be dedicated June 23, 2012.



Named to honor Milton Hershey's support of horticulture, the M.S. Hershey Rose was introduced in 1941



Hershey Area Playhouse Stages Fiddler on the Roof

Hershey Area Playhouse proudly announces its upcoming summer musical, a beloved family favorite, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The adult auditions will be held at the Playhouse on Friday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 12th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Special auditions for children twelve and under will be held Saturday, May 12th from 9 a.m. until noon. Actors who cannot attend the Friday or Saturday auditions may schedule an appointment for Sunday May 6th by calling producer Lewis Silverman at 717-919-8918. There will be a special audition for the featured dancers who will perform the *bottle number*, as the chorus of young men in the tavern, on Monday May 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Audition forms are available on the Playhouse website.

The performances will be July 19 -21 at 7:30 p.m., July 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., July 26 -28 at 7:30 p.m. and July 29, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under and are available at www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com.

Hershey Area Playhouse Offers Summer Acting Camps for Kids

Hershey Area Playhouse invites children entering grades K-12 to attend summer theatre camps, Monday, June 11th through Friday, June 22nd. The camps will culminate with a final performance on the last day. Camp tuition varies between \$110-165, depending on the camp. Early bird discounts are available. For more information, visit HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com or contact Cory Wilkerson at cory@dramainside.net.

Hershey Symphony to Salute Greatest Generation with Big Band Show

The Hershey Symphony Orchestra invites the public to kick off Memorial Day weekend with a special tribute to the songs of World War II, performed by the Hershey Big Band. The 20-piece Hershey Big Band will take the audience on a musical journey from 1939 to 1945 in the "Salute to the Greatest Generation" concert on May 24th at 8 p.m. in Miller Chapel of Lebanon Valley College.

The audience will be treated to musical selections including "As Time Goes By," "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," and "Pennsylvania 6-5000." Guests will also experience the drama, sacrifice, and excitement of a time of great change in America and a world at war through periodic "news reports" delivered in the style of an old radio broadcast.

All tickets are \$15. To order, call 717.533.8449 or email management@hersheysymphony.org.

**Hershey Area Playhouse, Country Meadows, Sandhill Road at Cherry Drive
www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com**



Historical Society to Celebrate Big Band Era in Hershey at September's Annual Preservation Event

Dust off your dance shoes and mark your calendar for Saturday, September 22, 2012, as the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society celebrates memories of the Hershey Park Ballroom and the Big Band era in Hershey at its 16th annual Preservation Dinner.

This year's event, "*Racing with the Moon*," will feature the sounds of the Big Band legends that played in the old Hershey Park Ballroom and Starlight Ballroom, including Vaughn Monroe, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington and Guy Lombardo.

The dinner event at The Hotel Hershey will feature the sounds of the Hershey Big Band and will give you an opportunity to get on the dance floor to "cut a rug" or just enjoy the nostalgia of that long ago era. Seating will be limited.

Anyone with stories or photos of Hershey's ballroom is asked to contact Executive Director Nicole Soliday at nicole.soliday@hersheyhistory.org or by calling 717.520.0748.

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS' PROGRAM AT THE HERSHEY GARDENS Historically Green: 75 years of Preserving a Botanical Treasure

Join us for an exclusive members' program at the Hershey Gardens on the first full-day of summer, June 21, 2012. This program will begin in the Children's Garden amphitheater with a brief presentation on the history of the Gardens by Mary Houts, author of *HERSHEYGARDENS* and co-author of *HERSHEY*. At the conclusion of her presentation, members will be invited to take a self-guided tour of the Gardens.

Please note this program is offered for Society members and requires pre-registration for admission. Please register by contacting the Society at info@hersheyhistory.org or (717) 520-0748.

Not a member yet? Don't miss out on all the benefits of being part of your local Historical Society. Visit us at www.HersheyHistory.org for more information and a membership form.

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