Residents no longer have to wait for the Drug Take Back event held every year in coordination with the Drug Enforcement Administration to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Due to the popularity of the Drug Take Back program that began in 2010, the Police Department has placed a prescription drug box in the lobby of the police station, located at 620 Clearwater Road, so that residents can dispose of unwanted medications any time throughout the year. The Drug Take Back Program has taken in over 3.4 million pounds of pills in the U.S.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have classified prescription drug abuse as an epidemic. According to results of a National Survey on Drug Use and Health, nearly one-third of people over the age of 12 who used drugs began by using a prescription drug. The Office of National Drug Control Policy states that according to the recent Monitoring the Future study, the Nation’s largest survey on drug use, shows that among young people prescription drugs are the second most abused category of drugs after marijuana and the National Survey on Drug Use and Health data reports that over 70% of those who abused prescription pain relievers got them from friends or relatives. Chief of Police Patrick O’Rourke said, “The Drug Take Back Program is a great initiative that has yielded outstanding results. These events allow residents to take unused prescription medications to a collection site for disposal in lieu of having them in the home where they may be the source of accidental poisoning of innocent children or which may precipitate a situation of abuse. The abuse of prescription opioids has risen to an alarming rate and tends to lead abusers to transition to the use and abuse of heroin, which has become a drug of choice, many times resulting in fatal overdoses. Now residents can dispose of prescription medications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This box was installed as a result of an initiative developed by Governor Corbett and has been used greatly by members of the community to dispose of dangerous and unused prescription medications.”

Liquid medications and needles are not accepted. The Police Department will continue to work with the Drug Enforcement Administration and will hold the Drug Take Back program twice a year. The service is free and anonymous, and no questions are asked.
This is truly a remarkable time in Derry Township. We are improving the quality of life for residents by updating the comprehensive plan, revising zoning ordinances and addressing traffic issues. And, we are also working together to map out a vision for continued revitalization in downtown Hershey.

When I say “we,” I mean you and me and many others. I’m proud to serve on the board of the Downtown Hershey Association (DHA), a group of volunteers made up of representatives from local government, small businesses, the Hershey entities and concerned citizens. It’s exciting to watch all of these representatives work together to direct a unified vision for downtown. We all agree we have a lot of positive attributes along Chocolate Avenue including the beautiful Press Building and The Hershey Story but it’s time to bring focus to the entire downtown.

The purpose of the DHA is to respect and preserve the unique heritage bequeathed to Derry Township by Mr. Hershey and specifically to make Hershey a more pedestrian-friendly, welcoming and delightful place for everyone. The Association hopes to create a downtown that improves the quality of life for residents and visitors alike and creates smart economic development to bolster the local economy. The Downtown Hershey Association is a project of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, its Harrisburg-based fiscal sponsor. The project will be funded through private and public donations and grants.

The DHA has been working for several months to lead a plan for future smart growth downtown. With the help of our planning firm, Derck & Edson, we are in the process of designing a plan based on the ideas of the community. Derck & Edson, an award-winning Lititz-based firm that also redesigned Elizabethtown and Lititz, interviewed key stakeholders in the Township and conducted an interactive public session where close to 200 people voted for what they’d like to see downtown. They also conducted an online survey to capture the ideas of those who could not attend the meeting and hundreds of votes have been cast. Keep checking the Downtown Hershey Association website at www.downtownhershey.net or visit the Facebook or Twitter page for updates on the plan.

I spent my early years outside of Philadelphia but as a Milton Hershey School student, Hershey, PA quickly became my home. Like most of you, I take great pride in our community and am excited to see continued revitalization downtown and to be a part of its future.

People often ask “what would Mr. Hershey do?” We don’t know how our founder would redesign our town today, but I think he would be proud of the collaborative effort underway because everyone has a voice in shaping the future of a town we all love.

Thank you for your interest in making our downtown and our township and even sweeter place in which to live.

Sincerely,

John W. Foley
Derry Township Supervisor Chair
Show your patriotism and come to honor America’s fallen heroes at the Derry Township Memorial Day Parade. Applications for marchers, floats and marching bands will be accepted until noon on Friday, May 23rd and can be obtained on the Township’s website, www.derrytownship.org under Parks and Recreation newsletter.

The parade will begin at the Recreation Center on Cocoa Avenue, turn left onto Elm Avenue, turn right on to Ridge Avenue, right onto Chocolate Avenue and right onto Cocoa Avenue to the Recreation Center where the Memorial Day Observance will begin around 11:30 a.m. at the War Memorial. This one hour event is spent remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. Our speaker will be General Richard Zilmer, a retired three star general of the US Marine Corps, MHS Alum and Board Director.
Teens ages 14 to 19 are showing to be at the highest risk of being injured or killed in a vehicle pedestrian accident, and males almost double the number of accidents that females are involved in according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Fatality Analysis Reporting System. Overall, child pedestrian accidents are down 53%; however, statistics show that among this age group there has been a 25% increase in the past five years. Walking Safely, A Report to the Nation, prepared by Safe Kids Worldwide, estimates that 61 children age 19 and under are injured a day by a motor vehicle.

The cause of many types of accidents is distractions and a major distraction for teens is cell phones. As they are walking, they are talking and texting and are absorbed in what they are doing rather than being alert and aware of their surroundings. Emergency room reports of injuries caused by distracted walking have more than quadrupled since 2005 according to a National Electronic Injury Surveillance System report by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. The University of Alabama performed a study which simulated a real crossing environment for child pedestrians that were distracted by phone conversation. The pedestrians paid less attention, waited longer before deciding to cross and experienced more collisions and close calls.

Pedestrian accidents can be prevented. Remind teens to walk with their heads up, stop walking to talk or look at their phones and other electronic devices, cross at intersections, use sidewalks and paths, look for cars, make eye contact with the driver so they know they see them, and watch for cars that are backing up.

Motorists are also asked to watch for children. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s 19 and Under Pedestrian Facilities in Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities by Time of Day and Age Fatality Analysis Reporting System showed that most accidents occurred between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m., after school hours and at the end of school in June and the beginning of school in August and September.

Safety can be improved by pedestrian and motorist awareness and by modifying walking environments by providing sidewalks, crosswalks and signage.

Parents should be good role models by always crossing a street in a safe manner and avoiding cell phone usage during times when they should be paying attention. We also encourage teens to contact the Township at 717-533-2057, if they feel there is an area that is not safe or to provide a picture of an unsafe condition.

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During the upcoming months, improvements will be made to roadways where new water lines were installed in the Fall. The roads will be reconstructed by recycling the existing street and using it as a base. The curb reveal will be improved and the road will be overlayed with asphalt.

The work on Cherry Drive work will take place between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in order to avoid traffic congestion.

Fiddlers Elbow Road will have a Micro-surface applied over the Fibermat that was installed last season. This will extend the life of the roadway for years to come.

Other streets to receive asphalt overlays to improve the pavement surfaces are portions of Brookline Drive, Southpoint Drive, Colonial Way, Carter Cove and Kings Way east and west.

Additional small pavement repairs are planned for areas on Sandhill Road and Bullfrog Valley Road.

When the times and dates of these projects are scheduled, they will be posted on the Township’s website, Facebook, and Twitter. We ask for your patience during these improvements to our transportation systems.
This year's program had 85 residents participate in the Township's Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Program. The Township bids the work for participants to replace their curb and sidewalk and coordinates the work, obtaining a lower price collectively than residents could obtain on their own. This year's program also brought in the lowest price per square foot, $7.80, than has been obtained in the past six years. The reason for this is that new legislation was passed relieving municipalities from paying prevailing wages for projects under $100,000.

Eight additional handicap accessible ramps will also be installed at the intersections along Maple and Cedar Avenue as part of the project in anticipation of road improvements to occur later this year.

The Derry Environmental Action Committee (DEAC) held a successful informational Rain Barrel Workshop on April 5, resulting in the purchase of 45 rain barrels to be installed throughout the community. The program, held in partnership with the Township with financial support from a Pennsylvania American Water Company grant, will help to reduce stormwater run-off.

Participants in the workshop ordered their rain barrels in advance, on-line, from Rain Water Solutions for $75, a DEAC special negotiated price. The barrels were then made available for pick-up at the library following the workshop. The first 30 residents to order, attend the workshop, and install their barrel received a voucher for a $40 refund. A win-win for everyone! Rain barrels are available for purchase at the Public Works Facility, 650 Clearwater Road, Monday through Friday, from 8 to 3:30, for $90.

The Derry Township Police Department invites the community to the 4th Annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 5th. The festivities will be held in the 1st block of W. Caracas Avenue from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) started the event in 1984 in an effort to promote a community and police partnership on crime prevention. The NATW reports that the event now involves over 37.8 million people. Join the Police Department for an evening of free food, games and raffles during this family friendly community event.
Home gardens are a great way to grow fresh vegetables. There is nothing better than a ripe tomato, just picked. But what about people who don’t have a backyard or enough sunshine in their yards to grow vegetables? This spring, Hershey will launch its Community Garden, a partnership of Hershey’s corporate entities and the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Its purpose is to provide gardening space to employees and residents.

Hershey has a long tradition of helping residents without backyards to grow some of their own food. During World War I, the United States government promoted community gardens to supplement and expand the domestic food supply. In 1917, Hershey responded by setting aside six acres of ground in East Hershey [east of Homestead Road, probably bounded on the south by Areba Avenue] for a community farm. Rohrer Snavely was placed in charge. In the March 22, 1917 issue of the Hershey Press, an article said the project planned to hire boys who wanted to learn vegetable gardening while being paid.

The next month, an April 19, 1917 Hershey Press article noted that 18 boys would be cultivating 30 plots of ground in East Hershey. Many of the boys assumed responsibility for two plots, while sibling teams were assigned four plots. Their efforts were guided by Rohrer Snavely, who was also responsible for farming the unclaimed plots. In addition, the boys received advice from adult home gardeners and Harry Haverstick, Hershey’s chief gardener.

The program expanded the next month when girls were included and given their own garden plots. Ground behind the Central Theatre [and in front of the Consolidated School] was prepared for the girls’ gardening plots. The girls were supervised by Professor Stacy Peters, principal of Hershey Public School, who cultivated 2 plots of his own.

During 1918, Hershey Press published articles encouraging residents to plant “War Gardens” to help the war effort. There is no documentation that the boys’ and girls’ gardens continued after 1917.

Many Hershey residents kept small family gardens in their backyards. Early photographs of the community reveal beautifully landscaped gardens at every home. The public grounds in Hershey were also beautifully landscaped with flower beds.

When the war clouds of World War II began to gather, Hershey joined communities across the United States to promote and support the establishment of “Victory Gardens.”

The national World War II Victory Garden campaign encouraged people to grow food for personal consumption, as recreation and to improve morale. Beginning in 1942, Hershey’s local newspaper, the Hotel Hershey Highlights, began publishing stories and information about the community’s efforts to support the war effort through gardening.

In the spring of 1942, Hershey Estates set aside 4 acres of land that were divided up into garden plots ranging in size
from 1500-7000 square feet. Fifty-nine families signed up for a garden plot. One dollar per garden plot was charged to cover the cost of harrowing and preparing the garden soil. The gardeners were encouraged to grow vegetables that could be frozen or put up for future use, as well as being consumed as they ripened. As a further incentive, Hershey Volunteer Fire Company offered $15 in prizes for the best and most productive farms. That first year the prize was won by Wilson Cake, 222 E. Areba Avenue.

Administering the program was a community affair. Sign-ups were held in the Community Building, the land was harrowed by Hershey Estates farming employees and the day to day management of the garden plots was handled by the Derry Township High School agricultural department. Both Hershey Estates farming staff and the High School staff provided advice to the community gardeners.

Hershey’s “Victory Garden” program took off the following year. The available acreage was increased to ten acres, with 250 people assigned garden plots in various locations to increase access. Garden plots were developed in a least five different locations in town:

1. Land bounded by Areba Avenue, Linden Avenue, Cedar Road and Ridge Road
2. By Spring Creek Church of the Brethren
3. East and west of 248 E. Granada Avenue
4. Along Homestead Road, north and south of Areba Avenue
5. Along the alley north of Parkside Apartments (Arena) and east of the Stadium practice field

Plot sizes were standardized to 1500, 1800, and 2100 square feet, that being the largest size that a family of four could reasonably manage.

To help community gardeners be successful, Derry Township High School greenhouse manager, Donald Diffenbaugh, created a pamphlet describing best practices for growing vegetables. These pamphlets were filled with advice about what vegetables to plant, preparation of the soil, harvesting and tips for preserving the vegetables. The scope of the program also expanded in 1943. That year the Community Canning Center of Hershey was established. Operating out of the Hershey High School cafeteria, the Canning Center aided the war effort by canning 224 quarts of vegetables produced and donated by various Victory Gardens.

In 1944, the program diminished slightly. Only 204 plots were claimed, as more men were in military service, limiting the number of people able to plant a victory garden. In 1945, with the end of World War II in sight, numbers continued to decline. That year 188 people claimed 210 plots. To support and encourage the community’s gardening efforts, Donald Diffenbaugh, offered a one month series of ten lectures on vegetable gardening.

Even though World War II came to a close in 1945, Hershey’s Victory Garden program continued in 1946, 1947 and 1948, though each year saw progressively fewer plots claimed. In 1948, only 96 garden plots were claimed. In 1949, the final year of the program, the garden plots were renamed Freedom Gardens, as a way of rebranding the program. That year 125 plots were offered. It is unknown how many plots were actually claimed.

To learn more about Hershey’s past, visit the Archives’ website, www.HersheyArchives.org.
Fizz! Boom! Read! at the Hershey Public Library this summer. This year’s science-based summer reading program will, as always, include Book Buddies, Toddler Time, Wonderful Ones, Books and Babies, Chewsy Readers and other fun-filled programs for children and families.

Children are encouraged to participate in the summer reading challenge, which provides a no-pressure and fun way to continue reading over summer vacation thereby maintaining reading skills mastered during the school year. All activities are free of charge.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINNING JUNE 1ST.

BOOK BUDDIES WILL BE OFFERED ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS FROM 10-10:45 A.M. JUNE 16- JULY 24. During this program, older children read to younger children, taking the place of the regularly scheduled Storytimes. Readers are needed. Readers must have completed 5th grade, must be a proficient reader, who likes young children.

JUNE 2 Derry Township registration
JUNE 8 Open registration begins

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

JUNE 12 AT 9:45 A.M.
BOOK BUDDY READERS TRAINING SESSION
JUNE 2 Derry Township registration
JUNE 8 Open registration begins

JUNE 16 – JULY 23
• TODDLER TIME •
(ages 24-36 months and caregiver)
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
JUNE 2 Derry Township registration begins
JUNE 8 Open registration begins

JULY 1 – JULY 22
• WONDERFUL ONE •
(ages 12-24 months and caregiver)
Tuesday mornings at 9:45 a.m.
JUNE 16 Derry Township registration begins
JUNE 23 Open registration begins

JUNE 30 – JULY 21
• BOOKS & BABIES •
(ages birth-12 months and caregiver)
Monday mornings at 11:00
JUNE 16 Derry Township registration begins
JUNE 23 Open registration begins

• CHEWSY READERS •
Readers ages 7 to 10 will meet for brown bag lunches and book sharing again this summer.

JUNE 16 – JULY 21
Mondays from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. for ages 7 and 8 (having completed 1st or 2nd grade)
JUNE 16 – JULY 24
Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. for ages 9 and 10 (having completed 3rd or 4th grade)
JUNE 2 Derry Township registration begins
JUNE 9 Open registration begins

JUNE 18 – JULY 23.
Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

• FURRY TALES •
Struggling readers are paired with licensed therapy dogs and their handlers. A selection of suitable reading material is provided for the children to read to the dogs. Studies have shown that this is a successful means of providing practice in a relaxed and comforting atmosphere. Registration for this program requires the recommendation of a reading specialist. Parents of homeschoolers and other interested parents, please contact Rita Smith at 533-6555 x3707.

Please note that pre-registration is necessary for these sessions. Registration is available on-line at www.hersheylibrary.org. If you have any questions, please call Children’s Services at 533-6555 extension 3708 for more information.
VISIT THE LIBRARY!
Are you a daycare provider, homeschooler, scout leader, or teacher? The Children’s Services staff at the library is pleased to welcome field trips to the library. We are happy to work with you in meeting your children’s needs. Field trips can be scheduled as our programming schedule permits, please call 533-6555 ext. 3708 for dates. Please note that all evening field trips must be scheduled one month in advance.

MEET US AT THE MARKET!
The library visits the Farmer’s Market! Stop by the Children’s Tent at the Farmer’s Market in Hershey on Thursdays, June 6, July 3, and September 4 from 2:30-6:30 p.m. The Market is located next to the Cocoa Beanery at 1214 Research Blvd (off of Bullfrog Valley Road/US 322).

TWEENS: SHHH! COME TO SPY SCHOOL!
Children ages 8-14 are invited to hone their forensic and cryptic skills at Spy School.
10-11 A.M. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20
No registration necessary. (Secret phrase: I love to read.)

JUNK DRAWER ROBOTICS
Children ages 8+ are invited to explore robotics using household items. Come to the robotics lab.
TUESDAYS AT 1:30 P.M., JULY 1-22
JUNE 16 Derry Township registration begins
JUNE 23 Open registration begins

LET GO MY LEGOS!
Join us for special LEGO events this summer! Architect Stephen Schwartz will bring over 70,000 LEGO pieces to the library for a Building Block Workshop.
JUNE 17 AT 1:00 P.M.
We encourage families to register as teams to participate in this unique hands-on workshop on the windmills of the East Coast. Each team will construct a windmill to be placed on a giant landscape map. Learn about alternative energy sources AND spend an afternoon building with LEGO.
JUNE 2 Derry Township registration begins
JUNE 9 Open registration begins

NEW LEGO CLUB
Budding architects and LEGO fanatics ages 6+ are welcome to join our first ever LEGO Club.
1:30-2:30 P.M. ON WED AFTERNOONS, JULY 2-JULY 23
JUNE 16 Derry Township registration begins
JUNE 23 Open registration begins

FAMILY PROGRAMS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE KICK-OFF
JUNE 11-Come over right after school closes for the year! Wednesday, June 11 is the last day of school and the first day of summer vacation! Kick it off the right way by stopping by the library between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to register for the summer reading challenge, play some games, make some crafts, and enjoy a photo op.

JUNE 24-BRAVURA BRASS
Our good friends the Bravura Brass bring their take on the science of music to the Hershey Library on Tuesday, June 24 at 11 a.m.

JULY 1-EINSTEIN EXPLAINS IT ALL!
The world-famous scientist visits the library on Tuesday, July 1 at 11 a.m. Einstein, in the form of Charles Kiernan, will encourage the audience, through the use of simple thought experiments, to look at the world differently, using their imagination to see paradoxes, and conundrums. There will also be some of Einstein’s biography, and a bit of history, but mostly it is about time, space, energy, and mass, the building blocks of our world. The show is meant for inquisitive minds of all ages. The overall goal is to have fun with science! (Don’t miss the Where’s Dr. Einstein? challenge during the month of July!)

JUNE 27-MOVIES AND CRAFTS
Up and blow up balloons with Pop Rocks. (Each child should bring an unopened 16 oz. bottle of soda to this program)

JULY 11-MOVIES AND CRAFTS
Frozen and paint a frozen fractal picture!
TEEN PROGRAMS: Teens, ages 13-17, are invited to participate in their own summer reading challenge. Spark a Reaction to the materials available in the library by reading to a bingo and trying out our mini-challenges.

JUNE 23-JULY 14 - CROCHET CLASS
Ever wondered what those little hooks were for? Are you all about DIY? Tired of pinning cool crocheted items to Pinterest that you don’t know how to make? We have answers! Teens ages 13-19 are invited to a crochet class just for you! Mondays June 23-July 14 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
JUNE 9 Online registration begins
ADULT PROGRAMS

SLEEP DISORDER SEMINAR PART I
MAY 22, 6:30 P.M.
"Insomnia" Come and learn about the common condition of Insomnia, which is largely avoidable and treatable. Dr. Sankar Bandyopadhyah from the Penn State Hershey Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Department of Neurology, will discuss the condition and answer your questions.

PART II
MAY 29, 6:30 P.M.
"Sleep Apnea” Come and learn about a largely unsuspected and undiagnosed condition. Dr. Sankar Bandyopadhyah will provide information and treatment options for this disorder. Registration is necessary for both parts.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM
JUNE 2 - AUGUST 22 - “Literary Elements Challenge”
Stop by the library to sign up for this new and exciting Adult Summer Reading Program.

MAY 19 - Short Story book group from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

HERSHEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
BIG BAND FILL YOUR SUMMER NIGHTS
Join the Hershey Symphony Orchestra for two special Independence Day concerts. On July 4, the Symphony will play on the lawn of Penn State Hershey Medical Center, and on July 6 the orchestra will perform at Coleman Park in Lebanon. Both concerts are free.

The Hershey Big Band will commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day with a special WWII concert at The Hershey Theatre, Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 3 p.m. In addition to treasured songs from the era, the event will feature special interviews with area veterans and other WWII highlights.

Tickets are $20 for orchestra and loge seats $15 for balcony, and $5 for anyone under 21.

Tickets will be available at The Hershey Theatre Box Office in the near future.

HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE
WILL ENTERTAIN YOU WITH GYPSY

The summer musical, Gypsy, is based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee and was a project of producer David Merrick and actress Ethel Merman. Determined to make her young, blonde, and beautiful daughter, June, a vaudeville headliner, willful, resourceful, domineering stage mother Rose Hovick will stop at nothing to achieve her goal. She drags June and her shy, awkward, and decidedly less-talented older sister, Louise, around the country in an effort to get them noticed. Favorite songs include: “Everything’s Coming Up Roses,” “Let Me Entertain You,” and “Small World.” Shows are July 17-20 and 24-27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are $23 for adults and $20 for kids 12 and under and can be purchased at www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com. You can also learn more about auditions for the musical on the website.

Summer theatre classes are available for kids of all ages. Learn more at http://www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com/involved/classes.html.
MEETING YOUR MUNICIPAL NEEDS

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Watch for the next Township News in the beginning of September.

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Yard Waste Collection Program

Waste Management will collect an unlimited amount of yard waste once a month from April through October. Your yard waste collection day is the same day as your trash/recycling collection day. Yard waste collection will occur during the remaining weeks:

June 9–13  July 7–11  August 4–8  September 8–12  October 6–10

Guidelines

Yard waste must be placed at the curb (where your trash is normally placed) before 5:00 a.m. on your collection day.

- Yard waste must be placed in "Kraft" bags or 10 – 36 gallon trash cans, weighing no more than 50 lbs.
- Brush and branches must be tied in bundles 4’ or less in length. Tree branches can be no greater than 3” in diameter. Brush and branches are to be bundled and secured by rope or twine.
- Please remember that grass clippings are not collected as yard waste and will be collected with the trash.
- Please call Waste Management at 232-0878, for further information.

Derry Township Recycling Center Is Off to a Busy Season

After a long harsh winter, residents have been working hard to clean up tree limbs that have fallen with high winds and storms and bringing them to the Recycling Center. With sunny days ahead, it’s a great time to consider using a composter or a rain barrel. Both are helpful to the environment and available for purchase at the Recycling Center. Stop in and check them out, The Center is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., through November 1st.

The Center will be closed on Memorial Day, May 26th, Independence Day, Friday, July 4th, and Labor Day, Monday, September 1st.

Holiday Trash Collection

If your trash collection day is on Monday or Friday, your trash collection will be delayed until the day after Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. All other collections for the week will occur on the normal day.

What’s Happening

The Board of Supervisors approved the following in February, March and April:

- Recommended approval of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for East Point Trade Center – Building C, Plat #1234. This plan represents the development of a 374,125 square-foot commercial distribution warehouse on a 163.145-acre site located east of North Lingle Avenue, south of the Norfolk Southern rail line.

Recommended approval of a waiver requested by the Hershey Trust Company, Trustee for Milton Hershey School, from filing a land development plan for the removal of a bank building and construction of a full-service restaurant at the Hershey Square Shopping Center.

If you have questions regarding waste disposal and recycling, please call the Recycle Hotline at 533-8665.
TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEE SERVICE

The following employees are recognized for reaching an anniversary milestone during the last six months of 2013. Their long term commitment and dedication is what enables the township to provide a consistent, knowledgeable, and high level of service.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

SEAN SARGEN
Police

BARBARA CLAY
Library

KATHLEEN ROBERTS
Parks and Recreation

SYLVIA BONALLE
Parks and Recreation

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

JOY BURRELL
Library

CHRIS GAWRON
Library

ERIC SALLEY
Public Works

STEVE BELL
Public Works

HEATHER KNOTT
Parks and Recreation

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

DONNA SMALL
Library

TERRY WEINHOLD
Finance

DIANE LEITNER
Recently Retired, Public Works

HEATHER KNOTT
Parks and Recreation

ERIC SALLEY
Public Works

STEVE BELL
Public Works

JEFF KAWICH
Public Works

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

RODNEY HYDE retired from his position as an equipment operator with the Public Works Department at the end of January. He started employment with the Township in 1983 as a part-time employee and was hired full time 15 months later. He served as a work leader for 10 years, overseeing a crew.

JAMES LEWIS retired in March with 22 years of service to the Township. He was hired by the Public Works Department in 1992 and was promoted to an equipment operator two years later. In 2012, he was hired to fill a position at the Department of Parks and Recreation that occurred due to a retirement. Prior to coming to Derry Township, he was employed by Hummelstown Borough.

Both employees operated construction equipment to maintain the roadways and stormwater system and to complete special projects. Rodney occupies his time working on motorcycles since retiring and Jim has slowed down and settled into a part-time position. We wish them wonderful retirements.
This is an exciting time at the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company as we begin a fundraising campaign and embark on the monumental task of expanding and rebuilding the fire station at 21 W. Caracas Avenue. We anticipate that construction will begin in March of 2015 with completion occurring around June of 2016. As we begin the largest fundraising campaign in the history of the Fire Company, we would like to extend our gratitude to Milton Hershey School Vice-President, Pete Gurt, and retired Hershey Company executive, Ray Brace, for graciously agreeing to assist us and Co-Chair our fundraising efforts. Additionally, we would like to thank State Representative John Payne for securing 2 million dollars in State grant funding for this project.

Ground breaking ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 5th for the Dauphin County Heroes Grove Memorial. The memorial will be constructed in Brightbill Park, 5000 Commons Drive, Harrisburg, in Lower Paxton Township.

The event will begin with a parade at 11:15 a.m. at North Side Elementary School on Devonshire Road, ending in Brightbill Park and followed with a ceremony and festival with music, food and activities.

As a result of the demolition of the chocolate factory at 19 E. Chocolate Avenue, the fire siren has gone silent. However, we are in the process of relocating the fire alert siren to the area of the old recycling center on Old West Chocolate Avenue. The department feels that the siren can provide a backup to the paging system because it is not 100% reliable. It is anticipated that it will be operational this summer.

Heroes Grove is a tribute to veterans, emergency responders and law enforcement personnel for their dedication and extraordinary feats. Heroes Grove will feature an amphitheater where ceremonies, educational events, concerts and special events will be held.

Go to HeroesGrove.org for more information. If you are interested in participating, contact Info@MakeItHappenevents.com.