

2017 BUDGET ADDRESSES CAPITAL FUND SHORTFALL

Over the past several years, the Township's capital fund revenue has not been sufficient to cover the capital expenses. The Township was fortunate to have ample revenue in the general fund to subsidize the shortfall for the capital expenses. The Township's capital fund expenses are for items that have long-term benefits such as buildings, renovations, infrastructure, equipment, and debt payments. The 2017 capital project fund was anticipated to be underfunded by \$600,000 and it can no longer be sustained by the general fund.

Over the course of the last decade, the Township has been careful with its spending, reviewing expenses, making reductions,

and seeking savings in every area possible. The operating budget is at the bare minimum that it can be and still allow the Township to function properly. James Negley, township manager said, "I review every line item in the budget and only approve funds for exactly what is needed. The directors have worked with me to provide the same level of service with less equipment and personnel than is needed. Proper facilities, equipment, and infrastructure must be maintained for safety, continued services, and the progression of our community."

An analysis of the Township's revenues and expenditures was conducted by consultants Public Financial Management (PFM) and they recommended that to provide for the Township's capital needs and to adequately fund the Township's debt service, the capital tax millage needs to be increased .5415 from .4502 to 0.9964. The increase is equivalent to \$54.15 on each \$100,000 of assessed home value.

"A tax increase is always a last measure and is only implemented when there is no other alternative to stabilize our financial state. Not taking the necessary actions to balance the Township's budget would be irresponsible governing and would have detrimental consequences. It is essential to balance the budget and maintain a cash reserve to keep the Township's excellent bond rating, which allows the Township to acquire favorable interest rates for bond financing," said Negley.

The Township's capital real estate tax has been able to be maintained at the same level for 21 years. The Derry Township Board of Supervisors has taken the necessary action to ensure that the Township's financial future is secure and that the Township can continue on a path to increase the general fund reserve.

The Township's expenses are in line with other municipalities comparable in size to Derry Township, yet the township's real estate tax is lower than many surrounding communities.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, John Foley said, "The cost to operate the Township and service the debt continues to increase year after year. We've done as much cost reductions and restructuring and put off an increase in taxes for as long as we could. It was not sustainable to continue to pull from the general fund to service capital projects. This was a hard decision for the Board, but it was the right action to take."

The management and budget consulting team for PFM developed a multi-year financial plan for the Township. They provided a dynamic planning tool to map anticipated expenses and revenues to see how the numbers will affect the overall budget. "This budgetary tool will assist the Township in future planning and in looking at the Township's long-term needs," added Foley.





on chocolate DOWNTOWN HERSHEY Saturday, May 13th Spend a beautiful spring day in downtown Hershey at the

Spend a beautiful spring day in downtown Hershey at the 2017 Art on Chocolate. The fine art and craft festival boasts 130 artists, fine craftsmen, and food vendors. This family friendly

event will also feature children's art activities, face painting and a local students' art display at The Hershey Story, the museum on Chocolate Avenue.

If arts and crafts aren't your thing, come for the fun, food, and entertainment. Live entertainers will perform throughout the day and vendors will tempt you with delicious foods and beverages offered in a variety of locations.

While you're at the event you'll also want to visit the unique shops that downtown Hershey has to offer.

The event is produced by the Downtown Hershey Association and the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society. Admission to the event is free to the public. Visit www.DowntownHershey.com for further event details.

Derry Township Wins Statewide Awards for Communication Efforts

Derry Township received two awards in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisor's (PSATS) 49th Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated news, services, and events to its citizens.

Derry received first place for its eNews and tied for third place for its quarterly Township News in the electronic newsletters category.

The contest attracted entries from across the Commonwealth. This year, 36 townships submitted 103 entries to the competition. Entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented, how well the information was communicated to residents, and the overall attractiveness and readability.

"The Township strives to maintain effective communication with residents through our electronic weekly eNews, quarterly newsletter, website, Facebook, and Twitter pages. We encourage everyone to subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter and quarterly newsletter on our website and to follow the Township on social media for timely news, events, and important updates," said Township Supervisor Vice-Chairwoman Susan Cort.

"In addition to Township news, events and services, the eNews is a source of information on special events happening throughout the community," she added. Please visit www.derrytownship.org to register for the weekly eNews and quarterly newsletter. Residents may also call the Township office at 717-533-2057, or email staff members or members of the Board of Supervisors through the website.



HERSHEY... WHERE IT'S JUST SWEETER

We can't think of a better place to call home.

eNews

December 9, 2016

CURRENT NEWS

2017 Dog Licenses For Sale

Dog licenses are available for purchase at the Municipal Building, 600 Clearwater Road and can also be purchased on-line. Pennsylvania state law mandates that all dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Dog licenses must be purchased by January 1st of each



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year regardless of when the license was purchased the previous year. It is important for your dog to have a license in case they are lost so that you can be notified when they are found.

The cost of the license is between \$5 and \$9, depending if the owner is a senior citizen, or if the dog is spayed or neutered.

Stormwater Management Informational Meeting

Please plan to join the Derry Township Municipal Authority on Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library, 701 Cocoa Avenue, to learn more about the Stormwater Management Program, its funding, and to ask general questions.

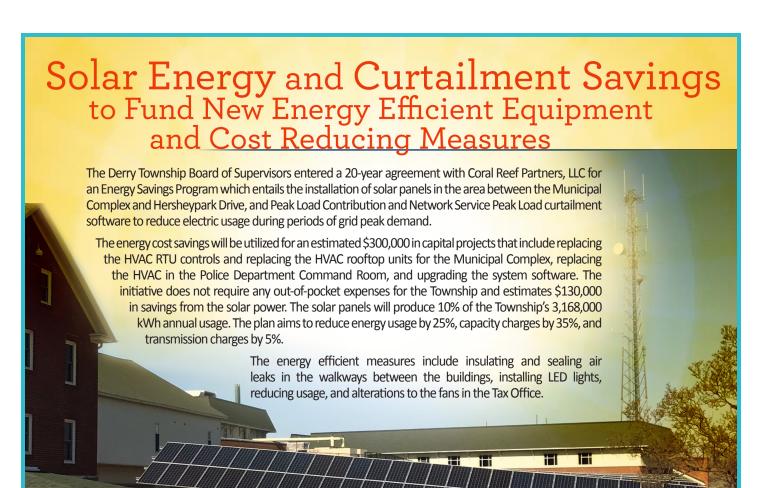


Stormwater management is important to our community. It is necessary to manage rain water that is not absorbed by lawns and gardens so that it does not have a harmful effect on streams and does not cause flooding. The foundation of an effective SMP is the development of a fair and equitable SMP fee to provide for a reliable revenue stream. Revenues generated by the SMP fees will support the SMP and its goals to insure MSA Permit requisitory compliance, effective infrastructure, operation.

Shred-it EventSaturday, April 8th, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Shred-it[®]

Are you storing documents that you no longer need, but contain personal information? Safely dispose of these items at the Township's spring Shred It Event at the Public Works Facility, 650 Clearwater Road. This event is for residents only and is limited to two bags/boxes.



Downtown Hershey Association Receives Premier Project Award

The Downtown Hershey Association was recognized by the Dauphin County Commissioners and Dauphin County Planning Commission with a Premier Project Award for the implementation of "Downtown Hershey: A Continued Plan for Revitalization."

The Premier Project Award is intended "to acknowledge professional leadership in creating projects which aid communities as they make planning decisions, promote smart growth, and spark revitalization," according the five project guidelines: effectiveness, ease of replication, community involvement/partnerships, smart growth, and comprehensive planning.

Since the completion of "Downtown Hershey: A Continued Plan for Revitalization" in January 2015, the Downtown Hershey Association has implemented a full Life on Chocolate event series, completed several organizational initiatives, and is supporting physical improvements downtown in 2017. The organization's accomplishments would not be possible without key partnerships, collaboration, and the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. Visit www.DowntownHershey.com for more information.



Charles Emerick, Director of Community Development, Lauren Zumbrun, Economic Development Manager, Pamela Whitenack, Chairwoman of the Downtown Hershey Association, and State Representative Tom Mehaffie.

2017 Advisory Board Appointments

The Township's advisory boards serve an important role in guiding policies and regulations in the Township. The members represent the community as advisors to the Board of Supervisors on various areas of Township government.

The following appointments were made by the Board of Supervisors at the January 3, 2017 reorganization meeting:

Reappointed Reappointed **Appointed** Reappointed Reappointed Reappointed **Appointed Appointed** Reappointed Reappointed

Christine Taylor Brann to a one-year term on the Vacancy Board

Glenn Rowe and Matt Tunnell to four-year terms on the Planning Commission

Anthony Potter to a five-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Phillip Wood to a five-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board

Louis Verdelli to a one-year term on the Police Pension Advisory Board

Jennifer Grenoble to a three-year term on the Board of Library Directors

George Raynes to a three-year term on the Tax Collection Association

Ronald Furlan to a five-year term to the Municipal Authority

Ted Herman to a five-year term on the Design Advisory Board

Christopher Dawson to a five-year term on the Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank all residents that expressed an interest in serving on an advisory board and wants to encourage those that did not get appointed at this time to apply again next year. Once appointed, many of the members remain on the advisory board for several terms.

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the following residents for serving on an advisory board. Their time, expertise, and contributions were greatly appreciated.

David Feidt, Tax Collection Association

Scott Reilly, Municipal Authority

Jean Allegrini, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Experienced Equipment Operator Paves Way to Retirement



Chairman John Foley, Tom and Nan Brazell, and Public Works Director Tom Clark

Over the course of his 22-year career with Derry Township, Tom Brazell has paved miles of roadway in Derry Township. He was hired by the Department of Public Works in January 1994 and became an equipment operator in 2001. He was responsible for maintaining the roadways in safe condition, and removing snow and debris following weather related incidents. He took the lead in the parts room inventory and was instrumental in the landscaping around the Township's facilities.

Tom was serious about his job responsibilities, but was always one to joke around with. Tom Clark, Director of Public Works said, "Tom has been a great asset to the Public Works Department over the years and an important member of our paving team. His background in environmental issues has been very helpful to the Township in monitoring the landfill." Tom said, "He's really been missed in the short time since his retirement."

His retirement was effective on December 22, 2016. He will anxiously await warmer weather so that he can enjoy more camping and fishing with his new free time.

Employee Service Recognition

Congratulations is offered to the following employees for reaching a milestone anniversary of employment with the Township of Derry. We are happy when we can retain our employees and are thankful for their hard work and valued experience.

5 Years of Service

Dawn Renner, Hershey Public Library

10 Years of Service

Jeffrey Cothren, Hershey Public Library Kim O'Connell, Parks and Recreation Glenn Rauchut, Police Communication Marie Sirkot, Administration Barbara Ries, Hershey Public Library

15 Years of Service

Dennis Eckenrode, Police Department Kenneth Shank, Police Department Jonathan Cooper, Public Works Department

20 Years of Service

Rita Hunt-Smith, Hershey Public Library

25 Years of Service

Linda Walker, Police Department

Andrew Herr Receives Award for Service to the Community



Chief of Police Garth Warner and Officer Andrew Herr

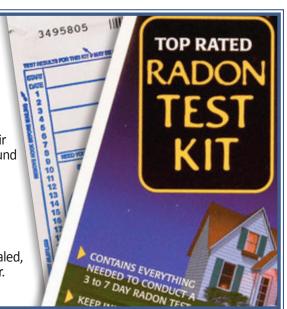
The Hershey Lions Club presented Officer Andrew Herr with the 2016 Hershey Lions Club Officer of the Year award at a dinner on January 17, 2017. Andy was nominated for the award because of his involvement with the community and his promotion of the Positive Ticket Program in 2016, which recognized outstanding behavior of youth in the community to help to foster positive interactions with Derry Township police officers.

Test your Home for Radon

The Department of Environmental Protection urges homeowners to test their homes for radon. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that comes from the ground and it is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States.

The winter months are the best time to test radon levels when windows and doors are closed. High levels of radon in a home can be easily mitigated by a contractor. The Township has radon test kits available for purchase at the Administration Building, Parks and Recreation, and the Library, for \$7.42.

The test kit is suspended at the lowest level of the home for three days, is sealed, and mailed to a laboratory, which will mail the test results to the homeowner. It's quick, easy, and inexpensive to test.



2017 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES The Board of Supervisors will meet on the following dates in 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal building, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey: February 14, 2017 June 13, 2017 October 10, 2017 February 28, 2017 June 27, 2017 October 23, 2017** November 14, 2017 March 14, 2017 July 11, 2017 March 28, 2017 July 25, 2017 November 28, 2017 August 8, 2017 December 5, 2017** **April 11, 2017** December 19, 2017** April 25, 2017 August 22, 2017 May 9, 2017 **September 12, 2017** May 23, 2017 **September 26, 2017** (Generally the Second and Fourth Tuesday of Each Month. ** Exceptions: October, and December) If you have an issue that you would like to discuss with the Board, there is time set aside at the beginning and at the end of the meeting for public comments.

Records Manager Retires From the Police Department with 25 Years of Service



Lt. Timothy Roche, Linda Walker, Township Manager James Negley, and Chief of Police Garth Warner

Most organizations have that one person who holds everything together and is the go-to person. Linda Walker was that very talented person for the Derry Township Police Department. Linda

was hired in October 1991 to provide administrative support to the Police Department. Since the start of her employment she was a dedicated and hard worker.

She was always ready to take on a challenge and willing to take extra work to complete a project or meet a deadline. She was an intricate part of the administrative team and had a great knowledge of the records system and ability to enhance efficiency. She was promoted to the Records Manager in 2010, overseeing the records department.

Her skill set was an asset to the department during times of transition and disasters. She had coordinated the documentation of losses and replacement of items that were destroyed by the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Lee.

Chief Garth Warner said, "Linda has witnessed the department go through many changes, and with her help, has evolved into the professional agency that it is today."

Prior to her retirement on October 21st, Linda worked with Leslie Fuller, the department's Accreditation Manager, to take over her position following her retirement.

Recycling Center Schedule

(Effective March 11, 2017)

 Monday
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 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

 Wednesday
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 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

 Friday
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 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

 Saturday
 ...
 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Recycling Center Holiday Schedule

The Recycling Center will be closed on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 20, and Good Friday, Friday, April 14.

Recycle Hotline - 533-8665

Provides Information on Trash and Recycling in Derry Township.

If you have questions on the recycling and trash collection services in Derry Township, call the Recycle Line at 533-8665.

The Recycling Center operating hours, a list of materials that are accepted at the Center, and information on curbside pick-up are provided.



Outside Agencies Recognize the Talent in Derry Township's Police Department

We know that members of our Police Department are hard-working and possess expertise in many areas, and now their special talents are being sought by other organizations. Detective Matthew Dotts handles cyber related crimes for the Derry Township Police Department. He has specialized in this area of investigative work and has made a name for himself. Dotts is being assigned to the FBI's Regional Criminal Cyber Squad Task Force on a part-time, as needed basis. Chief Garth Warner said, "Matt's expertise in computer and cybercrime is being sought by many agencies in the area and the FBI reached out to our department to ask

for his participation on the Task Force for this region."

Detective Sergeant Greg Day, a member of Dauphin County Crisis Response Team (DCCRT), has been promoted to the position of Assistant Commander of the Dauphin County CRT. Chief Garth Warner said, "Greg's participation and solid leadership within CRT lead to his promotion in that Unit and reflects very positively upon DTPD."



Hershey High School to Compete in Recyclebank's Green Schools Program

Hershey High School was selected again this year to compete in the Recyclebank Green Schools Program. This year's project is on Wind Turbines. They need you to donate your Recyclebank points to purchase a wind tunnel.

The students' project is to teach other middle school and high school students about wind power as a renewable energy option and the physics of efficient wind turbine blade design. The project will include a friendly design competition on turbine blades. The turbine blades will be tested in the wind tunnel purchased with the grant. They need to raise \$2,200 to purchase the wind tunnel.

Visit https://www.recyclebank.com/contest/index/school/id/233/ and donate your points today to help fund a wind tunnel to provide a consistent testing environment that will be used years into the future.



The Department of Public Work's Curb and Sidewalk Improvement Program assists homeowners with the repair of public sidewalks. The program makes it easier and less expensive to have the repairs made.

The Township coordinates the repairs between the contractor and all of the participating property owners, therefore receiving a lower cost because of the collective volume of the work that is competitively bid. The Township oversees the engineering and performs inspections of the work to ensure that the construction is done in accordance with the Township's requirements.

The Township encourages all property owners who have sidewalks or curbs that are in need of repairs to participate in this program. Please call the Public Works Department at 533-2057, option 4, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for additional information, or to sign up for the 2017 Curb/Sidewalk Program. The deadline for participation is March 31st.



Detective David Melhorn will take 26 years of experience with the Derry Township Police Department to the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center as their Security Manager.

Melhorn was named detective in 2001 in the Criminal Investigative Unit and served as a polygraph examiner for the department. He specialized in crimes against children and was a member of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Child Exploitation Task Force. He worked closely with other law enforcement agencies on the local, state, and federal levels. He is known to have exceptional decision making skills and is a thorough investigator. His talents and contributions earned him many commendations throughout his career.

He was an original member of the departments Speed Enforcement Team and served as a firearms instructor, K-9 officer, and a member of the Bicycle Patrol Unit. He has been an asset in forming relationships with other organizations and members of the community.

Chief Garth Warner said, "Dave has been our lead investigator in the area of child-related abuses and crimes for the last several years. He was also one of the Department's polygraphists, and was heavily involved in the Firearms Unit as an instructor and armorer. The knowledge and expertise he has acquired over the years will be a challenge for the department to fill."







Spring is in the air and we cannot wait to be outside again! As we take to the great outdoors to welcome the warmer weather, the fresh air, and flowers, please remember to add the following items to your to-do list.

- · Check the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Inspect your fire extinguishers.
- Make sure that your address markers and numbers are clear from debris and are visible from the street.
- Clean your grill and inspect all gas tanks and hose connections.

Awards and Recognition

Every year the membership of HVFC selects a member who best exemplifies what volunteering in the fire service is all about. This award not only recognizes the commitment to "calls for assistance," but their commitment to training and the many hours of public service, non-emergency details and activities. The Hershey Fire Department is proud to announce this year's recipient of the Richard B. Rudisill Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award is Joel Confer.

Firefighter Confer became a member of the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company in September 2015 and was one of the quickest probationary members to complete his initial firefighter module classes at the Harrisburg Area Community College.

Joel is currently preparing to take Firefighter-I exam and truly demonstrates the meaning of being a volunteer firefighter. Congratulations, Joel. Thank you for serving our community. Job well done!

Year End Summary

The Hershey Volunteer Fire Department was alerted by Dauphin County dispatch 759 times in 2016, resulting in 840 responses. On average this equates to 2.67 fires a week, 2.07 calls per day, 14.59 calls per week. The responses included the following:

Full crew response – 682

Duty officer only responses – 66

Fire police only responses – 11

The entire end of year report can be viewed at www.hersheyfire.org.

Summary

The Fire Department would like to thank everyone that has been involved in our continued success. Opportunities are still available to be part of our history with the purchase of an engraved brick paver for our memorial patio and walkway. Order forms can be found at www.hersheyfire.org. Financing options are available.

Stay up-to-date with the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



How to Make a Stormwater-Friendly Property

Properties come in all shapes and sizes, but when it comes to stormwater the common link between all properties is the amount of impervious area present. Impervious area is any surface which inhibits infiltration of rainfall into the soil. This includes pavement (asphalt, concrete, etc.), rooftops, patios, sidewalks, and compacted graveled surfaces such as parking areas and driveways. Numerous studies have shown that impervious area is a strong indicator of both the quantity and quality of stormwater. Therefore, to make a property more stormwater friendly, one would want to find ways to reduce the volume of stormwater that leaves the property as well as reduce the amount of pollutants that leave with that stormwater. To accomplish these goals, it's wise to first determine the current condition of your property.

A good first place to start is to obtain an aerial photo of your property. This can be done with free online programs like Google Maps or the Dauphin County Parcel Viewer online interactive map. With the aerial photograph in hand, you can start identifying the impervious area on your property and get a visual on how close the impervious areas are to things like the street, stormwater inlets, or other means of stormwater conveyance. If you can't find an aerial photo, you can just sketch out your property on a piece of paper. You won't be graded on artistic ability, so don't let that hold you back.

Next you'll want to determine the pathways water is flowing off your impervious surfaces. Roofs usually have gutters and downspouts, so that's a good place to start. Look where the downspout discharges and see where the water will flow from

there. Pay particular attention to whether the water is flowing across your lawn or other landscaping, or if it's flowing onto your driveway or other impermeable surface. A downspout discharging directly or close to an impervious surface that could direct the water off your property could be a good candidate for something like a rain barrel or a downspout extender that directs the water onto the lawn or landscaping instead of the street, giving it time to infiltrate into the soil. If downspouts are already discharging into your lawn or landscaping and have a nice buffer to conveyance features, then you don't want to spend time and money fixing what isn't broken.

Once you've identified areas on your property that could be potential candidates for stormwater improvements, you'll need to determine what types of improvements might be appropriate. To get your mind thinking, items like rain barrels or cisterns, conservation landscaping, tree planting, rain gardens, permeable hardscapes, and dry wells might be potential options. You could also look at some practices that reduce what's already there, such as removing unwanted impervious areas (such as an underused patio) or limiting the amount of fertilizer you apply to your lawn. There are many things that can be done, and it will depend on your site-specific conditions and budget. A great place to start is by reading the Homeowner Guide For a More Bay-Friendly Property at http://chesapeakestormwater.net/bebay-friendly/assessing-your-property/, provided by the Chesapeake Stormwater Network. The Chesapeake Stormwater Network has many resources on their website that can help you achieve a Stormwater-Friendly Property!



Welcoming Hershey: Easter Flower Shows

In the depths of winter, it can be hard to imagine that the weather will ever turn warm again. Gardens lie dormant and everyone eagerly waits for the return of spring, with trees budding and spring flowers bringing color to our vards and gardens.

During Milton Hershey's lifetime, the community greenhouses and conservatories provided an opportunity to escape the cold winter months. The conservatories were open year round and were a popular destination in the winter months. The Hershey Press provided detailed reports of the flora displayed in the greenhouses. During the colder months the greenhouses were filled with palms, rubber trees, and ferns that were placed in Hershey Park during the warm weather months. People were invited to visit and enjoy the warm air and lush greenery.

The conservatories were also used for a special display each spring. During the Easter season, the conservatories presented flower shows. First held in Milton Hershey's private greenhouse in 1909, the displays grew more elaborate each year and expanded as new conservatories were built.



Conservatory at High Point mansion, ca. 1909-1918

The Easter displays quickly became an annual tradition in Hershey. The event. initially held on Easter afternoon and later expanding the entire week before Easter, drew thousands of people to see elaborate displays of spring blooms and other flowers.

The fifth annual Easter Flower Show was held in 1913, the town's 10th anniversary. Both conservatories were opened for visitors on Easter Day from noon to 6 p.m. The flower variety was impressive, including Chinese baby primroses, California poppies, red African daisies, lilies and cyclamens, as well as hundreds of tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils. In addition to the elaborate floral exhibits, guests were treated to the fun of seeing tropical birds, fish and even the zoo's alligators who were housed in one of the conservatories.



Hershey Zoo conservatory (now a part of the ZooAmerica Desert animal exhibit), ca. 1916

The show was enlarged in 1914 with the addition of a new conservatory located in the Hershey Zoo. The lower level of this conservatory served as winter quarters for several zoo animals.

In 1917, the show was further expanded when the old laundry (future Zoo entrance building) was repurposed as a Horticultural Hall.



Easter Flower Show, Hershey Greenhouse, ca1931-1942

The show was discontinued in 1918 due to World War I, and it was not reestablished for several years. In 1930, Hershey constructed a new expansive greenhouse on the corner of East Mansion Road and Derry Road. With the new structure, Hershey was inspired to reestablish the Easter Show tradition. It is uncertain when it was restarted. The first reference to the revived Easter Flower show appears in a 1935 issue of the







LIBRARY PROGRAMS



LIBRARY HOURS

 Monday-Thursday
 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

 Friday
 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 Saturday
 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 Sunday
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

NEW ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

Stop by the library to sign up for the "new" Adult Winter Reading Program "Yahtzee Reading Challenge." Read four books that fit into the various genres and receive a mug and raffle tickets. Tickets will be entered into a drawing at the end of the program (March 31) for gift cards to local merchants. The mugs, game boards and prizes are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.





ADULT PROGRAMS



ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION

ROSE UNDER FIRE BY ELIZABETH WEIN TOPS THE PUBLIC VOTE AS THE 2017 ONE BOOK SELECTION!

Representatives from libraries in Berks, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Perry and York Counties proudly announced *Rose Under Fire* by Elizabeth Wein as the 2017 One Book, One Community selection. A book discussion for Rose Under Fire will take place at the library, 701 Cocoa Avenue, on Monday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. (A snow date has been scheduled for Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m.) Registration is preferred either online at www.hersheylibrary.org, or by calling the Circulation Desk at 533-6555.

WINTER/SPRING ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

Sundays, January 22 through February 26 • 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

This six-week course is designed to give you the opportunity to complete three stories based on significant events in your life. The format includes a writing prompt, time to work on your piece, and discussion afterward. We'll be doing a lot of writing, so you'll want to bring a pen or pencil, and a notebook or notepad to each class.

Fee: \$60

The class size is limited to 15 participants.



TEEN/ADULT WRITING CLASS

Mondays, March 13 through April 10 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Write, read, critique. Write 1,000 words per week, read aloud in class, and receive oral critique. Each class builds on the other as you continue to write. By the end of the five weeks, you should have a 4,000–5,000 word critiqued short story or novel beginning.

Ages 13 and older are welcome.

Fee: \$15 per class/\$75 for five-week class

The class size is limited to 12 participants.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP LIGHTROOM

Saturday, March 11 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A three-hour seminar will run from 9:30 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. on the photo editing software, Lightroom. Lightroom setup and preferences will be covered as well as best practices for image storage and retrieval. Primary attention will be directed to workflow and especially to the processing of raw files. Interaction with Photoshop or Elements will also be discussed.



Beginners and experienced users are welcome. Learning new tricks to improve your photos never ends. Come and see what Lightroom is capable of doing. Bring your laptop if you wish to follow along with the demonstration, but it is not required. Participants are asked to bring a file that you need help with on a memory card to be analyzed to help understand shooting and processing practices.

Fee: \$45

FUSED GLASS CLASS — SUNCATCHERS

Wednesday, March 15 • 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to make suncatchers that are approximately 3 inches by 3 inches by fusing glass. The shapes available to make are a heart, circle, square, or butterfly design. It has a hook fired into the glass and a suction cup is also provided. Each student will use various types of glass to decorate their unique piece of art. The design is then fired in the kiln at the instructor's studio and returned to the class site two weeks later to be picked up.

Ages 10 and older are welcome.

Fee: \$15

The class size is limited to 20 participants.

FUSED GLASS CLASS — CORAL BOWL

Saturday, March 18 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to make a bowl by cutting glass of various types and colors and fusing it into your own unique design. The design is then fired in the kiln at the instructor's studio and returned to the class site two weeks later to be picked up.

Ages 16 and older are welcome.

Fee: \$30

The class size is limited to 10 participants.

JAPANESE ART APPRECIATION

Thursdays, March 23 through April 13 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

We will look at the tradition of Japanese brush painting techniques and view beautiful works of ink on silk and on paper. The class will explore the collaboration between Japanese painting and calligraphy and learn about the "four-gentlemen" of Japanese painting: ink, inkstone, brush, and paper. The works will include the Zen Buddhist art of Sesshu, screen painting of the professional Kano School artists, and literati painting. We will also experience Ukiyo-e woodblock prints of Kiyonaga, Hokusai and Hiroshige, among others, and learn about the culture of the Edo Period that inspired such work.



WINE BASKET MAKING CLASS

Saturday, March 25 12:00 p.m.

All materials and tools will be provided to make a basket within three to four hours. Participants that don't want a wine basket can eliminate the webbing in the middle and make a rectangular basket.

Fee: \$30

PHOTOSHOP

Saturday, April 1 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This program will be good for beginners and users with some experience. Photoshop CC will be used as the basis for demonstrations, but most techniques will be useful for most versions of Photoshop and Elements. The Adobe Camera Raw processor will be demonstrated as an alternative to Lightroom. Image refinements will include global and local sharpening, color corrections, and contrast control. Selections and masking will be demonstrated as well as the use of blend modes and other image enhancement methods.

Participants are asked to bring raw images on a memory card to be used for demonstration of refinements and analysis of your shooting practices.

PAPER FLOWER CRAFT CLASS

Saturday, April 22 • 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to create the perfect paper bouquet using pages from a book. Each participant will take home three flowers. All materials are included in the fee.

Ages 18 and older are welcome

Fee: \$15

The class size is limited to 15 participants.





LIVING HERB WREATH

Saturday, April 29 10:00 a.m.

Andrea Beitzel will be here with us again to teach a class on making a fresh herb wreath. All materials are included in the cost of the class.

Fee: \$35

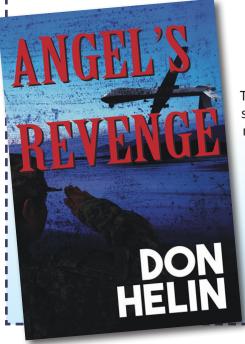
VEGGIES-READY, SET, GO...

Tuesday, May 2 6:00 p.m.

Join Crystal Huff, gardening expert, as she presents all you need to know to raise your own delicious vegetables. Learn how to plan your garden, start seeds, enrich your soil, and plant a garden to harvest healthy vegetables.

Fee: \$10





ANGEL'S REVENGE

Monday, April 3 6:00 p.m.

This A Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) survey showed that one in four female soldiers experienced sexual harassment, or sexual assault during their time in the military. The problem is growing because female veterans represent the military's fastest-growing population with an estimated 2.2 million, or ten percent of the country's veterans.

Using his experience from the military, including eight years in the Pentagon, Don Helin will be here with us to discuss one of his recent books, Angel's Revenge. It is a military thriller that explosively explores the high cost of sexual assault in the military, which elevates his novel to a level seldom seen in the thriller genre. It is timely and terrific. Books will be sold and signed at the event.

Registration is preferred either online at <u>www.hersheylibrary.org</u>, or by calling the Circulation Desk at 533-6555.



PENNSYLVANIA CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE MEET AND GREET

Monday, April 24 6:00 p.m.

Who is the Pennsylvania Canine Search & Rescue (PACSAR)? PACSAR is a group of highly trained and certified volunteers that offer search and rescue services free of charge, and provide additional resources to other S&R teams, local law enforcement, and fire companies in the surrounding areas of Lancaster County.

PACSAR'S K-9 team trains continuously and works toward certifications from a National/International Working Dog Association. The Associations guidelines for the SAR Wilderness K-9 Certificates are recognized by FEMA.

Come and meet the PACSAR individuals who will demonstrate a mock search at the library.

Registration is required and can be done at <u>www.hersheylibrary.org</u>, or by calling the Circulation Desk at 533-6555.

UNDERSTANDING ADDICTION

Tuesday, March 21, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.



Registration is preferred, but not necessary. Feel free to attend one, or all of the sessions.

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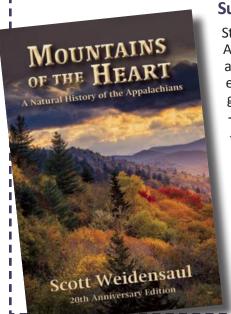
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DON'T MISS THESE OTHER WONDERFUL PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE FRIENDS TO BE HELD THIS SPRING AT THE LIBRARY:

MOUNTAINS OF THE HEART

A NATURAL HISTORY OF THE APPALACHIANS WITH SCOTT WEIDENSAUL

Sunday, March 5, 2:00 p.m.



Stretching almost unbroken from Alabama to Belle Isle, Newfoundland, the Appalachians are one of the oldest mountain ranges in the world. Renowned author and avid naturalist Scott Weidensaul will present how geology, ecology, climate, evolution, and 500 million years of history have shaped one of the continent's greatest landscapes into an ecosystem of unmatched diversity and beauty.

The long-awaited 20th anniversary edition of Weidnesaul's classic Mountains of the Heart was released in February 2016 and will be sold and signed at the event. It has been fully revised to reflect the changes in ecology, conservation and natural history over the past two decades. Scott Weidensaul is also the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist, Living on the Wind, about bird migration. 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 the National Audubon Society'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.

GAINING GROUND

WITH FORREST PRITCHARD

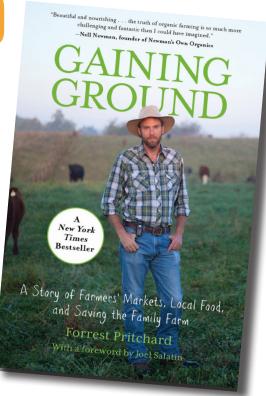
Sunday, March 19, 2:00 p.m.

Forrest Pritchard is a 7th-generation professional farmer and bestselling author. His farm, Smith Meadows, has been a leader in the farmer's market movement for more than 15 years. As a columnist for Huffington Post and a regular guest on NPR, Forrest has become a national spokesman for the sustainable food and farm revolution. His first book, Gaining Ground, takes a humorous and

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serious look at how he reinvented his family's farm for the 21st century and was the 2016 One Book,

One Community Selection in our area. His second book, Growing Tomorrow, tells the stories of several sustainable farmers and includes recipes. Books will be sold and signed at the event. This program has been co-sponsored by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library and The Endowment



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CREATING A CUTTING GARDEN

with Jessica Walliser Sunday, May 21, 2:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand, Jessica Walliser will be with us to discuss how to create a cutting garden. Participants will be taught how to incorporate cutting flowers into their existing landscape and to tailor their choices to provide for bouquet possibilities all year round. Favorite non-traditional cutting plants will be illustrated by slides and tips for arranging your posies will be shared.

Jessica is a former contributing editor for *Organic Gardening magazine* and a regular contributor to *Fine Gardening, Urban Farm,* and *Hobby Farms* magazines. Jessica also serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of The American Horticultural Society. She's taught a diverse array of gardening topics for over 20 years and is a former faculty member of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. She is the author of the Amazon best-seller *Good Bug, Bad Bug: Who's Who, What They Do, and How to Manage Them Organically,* and blogs weekly for both SavvyGardening.com and HobbyFarms.com. Books will be sold and signed at the event.

19TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AUTHOR VISIT

Presented by Friends of the Hershey Public Library

GUEST AUTHOR RICHARD FORD

Sunday, April 9, 2017 2:00 p.m.



Born in Jackson, Mississippi in 1944, Richard Ford grew up between there and Little Rock, Arkansas, and is a graduate of Michigan State University. After college, he spent one uncomfortable semester in law school at Washington University in St. Louis before finding his way to the University of California, Irvine, where, under the tutelage of Oakley Hall and E.L. Doctorow, he earned an MFA in writing. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Ford has taught at Williams, Princeton, Harvard, Northwestern, and at Bowdoin College. His writing has appeared in The New York Times, Esquire, Granta, Le Monde, and The New Yorker, among other magazines and journals.

In person, Ford's voice is similarly impressive; his Mississippi beginnings yield a generosity of spirit, a honed eccentricity, and an absolute abhorrence of pretension. He is warm, open, accessible, and brings a career-long repertoire of distinctive, insightful and witty ruminations to life. Ford's first two novels, A Piece of My Heart and The Ultimate Good Luck were both met with critical success. Recognized for his "immaculate" dialogue, "confident and rich" story-telling, and "piercingly clear" prose, Ford quickly established himself as one of the great American writers of our time, according to The New York Times. In addition to his beloved novels, Ford has penned three collections of short stories. It was his third novel, The Sportswriter that launched Ford from a critical darling to a household name. The novel introduced readers to protagonist Frank Bascombe, a New Jersey novelist turned sportswriter turned real estate agent—who would reappear in the sequels Independence Day, and The Lay of the Land. Twenty years in the making, his 2012 novel Canada is a visionary tale of vast landscapes, complex identities and fragile humanity. It questions the fine line between the normal and the extraordinary, and the moments that haunt our settled view of the world.

In 2014, Ford delighted readers by revisiting his beloved narrator Frank Bascombe, after nearly a decade. A finalist for the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, Let Me Be Frank With You is comprised of four novellas narrated by Bascombe and set against the backdrop of Hurricane Sandy. The New York Times calls it "an apt vitrine for Mr. Ford's talents: his journalistic eye for the revealing detail, his knack for tracing the connections between the public and the personal, his gift for capturing the precariousness of daily life." In 2017, readers will have the chance to see these same talents on display in Ford's first memoir, Between Them. Due out in spring, the book will be the memoir of Ford's mother and father.

Books will be sold and signed at the event.

CRUISE INTO KINDERGARTEN

The Hershey Public Library provides a regular schedule of preschool programming from September to July. Each cycle includes two weeks of registration and five weeks of programming.

Programs are designed to help children "cruise into kindergarten."

Pennsylvania Libraries and the Hershey Public Library know that children's development in the years between birth and kindergarten is impacted greatly by loving relationships, stimulating environments, and engaging experiences. The Hershey Public Library encourages families to build stronger relationships by acknowledging and supporting families as a child's first teacher. We provide families with a place to socialize, play, read, and find support that will bolster their role in creating the foundations for life-long learning and success.



STORYTIME

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.

Sessions are divided by age to best serve our young listeners.

Storytime for 3's and 4's Monday mornings at 10:00, April 24–May 22

Resident registration begins April 10. Open registration begins April 17.

Storytime for 4's and 5's
Monday afternoons at 1:30, April 24–May 22

Resident registration begins April 10. Open registration begins April 17.

TODDLERTIME

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.

Tuesday mornings at 10:30, April 25-May 23

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30, April 26-May 24

Resident registration begins April 10. Open Registration begins April 17.

There will be no classes on Tuesday, May 16.



PLAY DAY FOR FAMILIES

For families with children ages 3–5 to come to the library for an hour of center-based free play that encourages children and their adults to engage in the five practice of Early Literacy: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing

Every other Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.

March 3, 17, 31, April 14, 28, May 12 and 26

Registration opens two weeks before each class.

Please register for each class that your child will attend.



NEW! BLOCK PARTY!

Come play with the library's new, special universal wooden blocks and play sets from Lakeshore Learning. There are over 300 blocks in 25 shapes! Build a tower, a neighborhood, or create your own story! This free play program is especially for families and their children ages 3–6.



WONDERFUL ONES

The Hershey Public Library presents a five-week series of 20 minute interactive programs for walking children 12 to 24 months old with their caregivers. One child and one adult (accommodations can be made for special circumstances, please speak to a member of the children's library staff) 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.

Tuesday mornings at 9:45, March 21–April 18 Wednesday mornings at 9:45, March 22–April 19

> Township Registration begins March 6. Open registration begins March 13.

Tuesday mornings at 9:30, April 25–May 23

Resident registration begins April 10. Open registration begins April 17.

There will be no classes on Tuesday, May 16.

BOOKS & 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

Monday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45 March 20–April 17

Resident registration begins March 6. Open registration begins March 13.



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 at least one month in advance.





STUDENT VOLUNTEER READERS ARE NEEDED FOR BOOK BUDDIES PROGRAM!



Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org

Are you a good reader who has completed 5th grade? We are looking for volunteer readers to read to young children during our summer Book Buddies program.

Book Buddies meet on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This year's program will run from June 19 through July 17. Interested readers should contact Children's Services at 533-6555, extension 3708, beginning May 1.

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CHILDREN'S SERIES

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE FREE. REGISTRATION IS NOT NECESSARY UNLESS SPECIFIED.
PROGRAMS ARE SUITABLE FOR GRADES K-5 UNLESS SPECIFIED.

BODHRANS AND FIDDLES AND HARPS—OH MY! THE MUSIC OF IRELAND BY SEASONS



March 12, 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we "fiddle" around learning some Celtic history and "harp" on about traditional Celtic instruments. Seasons' fusion of Celtic and roots music has been featured on both national radio and television. This talented group will make us feel like we're in Ireland without ever leaving the library.

THEATREWORKS US PRESENTS

Pete*Cat

April 30, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for another spectacular live theater performance by Theatreworks USA.

Pete the Cat is a groovy blue cat. No matter where he goes, Pete the Cat always keeps his cool.

Join Pete and Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth,
on an adventure of friendship at our library, all the way to Paris and back in a VW bus.

Attendees must have a ticket for this popular program.

FREE tickets will be available at the library beginning April 3rd.

SPLAT STUDIO

It's a Hershey Public Library tradition - a surprise Mother's Day art project. Back by popular demand, Meghan Winslow of SPLAT Studio (Spirited People Learning Artfulness Together) will help the children design a special project for a loved one.

May 7, 2:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required.

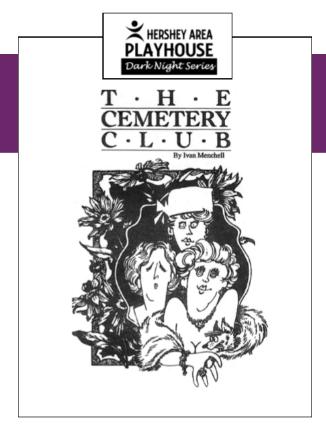
(These sessions will be held in the library meeting rooms.)

2:00 to 2:40 ages 2 to 6 (maximum 30 participants)

3:00 to 3:40 ages 6 and up (maximum 30 participants)

Registration for this limited audience program will begin on Monday, April 24. Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org. Call the Children's Desk at 533-6555, extension 3708, with any questions.

Community Events

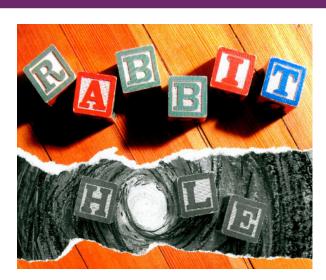


Hershey Area Playhouse Presents The Cemetery Club

The Hershey Area Playhouse presents a Dark Night Series, *The Cemetery Club*. Three Jewish widows meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husband's graves. Ida is sweet tempered and ready to begin a new life, Lucille is a feisty embodiment of the girl who just wants to have fun, and Doris is priggish and judgmental, particularly when Sam the butcher enters the scene. He meets the widows while visiting his wife's grave. Doris and Lucille squash the budding romance between Sam and Ida. They are guilt stricken when this nearly breaks Ida's heart.

Performances will be held on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the Playhouse, located at the corner of Cherry Drive and Sandhill Road. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased by calling 533-8525, or at www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com.

Hershey Area Playhouse Presents *Rabbit Hole*



The Playhouse will present its spring production, *Rabbit Hole*, in April. *Rabbit Hole* is a deep and well-written drama about an upper middle class couple who experience a tragedy that turns them upside down. Both fight to gain back the relationship they once had as they try to move their lives forward. Written by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by Lewis Silverman, *Rabbit Hole* deals with a very real and agonizing situation with thoughtful, powerful and sometimes funny language and emotions.

Shows will be held April 20 through April 22, at 7:30 p.m., April 23, at 2:00 p.m., April 27 through April 29, at 7:30 p.m. and April 30 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling 533-8525, or at www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com to purchase tickets.

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