

TOWNSHIP News

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10th Annual "COPS for K.O.P.S." Benefit Hockey Game

Keep Our Pipers Silent

Saturday, December 12th

GIANT Center

1:00 p.m.

\$10 (children 3 and under are free)

All proceeds benefit the children of police officers killed in the line of duty. This event was created and organized by Derry Township Chief of Police Patrick O'Rourke.

Tickets are on sale now at the GIANT Center.

Hershey

is the Place to Be New Year's Eve

Community volunteers are working hard to plan another great family-friendly New Year's Eve event in Hershey. The celebration will include live bands, the raising of the Hershey Kiss, and fireworks. Visit www.HersheyNewYears.org for a listing of entertainment and activities.



AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

WITH **JOHN W. FOLEY**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN

The Derry Township Parks and Recreation Department is working with the Board of Supervisors to discuss future improvements to the Community Recreation Center. Learn more about the process and how you can get involved in this video with Board of Supervisors Chairman John Foley and Parks and Recreation Director Matt Mandia.



[Check out our video here](#)

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Keeping Residents Informed

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We'd like to reach as many residents as possible and keep them up-to-date with current information. *Thanks for your help.*

Candidates Sought for Advisory Board Positions

Have you ever considered getting involved in local government and serving on a Township advisory board? There will be positions available on the following boards:

Board of Library Directors, Design Review Advisory Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Police Pension Advisory Board, Tax Collection Association, General Authority, and Industrial Commercial Development Authority.

The Board of Supervisors encourages interested residents to submit a resume and cover letter to: Township of Derry, Board of Supervisors, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA, 17033, by December 18th. The Board will make appointments at the January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting.

Derry Township Police K9 Unit Gets New K9s



The Derry Township Police K9 Unit, created in the early 1980s, has benefited the department and has been a continued asset for identifying drugs, tracking missing persons, apprehending criminals, and providing officer safety. Their keen sense of smell detects scents that humans cannot, and their speed and strength can stop a fleeing criminal and protect their partner from harm.

Recently, the Derry Township K9 Unit has gone through some transition as one K9 team moved into retirement, and two new teams started their journeys.

The K9 team of Officer Jason Rode and K9 Cigany retired on October 5 after serving the department and the Derry Township community for a little more than 10 years. State Representative John Payne recognized the distinguished service of Officer Jason Rode and his K9 partner Cigany, pictured above, on October 10. This team is responsible for the seizure of sizeable amounts of illegal narcotics and the assistance of local, state and federal agencies in the apprehension of criminals, and the safety of other law enforcement agents and officers. Officer Jason Rode has elected to return to regular patrol and to concentrate on his other interests.

The vacancy created by the retirement of K9 Cigany, and the previous retirement of K9 Renko in 2012, left the department in need of two new K9 teams. Officer Andrew Condran, who has

nearly five years with the department, has become the newest K9 officer to take to the streets. He and K9 Heli attended and graduated from the Castle's K9 Academy on October 2 and were certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association as a Patrol/Narcotics K9 team. K9 Heli has already had success in the field, alerting to a vehicle in which a quantity of heroin was found in a subsequent search. K9 Heli is a Belgian Malinois from Hungary and is 15 months old.

The other new team will be introduced upon graduation from the K9 Academy. This team will be the fourth team, in addition to Officer Keith Ocker and Centa, and Officer Tony Clements and Chico.

The addition of these two K9 teams is made possible because of the fundraising efforts by the Friends of Derry Township Police K9 Fund. These efforts have been ongoing for the past several years, and have included partnerships with the Hershey Veterinary Hospital, Hershey Lions Club, Bricker's/The Brickhouse, Dafnos Restaurant, Derry Township School District, and Milton Hershey School. The FODTPK9 Fund has also received many, many donations from individuals and businesses alike, making the purchase of these two new police dogs possible.



Roadways, Sidewalks, Snow and Ice

Margaret Helps Coco Cross Cocoa

As winter approaches, the Public Works Department is preparing for the snow plowing season. The Township's Winter Maintenance Plan establishes three levels of response based on the amount of snowfall and can be viewed here.

The Public Works Department is done plowing when the snow has been cleared to the curb on all streets. Township residents may wish to keep this in mind when removing snow from their driveways. The Public Works Department regrets additional work that is created by snow accumulation at the end of resident's driveways from the snowplows; however, this is

unavoidable and we appreciate your understanding.

If you have any questions regarding the services provided by the Public Works Department, please contact us at 533-2057, option 4. We always welcome your input.

We would like to remind residents that snow and ice must be cleared from the sidewalks along streets and alleys within 24 hours after the end of the storm. If the property is not occupied by the owner, it is the responsibility of the tenant or occupant of the property to remove the snow.



Coco the Bear from the Hershey Bears joined Derry Township Police Department School Crossing Guard Margaret Phillips during this year's Walk to School Day October 7 at the intersection of Cocoa and Elm Avenues. Members of the Derry Township School District Board along with Police Department and Township officials joined forces to promote safe cycling and walking to school.

Margaret has been assisting Derry Township students with crossing the street to arrive safely at school for nearly 30 years. Hats off to Margaret and all those who dedicate themselves to the safety of our community!

Christmas Tree Collection

The Department of Public Works will be picking up trees beginning January 4 through January 22, weather permitting. Trees should be placed at the curbside. Trees will not be collected in alleys.

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



Tree Collection Schedule

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 (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, East Main Street, Park Village Plaza, Stone Creek

Friday

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

Street Trees Are Available Through the Derry Environmental Action Committee TreeVitalize Program

A completed application and \$40 gets a tree delivered and planted on your property. Residents of Derry Township who are interested in participating in the 2016 TreeVitalize Program should check www.DerryGreen.org for information about next year's program and to download an application form.

The trees are provided for a nominal fee to residents through a Pennsylvania Urban & Community Forestry Council TreeVitalize tree planting grant program, and the trees are planted by volunteers.

The trees must be planted in the area between the curb and the sidewalk and



the homeowner must agree to water the tree weekly for two years.

Almost 100 trees were planted last year. Submit your application and reserve your tree right away!

If you want further information on the program, contact Chuck Gassert at 717-566-5058

Recycling is Great for the Environment and Great for You With Recyclebank Rewards

Recyclebank®

It's been almost a year since the Township launched the Recyclebank rewards program and the number of residents participating continues to increase and so do the rewards! The Recyclebank program, which rewards residents for their recycling efforts has a 35% participation rate in Derry. This is great, but we know that more than 35% of our residents care about recycling – that's evident by the number of visitors using the recycling center on a regular basis. Those residents that haven't signed up are missing out on free discounts and products. Check it out at www.recyclebank.com.

Recyclebank is an innovative program that educates residents on how they can live a more sustainable lifestyle and rewards them for green actions like recycling and reading educational articles on their website. Points are earned automatically for recycling and can be redeemed for rewards at many local and national retail establishments.

If you don't want to earn points with the activities on the Recyclebank website, it's still worth signing up and checking in a couple times a year to redeem the points that you are automatically earning for recycling curbside.

The Value of Recycling

The amount that you recycle can directly affect how much you pay for your trash collection services. This is the goal of the Recyclebank program. The program educates and motivates residents through a reward system to increase the amount of items that are recycled monthly. The more that is recycled, the less trash that goes to the incinerator or landfills, and the less it costs to dispose of the items.

A Recyclebank article *The Value of Recycling*, explains the process:

To understand how recycling works financially, let's first start with an overview of the recycling cycle:

- ◇ *Disposal:*
We toss recyclables into our recycling bin or cart.
- ◇ *Collection:*
Haulers pick up recyclables and take them to a facility.
- ◇ *Processing:*
The facility separates recyclables by material.
- ◇ *Manufacturing:*
Manufacturers buy materials from

the facility, process them, and turn them into new materials. Companies buy the materials to make products that go back on store shelves.

- ◇ *Purchase:*
We buy products (Hopefully some that are made with recycled content!) — and then we dispose of them again.

On a daily basis, we don't really get to see the whole process. But step 4 is where the creation of a recycling market really starts to take shape — when manufacturers specify what material they want to buy from a facility and how they want it, they initiate a recycling market with a supply and demand for recycled materials.

In 2013 alone, 65 million tons of materials like metal, paper, plastic, and glass were recycled in the U.S. These recyclables came from consumers like you and me, and went to recyclers who sold them to companies all around the world. But profits from selling recyclables don't just go to recyclers — they often go to municipalities, and the benefits can trickle down to taxpayers, too.



Recycling Center Schedule

(Effective November 2 through March 12, 2016)

- Monday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Recycling Center will be closed on the following days:

- Friday, November 27
- Friday, December 25
- Friday, January 1
- Monday, February 15

Holiday Trash Collection

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

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

Wood Waste Notice

Residents are reminded that the wood waste pile at the Recycling Center is for woody materials only. Items such as trash bags, flower pots, plant stakes and plastic planting materials will become part of the mulch pile after the woody materials have been put through the tub grinder. These materials are an unsightly addition to the mulch pile as well as a hazard to the grinding equipment and the operator.

New Law Provides Access to Naloxone

Act 139 also expands access to naloxone, a life-saving, opioid-reversal drug. Many first responders already carry the drug. The Derry Township Police Department recently received training and have obtained a supply, and now friends and family members can receive the drug to assist someone who is experiencing an opioid-related overdose. Licensed health professionals can write third-party prescriptions for naloxone, and are not subject to criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action for any outcome resulting from the administration of naloxone when acting in good faith.

Training on administering naloxone is available, but not necessary. The drug comes in a spray that goes into the user's nose. WITF reports that "Every major drug store chain in the state has agreed to stock naloxone and honor the standing prescription. It costs about \$40 if insurance doesn't cover the purchase."

Naloxone reverses the effects of opioids and will save lives. If you have reason to believe that someone in your family could be at risk from an overdose, please talk to your physician.

RECYCLE HOTLINE

533-8665 Call the Recycle Line to hear the Recycling Center's hours, the materials that are collected at the center, and information about the curbside trash and recycling collection service.

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Tell Your Children Good Samaritan Law Passed to Lower Drug Overdose Deaths

Kids no longer need to fear trouble from law enforcement for getting medical help for a friend in need who has overdosed. The death rates for heroin overdose continue to rise. Overdose is the number one cause of injury-related death in the United States. In 2013, 43,982 individuals died according to the Department of Health and Human Services. Many of these deaths could have been prevented with the opioid overdose medication naloxone. However too often, help is never sought due to fear of getting arrested.

In an effort to encourage friends to call 911, the Good Samaritan law, Senate Bill 1164, was signed into law last year providing immunity from prosecution under the following conditions:

Drug Overdose Response Immunity

The person committing the offense gives their name and location and cooperates with the authorities.

The person committing the offense remains with the person needing immediate medical attention until the authorities arrive.



The person committing the offense reasonably believes that they are the first person to report the incident; and law enforcement personnel only became aware of the person's commission of the offense because the person reported the occurrence of the drug overdose in good faith, or transported a person experiencing a drug overdose to a health care facility or law enforcement agency.

Legislators are hopeful that that the public will become aware of the immunity to encourage those who are with someone experiencing a potential drug overdose to get help and prevent serious injury or death without fear of being arrested.

2016 Township News Distribution Schedule

Spring Issue: February 17

Summer Issue: May 11

Fall Issue: August 10

Winter Issue: November 16

If you cannot receive the newsletter electronically, copies are available at the Hershey Public Library, the Hershey Recreation Center, the Municipal Building, and the Recycling Center. If you need to have a newsletter mailed to you, please contact the Township at 533-2057, option 5, and you will be placed on a mailing list.

Financing Home Improvements



Your home is an investment and if you are putting off making repairs, you are lowering the value of your home. Repairs are much easier to do if you have cash on hand to maintain the condition of your home, but if you lack the funds that you need you can consider loans and other options.

Today there are a number of good plans for financing home improvements on reasonable terms. What kind of loan is best for you depends primarily on the amount of money you need to borrow and the amount of equity that you have in your home.

The following information is provided on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development website, www.Hud.Gov.

An FHA Title I loan may be the answer to your financing needs if the equity in your home is limited. Banks and other qualified lenders make these loans from their own funds, and FHA insures the lender against a possible loss. This loan insurance program is authorized by Title I of the National Housing Act.

FHA-insured Title I loans may be used for any improvements that will make your home more livable and useful including items such as dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, and ovens that are built into the house and not free-standing. The loans cannot be used for items considered to be luxury such as swimming pools and outdoor fireplaces, or to pay for work that already been done.

Title I loans can also be used to make improvements for accessibility for a disabled person such as remodeling kitchens and baths for wheelchair access, lowering kitchen cabinets, installing wider doors and exterior ramps, etc.

Another use is energy conserving improvements, or solar energy systems. Improvements can be handled on a do-it-yourself basis, or through a contractor or dealer. Your loan can be used to pay for the contractor's materials and labor. If you do the work yourself, only the cost of materials may be financed.

Some of the advantages of the Title I loan insurance program are:

- ◇ You do not have to live in any particular area.
- ◇ You seldom need any security for loans under \$7,500 other than your signature on the note, and you don't need a cosigner.
- ◇ You do not have to disturb any mortgage or deed of trust you may have on your home.
- ◇ To obtain a loan, you only need to own the property or have a long-term lease on it, fill out a loan application that shows you are a good credit risk, and execute a note agreeing to repay the loan.
- ◇ Your loan can cover architectural and engineering costs, building permit fees, title examination costs, appraisal fees, and inspection fees.
- ◇ You are not hampered by a lot of red tape. Usually only the lender has to approve your loan, and can give you an answer in a few days. When the work is finished, you will need to furnish the lender with a completion certificate.
- ◇ You receive some protection from the wrong kind of dealer because the FHA requires that any dealer who arranges a loan for you must first be approved by the lender.

To find an FHA-approved lender in your area, call HUD's Customer Service Center toll-free: (800) 767-7468 (TTY: (800) 877-8339) for a list of lenders.

Hershey Volunteer Fire Company Activity Report



Station Renovations

As the leaves turned beautiful colors and we usher in the colder temperatures. Construction and renovation of the firehouse located at 21 West Caracas Avenue is on track. The building is under cover, new energy efficient windows are in place, and the brickwork is nearly complete. The next phase of renovations will be shifting primarily to the interior of the building. The projected move-in date is the week of January 20, 2016.

As the 6.8 million dollar renovation and expansion nears completion, our fundraising efforts continue. Our annual fund drive was mailed a few weeks ago and is earmarked for the new building. Personalized bricks that will line the walkway on the corner of Cocoa and Caracas Avenues are available in 4 and 8-inch varieties at a cost of \$250 and \$450 each. We offer convenient payment plans up to five years. The garden pavers that were sold throughout the year at the farmer's market remain available, as do naming opportunities for several rooms.

Winter Safety Message

Please remember not to park your car over leaf piles as the hot engine and exhaust pipes could ignite the leaves underneath.

Did you know chimney fires are one of the leading causes of wintertime fires? Now is a great time to have your chimney, fireplace or furnace inspected and cleaned by a certified professional.

Please remember to change the batteries in all your smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms in your home.

The HVFC would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the summer months. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our new firehouse in the spring! For more information on how you can donate, participate, and keep up to date on everything that's happening with the Hershey Volunteer Fire Department, we invite you to visit our website at www.hersheyfire.org, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. **Be safe!!**

PA Dot's Play it Safe Winter Driving Tips

americleaninc.com

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation offers drivers advice on preparing for traveling on roadways this winter.

Residents in Dauphin County Have Transportation OPTIONS



FindMyRidePA is making it a lot easier to get places. The Shared Ride program picks you up at your home and drops you off at your destination for affordable prices and discounted fares for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and those with medical transportation needs.

The program is sponsored through a joint effort between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Rabbit Transit, with support from the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Discounted Shared Ride services are sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and are paid for by the Lottery and other funding sources.

It's as simple as going to FindMyRidePA.com and registering for a Shared Ride ID with your county of residence and date of birth; entering the date, time, location, and purpose of your trip, and choosing the option that you want. For assistance, call 1-844-PA4-RIDE.

Hershey History Provided

by Archivist Pamela Cassidy Whitenack

Hershey Stories: Milton Hershey's Early Struggles



Milton Hershey's first business card. ca 1876

This year the Archives has been celebrating 30 years of collecting, preserving and sharing Hershey's rich history. The Archives holds the letters, business records, maps, plans, diaries, photographs, films and other materials that help us understand our shared history.

Without the archives, our history would simply be stories. The archives acquires its collections in a number of ways. We have formal relationships with a number of businesses and organizations that regularly transfer records to the archives for safe-keeping. Sometimes individuals donate materials that are directly related to Milton Hershey or his legacy.

One of the Archives' treasures is a series of letters written by Milton Hershey from 1880 to 1882 while he was operating his first business in Philadelphia. These letters document Milton Hershey's business struggles and the reasons for his struggles.

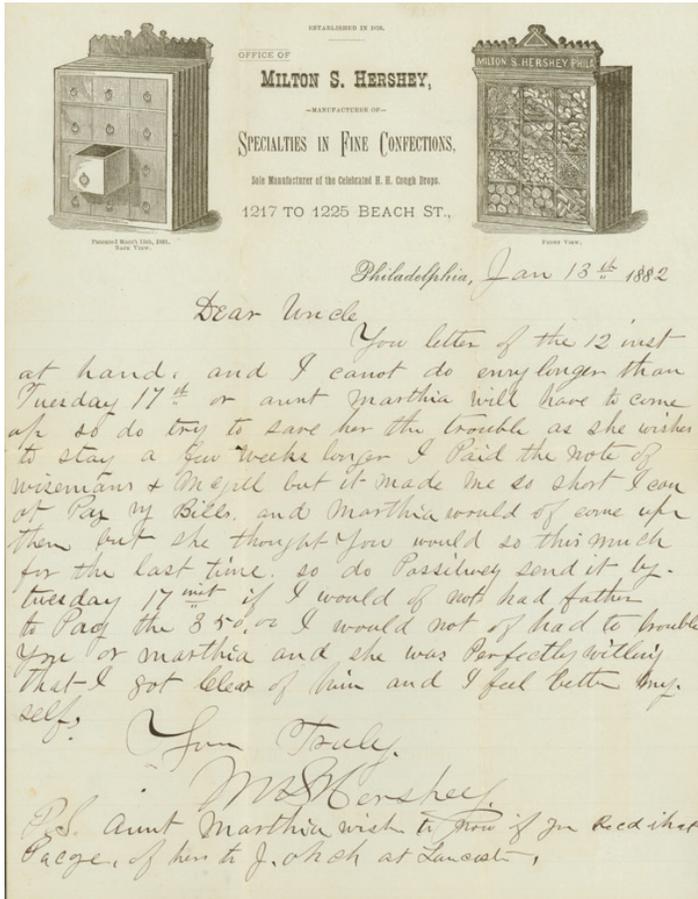
It is very easy to overlook or forget about the years of struggle when someone like Milton Hershey ultimately achieves such tremendous success. Fortunately, the Archives holds evidence of his struggles and his early failures. These artifacts help us to better understand Milton Hershey and the events that shaped him.

At age 18, Milton Hershey opened his first confectionery shop in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1876. The business got off to a good start; sales were helped by the crowds who flocked to Philadelphia to visit the Centennial Exposition.

Business grew and a few years later, needing more space, Milton Hershey moved his shop down the street to larger quarters at 925 & 927 Spring Garden Street, and operated a wholesale business from 532 Linden Street (just around the corner). But by 1880, the business was beginning to falter.

The Archives holds several letters from Milton Hershey to his Uncle Abraham Snively that were written between December, 1880, and January, 1882. Each letter is much like the same, pleas for loans of money, or requests for patience because Milton Hershey has not repaid the previous loans. The Archives does not hold any letters from Uncle Abraham. We can imagine that as Milton Hershey continued to beg for more and more financial support, Abraham became exasperated and disillusioned with his nephew. Milton's last letters to his Uncle indicate that Abraham Snively was dragging his feet (and wallet) about sending any more money.

The last letter in the Archives' collection suggests just how desperate Milton Hershey had become.



Letter: Milton Hershey to his Uncle Christian Snavelly, 1/13/1882

[Transcript]

ESTABLISHED IN 1876

Office of

MILTON S. HERSHEY

MANUFACTURE OF

SPECIALTIES IN FINE CONFECTIONS

Sole Manufacturer of the Celebrated H.H. Cough Drops

1217 TO 1225 BEACH ST.

Philadelphia, Jan 13, 1882

Dear Uncle

You letter of the 12 inst at hand, and I canot do anny longer than Tuesday 17th or aunt Martha will have to come up so do try to save her the trouble as she wishes to stay a few weeks longer I Paid the note of wisemans & Mcgill but it made me so short I can [n]ot Pay my Bills.

And Martha would of come up then but she thought You would do this much for the last time. So do Possitively send it by Tuesday 17inst if I would of [if I] not had father to Pay the 350.00 I would not of had to trouble You or Martha and she was Perfectly willing that I got Clear of him and I feel better my-self,

Your Truly,

MSHershey

Aunt Martha wish to [k]now if you Recd that

Page of h?? To J. Oheh at Lancaster

The letter's reference to having to pay his father reveals another layer to Milton Hershey's financial struggles. Henry Hershey had arrived to "help" his son in late 1880. Full of ideas and vision, Henry designed a candy display cabinet (pictured on Milton Hershey's stationery letterhead) that Henry was certain would benefit his son's business.

Milton's mother and his Aunt Mattie were not pleased with Henry Hershey's involvement with the business. The women viewed him as a distraction and a disruption. They urged Milton to pay his father for the candy cabinet so that his father would leave Philadelphia. Yet Milton didn't have enough money

to invest in another venture. While he agreed to pay his father, that payment was the final blow to Milton Hershey's first candy business.

After struggling for six years to make his first business a success, Milton Hershey closed his shop in the spring of 1882. While the end of this business was not a happy conclusion, Milton Hershey learned many lessons about supply and demand, credit, cash flow and the importance of limiting your product line. These were all lessons that he would put to use more profitably in future business ventures.

HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT PROGRAMS

“CHRISTMAS TALES”

WITH STORYTELLER CHARLES KIERNAN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:00 P.M.

Come and experience the art of storytelling as Charles Kiernan helps us celebrate the holidays with an evening of Christmas tales.

Charles Kiernan performs at theaters, listening clubs, schools, libraires and art festivals. He is the president of the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild, a Pennsylvania State Representative for the National Youth Storytelling Showcase and the Pennsylvania State Liason for the National Storytelling Network.

“CAUGHT IN THE SNOWSTORM”

WITH SCOTT WEIDENSAUL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2:00 P.M.

The winter of 2013-14 saw the largest invasion of snowy owls into the eastern United States in perhaps a century and marked an unprecedented opportunity to learn more about these mysterious Arctic hunters. Author and researcher Scott Weidensaul will share the story of Project SNOWstorm – how a huge, collaborative research effort focused on snowy owls came together in a few frantic weeks, funded with the help of people from around the world, and continues to make discoveries and unexpected insights into the life and ecology of this great white raptor.

Scott Weidensaul is the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist, “Living on the Wind,” about bird migration. His newest book, “The Peterson Reference Guide to Owls of North America and the Caribbean,” was published in October. Weidensaul’s writing has appeared in dozens of publications, including Audubon, for which he is a contributing editor among many others. He also directs the ornithological programs for national Audubon’s famed Hog Island Center on the coast of Maine.

Scott lives in Schuylkill County where he studies the migration of owls and hummingbirds. Books will be sold and signed at the event.

Don’t miss these other wonderful programs supported by the Friends to be held this spring at the library:

TRANSITIONING YOUR GARDEN TO ORGANIC CARE WITH JESSICA WALLISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2:00 P.M.

18TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AUTHOR VISIT-GUEST AUTHOR LISA SEE

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2:00 P.M.

Adult Winter Reading Program

“WHAT’S ON THE MENU?”

BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 4 THROUGH

THURSDAY, MARCH 31.

Stop by the library to pick up your game card any time after January 4.

Adult Enrichment Classes

THE WINTER/SPRING ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY.

A complete listing of the classes and their dates will be available at the library, or on the library’s website beginning Monday, January 4.

Library to Host First Local Authors Event

The library is excited to announce that it will hold its first Local Authors Event on Saturday, April 2.

Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books at the library. The event is a tribute to all of the incredible authors that live right here in Hershey and the surrounding areas. We are excited to offer these authors the chance to get some great exposure, network with other writers, and to discuss their experiences, while selling some books along the way. The library is also pleased to provide an opportunity to our reading community to discover exciting new works. Both self-published and traditionally published fiction and non-fiction authors will be showcased.

If you are an aspiring author who is always looking for an opportunity for exposure, this would be a great event for you. The Call for Submissions to local authors will begin on December 1, and end March 15, 2016. Details will be made available at the library and on its website December 1.

Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org for all children’s programs!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORYTIME AND TODDLERTIME

The Hershey Public Library provides a regular schedule of Storytime and Toddlertime sessions from September to July. Each ten-week cycle includes two weeks of registration, six weeks of programming and two weeks of staff preparation.

Storytime is a five-week series of half-hour programs designed for children 3 to 5. Storytime provides a structured literature-based opportunity for children to gain independence. Parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to use Storytime to fill their own library needs. To best serve our young listeners, sessions are divided by age. **Storytime for 3's and 4's** is presented Monday mornings at 10:00 and Wednesday afternoons at 1:30. **Storytime for 4's and 5's** is presented on Monday afternoons at 1:30 and Tuesday mornings at 10:40.

Toddlertime 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. Toddlertime is presented on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30.

WINTER SESSIONS

Storytime for 3's and 4's

Monday mornings at 10:00, February 15 - March 14

Wednesday afternoons at 1:30, February 17 - March 16

Storytime for 4's and 5's

Monday afternoons at 1:30, February 15 - March 14

Tuesday mornings at 10:40, February 16 - March 15

Toddlertime (24-36 months and caregiver)

Tuesday mornings at 9:30, February 16 - March 15

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 and 11:00, February 17 - March 16

TOWNSHIP REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1.

OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 8

WONDERFUL ONES

The Hershey Public Library presents a four-week series of 20-minute interactive programs for walking children 12 to 24 months and their caregivers. One children and one adult register together for songs, simple stories, nursery rhymes and action plays. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children while introducing your baby to the library and literacy. Wonderful Ones is presented on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45.

WONDERFUL ONES

(12-24 MONTHS AND CAREGIVER)

Tuesday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45, January 12 - February 9

BOOKS AND BABIES

The Hershey Public Library presents a four-week series of 20-minute interactive programs for pre-walking children birth to 12 months and their caregivers. One child and one adult register together for songs, simple stories, nursery rhymes and action plays. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children while introducing your baby to the library and literacy. Books and Babies is presented on Monday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45.

BOOKS AND BABIES

(BIRTH-12 MONTHS AND CAREGIVER)

Monday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45, January 11 - February 8

Township Registration begins December 28. Open Registration begins January 4

Please note that pre-registration is necessary for these sessions. Please call Children's Services at 533-6555, extension 3708, for more information.

Plan a Field Trip to 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 at least one month in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SERIES

All programs are at 2:00 p.m. and are suitable for grades K-5.

OCCUPATION ILLUSTRATION: ARTIST FLOYD COOPER

JANUARY 10

Is Floyd Cooper an illustrator or illusionist? Is he drawing a picture, or pulling it out of a hat? Cooper demonstrates his technique and adds games, doodling demonstrations, and other interactive exercises to inspire creativity and share his craft. Expect to be absolutely riveted as images seem to magically reveal themselves under his masterful hand.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH THE LITTLE STAR CHINESE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 7

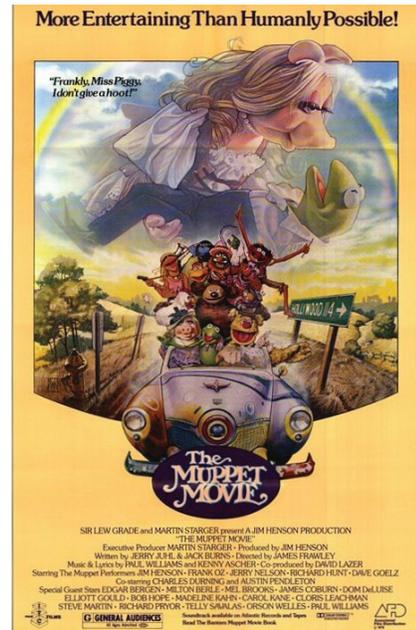
Gung Hay Fat Choy! Best wishes and congratulations! Have a prosperous and good year! Come learn about the Chinese Lunar New Year celebrated on February 8 through dance, song, and more. Presented by the students of the Little Star Chinese School.

6TH ANNUAL POLAR EXPRESS EXTRAVAGANZA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 6:30 P.M.

Come in your pajamas ready to be transported to the North Pole! We will show the movie, Polar Express (rated PG), have popcorn and chocolate milk, and maybe even a few surprises. **No registration is necessary.**

Winter Break Muppet Film Festival!



It's time to play the music! It's time to light the lights! It's time to get things started....Join us for three fantabulous Muppet movies! Wocka! Wocka!

MOVIES START AT 10:00 A.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Muppets Christmas Carol (G)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Muppet Movie (G)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Muppet Treasure Island (G)

Holiday Hours

Municipal Building

Closed on Thursday, November 26
and Friday, November 27

Closing at noon on Thursday,
December 24

Closed on Friday, December 25

Closing at noon on Thursday,
December 31

Closed on Friday, January 1

Recycling Center

Closed Friday, November 27

Closed Friday, December 25

Closed Friday, January 1

Hershey Public Library

Closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday,
November 25

Closed Thursday, November 26

Closed Thursday, December 24 and
Friday, December 25

Closed Thursday, December 31 and
Friday, January 1

Hershey Recreation Center

Closed, Thursday, November 26

Closing at noon Thursday, December
24

Closed Friday, December 25

Closing at noon Thursday, December
31

Closed on Friday, January 1

Community Events

Save Now on Season Subscriptions to Hershey Symphony Orchestra



Join the Hershey Symphony Orchestra for a season filled with music for everyone. The Orchestra will take patrons on a musical journey over the next year. The first two concerts are over, but there's still time to catch the rest of the season.

Make the Symphony a part of your holiday tradition with our Holiday Spectacular on December 5 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This concert always sells out so we've added an extra performance to make sure everyone is in the holiday spirit. The concert includes seasonal favorites, an audience sing-a-long and a visit from a special man in a red suit.

On February 19, 2016, bring someone to hold close as we share intimate classics at "Warm & Snuggly," which includes Mozart's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 17 in G Major. This work will feature Gretchen Dekker on piano.

Internationally-renowned Mezzo-Soprano Gwendolyn Bowers returns to perform with the Hershey Symphony Orchestra on

April 8, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. for "Symphonic Blockbusters." The concert will include selections from Carmen and Samson et Dalila.

Later in April, celebrate America with the best of George and Ira Gershwin's music on April 23, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. Enjoy the Hershey Symphony Orchestra, Hershey Big Band and vocalists. As a special treat, the group will perform Rhapsody in Blue, featuring Josh Tindall on piano.

We end the season with our annual "Shall We Dance?" Benefit Gala, held at the Hershey Lodge, on Saturday, May 14. This black-tie optional event features dinner, an auction and dancing to the Orchestra and Big Band.

For more information on the 2015-2016 season and to purchase season tickets, please visit www.HersheySymphony.org. To purchase individual tickets, please call the Hershey Theatre Box Office at 534-3405, or visit www.HersheyTheatre.com.

Hershey Derry Township Historical Society's Train Display Opens on November 16th

It's that time of year again! Get ready to experience the delight of holiday trains and celebrations as we open the holiday train exhibit for another year.

Intended for train enthusiasts of all ages, the exhibit showcases multiple trains and over 25 interactive displays on a large-scale layout. The exhibit features handcrafted historic Hershey landmarks such as the Cocoa Inn, the Derry Church Schoolhouse, the Hershey train depot, a historic Hershey trolley, and Derry Presbyterian Church Sessions House. Hands-on controls for trains and miniature amusement rides attract the youngest of engineers.

Lead exhibit designer Fred Travitz notes, "Our team of volunteers designs a unique exhibit each year and gets it up and running, but we are always in need of folks to help operate the trains. It's a fun job and we'll teach anyone how to do it." The Historical Society is always looking to add volunteer greeters and engineers to our list of helpers to make the exhibit available to the public. This is a special service opportunity for mature students who need community service hours.

The annual holiday tradition will begin this year on Monday, November 16, and will operate during the following times:

- ◇ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. through November 25.
- ◇ Starting November 27, the Society will be open daily, except Sundays, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. through December 31. (Note: the train will only operate until 4:00 p.m.)
- ◇ The display closes at 12 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
- ◇ The train exhibit will remain on display until January 9 resuming operation during regular Society business hours after January 1st.

Admission: \$1 for children/students under 18; \$2 for adults, or \$5 per family. Members are free. Admission donations benefit the Historical Society library, museum and educational programs and events.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the exhibit as a greeter or train operator, please contact the Society at (717) 520-0748 to volunteer. We need your help!

Playhouse Announces 2016 Season



Hershey Area Playhouse begins its next season in February 2016 with **Godspell 2012**. This updated version includes several new songs added to the score, exploring a portion of Jesus' life, His death, and His followers. There is room for innovation and creativity in Godspell, so every production is unique. We will welcome back Jan McCreary to direct this popular and meaningful musical.

Charley's Aunt, by Brandon Thompson, is our comedy for the spring. This choice is an energetic and fast-paced farce. Our audiences will laugh until they cry watching this crazy, mixed up fun. Robin Snyder will have a blast directing this oldie but goody!

Our summer musical is **South Pacific!** A big cast will be required including adults and children. Directors Tracey and Matt Ford will take on this beloved musical with a wonderfully familiar score and thought-provoking theme.

In the fall we will present **Frankenstein**. Based on the work of Mary Shelley, this play is written and directed by Marj Bicknell.

Our final vplay of 2016 is an old favorite, **Miracle on 34th Street**. Our audiences will hopefully find out if Santa is real next December. Lois Heagy, an experienced actor and director in Central PA, will join the Playhouse for the first time as our director.

Please enjoy the rest of the 2015 season and now, look forward to next year as well! For more information, to volunteer and to purchase tickets, please visit www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com.

Historical Society Holiday Open House

Please check upcoming e-bulletins and our website, www.hersheyhistory.org, for information on our annual Holiday Open House in December, featuring visits from Santa, activities for children and caroling with the Hershey Community Chorus. If you currently don't subscribe to our e-bulletins, sign-up by contacting us at info@hersheyhistory.org.

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