

# TOWNSHIP News

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## PARK BOULEVARD RECEIVES STATEWIDE ROAD AND BRIDGE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Park Boulevard Bridge was named a winner in the 35th Annual Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Awards presented at the 95th Annual Educational Conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) held in Hershey April 23–25, 2017.

PSATS sponsors the statewide Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Contest each year in partnership with the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association (PHIA) and the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to recognize townships for their efforts to make roads and bridges safer.

The new 126-foot bridge over Spring Creek was designed by Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc., to replace a deficient, 60-year old bridge. The bridge and road improved safety by stabilizing the load capacity and increasing the sight and stopping distance on Park Boulevard.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors said, “We are honored to receive recognition for this safety improvement in Derry Township. This project was a 10-year collaborative

### 35th Annual Road/Bridge Safety Improvement Program

#### Park Boulevard Relocation Project The Township of Derry, Dauphin County

2017  
Winner



Hershey is world-renown for being the “Sweetest Place on Earth.” Its notoriety and diverse attractions makes this community a popular destination for millions of tourists each year. Therefore, it is imperative to have a transportation system that can support both current and future traffic demands while fostering the continued economic growth embodied in the vision of Hershey’s founder, Milton S. Hershey.

As the home of popular tourist attractions and a thriving community, the Township of Derry is a constant hub of activity. The roadways surrounding the Township serve as the primary access to many of the region’s key economic engines, including Hershey Entertainment and Resorts (Giant Center, Hersheypark, Zoo America, Outlets at Hershey, and Hershey Hotel), The Hershey Company (manufacturer of the world-famous Hershey Chocolate Bar and other products), The Hershey Theater, and The Hershey Museum.

100 years ago, the original Park Boulevard was built as a local road and was entirely suitable for that era. However, with a 2016 average daily traffic of 6,485, Park Boulevard had functionally matured into a community-suburban-neighborhood arterial. The Intermodal Transportation Center is the cornerstone of future connections, which are planned to provide enhanced local transportation options between the historic downtown business district, Hersheypark attractions, and Zoo America.

Shared use sidewalks were constructed along Park Boulevard and Hershey Park Drive to provide a new multimodal connection between the Intermodal Transportation Center and Hershey Entertainment Complex. Ridge Road was reconfigured from two-way traffic to just one-way to reduce potential for accidents at the underpass. Additionally, a new sidewalk was added to provide pedestrian connectivity between downtown Hershey, Intermodal Transportation Center, and the Hershey Entertainment Complex. Additionally, concrete barriers were installed between the widened Park Boulevard and Zoo America school bus drop-off (across from the Intermodal Transportation Center) to provide an added level of safety.

#### Safety benefits or Benefits of safety improvements:

- Eliminates substandard roadway features (curves, widths, sight distances, etc.) and 16 accident/year trend.
- Reduces traffic congestion and vehicular conflicts at Hershey Chocolate World and Ridge Road N/S underpass intersections.
- Improves safety of bus onboarding/off boarding at the Intermodal Transportation Center.
- Improves emergency service response time.
- Enhances bicycle/pedestrian safety between downtown Hershey and Hersheypark/Chocolate World complex.

This successful project meets and exceeds the goals and objectives of the Township’s Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, the improvements support the transportation goals of the plan by upgrading substandard streets and intersections throughout the Township and improving the traffic circulation patterns and capacities within the Hershey area.



effort between the Hershey Trust, Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, The Hershey Company, Representative John Payne, Dauphin County Commissioners and the Derry Township Board of Supervisors. The project connected vehicular and pedestrian paths from the downtown to the entertainment complex and significantly improved the response time for police, fire, and emergency medical services.”

In addition to the bridge and road safety enhancements, the project also enhances pedestrian safety with a designated pedestrian walkway to access the Intermodal Transportation Center, Hershey Entertainment Complex, and downtown with a protected sidewalk through the underpass on Ridge Road.

Foley added, “We are grateful for the team effort of the entities involved, the engineering services provided by Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic, Inc, and the funding from a Dauphin County Liquid Fuels grant, federal and state funding, The Hershey Company, and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts that made this award-winning project possible.”



# Township Explores Recreational Facility Needs and Cost



The Hershey Recreation Center, or as known by its original name, the Cocoa Avenue Plaza, has served the Hershey community well and will be 54 years old in October, 2017. Hershey Chocolate Corporation constructed the Plaza as a memorial to the late Milton S. Hershey with aquatics as a main focus of the facility. The pool was designed to meet NCAA standards and was made to function as an indoor and outdoor pool with a dome retractable roof. Since its opening, the recreation center has served as the host to competitive swim meets and swimming lessons. Based on community needs for more pool space, a second larger pool was built in 1967. The Plaza was donated to Derry Township in 1979.

The Township renovated the Center in 1996 to meet the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act and to bring it up to current codes with a fire suppression system. The facility has met the community's recreational needs well beyond the expectancy of other similar facilities of its time. The pool, locker rooms, and mechanical systems are now outdated and are costly to repair.

Director of Parks and Recreation Matthew Mandia said, "It has been a challenge to keep the equipment operating. We have reached the point that we need to take action before the time comes that we can no longer open the pool for the summer season. We are exploring what are the needs for a community center for the next generation to best meet the recreational needs of the community."

The planning for a new community recreation center began nearly eighteen months ago with the creation of a stakeholders group consisting of various community partners who have an interest in a new facility.

The scope of the project has been broken into phases that include: The Mission, Identification of Site Constraints and Variables, Programming Needs, and Building Concepts and Cost Estimates.

Phase I began with the consulting services of Ballard King Associates Inc. and the Township's engineer Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. This phase included an analysis of the site and the collection of community input on the recreational needs in Derry Township. Two public forums were held last year for the Department of Parks and Recreation to hear from the residents and various organizations on what services are wanted in a Center to combine with the requests of the stakeholders group to create what is referred to as the "program" for a new facility.

Kimmel Bogrette Inc. is providing services for Phase II. Work in this phase is underway and includes transforming the established "program" from Phase I into a visual footprint of a facility, evaluating the flow of the building, adjacencies of varying spaces, and the overall goal of maximizing efficiencies throughout the building. A tremendous amount of work has been done during this phase, which is scheduled to be completed this summer.

**More information on the direction of the project will be presented in the coming months.**

# Life on chocolate DOWNTOWN HERSHEY

As the warmer months approach, Downtown Hershey is gearing up for this year's Life on Chocolate event series. These diverse downtown activities are a sure way to have fun and enjoy food, entertainment, music and more. Each event brings something unique, so pull out your calendars and save the dates for these exciting events!

We'll bring you detailed information for each event as it becomes available in The Wrapper and at [www.DowntownHershey.com](http://www.DowntownHershey.com).

## Art on Chocolate

**Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

This fine art and craft exhibition will host 150 juried and non-juried exhibitors and will include a children's area, food court, and multiple entertainment stages. Participating artists include a variety of media including fine art, glass art, ceramics, jewelry, photography, children's art, and crafts. Local student artists will be featured in a gallery set up in the Hershey Story Museum. This event is free to the public and is co-produced by the Downtown Hershey Association and the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society.

## Saturdays on Chocolate

**Saturday mornings, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,  
June through October**

ChocolateTown Square is the place to be on Saturday mornings this summer. Start your weekend with a free fitness class hosted by one of our local gyms or fitness providers. Then stick around for a variety of programming, children's activities, and entertainment. Make sure to shop at Market on Chocolate while you're downtown!

# 2017 Summer Lineup

## Market on Chocolate

**Saturday mornings,  
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,  
June through October**

Back for its third year, Market on Chocolate will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company, and will feature many new and returning vendors for an eclectic mix of locally grown and locally made foods, including produce, granola, baked goods, wine, and artisan wares. Watch for market festival days on the second Saturday of each month, June through October, where we'll feature expanded market selections, themed vendor specials, and additional programming in ChocolateTown Square.

## Music on Chocolate

**7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Second Saturdays,  
June through September**

Downtown Hershey's summer concert series features the talents of regional acts as well as local musicians getting national attention. Two bands are featured each evening from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. in a family-friendly atmosphere with food and beverage options. Come out to enjoy live music in ChocolateTown Square!

## Send a Message to Criminals at National Night Out

The Derry Township Police Department will hold National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the first block of West Caracas Avenue. Members of the police department and other emergency services will join with friends and neighbors in Hershey and nationwide to show solidarity and support against crime and drugs.

Organizations that would like to participate should contact Officer Rebecca Kessler at [rkessler@derrytownship.org](mailto:rkessler@derrytownship.org), or at 533-2202.



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# Stormwater Management Program Credit Policy

Derry Township property owners, with a minimum of 500 square feet of impervious area on their property, began receiving a Stormwater Management Program (SMP) Fee bill in January 2017 as either a stand-alone bill, or as part of their DTMA sanitary sewer bill. The SMP Fee is based on the amount of impervious area on a property.

The Derry Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) Stormwater Management Program Credits and Incentives Policy Manual was adopted by the DTMA Board and became effective on March 1, 2017. This manual provides DTMA SMP customers with details on the credits and incentives available to reduce their monthly SMP Fee. Stormwater Credits are provided as a means for customers to reduce the amount of their monthly fee by helping to reduce the contribution of stormwater and pollutants to the Stormwater Management System and/or to aid DTMA in meeting its MS4 Permit obligations. Owners may apply for one or more Credits, and the Credits will be cumulative up to a maximum Credit of 45% of that property's SMP Fee. In the situation where a Homeowner's Association (HOA) is the management entity of the onsite stormwater control(s), the HOA will need to submit a Credit Application on behalf of its members. Any Credits granted will be applied to the homeowners served by those onsite controls.

Common eligible Credits include onsite stormwater controls such as basins, rain gardens, infiltration beds/trenches, rain barrels, and disconnected downspouts. Additionally, there are Credits available for properties that have a low impervious area to total property area ratio, properties that have significant tree cover over impervious areas, and riparian buffers along streams. There are also opportunities to participate in volunteer activities, like a stream clean up or tree planting to earn Credits. We encourage you to review the manual and Credit policy details at our website.

## DTMA Credit Policy and Manual

<http://www.dtma.com/our-services/stormwater/stormwater-program-fee/credit-policy/>

When you're ready to submit a Credit application, it may be done electronically at the web address provided below, or you may download a hard copy form from the same link. Hard copies of the Credit application will also be available for pickup at the Municipal Authority, 670 Clearwater Road. Detailed instructions are provided on the webpage and on the application.

## Credit Application

<http://www.dtma.com/credits/>

## Stormwater Management Program Fee Appeals

If you believe the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) and associated stormwater fee on your bill are incorrect, you may file a Stormwater Adjustment Appeal. Appeals are different from Credits. Appeals are meant to contest the impervious area estimate for your property, which is the basis of the Stormwater Program Fee. Credits are designed to reduce your fee based upon any on-site stormwater controls on the property.

Appeals may be filed electronically at the link provided below, or you may download a hardcopy form from the same link. Hard copies of the ERU Appeal form will also be available for pickup at the Municipal Authority, 670 Clearwater Road. Detailed instructions are provided on the webpage and on the form.

## ERU Appeal Form

<http://www.dtma.com/appeals/>

**Art**  
**on chocolate**  
**DOWNTOWN**  
**HERSHEY**

## Experience Art on Chocolate in Downtown Hershey

The 2017 Art on Chocolate event will be bigger and better than last year with more than 150 of the area's finest artisans and craftsmen featured in beautiful downtown Hershey. The event will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in ChocolateTown Park, along Chocolate Avenue, and Cocoa Avenue.

The day will also include great food, live entertainment, children's art activities, face painting and a local students' art display at The Hershey Story, the museum on Chocolate Avenue.

The event is produced by the Downtown Hershey Association and the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society. Admission to the event is free and parking is conveniently available at the Hershey parking garage, which can be accessed from the westbound lane of Chocolate Avenue. Visit [www.DowntownHershey.com](http://www.DowntownHershey.com) for further event details and a listing of the talented featured artists.

# Township Encourages Residents to Participate in Recyclebank®

Derry Township is pleased to offer the recycling education and incentive program, Recyclebank, for the second year in a row. Designed to help improve a community's recycling efforts through awareness and rewards, Recyclebank provides a great resource to residents.

Close to 40 percent of Township residents subscribe to Recyclebank and are awarded points for their weekly recycling. This is a higher rate than more than half of other participating communities. Residents also accumulate points by reading short articles on the Recyclebank website. In fact, our residents have read more than 28,000 articles on the website. Since launching in January 2016, Derry Township residents have been awarded close to 8 million points and have ordered more than 8,000 rewards. This translates into approximately \$36,000 in member savings. Residents can use points for discounts at Karns, Chocolate Avenue Grill, Smoked, and The Penn, as well as many regional and national businesses, magazines and products.

Residents have also donated points to help our local schools. In fact, Derry Township School District has received two Green Schools grants, totaling \$2,800, funded by your Recyclebank points.

If you haven't signed up or redeemed your points yet, just go to [www.Recyclebank.com](http://www.Recyclebank.com) for details. If you have any questions on how to use the program, please call the Township at 533-2057.

## Recyclebank Provides Simple Solutions – Cost vs. Convenience



Plastic water bottles, single portion drinks, and disposable cups definitely have a cost associated with them. If you are at home, and don't need the convenience of grab and go, it's much more cost effective for you to simply fill a glass. Also consider the cost to the environment every time a person chooses to use and dispose a plastic bottle or disposable cup rather than use a refillable, washable travel tumbler, or mug. Each person can make a difference.

## Raising Your Children to Recycle



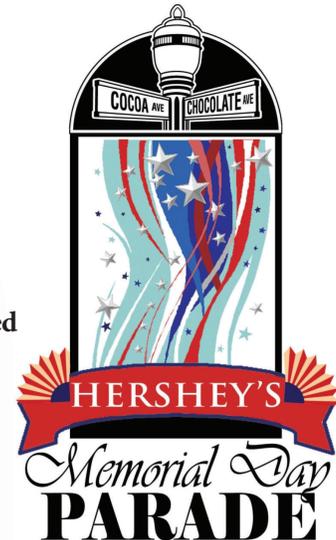
It's never too soon to teach your children about the importance of recycling. See the Recyclebank article *The List: 6 Websites to Teach Kids About Recycling and Sustainability*, by Jessica Harlan, February 17, 2017.

<https://livegreen.recyclebank.com/the-list-6-websites-to-teach-kids-about-recycling-and-sustainability>

# Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to Honor Fallen Heroes

The Department of Parks and Recreation will hold two events on Monday, May 29th to remember those who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Hershey Recreation Center located on Cocoa Avenue and will proceed to Elm Avenue, Ridge Avenue, Chocolate Avenue, and back to Cocoa to conclude at the Recreation Center.

The Ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the War Memorial in front of the Recreation Center, 605 Cocoa Avenue. The observance is held as an expression of gratitude for the sacrifices that have been made for us and will include a keynote speaker, live music, and reading of the winning youth essays.



## Farmers Market

on chocolate  
DOWNTOWN  
HERSHEY

### It Won't Be Long Until the Downtown Market Season Begins!

Market on Chocolate is an enjoyable way to spend your Saturday morning. The first Market of the season will be held on June 3 and will run through September 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Hershey Volunteer Fire Station, located at 43 West Caracas Avenue.

Start your day with coffee and specialty breakfast items, and peruse fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, freshly-baked goods, gourmet pre-made items, soaps and artisan wares. Saturdays at the Market offer fitness classes, children's activities, demonstrations and informational booths.

Check the Downtown Hershey Association's website: <http://downtownhershey.com/listings/farmers-market/> to see what is offered from week to week!

## No Time to Shop the Market?

Join the CSA and Stop By to Pick Up Your  
Weekly Supply of Fruits and Vegetables



## Prescott's Patch

New this year, Market on Chocolate will be a pick up location for Prescott's Patch Eco-Organic CSA Farm. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. Shares are sold in advance of the upcoming season for the produce that will be grown. Members reap the bounty of the season and also support farmers by sharing in the risks of farming.

This is a unique and convenient opportunity to buy chemical-free, nutrient dense food.

The season begins in late May and runs for 20 weeks. The cost for a full share is \$600, which easily feeds a family of 4. This breaks down to only \$30 a week for fresh fruits and vegetables that are of superior

quality and quantity. Half shares are available for \$400.

Produce includes: strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, watermelons, cantaloupes, kohlrabi, spinach, onions, salad mix, arugula, lettuce, radishes, heirloom tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, sweet peppers, hot peppers, garlic, asparagus, beets, peas, green beans, purple beans, yellow beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes, kale, bok choy, cabbage, swiss chard, turnips, broccoli, squash, corn, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, eggplant, okra, carrots, basil, parsley, cilantro, and dill.

Visit the Prescott's Patch website to learn more and sign up. <http://www.prescottspatch.com/>



# Hershey Food Bank Serves the Community for 50 Years

Since 1967, The Hershey Food Bank and Community Outreach has been helping families who have encountered challenging economic times. They have served the Derry Township community by providing food and assistance to families and individuals in financial distress.



The Hershey Food Bank is totally staffed by volunteers. When they began, they served families out of church basements in the community. They have gone through great changes and now operate from an expanded facility located at 120 E. Derry Road. This wonderful building was made possible thanks to the great support of many committed local businesses, residents, churches and civic clubs.

The Food Bank provides fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, cheese, meat, bread, juices and other staples to feed the entire family. Diapers, baby food, and paper and personal care products are also provided. Emergency utility and rent assistance for established food bank clients, budget counseling, and referrals to other agencies for additional needs are provided on a case-by-case basis.

The Hershey Food Bank serves 375 registered families, representing 1,005 individuals. Last year, the Food Bank helped 5,138 families. They distributed 351,742 pounds of food in 2016. In addition to food, the Food Bank provides Christmas gift certificates for children.

The Hershey Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) organization and is financially supported by local churches, businesses, individuals, civic clubs, grants, and fundraisers. The Food Bank is thankful for each person who has given their time and resources to help families in need.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please email the Hershey Food Bank at [hersheyfoodbank@verizon.net](mailto:hersheyfoodbank@verizon.net), or call 717-520-3143.

Volunteers are always needed. A volunteer application is available here. <http://www.hersheyfoodbank.com/mypictures/volunteer%20application%202017.pdf>



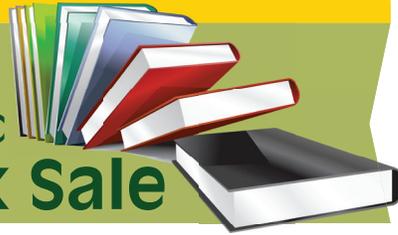
Non-perishable items such as canned meats, stews and soups, cereal, canned fruits/applesauce, vegetables, baked beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix and syrup, paper products, diapers (sizes 4-6), Adult Depends (med. and large), detergent, and toothpaste can be donated at two food drop off bins located at the food bank building at 120 E. Derry Rd. In addition, a volunteer team is there every Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. to accept donations. Please remember, the Department of Health requires all cans to have labels, and packaged goods must be factory-sealed, in good condition, and without rust or severe dents. Also, health laws prohibit the distribution of home-canned or home-packaged foods.

Monetary donations can be made with this form, [www.hersheyfoodbank.com/Contributions.pdf](http://www.hersheyfoodbank.com/Contributions.pdf)

or on PayPal, at [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=0vEv-ZCf2AWZsghH4daNRD3gmyLqNp5HeAf-PGG4DU5HwL-mxQnNITmmHs\\_27acFNRfWnm](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=0vEv-ZCf2AWZsghH4daNRD3gmyLqNp5HeAf-PGG4DU5HwL-mxQnNITmmHs_27acFNRfWnm)

# If You Like to Read, You Don't Want to Miss the

Friends of the  
Hershey Public  
Library **Book Sale**



The Friends of the Hershey Public Library collect donated books throughout the year for an annual book sale in support of library. This year's event will be held Saturday, August 5 through Thursday, August 10. A preview night will be held on Friday, August 4 for members of the Friends only, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There's something for everyone and you won't believe the number of books that you can get for the price! Visit [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) as the event approaches to see the hours of the sale.



## 2017 Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection started in April and will continue through October on the last full week of the month (May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, and October 23) on the day that your trash is collected.

Containers must not exceed 32 gallons, or 50 lbs. Branches must be no bigger than 3" in diameter and no longer than 4', and be bundled and secured by twine. There is no limit to the amount of yard waste that can be put out to be collected.

Please remember that grass clippings are not collected under this program and can be placed with the trash.

### Recycling Center Schedule

(Effective March 13 through November 4)

- Monday . . . . . 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday . . . . . 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 3:00 p.m.

### Recycling Center Holiday Schedule

The Recycling Center will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th and Labor Day, Monday, September 4th.

### Recycle Hotline – 533-8665

Provides Information on Trash and Recycling in Derry Township.

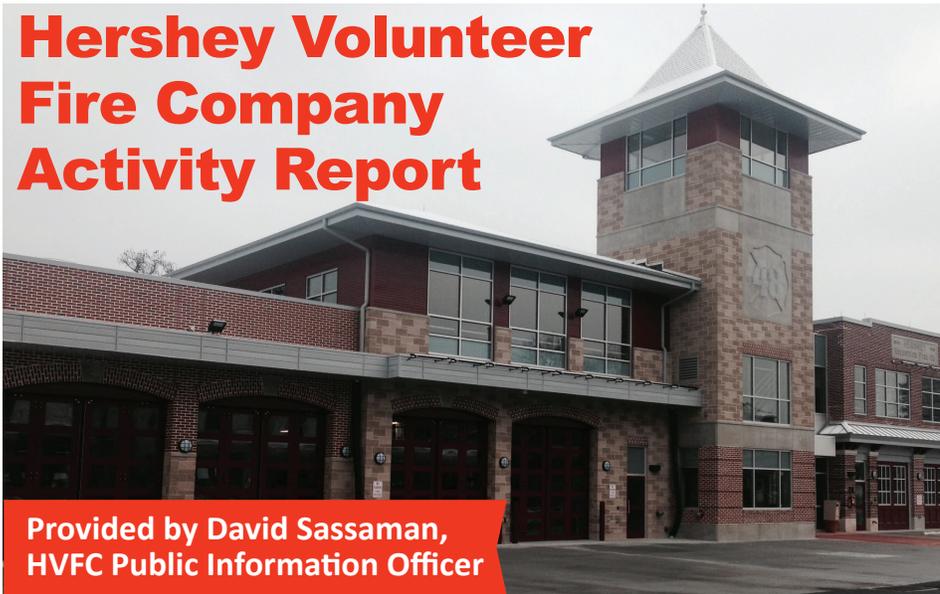
If you have questions on the recycling and trash collection services in Derry Township, call the Recycle Line at 533-8665.

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



Once again the Department would like to remind residents of the dangers of basketball nets overhanging the street and sidewalks. The nets pose a problem with the safe navigation of not only the street sweeper, but also school buses, and fire and emergency apparatus. Residents are asked to make sure the nets are placed behind the sidewalk. Residents are also reminded that per the Township Tree Ordinance, street trees must be trimmed to a height of 10-12 feet over the cartway to allow for the safe passage of buses, emergency equipment, street sweeper, and leaf collection equipment.

# Hershey Volunteer Fire Company Activity Report



Provided by David Sassaman,  
HVFC Public Information Officer

## Outdoor Fire Safety



## South Central Task Force Award



The South Central Task Force presented Deputy Chief Rodney Sonderman with the Mrs. Smith Award on March 28, 2017. The award recognizes him for his service and dedication to Fire, Rescue and HazMat.

Deputy Chief Sonderman exemplifies the true meaning of being a volunteer firefighter. He is committed to the region, Derry Township, and the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company.

## Smoking and Charcoal Disposal



If your summer activities have you lighting a chiminea or a fire pit, please take a moment to review a few safety tips to keep you, your guests and area structures safe.

- Have a garden hose available
- Allow 15 feet of clearance from any structure, fence or flammable items
- Make sure that you have an ember screen in place
- Always have adult supervision

If you have a question, we encourage you to contact the township regarding the burning ordinance.

As always, please check your home to make sure that there are working smoke detectors on every floor.

## Grilling Safely

**KNOWING A FEW FIRE SAFETY GRILLING TIPS WILL HELP EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.**

- Only use your grill outside. Keep it away from siding and deck rails.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire. This will keep kids and pets safe.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.

**STAY FIRE-SAFE THIS SUMMER!**

Please remember the fire hazard that can result from improper disposal of hot coals and cigarette butts, and put them in a proper container.

Charcoal can remain hot well after you are finished using the grill. Ashes placed in a trash container can easily ignite, causing serious damage to your home or landscape.

Cigarettes discarded from a moving car, or thrown into flower beds of mulch can quickly become a fire. Please use an ashtray or other suitable container for disposal. Remember what Smokey the Bear Says, "Only you can prevent forest fires" (even the smallest of ones).

## Call Update

The fire department responded to 161 alerts during the first three months of 2017.

The fire department would like to thank everyone who has contributed to their continued success. Engraved brick pavers for the memorial patio and walkway are still available. Information on how to purchase a brick can be found at [www.hersheyfire.org](http://www.hersheyfire.org).

Follow the Fire Company on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn for updates on all of the exciting things happening with the Hershey Volunteer Fire Department.

**Have a safe and fun summer!**

The Fire Company is looking forward to summer days ahead and would like to remind you how to grill safely. Please review these tips.

# Understanding Stormwater

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection required municipalities to meet standards for discharges of stormwater from their municipal separate storm sewer systems.

Visit <http://www.derrytownship.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/rainrainbrochure.pdf> brochure to learn more about stormwater and methods and practices to keep pollutants out of it.



## Road Repairs



- Linden Road from Elm Avenue to Valley Road
- Granada and Caracas Avenue from Homestead Road to Para Avenue
- Para Avenue from Chocolate Avenue to Areba Avenue
- Areba Avenue from Mill Street to Linden Road

The Cold-In-Place Recycling is scheduled to be completed by late June. The Public Works Department will apply the final wearing course. There will be a substantial saving as a result of cost sharing with the utilities that upgraded their facilities that service the community. During this construction, access to roads may be interrupted during the day at times; however, all roads will be open at the end of the day's work.

The Public Works Department is scheduling a number of street renovation projects this season. A bid for Cold-In-Place recycling (milling the existing street, injecting liquid asphalt emulsion into the aggregate and installing it by paving machine as a base course for a new final paving surface) of approximately 34,000 square yards of roadway has been awarded. The streets scheduled are ones that had infrastructure improvements last summer. ADA ramps have been upgraded in preparation for these projects.

A new pavement preservation process is going to be used on Fiddlers Elbow Road this season. The process is referred to as "Fiber Mat". The process involves applying aggregate, asphalt emulsion and fiberglass to the road surface. This process is intended to be a cost effective treatment to extend the life of an existing pavement, as opposed to the cost of reconstruction and repaving.



**Life on chocolate DOWNTOWN HERSHEY**

Discover what downtown is all about 2017

- ART ON CHOCOLATE**  
Saturday, May 13 10AM to 5PM
- MUSIC ON CHOCOLATE**  
Second Saturday, June through September 7PM - 10PM
- MARKET ON CHOCOLATE**  
Every Saturday, June through September 8AM - 12:30PM
- CHOCTOBERFEST**  
Saturday, October 15 12PM to 6PM
- HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**  
Saturday, December 4

## Advice for Owners of Rental Properties

If you own and lease residential property, it is advised that the sewer and trash collection service accounts be in the name of the property owner and that the monthly/quarterly service fees be charged in the rent.

The reason to do this is because if the tenant arranges for the services and does not pay the charges, a lien can be placed on the property for collection of the unpaid invoices when the property is sold.

# A Meeting of the Minds: Horace McFarland and Milton Hershey



*Hershey Rose Garden opened in June 1937 with 3-½ acres of roses.*

According to popular history, on April 30, 1936 Milton Hershey attended an American Rose Society dinner being held at the Hotel Hershey. At the dinner, J. Horace McFarland, a Harrisburg native and gardening enthusiast, took the opportunity to publicly ask Milton Hershey for \$1 million to create a national rose garden in Washington, DC. Quickly thinking on his feet Mr. Hershey declined, saying that he would rather spend the money to build a rose garden in Hershey. Milton Hershey was good to his word and the very next day he contacted the head of Hershey's nursery and greenhouses, Harry Erdman, to tell him to get started on plans for a rose garden.

While this story has elements of truth in it, Milton Hershey was not as spontaneous nor capricious as he might appear in this story. The story really began almost a year earlier in June 1935 when Horace McFarland contacted Alexander Stoddart, Milton Hershey's publicist, to invite him and Milton Hershey to visit his Harrisburg home, Breeze Hill, which was renowned for its extensive gardens and over 750 varieties of roses. Mr. McFarland was well-known as the owner of the Mount Pleasant Press, a successful printing business, as a national leader in the City Beautiful movement, and as a noted horticulturalist and rose enthusiast. Milton Hershey was unable to visit that June. Stoddart and

McFarland continued to correspond trying to arrange a visit to Breeze Hill. The first mention of McFarland's desire for a rose garden to be built in Hershey came in his July 15, 1935 letter to Mr. Stoddart:

*I have a desire to get  
Mr. Hershey to see the  
advantage of a rose garden.  
He does things in such a  
magnificent way and so  
clearly operates for human  
welfare that I believe he  
would be impressed with  
the possibilities afforded  
only by the rose for  
advancing human welfare.*

I could see a great rose garden in Hershey which would increase the attractions of that marvelous place, but there is a peculiar opportunity open right, now, not yet offered to any man of means, to do something at Washington which would give international renown. It is, of course, absolutely nothing to me commercially, but it is tremendously desirable sociologically.

McFarland and Milton Hershey were not able to meet during 1935. Correspondence was renewed in April 1936. In his April 14, 1936 letter to Milton Hershey, McFarland once again raised the idea of building "at some point within your judgment at or near Hershey, a public rose-garden which could be made not only beautiful and generally attractive, but of real social value." The letter also encouraged Milton Hershey's support of a "National Rosarium close to Washington, [DC.]" McFarland closed the letter asking to meet and discuss the possibility of both gardens.

As a result of this April 14 correspondence, Milton Hershey and Horace McFarland made plans to meet on April 29, Wednesday afternoon. During that meeting the two men discussed the possibility of creating a rose garden in Hershey, as well as McFarland's vision for a national rose garden in Washington, DC. McFarland wrote to Milton Hershey the next day to thank him for their meeting and for Hershey agreeing to establish a rose garden:

*Your kindly consent to  
have a rose-garden at  
Hershey is most pleasing,  
and I hope I can be of  
some assistance not only  
in making it an actuality  
but in having it carry along  
your educational ideals.*

Milton Hershey's promise to plant a rose garden was made public that evening during the American Rose Society's banquet at the Hotel Hershey.

Once the decision was announced, Milton Hershey moved quickly to make it a reality. The next morning, he asked Harry Erdman, his horticulturalist and head of the Hershey Nursery, to come to see him at High Point. Erdman was given instructions to stake out the garden on land just south of the Hotel Hershey. Once Mr. Hershey approved of the plan, work began on the garden that summer and it opened the following June, 1937.

*Hershey History Provided by  
Archivist Pamela Cassidy Whitenack*

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS



## HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### LIBRARY HOURS

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Monday-Thursday	9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## FRIENDS OF THE HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### 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](http://SavvyGardening.com) and [HobbyFarms.com](http://HobbyFarms.com). Books will be sold and signed at the event. Registration is necessary and can be done either online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org), or by calling the Circulation Desk at 533-6555.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## UNDERSTANDING ADDICTION

Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.



In conjunction with the Addiction Center Initiative at the Penn State College of Medicine and the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, the library is hosting a series of presentations on alcohol and opiates that will educate community members and help them to better understand addiction (the nature and progression of the disease, risk factors, impacts, treatments, etc.). Pennsylvania now ranks eighth in the nation for overdose deaths and unfortunately Hershey and its surrounding areas are not immune.

Join us for this final presentation in the series. Prior attendance in the other two sessions is not necessary to attend this event. Registration is preferred, but not necessary and can be completed online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org), or by calling the Circulation Desk at 533-6555.

## THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE

Sunday, June 4, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a presentation by Robert Naeye, the former editor-in-chief of Sky and Telescope Magazine. On August 21, 2017 the continental United States will experience its first total solar eclipse since 1979. Total solar eclipses are not only the greatest visual phenomena in astronomy, but are also among the most beautiful spectacles in all of nature. Robert will explain the special geometrical relationships that allow total solar eclipses to occur and make suggestions of where you can go to see this eclipse in our area as well as how to view it.

Children eight years old and older are welcome to attend, accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Registration is necessary and can be done either online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org), or by calling the Circulation desk at 533-6555



## ADULT COLORING GROUP



The library's very popular Adult Coloring Group will meet monthly this summer. If you are looking for a way to relax, or get out of the heat, stop by the group's monthly meetings that will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesdays May 10, June 14, July 12, and August 9.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW AND ENJOYABLE TO READ?

Don't miss the unveiling of the library's 2017 Staff Picks, due out at the end of May. Stop by to pick up your brochure to help plan your summer reading "bucket list."



## NEW ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD**



COMING JUNE 1



In conjunction with this year's nationwide Collaborative Summer Reading Program theme, "Build a Better World," the library is offering a new Bingo Summer Reading Program to encourage Adults to experience the joy of reading. All of the materials and prizes are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Hershey Public Library. The program will run through August 31. Sign up and receive a coloring journal.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

*Build a Better World!* at the Hershey Public Library this summer. This year's summer reading program will, as always, include Book Buddies, Toddlertime, Wonderful Ones, Books and Babies, Chewsy Readers and other fun-filled programs for children and families. New programs include LEAP into Science Family Workshops, In the Middle, and Block Party!

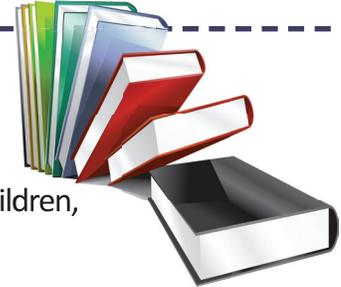
Children are encouraged to participate in the summer reading challenge, which provides a no-pressure and fun way to continue reading over summer vacation thereby maintaining reading skills mastered during the school year. All activities are free of charge. Incentives this year will include vouchers for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

Save the date! We will have a special celebration on August 23 for all children ages 4–12 who complete the summer reading challenge.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## BOOK BUDDIES

Book Buddies will be offered on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 19th–July 17th. During this program, older children read to younger children, taking the place of the regularly scheduled storytimes.



## READERS ARE NEEDED



If you have completed 5th grade and are a proficient reader who likes young children, apply by contacting the Children's Services department at 533-6555, ext. 3708, or stop by the Children's Desk at the Hershey Public Library beginning May 1.

There will be a training session for all Book Buddy Readers on June 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Derry Township registration begins on Monday, June 5.

Open registration begins on Monday, June 12

## 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.

**Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30, June 21–July 19**

Resident registration begins Monday, June 5.

Open Registration begins Monday, June 12.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## WONDERFUL ONES

A five-week series of 20-minute interactive programs for walking children 12 to 24 months and their caregivers. Children and adults 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 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., June 20 – July 18**

Resident registration begins Monday, June 5.

Open Registration begins Monday, June 12.

## BOOKS & BABIES



A four-week series of 20-minute interactive programs for pre-walking children birth to 12 months and their caregivers. Children and adults 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 9:30, June 19 – July 17**

Resident registration begins Monday, June 5.

Open Registration begins Monday, June 12.

## 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

**Play Day for Families is held every other Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.**

**June 23, July 7 and 21, August 18**

Registration opens two weeks before each class.

Please register for each class your child will attend.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## 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.

This project is made possible by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

**Thursdays, June 22 and 29, July 20 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Pre-registration is requested for each Block Party.

Resident registration begins Monday, June 5.

Open Registration begins Monday, June 12.



## LEAP INTO SCIENCE FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Join us for a hands-on family programs exploring scientific concepts. LEAP into Science is a program designed to engage children and families in science and literacy.

*This project is made possible by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.*

**Air is Everywhere** ..... **July 6 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Balancing Act** ..... **July 13 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Do You See What I See and Eclipse Viewing Party** ..... **August 21 at 1:30 p.m.**

Resident registration begins Monday, June 5.

Open Registration begins Monday, June 12.



## LET GO MY LEGOS!

Budding architects and LEGO fanatics ages 6+ are welcome to join LEGO Club.

**LEGO Club will meet from 1:30 – 2:30 on Thursday afternoons, June 22 – July 20**

Resident registration begins Monday, June 5.

Open Registration begins Monday, June 12.

Please register for each week that your child will attend.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## CHEWSY READERS

Ages 7 to 10 will meet for brown bag lunches and book-sharing again this summer.

**Mondays from 12:15–1:00 p.m. for ages 7 and 8 (having completed 1st or 2nd grade) June 19–July 17**

**Wednesdays from 12:15–1:00 p.m. for ages 9 and 10 (having completed 3rd or 4th grade) June 21–July 19**

Derry Township registration begins on Monday, June 5.

Open Registration begins Monday, June 12.



## FURRY TALES

Struggling readers are paired with licensed therapy dogs and their handlers. A selection of suitable reading material is provided for the children to read to the dogs. Studies have shown that this is a successful means of providing practice in a relaxed and comforting atmosphere. Please contact Rita Smith, Children's Librarian at 533-6555, ext. 3707, if you have questions.

Wednesday evenings, 6:30–7:30 p.m., June 21–July 26 .

Please note that pre-registration is necessary for these sessions. Registration is available on our website, [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) If you have any questions, please call Children's Services at 533-6555, ext. 3708, for more information.

## VISIT THE LIBRARY!

Are you a daycare provider, homeschooler, scout leader, or teacher? The Children's Services staff at the library is pleased to welcome field trips to the library. We are happy to work with you in meeting your children's needs. Field trips can be scheduled as our programming schedule permits. Please call 533-6555, extension 3708, for dates. Please note that all evening field trips must be scheduled at least one month in advance..



## MEET US AT THE MARKET!



The library visits the Farmer's Market! Stop by the Children's Tent at the Farmer's Market in Hershey on Thursdays June 15, July 13, and August 10 from 2:30-5:00 p.m. The Market is located next to the Cocoa Beanery at 1214 Research Blvd. (off of Bullfrog Valley Road/US 322).

Register online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) for all children's programs!

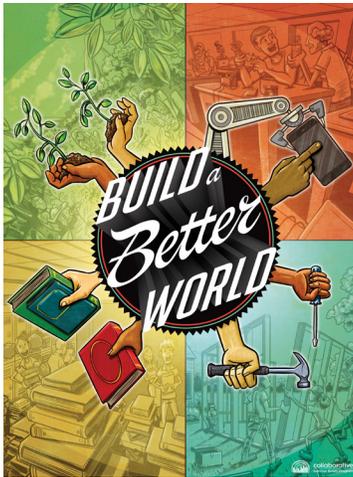
# FAMILY PROGRAMS

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE KICK-OFF



Come over right after school closes for the year! Thursday, June 8 is the last day of school and the first day of summer vacation! Kick it off the right way by stopping by the library between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to register for the summer reading challenge and LEAP into Science with our Build It! Design It! Family Workshop.

Can't make it on Thursday? Never fear, there is a better world at the Hershey Public Library! Stop by on Saturday, June 10 from 1:00–2:30 p.m. for a repeat of Thursday's Build It! Workshop and summer reading challenge sign-ups.



## TEENS

Teens, ages 13–17, are invited to participate in their own summer reading challenge. *Build a Better World* by reading great books and trying out our mini-challenges.

## NEW! IN THE MIDDLE

In the Middle is a series of programs just for middle school students in grades 6–8. Celebrate hump day in the middle of the day with ART! STEM! and a BOOK CLUB!

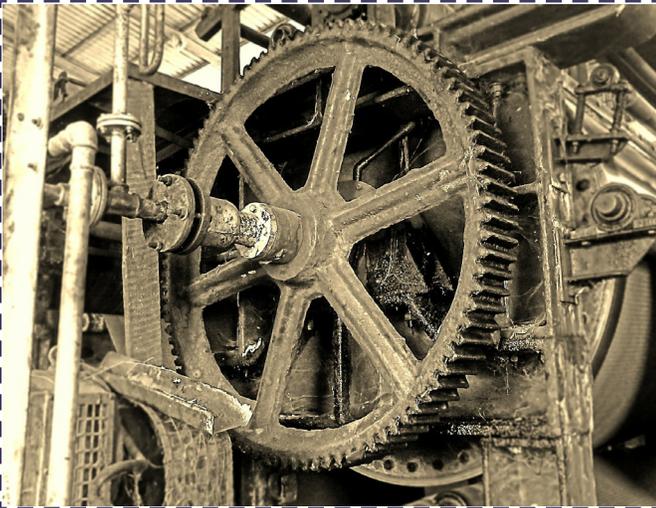
**In the Middle meets on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m., June 14 - August 16**

Resident registration begins Monday, June 5.

Open Registration begins Monday, June 12.

There will be no class on August 8.

# FAMILY PROGRAMS



## THE GILDED AGE WITH KIT'S INTERACTIVE THEATRE

We kick off our summer programming with a look at the Gilded Age and the Industrial Revolution, a time of growth and improvement in the United States. Our own Milton Hershey brought the Industrial Revolution to Hershey and built a model town around his chocolate factory. Be a part of the show on Tuesday, June 20 at 1:00 p.m.



## BUILDING A BETTER WORLD THROUGH MUSIC WITH THE BRAVURA BRASS

Our good friends the Bravura Brass will demonstrate the ways music makes the world a better place on Tuesday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m.

## ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Architect Stephen Schwartz returns to Hershey with a special Building Blocks Workshop all about Hershey, PA! Building Blocks Workshops conducts programs using Lego® building blocks as a fun event for children and their caregivers to learn about the architectural heritage of their community.

This program is a two hour, fast-paced, hands-on, model building experience using over 60,000 Lego® building blocks to create our hometown on Tuesday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m.

*This program is made possible by the generous support of the Hershey Public Library Endowment.*

# FAMILY PROGRAMS

## RAP (RAPPING ABOUT PREVENTION)

Sterlen Barr and the RAP crew return to help us hip-hop our way to a better world! Tuesday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m.



## MOVIES & CRAFTS

The entire family is invited for Movies & Crafts at 10:00 a.m.

June 30: The Lego Movie (PG)  
July 14: The BFG (PG)

## BUILD A BETTER FORT

Let's end the summer with some family reading fun! Meet us for stories at 2:30 p.m. When the library closes at 3:00 p.m., registered families may use materials from home to create reading forts in the library. Enjoy family reading time and earn a medal for your efforts!  
**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT FOR THIS PROGRAM.**

**Saturday, August 26, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Registration is requested for this event.

Resident registration begins on Monday, June 5.

Open registration begins on Monday, June 12.

# Community Events

## Hershey Area Playhouse Presents



Hershey Area Playhouse will present *Children of Eden*, July 20–23, 27–30, 2017. *Children of Eden* is written by John Caird and lyrics with music by Stephen Schwartz (*Pippin*, *Godspell*, *Wicked*.) This two act musical gives the audience a unique look at the first book of the Bible, Genesis. The show presents beautiful storytelling with Schwartz's gorgeous songs supporting and furthering the stories. *Children of Eden* cast includes Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Noah and his family and many more familiar Biblical figures. Go back thousands of years to visit these legendary characters and watch them firsthand.

- July 20–July 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- July 23 at 2:00 p.m.
- July 27–July 29 at 7:30 p.m.
- July 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Visit [www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com](http://www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com) for ticket information.

# MEETING YOUR **MUNICIPAL NEEDS**

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