

# TOWNSHIP News

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## SUPERVISORS TAKE INCREMENTAL APPROACH AND GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

The future of a new community recreation center lies in the ability to fund the project. The Derry Township Board of Supervisors wants to continue to provide the recreational services that have been a part of the community for over 54 years. Recreation increases the quality of life of residents, provides rewarding activities for children, and offers amenities that help to maintain the health of Derry Township residents.

The Board of Supervisors has been gathering information for over three years to determine the recreational needs of the community, formulate the needs into a conceptual design of the facility, and estimate the operational costs of a new facility. Ballard King Associates Inc. made a public presentation on October 16, 2017, outlining the operating cost of a new facility and the



potential programming revenue based on a market analysis and future programming for the new center.

Chairman John Foley opened a discussion on the new center at the October 23, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting. He said, “We are sharing information on the process to insure that the public knows where we are and where we are going with it and the cost issues. The Township is seeking financial advice from consultants and has engaged the firm of Public Financial Management to provide an assessment of the Township’s assets and how to best utilize them. The Derry Township Municipal Authority wastewater treatment plant is a valuable commodity,” said Foley. “We want to explore opportunities with it and the municipal complex. Derry Township is in a good and solid position, but we also want to be mindful of our spending and make a decision with great prudence,” he added.

Member Marc Moyer recommended that the Township determine the amount of debt service that will result from various borrowing scenarios and how it affects the Township’s overall debt service and look at the cost to build and maintain a new facility and the cost to borrow to make a decision. He said, “We need to consider alternate funding sources and insure the financial security of our future generations and the health of future generations.”

Vice Chairwoman Susan Cort talked about the thoughtful work that has gone into figuring out what the community’s needs are today, tomorrow and 20, 30 years into the future. She wants to establish one to possibly five financing options and if option one does not generate what is needed,

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# PARK BOULEVARD PROJECT

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go to option two, and so on. She said, “We have to build something. I don’t believe that doing nothing is an option. It would be a disservice to our residents.”

Members Justin Engle and Susan Cort have met with consultants about a capital campaign. A campaign cannot be launched until the project is better defined. The Board will consider moving forward with the schematic design

phase of the project, estimated to cost \$300,000. The goal is to maintain a schedule that allows the center to open in May 2020 providing a new home for the Senior Citizens Center.

The Board will continue to take an incremental approach to the project gathering information and financial options. The input from the community is appreciated, and as the project moves forward assistance with fundraising in the near future is welcomed.

The Board will continue discussions at the meetings scheduled in November.

## ANTHONY CLEMENTS EARNS PROMOTION



*Chairman John Foley, Chief Garth Warner, Sergeant Anthony Clements, and Tracey Clements*

Anthony Clements was sworn in as Police Sergeant at the October 10, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting. Sergeant Clements has been a member of the Derry Township Police Department for 18 years. He came to the department in 1999 with eight years of prior police experience with the Lancaster County Susquehanna Regional Police and the Dauphin County Sheriff’s Department.

Clements served in the Patrol Division and became a certified D.A.R.E. Instructor in October, 1996 and taught the program to 5th grade students at the Derry Township Intermediate Elementary School. He received a Middle School/Junior High School D.A.R.E. Instructors Certificate in

1999 and taught the program to the 7th grade students at the Derry Township Middle School.

He has received specialized training in speed enforcement devices, firearms, defensive tactics, use of force, and less than lethal use of force, and serves as one of the department’s training instructors. He was also a member of the department’s Mountain Bike Unit and member of the International Police Mountain Bike Association. Clements has been a K9 handler for the department since 2002. He will now supervise a platoon and oversee the daily operations of the K9 Unit.

He is a member of the Law Enforcement/Public Safety Advisory Committee at the Milton Hershey School, and also serves as a mentor to Milton Hershey School students in the law enforcement curriculum.

Sergeant Clement’s extensive experience instructing led to him to becoming a member of the training curriculum committee for the Municipal Police Officer’s Education and Training Commission.

“Tony is a prime example of an officer who loves his job, family, and the community he serves. I’m sure he will serve the officers of Derry Township Police Department in a way that will support them and the mission of the Department,” said Chief Garth Warner.

Sergeant Clements is married to Tracey and they have a son, Chase.

## INCOME LEVEL FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE OCCUPATION TAX IS RAISED

The Township’s Occupation Tax is \$250 and is levied on all residents between the ages of 19 and 65 who earn more than a new threshold of \$12,000 annually. The Derry Township Board of Supervisors raised the threshold from \$10,000 to \$12,000, the highest income allowable by law (1965 P.L. 1257), at their October 23, 2017 meeting. Supervisor Matt Weir brought this item to the Supervisors because he felt that the tax was a hardship for some residents. The Board agreed that raising the level was the right thing to do.

# HERSHEY AREA ALL THINGS DIVERSITY

## WELCOMES TELEVISION PRODUCER AND SCREENWRITER JOAN RATER TO PRESENT ON CREATING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT



Joan Rater will present *Creating an Inclusive Environment* for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Members on Monday, January 15, 2018, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., at the Hershey Story Museum, located at 63 W. Chocolate Avenue.

Rater will share her experiences raising a transgender child with the hope that what she has learned will help to shape our dialogue for acceptance and understanding in the Hershey community so that everyone can be comfortable living the life that they want.

After joining *Grey's Anatomy* at the start of the second season with her writing partner and husband (Tony), Joan and Tony rose through the ranks and co-ran the show alongside creator Shonda Rhimes for 10 seasons. The Raters earned a WGA award for New Series in Television in 2005 for their work on *Grey's*. They have also been nominated for two Emmys in 2006 and 2007, both for "Outstanding

Drama Series." Among other shows, Joan has also written for *Law & Order: Trial By Jury* as well as *Madam Secretary*.

The Hershey All Things Diversity educational sessions are organized by the Township, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, The Hershey Company and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts.

A light supper and dessert will be provided to attendees. The sessions are free but seating is limited and advance registration is required.

Register at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/hershey-area-all-things-diversity-registration-36523153736](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/hershey-area-all-things-diversity-registration-36523153736)

Order a "Hershey All Things Diversity" t-shirt today!  
Order Form: [www.derrytownship.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/DiversityT-ShirtOrderForm.pdf](http://www.derrytownship.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/DiversityT-ShirtOrderForm.pdf)

### DOWNTOWN HERSHEY'S

# Holiday Celebration

## Join the Festivities at the Holiday Tree Lighting in Downtown Hershey

Hershey's annual tree lighting ceremony will take place on Friday, December 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in ChocolateTown Park. This festive event is sure to raise your holiday spirit with musical performances, hot cocoa and cookies.

*Plus*  
A special  
appearance  
by Santa.

Visit  
[www.downtownhershey.com](http://www.downtownhershey.com)  
for event details.



**Celebrate New Year's Eve  
in Downtown Hershey on  
Sunday, December 31,  
9:00 p.m. to midnight.**

**Admission is free.**

Visit [www.hersheynewyears.org](http://www.hersheynewyears.org)  
for more information on the  
headline act, raising of the  
Hershey's Kiss, and fireworks!

# CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR ADVISORY BOARD POSITIONS

The Board of Supervisors will be accepting applications for the following boards:

Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board, Board of Library Directors, Downtown Core Design Board, Municipal Authority, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, General Authority, Industrial Commercial Development Authority, Tax Collection Association.

Residents that are interested in getting involved in local government are encouraged to submit a resume and cover letter to: Township of Derry, Board of Supervisors, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA, 17033, by December 15, or email to [jillh@derrytownship.org](mailto:jillh@derrytownship.org).

The Board will make appointments at the January 2, 2018 reorganization meeting.

## Annual Hockey Game Benefits Children of Fallen Officers



The 12th Annual COPS for K.O.P.S. (Keep Our Pipers Silent) benefit hockey game will be held on Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m. at the Giant Center. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale now at the Giant Center. Children three and under are free. The proceeds will benefit children of police officers killed in the line of duty

## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WARNS HOMEOWNERS ABOUT SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The Department of Public Works is asking homeowners to make sure that free standing basketball hoops, soccer goals, and any other sporting equipment located along curbs, in alleys, and near the streets do not overhang or protrude into the right of way. These items pose a serious safety issue for the drivers that are sweeping, collecting leaves, and plowing snow from the roadways.



# Organizations Collaborate to Submit Walk Friendly Community Assessment of Derry Township

Volunteers from the Partners for Healthy Communities of Central PA Coalition Physical Activity Task Force submitted Derry Township's first-ever Walk Friendly Communities (WFC) Assessment [www.walkfriendly.org/assessment](http://www.walkfriendly.org/assessment).



Organizations collaborating on submission included Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center; multiple Derry Township departments including Parks and Recreation, Police, Community Development, and Economic Development; Derry Township School District and several community advocates.

## According to WFC, improving walkability has many benefits including:

- **Safety** – designing streets for people instead of cars improves safety for all users.
- **Health** – regular physical activity reduces the risk of chronic disease and improves quality of life for people of all ages.
- **Equity** – prioritize and invest in travel modes that serve all members of the community.
- **Environment** – more walking, biking and transit use means less air pollution from vehicles and a reduced dependence on fossil fuels.
- **Economic** – walkable communities draw investment from residents, businesses and tourists alike.

The team submitted the application last fall and this spring the national WFC experts reported back with comprehensive feedback to help increase local walkability. In addition, the experts reviewed the report with the task force in a conference call over the summer. Community team member, Wendy Lubell explains, “The advice from nationally-recognized experts provides the community with world-class advice at no cost to taxpayers on what Derry Township is doing right and what we can improve. The suggestions can be used to help us enhance current programs and adjust future plans.” While eventual designation as a Walk Friendly Community is the goal, team member Chuck Emerick, Derry Township Community Development Director clarified, “We knew that the designation process usually takes several years as the community makes improvements based on WFC feedback. The positive feedback demonstrates the value of recent improvements, while critical feedback provides motivation for additional work.”

The experts found several positive community factors including the cross-town Jonathan Eshenour Memorial Trail; the successful Walk/Bike to School Days; a grassroots community walking program, Walk Central PA Walk; a well-connected downtown with a growing network of sidewalks; and the township's use of shared parking. The experts applauded Derry Township's recently completed Comprehensive Plan that includes many references to pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. The WFC report recommends using the new Plan to create specific implementation actions and concrete performance measures to help prioritize pedestrian facilities and programs.

Other suggestions include conducting a safety campaign that aims to increase understanding of road safety laws; collecting data on pedestrian “near misses” in addition to actual crashes; dedicated part-time hours for a pedestrian and bicycle coordinator; creating

an Active Transportation Citizen Advisory Board to assist staff with identifying safety concerns and planning improvements; developing a Complete Streets policy to ensure that transportation projects support walking and biking; Walking Town Meetings to highlight issues of concern and suggestions for improvement; tightening up parking policies, encouraging mixed use and allowing more density; adding pedestrian-friendly lighting and a pedestrian wayfinding system, and hosting an Open Streets Event to focus community attention on the importance of active transportation and celebrate walking and biking.

After the conference call and later discussion, the task force agreed to focus first on 1) an education campaign to increase understanding of road safety 2) collecting data on pedestrian “near misses” in addition to actual crashes, and 3) creating an Active Transportation Citizen Advisory Board. Team member Police Chief Garth Warner noted, “In Pennsylvania, while it is common courtesy for vehicles to yield for pedestrians standing at the crosswalk, the law requires the pedestrian to actually step into the crosswalk in the street as a signal for vehicles to yield, provided approaching vehicles are far enough away to allow them to come to a stop for the crossing pedestrian. Therefore additional education is needed.”

The mission of Partners for Healthy Communities of Central PA is to work together to improve the health of our community through education and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Priorities task forces are currently working on include increasing physical activity, promoting better nutrition and healthy eating and smoking cessation and prevention. For more information, contact Gail Snyder, Coalition Coordinator from Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, at 717-531-0003 x281153 or by e-mail at [Gail.Snyder@psu.edu](mailto:Gail.Snyder@psu.edu).



## Hershey Cemetery: *From Cradle to Grave: Meeting all the Needs of a Community*



*Landscape architect Oglesby Paul designed the Hershey Cemetery based on the naturalistic "lawn plan." ca. 1914*

When founding the community of Hershey, Milton Hershey planned for most of the necessities and amenities needed to serve its residents. He provided for housing, schools, recreation and transportation. One service he didn't immediately establish was a town cemetery. Most of the Derry Township's churches maintained graveyards, but for the first 15 years of town's existence there was no community cemetery.

Founded in 1903, Hershey was a "young" community in terms of its buildings and its residents. The average age of Hershey residents was younger than neighboring communities. Hershey also promoted itself as a healthy place. The local weekly newspaper, [the Hershey Press](#),

regularly proclaimed the virtues of Hershey including its freedom from sickness and disease. Why would such a young and healthy town need a cemetery? While Oglesby Paul, the landscape architect who designed much of Hershey's landscaping, drafted a plan for a community cemetery in 1914, it was not immediately constructed.

By 1916, however, Milton Hershey had begun to rethink the need for a cemetery in Hershey. His wife, Catherine, died March 25, 1915. Since there was no community cemetery, her body was retained at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia, where Milton Hershey had fresh flowers placed at her vault twice a week. His father, Henry, had died in 1904, and his mother was nearing the end of her

life. Milton Hershey desired to have his loved ones interred in the same cemetery, so he decided to create his own.

Cemetery construction plans soon began in earnest. Milton Hershey donated land approximately one mile north of Hershey overlooking the Swatara Creek basin. Using Oglesby Paul's plan, additional surveys and drawings were made. Paul had designed the cemetery based on the "lawn plan." This popular, early 20th century cemetery design featured open space. The uncluttered and orderly landscaping emphasized the harmony of the cemetery as a whole, rather than allowing for the individual tastes of lot owners. Hershey Cemetery roads and paths followed the natural contour of the land and featured circular burial sections connected by paths. Shrubbery and other plantings were specifically designed and planned. A few years after its opening, the cemetery adopted extensive rules to govern the appearance of individual lots.

With construction underway, Milton Hershey commissioned a monument from Haldy Marble and Granite Works in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to mark the burial place of his parents, his wife, and eventually himself. While the company tried to convince Milton Hershey to erect a mausoleum, he instead chose to construct a simple marble monument, for the price of \$19,000. The monument simply read "HERSHEY" and four grave markers were placed on the ground in front of it.

World War I delayed the completion of the cemetery, but the first burials occurred late in 1918. These first interments were due to the influenza epidemic which struck Hershey and the rest of the world in 1918 and 1919. The first burial was a Hershey Industrial School student, Charles Swartz, who died from influenza.

After completing construction of the Hershey monument, Catherine Hershey's body was moved from Philadelphia and interred in 1919. In March 1920, his mother, Fanny Hershey died, and then in October, Henry Hershey's body was moved from the Hershey Meeting House graveyard to the cemetery. On October 16, 1945, Milton Hershey was interred in a public graveside ceremony.

While the cemetery began operating in 1918, it wasn't until March 1923, that a company was established to manage and maintain the cemetery. Milton Hershey officially transferred the cemetery on July 31, 1923 to the new company for one dollar. The cemetery's managing board included Milton Hershey with 600 shares of stock, and William Murrie, Ezra Hershey and John Snyder each with ten shares. The cemetery's rules of operation and management were closely modeled after Lancaster's Greenwood Cemetery.

Strict rules governed everything including the placement and size of lots, headstones, grave decorations, and

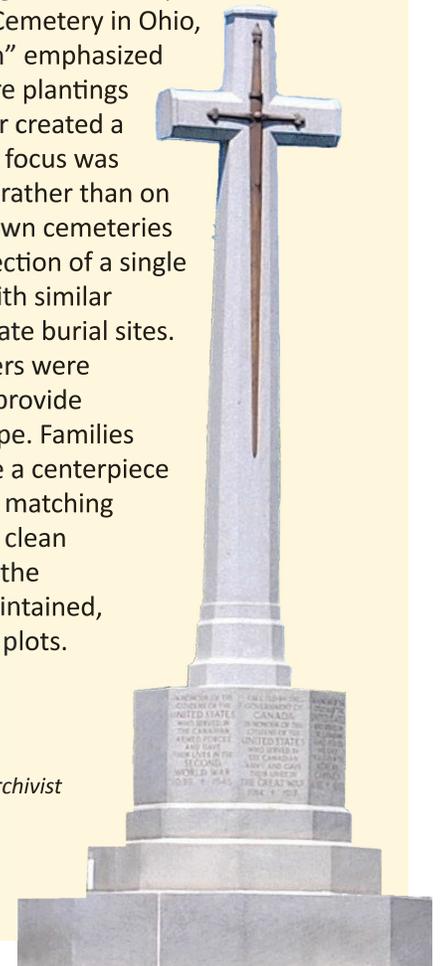
visitor behavior in the cemetery. Printed booklets informed prospective buyers not just of these rules, but also provided information regarding lot options and pricing. The cemetery was physically divided into sections, and each section was broken into lots. There were separate sections for Protestants and Catholics as well as a section dedicated for Hershey Industrial School boys who might die while still students. When the cemetery first opened, the cost for a lot ranged between 50 cents to \$1 per square foot, and the standard size of a full lot was 20 x 20 feet.

In 1935, Hershey Estates assumed responsibility for managing the cemetery. In 1993, cemetery management was transferred to the Hershey Trust Company. Throughout its existence, the cemetery has continued to expand, with new sections opening as the town has grown. Since the cemetery's first burial over 90 years ago, a few sections have completely filled, but much of the cemetery land can be developed. While more recent cemetery expansion has diverged from Oglesby Paul's original design, the cemetery will continue to serve our community for years to come.

## Lawn Cemetery Time Period: 1855–1920

Developed by landscape gardener Adolph Strauch at Spring Grove Cemetery in Ohio, the "landscape-lawn plan" emphasized a bucolic landscape where plantings and monuments together created a unified composition. The focus was placed on the whole site rather than on any individual feature. Lawn cemeteries typically promote the erection of a single prominent monument with similar individual stones to indicate burial sites. Fencing and hedge barriers were discouraged, in order to provide continuity of the landscape. Families were encouraged to have a centerpiece memorial surrounded by matching footstones. The resulting clean lines and open spaces of the cemetery were easily maintained, lowering the price of the plots.

*Hershey History Provided by Archivist  
Pamela Cassidy Whitenack*





# Christmas Tree Collection

The Department of Public Works will pick up trees Tuesday, January 2 through Friday, January 19, 2018, weather permitting. Trees should be placed at the curb. Trees will not be collected in alleys. Residents may also bring their tree to the Recycling Center during operating hours.

For Collection Schedule, visit: [www.derrytownship.org/resident-services/christmas-tree-collection](http://www.derrytownship.org/resident-services/christmas-tree-collection)



## Recycling Center Schedule

(Effective through March 10, 2018)

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

## Recycling Center Holiday Schedule

The Recycling Center will close at noon on Friday, December 22 and Friday, December 29.

The Recycling Center will be closed on the following days:

Friday, November 24	Saturday, December 30
Saturday, December 23	Monday, January 1
Monday, December 25	Monday, February 19

**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.

## Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

If the holiday falls on your collection day, your collection will occur the next day. All other collections that week will follow the normal schedule. If the holiday is on Friday, collection will occur on Saturday.

# Good Plastic Bad Plastic



Be careful of what types of plastics you put in your recycling bin. Containers that have the raised recycling number on them are a no brainer, but there are other plastics that should not go in the bin.

Plastic bags such as garbage bags, grocery store bags, and shopping bags should not be recycled in the curbside collection program.

According to the article "Because You Asked: Can I Recycle Plastic Grocery Bags in the Recycling Bin?" (Recyclebank, May 19, 2015), plastic bags are typically made of high-density polyethylene (number 2 plastic) or low-density polyethylene (number 4 plastic). Because plastic bags are thin, light weight, and flexible, they can snag and get tangled in machinery. The machinery is designed for more rigid materials.

The best option is to bring your own tote bags to the store with you, but if you don't you can keep the bags and reuse them. When they are ready to be disposed of, check near the entrance of your grocery store for collection containers. Keeping them separate from other materials allows them to become recycled fences, decking, playground equipment, pipes, and pallets.

It's more than just grocery store bags. Don't include about newspaper delivery bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags, produce bags, and food storage bags in your recycling bin.

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*Sign up and start getting rewarded for recycling and learning online.*

 RECYCLE       EARN POINTS       GET REWARDS

Sign up today at [Recyclebank.com](http://Recyclebank.com)

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS



## HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### LIBRARY HOURS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 5TH

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.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### 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.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## STORYTIME

A 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 may use Storytime to fill their own library needs, or may be present in the room to observe or participate. Extended conversations with other parents are discouraged in the Storytime space.

To best serve our young listeners, sessions are divided by age.

### Storytime for 3's and 4's

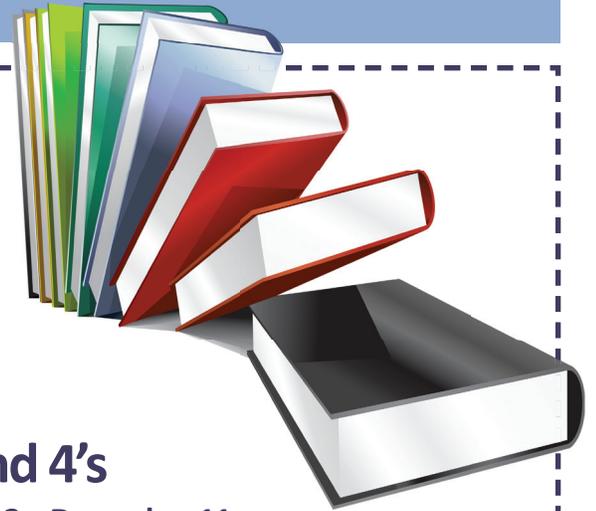
**Monday mornings at 10:00, November 13 – December 11**

Registration is now open.

### Storytime for 4's and 5's

**Monday afternoons at 1:30, November 13 – December 11**

Registration is now open.



## NEW!

## FAMILY STORYTIME

Enjoy Saturday afternoon stories and activities with your family. All ages are welcome.

Registration begins two weeks before each Storytime. Please register for each month that you want to attend.

**Saturdays at 2:00 p.m., January 13 and February 10**

## TODDLERTIME

A series of 20-30 minute interactive programs for children 24 to 36 months and 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, stories, rhymes, and a joyful introduction to the library. Toddlertime is presented three times a week.

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30, November 14 – December 12**

**Wednesday mornings at 10:00 and 11:00, November 15 – December 13**

Registration is now open.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## PLAY DAY FOR FAMILIES

An hour of center-based free play for families with children ages 3-5 to encourage 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.

**Pre-registration is requested for each Play Day your child will attend.**

**Friday mornings at 10:00, December 8, January 5 and 19, and February 2**



## BLOCK PARTY!

Come play with the library's 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.



**Friday, November 24, 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, December 27, 10:00 a.m.**

**Friday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**

Registration begins two weeks before each Block Party.  
Pre-registration is requested for each Block Party your child will attend.

## WONDERFUL ONES

A five-week series of 20 minute interactive programs for walking children, 12 to 24 months and 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.



**Monday mornings at 10:45, November 13 – December 11**

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30, November 14 – December 12**

Registration is now open.

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30, January 30 – February 27**  
Township registration begins January 15. Open registration begins January 22.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## BOOKS & BABIES

A five-week series of 20 minute interactive programs for pre-walking children, from birth to 12 months and 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.

**Monday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30,  
January 29 – February 26**

Derry Township registration begins on Monday, January 15.

Open registration begins on Monday, January 22.



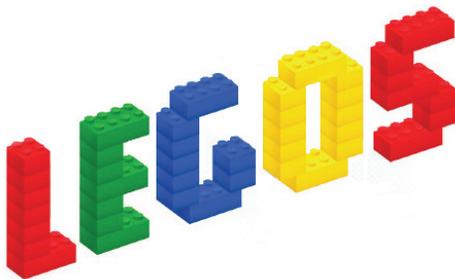
## LEGO CLUB

Lego Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month from September through May. Children ages 6+ are welcome to register for each month they would like to attend.

**December 6, January 3, February 7**

**4:00 – 4:45 p.m.**

Please register for each class your child will attend.



## 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.



# FRIENDS OF THE HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CHILDREN'S SERIES

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5 AND ARE HELD AT 2:00 P.M., UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

### SPLAT STUDIO

**Sunday, January 21**

Let's chase those winter blues away with an afternoon of art!

Back by popular demand, Meghan Winslow of SPLAT (Spirited People Learning Artfulness Together) Studio will help children create a wonderful work of art and get their creative juices flowing!

**2:00-2:40 p.m. – ages 2-6**

(maximum 30 participants)

**3:00-3:40 p.m. – ages 6 and up**

(maximum 30 participants)

Registration for this limited program will begin on Monday, January 8. Register online at

[www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) or call the Children's

Desk at 533-6555, ext. 3708 to register.

### BANTABA: THE CIRCLE OF CELEBRATION BY THE SEVENTH PRINCIPLE

**Sunday, February 11**

Through a high-energy fusion of percussive dance, traditional music, and rousing call-and-response, the three performers of The Seventh Principle demonstrate both traditional African dance and modern African-American dance while teaching about the respective cultures on both sides of the Atlantic. Students will understand how dance and music are infused into elements of everyday life in West African communities, and how the arts play an important role as an expression of cultural identity. Bantaba: The Circle of Celebration connects students to the history of African dance and cultures and celebrates the unique ability the art form has to bring people together around the world.



Register online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org). Call the Children's Desk at 533-6555, ext. 3708, with any questions.

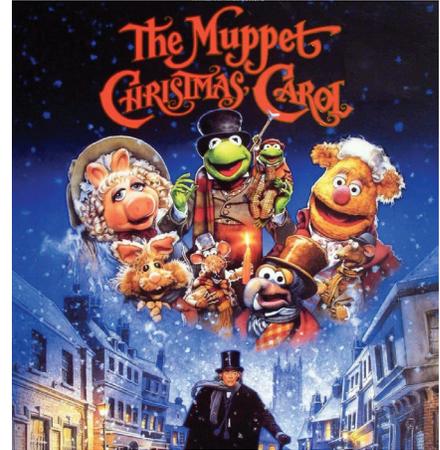
# DROP-IN PROGRAMS

## 8th Annual Holiday Movie Extravaganza



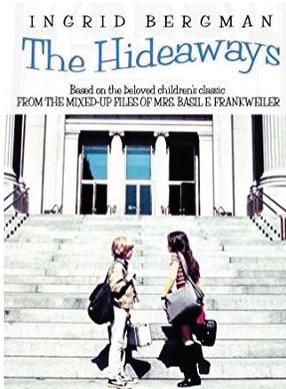
**Thursday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Come in your pajamas ready to be transported to the Jolly Old England! By popular demand, we will show the movie, *A Muppet Christmas Carol* and enjoy popcorn and apple juice and maybe even a few surprises.

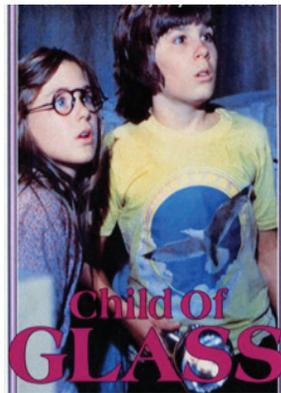


## WINTER BREAK MOVIES!

We are celebrating books made into movies. • Movies start at 10:00 a.m.



**The Hideaways**  
(Based on *The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*)  
**Tuesday, December 26**



**Child of Glass**  
(Based on *The Ghost Belonged to Me*)  
**Thursday, December 28**



**The Lion,  
the Witch,  
and the Wardrobe**  
(2005) (PG)  
**Friday, December 29**

## IN THE MIDDLE

Wednesday afternoons, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., are for 6th grade and up. Play board games the first Wednesday of the month, get your creative juices flowing with artist Suze Moll the second Wednesday of the month, share books the third Wednesday and try our Wild Card! on the fourth Wednesday.

Check out our [website](#) calendar for more information! • Registration is requested

# ADULT PROGRAMS



## FALL ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Registration for all classes begins  
August 21 and must be done at the library.

Please contact the library or check the library's website for information on fees and Instructors.



### BOOK ANGEL CLASS

**Saturday, November 18**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

Learn how to create the perfect holiday angel  
out of a used book. All materials will be provided.  
Ages 13 and older are welcome.

The class size is limited to 15.

## FRESH EVERGREEN WREATH MAKING CLASS

**Saturday, December 9**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Fee: \$35**

**Instructor: Andrea Beitzel**

**Make a beautiful  
evergreen wreath  
to decorate your  
home for the holidays.**



Fresh-cut greens,  
ring, wire and  
ribbons will be  
supplied and are  
included in the  
cost of the class.

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### JOSHUA LIONEL COWEN: AN EXCITING ONE-MAN HISTORY

PRESENTED BY NEILL HARTLEY

Sunday, December 17, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Neill Hartley is Joshua Lionel Cowen in this exciting and magical one-man show about the founding and history of one of the greatest toy companies ever created! It is a fully staged presentation that will entertain and educate audiences of all ages. See young Joshua Lionel Cowen as he begins building "electrical novelties." Then follow his climb to the top of the toy industry, as he creates Lionel Toy Trains, one of the most beloved and successful toy companies of all time. Experience the magic of toy trains and the timeless pleasure of model railroading. Learn about Joshua Lionel Cowen's incredible skill at marketing with indelible images that have helped sell more than 50 million train sets and more than 300 miles of track each year!

### ALASKA: BEYOND THE CRUISE SHIPS

WITH SCOTT WEIDENSAUL

Sunday, January 7, 2018

2:00 p.m.

If you laid Alaska across the Lower 48, one corner would be in California, one in North Carolina and one in Minnesota. Yet few visitors to the 49th state ever get beyond the typical cruise-ship itinerary. Writer and scientist Scott Weidensaul, who has been exploring Alaska for more than 30 years, takes us to some of the most remote parts of this immense and wild state, from the isolated Aleutian and Pribilof islands to native villages within sight of Russia, and wilderness rivers on the North Slope - breathtaking landscapes alive with birds and mammals. Scott Weidensaul is the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist *Living on the Wind*, about bird migration, *The First Frontier: The Forgotten History of Struggle, Savagery and Endurance in Early America*, and *The Peterson Reference Guide to Owls of North America and the Caribbean*. Weidensaul is a contributing editor for *Audubon*, a columnist for *Bird Watcher's Digest* and writes for a variety of other publications. He lives in Schuylkill County and is an active field researcher studying the migration of owls, hummingbirds and songbirds from Maine to Alaska.

# Community Events



## Holiday Productions



Join us to celebrate the holidays November 30 - December 3, and December 7–10, with "A Christmas Carol!" It's the time of year we all need to be reminded of Dickens' redeeming message. This year Rick Farr's light and lovely songs will be added to John Mortimer's version to create a play with incidental music. A large cast of characters will grace the Playhouse stage with 19th century costumes and speech. Always a delightful retreat during the holidays.

- **November 30 - December 2 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **December 3 at 2:00 p.m.**
- **December 7 - December 9 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **December 10 at 2:00 p.m.**

Buy Tickets Here:

[www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com/our-productions/2017/a-christmas-carol/](http://www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com/our-productions/2017/a-christmas-carol/)



*A Charlie Brown Christmas* has been seen on television since 1965 and now it will come to life on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage. Come see Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy and others. Join us as we walk along with Charlie Brown as he searches for the true meaning of Christmas.

- **December 14 - December 16 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **December 17 at 2:00 p.m.**

Buy Tickets Here:

[www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com/our-productions/2017/a-charlie-brown-christmas/](http://www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com/our-productions/2017/a-charlie-brown-christmas/)

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## The Secret Garden to be Performed at Hershey Area Playhouse in February



*The Secret Garden*, a musical about Mary Lennox, who is sent to live in England after her parents die in India will run February 8, 2018 through February 18. Misselthwaite Manor turns out to be a gloomy fortress. Her uncle is rarely home and his young son, Colin, never leaves his room - convinced he's an incurable invalid. Mary discovers a strange walled garden that has been locked up for years. With the gardener's apprentice, Dickon, a lad who can talk to the animals, Mary coaxes the garden back to life..

Buy Tickets Here:

<http://www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com/our-productions/2018/>

2018 Production Schedule and Season Tickets:

<http://www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com/our-productions/2018/>

## Hershey Symphony's Holiday Spectacular is December 9th!

In December we pull out all the stops, including the ones on the Hershey Theatre's historic pipe organ, and present our annual "Holiday Spectacular" complete with cameos from Powerhouse Strings, Festival Strings, Santa and other friends. Featured will be 2017 Hershey Symphony Young Artist Competition winner, Emily Chung, performing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. We will also get a jump on the 100th Birthday Celebration of America's own Leonard Bernstein. Also on the menu are lots of holiday treats and opportunities for everyone to join in singing seasonal favorites. This concert has proven so popular with the community that it is presented twice, once in the afternoon, and, again in the evening. It's a great concert to share with friends! Performances are Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Buy Tickets Here:

<http://www.hersheyentertainment.com/hershey-theatre/events/index.php>



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