Richard Zmuda is new to the Board of Supervisors, but not new to Derry Township. He was born and raised in Hershey and he has always chosen to live here, where he feels, “the people are very passionate about their town.”

Recently retiring from his position of 32 years as a Contracting Officer for the Navy and Defense Logistics Agency, he will now direct his energy, knowledge and experience in governing his hometown. “I’ve always been interested in the machinations of our Republic. The position of Supervisor allows me to not only observe, but to participate fully in the everyday workings that form the fabric of our everyday lives,” explains Zmuda.

He wants to encourage a smart mix of housing that is affordable, has a positive design, and is environmentally sensitive for Derry Township’s growing and diverse population. He feels the Supervisors will need to focus on advanced infrastructure to support the growing population. Additionally, he feels that as the Township grows, there should be attention given to the local “green” assets that we possess, and that they should be tended to, to keep them viable for future generations.

He believes in creating an environment for individuals to feel safe, secure, and respected, with the opportunity to advance themselves.

Rick collects coins, stamps, baseball cards, and autographs and describes himself as a voracious reader of history, with a desire to travel globally to historical destinations. When he is not spending time with his wife Dawn and daughter Kyra-Jeanne, he enjoys hiking, biking, wood working and gardening, and being involved with the Hershey Indivisible Team and the Derry Township Democratic party.

During his six-year term on the Board, it will be important for Zmuda to make advancements in the Township with the support of the residents. He said, “My personal goals are to work in tandem with the other Supervisors to make educated decisions based on fact to support our residents, and to leave office with the knowledge that I did my best to further the overall goals of the township and its residents.”

During his first year in office he will serve as a representative on the Tax Collection Association, the Police Pension Advisory Board, and as a Transportation Liaison. Rick is also serving as a Board representative on the planning committee for the proposed Hershey Community Center.
ADOPTION OF 2018 BUDGET TAKES A HARD LOOK AT FUTURE EXPENDITURES

A new budgetary tool that enables the Township to consider how each proposed future project or expense and changes in revenue will affect the overall budget helps the Supervisors to make funding decisions. Public Financial Management was consulted last year to design a spreadsheet that calculates the amount of revenue needed to balance the budget with each expenditure that is added. A clear picture of the Township’s anticipated financial needs for five years into the future assists the Board in long term planning.

The 2018 budget includes funding to proceed with the next phase for a new community center. As the project proceeds, the amount of revenue that can be generated by the facility, the dollars that can be raised by a capital campaign, and other sources are being explored.

The fiscal condition of the Township remains in a favorable position with a AA Stable bond rating by Standard and Poor’s, and an estimated $2,258,609 balance in the 2017 general fund.

The 2018 General Fund budget totals $17,890,667, a 1.34% increase. The revenue is conservatively estimated to increase .13% to $17,824,374. The $16,035,307 difference will be funded through the reserve fund.

The capital project expenditures are $2,829,757 and include $151,468 for the Police Department for vehicles, equipment, and body armor. The Public Works Department will replace a dump truck, pickup truck, and leaf loader for leaf collection, and repair a heavy truck lift in the mechanic’s garage. The capital budget includes $2,201,834 of debt service.

The Township’s 1.9881 mills in real estate tax provides 13% of the Township’s revenue and is equivalent to $198.81 per $100,000 of assessed home value for both municipal services and capital projects.

Township Manager James Negley said, “The All Funds Operating Budget for 2018 totals $23,884,935, which is a $376,434 increase over the 2017 estimated expenditures. We want to provide quality municipal services and amenities at a reasonable cost. It is a challenge to establish a budget that covers operational expenses, provides a high level of services, maintains adequate and safe vehicles and equipment, and allows for infrastructure improvements. We continue to balance the needs with the available revenue and funding sources.”

TURN LANES TO EASE CONGESTION ON 322

A roadway improvement project to help to reduce peak hour congestion and delays at the intersection of Route 322 and Hockersville Road/Fishburn Road will begin in June.

Congestion on 322 was ranked the number one traffic issue in Derry Township in a survey conducted in 2011 to solicit input from the community for the Township Comprehensive Plan update. As a result, a Route 322 Corridor short-term improvements for this intersection were identified. Right turn lanes will be constructed on 322 in both directions approaching the signalized intersection. In addition to the lane widening, the project will include in-road pavement markings to delineate bicycle traffic through this busy intersection.

Supervisor Justin Engle said, “This is part of a major planning process. It’s part of a longer plan, over the next three to four years that will be happening. There will be more improvements to this intersection. It’s on the traffic improvement plan and we are working with Herbert, Rowland and Grubic to advance these improvements.”

The $450,000 - $500,000 estimated costs of the intersection improvements will be funded via a partnership between the Hershey Medical Center and Derry Township. The Township will secure a Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank loan. Construction is anticipated to be completed by October 2018.
John Foley’s service as a Derry Township Supervisor concluded with the completion of his term in December. His efforts during the six years that he served will continue to benefit the community in many ways for a very long time. As Supervisor, Foley gave much more than the time required at Board meetings and serving on committees. He made conducting township business his passion and top priority. Over the course of his term, his role as Supervisor became a large portion of his daily life. James Negley, Township Manager said, “I will miss the comradery that I shared with John and his ‘just calling to check-in’ calls. He possessed a strong ability to lead, advance projects, and make improvements in the Township, and he had a genuine appreciation for the staff and always provided his support.”

Foley served as the chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 2014, 2015, and 2017.

His background in emergency response made him a crusader for the renovations to the Hershey Fire Station on East Caracas. As the Emergency Service Liaison for the Township, he understood the importance of a proper facility to adequately house the equipment, facilitate training, and provide accommodations for the volunteer firefighters for the best fire emergency response to be provided to Hershey and the surrounding areas.

His expertise in emergency service was valuable during the response to the gas leak that occurred in 2013 on Wood Road. Over 21,000 pounds of gas was leaked posing the treat of a chain of serious explosions, requiring nearly 1,000 residents to be evacuated from their homes until the gas line was repaired and the area was safe to return to.

Transportation improvements were of particular interest to John. He served as the Transportation Liaison for the Township during his term as Supervisor, working closely with PA DOT, state officials, and the Township’s engineer to move Derry Township projects to the forefront. During his term, the Park Boulevard project was completed, which included the replacement of a 100-year-old road and a deficient bridge. The project improved safety, provided pedestrian enhancements, connectivity to the Intermodal Transportation Center, and shortened the emergency response time to the Hershey Entertainment complex.

In an effort to increase the walkability in Derry Township, access to the Jonathan Eshenour Memorial Trail was installed at the intersection of Wood Road and Limerick Court, providing access to the trail for residents living in Oakmont, The Oaks, Carol Acres, and Quarries of Brownstone. The trail was extended from Cherry Drive along 322 to the property at the corner of Fishburn Road during Foley’s term.

There were numerous large projects that occurred during Foley’s term that resulted in significant improvements. The stormwater and sewer system improvement project addressed flooding in four areas of the Township. The Cocoa Avenue/322 intersection was aligned, improving traffic flow and providing turn lanes, and the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance were adopted, embracing Smart Growth principles to guide the future development of the Township.

Foley saw an opportunity at no cost to the Township to participate in a program to utilize solar panels, reduce electric usage during periods of grid peak demand, and obtain a savings to provide funding for the replacement of the HVAC units for the Municipal Building and Police Department and to implement additional energy saving measures.

A lifelong volunteer in the community, Foley was the Assistant Fire Chief and Training Officer with the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company. He was a coach for the Hershey Youth Lacrosse Association, and was a board member of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association and its local Homestead Chapter. He said, “I will continue to help to carry out the mission of Milton Hershey.”

As a member of the Board of Supervisors, he also served on the Derry Township General Authority, Industrial Commercial Development Authority and Tri-County Regional Planning.

His service was recognized at the January 23, 2018 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Marc Moyer presented John with plaques honoring his service and years that he served as the chairman of the Board. He also presented a certificate from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors for John’s selfless dedication to township services.

Chairman Moyer said, “It’s difficult to overstate the sheer number of hours that you have dedicated to Township issues. It’s amazing, how many hours that you have put in, and your hard work. We thank you for your service and dedication.”
The Township would like to thank the residents who have recently completed a term on an advisory board. We thank you for your time, knowledge, and involvement.

Ned Wehler – Planning Commission
Julie Isaacson – Board of Library Directors
Michael Corado – Municipal Authority
Mark Shrift – Zoning Hearing Board

MARK BRACE was re-appointed to a five-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

WILLIAM EKENBARGER was re-appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Library Directors.

SUSAN KRIEDER was appointed to a three-year term and GEOFFREY CROUT was appointed to a one-year term on the Board of Library Directors.

SANDY BALLARD was appointed to a five-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board.

PAM MOORE and ANDY BOWMAN were re-appointed to five-year terms on the Downtown Core Design Board.

Lou Verdelli was re-appointed to a one-year term on the Police Pension Advisory Board.

Tom Fowlston was appointed to a two-year term on the General Authority.

Brian Shiflett was re-appointed to a two-year term on the Industrial Commercial Development Authority.

David Feidt was re-appointed to a five-year term on the Municipal Authority.

Brian Link was appointed to a five-year term on the Municipal Authority.

Richard Shreve was re-appointed to a three-year term on the Tax Collection Association.

The Supervisors want to thank everyone who expressed an interest in serving on an advisory board and encourage residents that want to be involved to become a Friend of Parks and Recreation or the Hershey Public Library, or to volunteer with the events that are organized by the Downtown Hershey Association.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICES
The Dauphin County Commissioners and Planning Commission presented awards at a luncheon ceremony at Dixon University Center in Harrisburg on January 9, 2018. The awards program encourages planning excellence in Dauphin County and recognizes projects that meet the community, environmental and economic goals of the county’s Comprehensive Plan.

The Derry Township Park Boulevard Relocation project received an award in the “Growing Our Economy” category. The project, which improved safety by removing a dangerous curve on Park Boulevard and replacing a deficient bridge, also provided better access to the Hershey Entertainment Complex, connectivity to the Intermodal Transportation Center, and downtown Hershey.

Supervisor and Transportation Liaison Susan Cort attended the awards ceremony and said, “State, local and community leaders partnered to make these critical improvements to our century-old transportation infrastructure. The Park Boulevard project reduces traffic congestion, improves emergency services response time, improves safety of drivers and pedestrians and allows for future economic growth in that area. These improvements will serve our community for decades to come.”

The Township’s Zoning Ordinance received an award in the “Small Project” category. Although the project is small in comparison to replacing roads and bridges, the undertaking was by no means small in the amount of work that was required, or the purpose the new ordinance served in the direction of future development of Derry Township. Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development commented, “Derry Township is a special place and therefore requires special considerations at a planning level. Few other municipalities need to plan for a large amusement park, a medical college and health campus, a large private school campus, and commercial and residential uses to support these areas.”

“The prior zoning ordinance was written in a time when “to regulate” often meant to limit or hinder development. All too often many proposed improvements had to go through a variance process to be approved. The updated Zoning Ordinance was written under a different theme in which the new regulations are meant to embrace and incentivize the development types that the Township was told were desired during the outreach portion of the Comprehensive Plan,” he added.
2018 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Supervisors meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month except for December when the meetings are moved up a week. There is time set aside at the beginning and at the end of the meeting for public comments. Citizens are encouraged to attend and to communicate with the Supervisors.

February 27  June 12  September 25
March 13  June 26  October 9
March 27  July 10  October 23
April 10  July 24  November 13
April 24  August 14  November 27
May 8  August 28  December 4
May 22  September 11  December 18

Shred-it Event
Saturday, April 21, 8:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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

Help to Improve the Transportation Plan for the Harrisburg Region

The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS), the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties, is updating their 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP helps guide transportation improvement investments in the HATS region through 2040.

The plan addresses traffic congestion, road and bridge safety, public transit, bike and pedestrian traffic, and much more. See the TRP flyer here.

Visit www.tcrpc-pa.org/rtp to provide your input and learn more.
Gary Wagner was hired by the Township in February, 1979 to operate heavy equipment and plow snow. “He has been a dependable and integral part of the department,” said Public Works Director, Tom Clark. When the new facility was built in 1995, Gary volunteered to take on the yard waste and compost program at the Recycling Center. He operated the tub grinder to turn the yard waste into mulch and compost that is free to residents at the Recycling Center.

He retired on November 30, 2017. Tom Clark said, “Gary will be sorely missed. He was an asset and provided his skills to every department in the Township throughout his career. Not only did he serve the community as a municipal service employee, he also served in the Pennsylvania National Guard for 25 years and was a sergeant major when he ended his service.”

Chairman Marc Moyer presented Gary with a retirement award at the January 23 Board of Supervisor’s meeting. Township Manager James Negley said, “Gary has spent many years of his life taking care of Township roads and facilities and serving in the Guard. Now it's time for him to relax and take the time to enjoy his interests and hobbies. We thank him and wish him a happy retirement.”

Not Rain? No Drain!
When there’s heavy rain, the runoff goes down the storm drain and directly into our rivers, lakes, creeks, and other local water bodies. That includes pollutants on the ground plus those people may unfortunately allow to flow down storm drains like oil, paint, grass clippings, and trash. Rain is the only thing that belongs in a storm drain.

If you don’t want it in your water, keep it out of the storm drain!
TOP 10 GREEN GARDENING TIPS FOR YOUR MAY FLOWERS

1. **Start a compost pile.** Composting fruits and veggie scraps enriches your soil and also keeps them out of landfills.

2. **Add coffee grounds to your soil.** It’ll give your plants some extra perk, but just be sure to spread the grounds evenly to avoid mold.

3. **Save newspapers for mulch.** Recycling paper is great. Repurposing it for the garden is even better! It’ll save more energy and help make healthier plants.

4. **Skip the seedlings.** Avoid all that packaging and waste by purchasing seeds directly from a nursery.

5. **Go seedless.** Consider swapping cool plants with friends and family members to avoid having to buy seeds and dispose of their packaging.

6. **Choose multitasking plants.** We all want to be more efficient, right? Getting plants like basil or aloe can pull double duties by helping to repel flies or soothe minor burns.

7. **Make your own markers.** No need to shell out cash for store-bought signage, not when you can DIY for less money and more creativity.

8. **Build a better garden.** Using leftover building materials to construct a raised bed helps you keep goods from going to waste and also gives you full control of your soil.

9. **Reuse or recycle old pots.** The starter pots that larger plants come in are usually recyclable, but if you don’t want to drop them in the bin, consider bringing them back to the store or find other uses around the house.

10. **Make your own planters.** From old shoes to blown-out tires to lightbulbs and even old bathtubs, you’d be surprised by how many items can be turned into new planters.

For more ideas on how to garden more sustainably, visit Recyclebank.com
Pennsylvania American Water announced that applications are being accepted for its 2018 Stream of Learning Scholarship Program to provide financial assistance to high school seniors who are planning to pursue careers in the water and wastewater industry. The program is designed to support outstanding students living in Pennsylvania American Water’s service territories who are charting a course of study in specific fields, ranging from engineering to environmental science. The company will award $1,000 scholarships to 10 students who are selected through the program’s application process. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Students must currently live in Pennsylvania American Water service area. (Students can attend a learning institution outside of the company’s service territory.)
- Students must plan to attend a two- or four-year college or technical school, and must plan to study environmental science, engineering, biology or chemistry.
- Students must be high school seniors. (Current college students are not eligible.)

“In the nine years since we launched the program, we have seen our Stream of Learning Scholarships attract the interest of more bright, dedicated students to our industry,” said President Jeff McIntyre of Pennsylvania American Water. “We believe in supporting talented young people who have so much to offer and who share our commitment to environmental stewardship and protecting public health.”

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges and will receive their awards in May. Family members of Pennsylvania American Water employees are not eligible.

Applications can be downloaded here and must be postmarked by March 23, 2018.

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**Employee Service Recognition**

The Township is happy to acknowledge the service of the following employees for reaching a milestone anniversary. We appreciate the dedication and longevity of service provided by our employees.

**5 Years of Service**
- Jason Mauser – Public Works, 7-30-12
- Leah Pearl – Library, 7-17-12
- Darrin Robinson – Community Development, 12-31-12

**10 Years of Service**
- Rosa Pellegrini – Parks and Recreation, 10-11-07
- Nathan Cuba – Police Department, 12-29-07

**15 Years of Service**
- Max Hauck – Public Works, 7-1-02
- Ashley Fanning – Parks and Recreation, 8-23-02
- Linda Dunbar – Library, 12-1-02

**20 Years of Service**
- Brian Blahusch – Administration, 9-10-97
- Robert Piccolo – Public Works, 9-5-97

**25 Years of Service**
- Keith Ocker – Police, 9-28-92

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**PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER KICKS OFF 2018 STREAM OF LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
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.

The hours of operation for the Recycling Center will change on Monday, March 12.

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.

Mulch and compost can only be picked up and items can only be dropped off during operating hours.

Recycling Center Holiday Schedule
The Recycling Center will be closed Good Friday, March 30 and Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

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.

WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF YOUR SIDEWALKS?

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

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

The Township encourages all property owners who have sidewalks or curbs that need repairs to participate in this program. Please call the Public Works Department at 533-2057, option 4, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for additional information, or to sign up for the 2018 Curb/Sidewalk Program. The deadline for participation is March 29.
Spring Safety Tips

- Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries
- Inspect fire extinguishers
- Make sure that your address markers and numbers are visible from the street
- Clean your grill and check gas tanks and hose connections

Awards and Recognition

Every year, the HVFC members select a member who best exemplifies what volunteering in fire service is all about. This award not only recognizes the commitment to “calls for assistance,” but their commitment to training and the many hours given to public service, non-emergency details and activities. The Hershey Fire Department is proud to announce that this year’s recipient of the Richard B. Rudisill Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award is Captain Colton Leonard.

Year End Summary

2017 was another busy year for the Hershey Volunteer Fire Department. The Company was alerted by Dauphin County dispatch 766 times. On average, this equates to 2.4 fires a week (slightly down from 2.67 in 2016), or 2.09 calls per day, 14.69 calls per week. The breakdown of the 766 responses is as follows:

- Full crew response – 692
- Duty officer only responses – 62
- Fire police only responses – 13

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

Summary

The Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Fundraising for operational costs and the building campaign continues. Your donations, in any amount, are greatly appreciated and allow us to continue to provide our residents and guests with the best volunteer fire protection in the area.

Donations are accepted through PayPal at www.hersheyfire.org. Opportunities to purchase memorial patio and walkway engraved brick pavers are still available with financing options. Order forms can be downloaded from our website.

Stay Informed and Up to Date

Want to know what’s happening at Hershey Fire? Stay informed with accurate emergency updates and road closures by following the Hershey Volunteer Fire Department through social media networks.

Facebook – Hershey Volunteer Fire Company
Twitter – @Hersheyfire
Instagram – @Hersheyfiredept
Did you know that the Hershey Community Archives includes records of local businesses and organizations? In addition to caring for the corporate records of Milton Hershey’s businesses, we also seek to preserve the history of the Hershey community and actively collect the records of organizations such as the Hershey Rotary Club, the Volunteer Fire Company, People Mover, Hershey Area Art Association, Hershey Figure Skating Club, and many others. We also receive donations from individuals. While these collections are much smaller than our corporate collections, these private collections hold treasures and help us to understand our community’s history.

The Senior Citizens’ Center of Derry Township, the forerunner of the Mohler Senior Center, was originally organized in 1983. Initially, the center utilized two rooms above the Hershey Public Library. With continuing growth in members and activities, the Center moved in 1987 to Overview Manor, a former Milton Hershey School student home. In 1989, the Center sponsored a reminiscence writing competition. The competition was held again in 1991. The essays were donated to the Archives in 1993.

These essays, written by more than 50 individuals, contain wonderful, personal stories about growing up in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. While many of the contributors grew up in the Hershey area, there are many stories of childhoods spent elsewhere in the United States, a reminder that we became a much more mobile population following World War II. These essays offer a unique perspective on local and national events, public school, recreation, and home life. There are several essays centered on memories of World War II. One essayist (a Milton Hershey School graduate) wrote:

All the students in grades 6 to 12 gathered in the [Milton Hershey Junior-Senior] High School auditorium at noon to hear President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s declaration of war. It was quite a somber time. Principal W. Allen Hammond, normally very talkative, was subdued in his remarks after FDR’s message was finished. He alluded to the fact that, unfortunately, there would be graduates – past and upcoming – who would be killed in action. Mr. Hammond was very prophetic; 37 Homeboys paid the supreme price.

Other essays reflect on businesses that no longer exist, providing a window to the past:

The Bradley Quarries not only quarried their limestones but crushed and baked some for lime. The kilns were on the hill between Old West Chocolate Avenue and [the] Philadelphia & Reading train track and the main or first quarry. There were three kilns sheltered from the weather on three sides. At night one could see the bright glare in the darkness.
These essays are a great resource for people seeking to understand what life was like for those growing up in Hershey. While the Archives holds photographs from these years, the essays help us understand what was happening inside those buildings.

For example, we know that Hershey’s YWCA was located across from the Hershey railroad station (currently the ZooAmerica parking lot). But what went on inside the building? From an essay titled, “Return to Hockersville Road and More,” we learn:

In the middle of the 20s I was a Girl Reserve, a YWCA girl group similar to the Girl Scouts, that year at the YW. The second and third floors had rooms and a recreational room (or beauty parlor) for unmarried working women. The northeast end of the building was the gym and in back of the gym was the kitchen.

And in the 30s when it was remodeled for an apartment house, my family and I lived in an apartment on the first floor.

Even if you didn’t grow up in Hershey, the town’s amenities attracted visitors from all around. If you lived close by, visiting Hershey could be a regular summertime activity. For a boy growing up in Palmyra, visiting Hershey Park was a popular pastime.

In an essay titled simply, “Childhood Memories,” the author reminisced about the park:

Those were the days when, if I earned the money myself, I was permitted 25 cents to spend at Hershey Park. A 5-cent trolley ride to and a 5-cent trolley ride from the park to Palmyra, left me with 15 cents to spend at the park. What gigantic decisions! Shall I squander my 15 cents on amusement rides? . . . Souvenirs? . . . Popcorn? . . . a Pony Ride? . . . an Eskimo Pie? After I grew slightly wiser – and older – I WALKED from Palmyra to Hershey and back, thereby allowing myself the ENTIRE quarter (a small fortune, then) to spend in the Park.

Hershey Community Archives is open to researchers Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and on the first Saturday of every month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Learn more about this collection, the Hershey Senior Citizens Writing Project, and many more by visiting the Archives’ website.

Hershey History Provided by Archivist
Pamela Cassidy Whitenack
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
Storytime is 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, March 5 – April 2**
Township registration begins February 19. Open registration begins February 26.

**Storytime for 4’s and 5’s**
**Monday afternoons at 1:30, March 5 – April 2**
Township registration begins February 19. Open registration begins February 26.

**TODDLERTIME**
ToddlerTime is a series of 20-30 minute interactive programs for children 24 to 36 months and their caregivers. One child and one adult register together for songs, stories, rhymes, and a joyful introduction to the library.

**Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30, March 7 – April 4**
Township registration begins February 19. Open registration begins February 26.

NEW! SECOND SATURDAY
Are programs held during the week too hard to get to? A new program is now offered every second Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. as part of our literacy-based strategy encouraging reading, talking, playing, singing and writing in young children.

The program will begin with a featured theme story read aloud and exploration of the theme through a variety of activities (blocks, learning centers, play areas, experiments) to promote active engagement of parents with their children. There will be an opportunity to take related books home after the program.

Pre-registration (link: http://hersheylibrary.evanced.info/signup/Calendar) is requested for each Second Saturday.

**March 10, April 14, and May 12**
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

PLAY DAY FOR FAMILIES
Play Day for Families is 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, March 2, April 13, 27, and May 11

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.

March 16 and 30, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Registration begins two weeks before each Block Party. Pre-registration is requested for each Block Party your child will attend.

WONDERFUL ONES
Wonderful Ones is 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.

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., April 10 – May 8
Township registration begins March 26. Open registration begins April 2.

NEW! 1, 2, WHEE!
This is a new mixed-age program for ones and twos (12-36 months) with a caregiver. There will be new songs, new dances, and the same fun and learning.

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 March 6 — April 3
Township registration begins February 19. Open registration begins February 26.

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 April 11 — May 9
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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

BOOKS & BABIES

Books & Babies is 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, April 9 – May 7
Derry Township registration begins on March 26. Open registration begins April 2.

LEGO CLUB

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

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.
DEBORAH SAMPSON
BY ANNE PASQUALE

March 11, 2:00 p.m.

This is the story of Deborah Sampson, a remarkable woman whose life is largely ignored by most historical texts. She was known as the “Secret Soldier,” the American Revolution’s only acknowledged female combat veteran. A descendant of William Bradford and Miles Standish, Deborah Sampson spent her childhood in poverty and was sold into indentured servitude. Anne Pasquale and her accompanist bring this story to life through interactive re-enactments and storytelling. The audience will understand the plight of the colonies and the need for revolution through the eyes of this extraordinary young woman. This performance, highlighted by stage combat and live music of the period, is a perfect accompaniment for anyone interested in colonial history or the American Revolution.

Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org. Call the Children’s Desk at 533-6555, ext. 3708, with any questions.
PATRICIA POLACCO, AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

April 29, 2:00 p.m.

Patricia has authored over 100 books and stories illustrating stunning visual artistry. She has been enlightening children and adults alike for 30 years while visiting elementary schools and libraries all over the United States and Canada. She shares her message of tolerance, acceptance, diversity, love, and respect to children of all ages while entertaining them with her lively personal stories. Patricia draws upon her rich heritage of mixed cultures for her inspirations.

Stories like The Keeping Quilt and Fiona's Lace pay homage to her Russian and Irish backgrounds. Thank You Mr. Falker speaks to her challenges with reading as a child and discovering her own dyslexia. Her speeches are legendary. Grown-ups, make sure to bring tissues! This performance is a family preview of the programs Patricia Polacco will be performing in the Hershey and Palmyra Elementary schools the following week.

Become more familiar with the books Patricia Polacco has written by reading the titles that the Hershey Public Library owns. Incentive check-off bookmarks are available at the children’s desk.

BEYOND THE BEAT

May 6, 2:00 p.m.

This incredible percussion ensemble offers a high-energy, tightly choreographed performance infused with fine musicianship, humor, variety, instruction, and audience participation. One surprise follows another as the musical genres flow from classical to ragtime to improvisation and more—and rusty brake shoes, garbage cans, and wooden stools supplant traditional instrumentation.
ADULT PROGRAMS

NEW ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

The “new” Adult Winter Reading Program, “Around the World in 90 Days” began Monday, January 2, 2018 and runs through Saturday, March 31, 2018. Read four books that take place in different areas of the world. Once the four required books have been read you will receive a mug. Continue reading more books and earn additional raffle tickets. The mugs, prizes, and game boards are graciously provided by Friends of the Hershey Public Library.

MARIA V. SNYDER, AUTHOR OF THE ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

Monday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Poison Study by Maria V. Snyder of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, topped the public vote as the 2018 One Book, One Community selection. Meet Ms. Snyder as she talks about how she sparked on the idea for the novel and how she developed it into a multi-book series. Maria will also host a “poison” tasting for participants, teaching tasting techniques she learned while doing research for the book. Maria will be happy to answer questions and will be available to sign books, which will be on sale before and after the program. Register online, or call the Circulation Desk at 533-6555.

Poison Study is a rollicking, exciting fantasy novel with a strong, intelligent female protagonist, Yelena. Her world is authoritarian and rigid with strict laws. Yelena is offered a choice between death and becoming the leader’s poison taster. Reserve a book.

NEW MAH JONGG GROUP HOSTED AT THE LIBRARY

Mah Jongg, a game invented by the Chinese many centuries ago, will be hosted at the library on Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m. It is a rummy-like game played with 144 beautifully carved tiles. It is played with four players who are dealt 13 tiles and will draw and discard from the wall (deck). The rules have been adapted by the National Mah Jongg League in the USA, where winning hands are changed from year to year and are displayed on a card for reference during the games. It is an easy game to learn and has experienced a huge resurgence in the USA. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the Circulation Desk. There is no charge.

STORYTIME FOR GROWN UPS

Storytime is no longer just for little ones. The Hershey Public Library is presenting a new and unique event this fall, Grown Up Storytime. Sit back and relax as you enjoy short stories, old and new, read aloud.

The first meeting will be held on Saturday, February 24 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Click Here to register online or call the Circulation desk at 717-533-6555.
In conjunction with the library’s mission to support lifelong learning, the Hershey Public Library hosts a variety of classes for adults. Participation in most of the classes involves a fee, indicated by an *, set by the instructor. The library does not keep any part of the fee. If you are interested in enrolling in any of the classes, you must stop by the circulation desk to pick up the packet for the class. Upon completion of the registration form and submission of the fee, you will be enrolled in the class. Some classes are limited in size; they will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The classes are open to individuals 18 and older unless otherwise noted. Fees will not be reimbursed after the first class.

**FUSED GLASS CLASS**

**Saturday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Make a coral bowl or a set of wind chimes with five interchangeable chimes for the seasons or holidays. Under the instruction of Kathleen Forney, each student will use various types of glass to decorate their unique piece of art. The design is then fired in the kiln at the instructor’s studio and returned to the class site two weeks later for pick up. Ages 10 and older are welcome. The class is limited to 20 participants.

The fee is $30 for the coral bowl and $35 for the chimes.

**EGG CLASS**

**Saturday, March 3, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Explore the folk art of Pysanky with Sue Copenhaver. Participants will complete two to three eggs in a few hours using an electric kistka, beeswax, and a series of dyes. The class is limited to eight adults.

The fee is $30 and includes all supplies.

**TERRARIUM THERAPY WORKSHOP**

**Sunday, March 18, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

Kick cabin fever blues to the curb and enjoy a fun-filled terrarium building workshop. Kim Bailor will provide instruction on how to create, grow and properly display your arrangement. Sun-loving, low maintenance succulents are easy to grow and look fantastic in almost any place you put them! A round glass bowl, succulents, stone, moss, and soil are provided. Register and pay the $42 fee on www.Eventbrite.com. Grow your creativity while you bury your stress in a Terrarium Therapy Workshop. Ages 10 through 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

**DEVELOPING YOUR STORY  (NOVEL, SHORT, OR LONG)**

**Mondays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, and 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Instructor Cathy Jordan will teach you how to apply principals that will drive your story into the hands of a potential publisher. Each class will focus on a different technique and an exercise for your completed or in-progress work. The class is limited to 20 participants.

The fee is $90
WINTER/SPRING ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES 2018

FUSED GLASS CLASS
Saturday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Make a fused glass pendant or mosaic dish with instruction by Kathleen Forney. Ages 10 and older are welcome. Items will be returned two weeks after class to be picked up.
The fee is $25 for the pendant or mosaic dish.

NATURE STUDY FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS
Wednesdays, April 18, 25, and May 2, (rain date May 9) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
This three-part series instructed by Jessica Allen provides parents, grandparents, and home and professional educators with the tools they need for inexpensive, refreshingly un-scientific, child-led nature study lessons.

The workshop begins with an informal discussion about "nature study," what it means, and why it is important. A packet of materials (book lists, guides, catalogs, etc.) will be provided.

During the second workshop, she will discuss easy-to-implement nature study research methods, opportunities to engage in citizen science, and most importantly how to encourage children to authentically recognize and value the concept of conservation. She will also share methods and best practices for collecting and studying local flora fauna.

Finally, the class will take a short walk together to strengthen participants' skills.
The fee is $75.

PROCESSING YOUR IMAGES CLASS
Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Looking at the work of others can be a learning experience. How do your images look to others? Instructor Bryson Leidich will use your images as the instructional material. Each person will be asked to submit a minimum of three original raw captures for analysis; any style, any subject.

Bryson will analyze and process your files using Lightroom or Adobe Camera Raw and follow through with enhancement in Photoshop. One image from each participant will be used, two if time permits.

Watching someone process your images can be an eye-opening experience as areas that you didn’t consider are looked at in detail.
The fee is $35. Bring images on a jump drive.
HERB CONTAINER GARDEN

Saturday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Spice up your life with a scent-sational herb garden in a pot. Start growing fragrant combinations. The class is instructed by Andrea Beitzel.

The fee is $30 and includes a container and all materials.

ADVANCED PHOTOSHOP POST-PROCESSING CLASS

Saturday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Instructor Bryson Leidich will explore advanced Photoshop processing techniques. The class is recommended for students with the Photoshop CC subscription. An understanding of basic layers and masks is recommended, but the process of using layers and masks will be expanded upon. The subject matter will include:

- Selections and masking
- Image techniques for masking
- Multiple stage and selected sharpening techniques
- Curves
- Luminosity and color contrast control
- Blend modes
- Blend for control of highlights and shadows
- Color grading

Better image making is not a matter of a better camera, it is a matter of better post processing techniques.

The fee is $45.

SMART GARDENING:
“WHEN TO DO WHAT TO KEEP YOUR YARD LOOKING GREAT”

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

George Weigel, gardening columnist for the Patriot-News/PennLive, will help you devise a month-to-month plan for making your garden look great all year long. It’s not enough to design and plant a good landscape because things will quickly go down the tubes unless you know what to do to keep it looking good. This program looks at key jobs throughout the season and ties into George’s 2015 Cool Springs Press book, “Pennsylvania Month-by-Month Gardening.” Books will be sold and signed at the event.
20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

AUTHORS VISIT: HILLARY JORDAN

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

Hillary Jordan is the author of the novels Mudbound (2008) and When She Woke (2011), as well as the digital short Aftermirth. In her book Mudbound, Hillary Jordan fearlessly confronts issues of poverty, trauma and race in the Jim Crow era. It is an unforgettable story of two families, one white and one black that are forever changed by World War II and its aftermath.

The film adaptation of Mudbound debuted at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival to rave reviews. Directed by Dee Rees and starring Carey Mulligan, Garrett Hedlund, Mary J. Blige, and Jason Clarke, the film hit theaters (and Netflix!) in fall 2017. The companion book to Mudbound is slated for publication in 2019. Mudbound was published in 2008 after winning the Bellwether Prize for Fiction, a prize established by author Barbara Kingsolver to recognize literary books of merit that address issues of social justice. It has won numerous other awards including the Alex Award from the American Library Association.

Her second novel, When She Woke, is a dystopian take on The Scarlet Letter, that blends hot-button issues such as the separation of church and state, abortion, and criminal justice, with an utterly engrossing story.

When she’s not writing, Hillary teaches writing workshops and gives talks at colleges, literary festivals and community libraries. She has a BA from Wellesley College and an MFA in Creative Writing from Columbia University. She grew up in Dallas, Texas and Muskogee, Oklahoma, and currently lives in Brooklyn, New York. Books will be sold and signed at the event.

Mudbound trailer (Premiered on Netflix and theaters.) • The New York Times review

Wired movie review • New York Times interview with director Dee Rees and the stars of Mudbound

LOCAL AUTHORS FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Authors from a variety of genres will once again share their experiences and books at the library’s second Local Authors Festival. The event is a tribute to all the incredible authors that live right here in Hershey and surrounding areas. We are excited to once again offer these authors the chance to get some great exposure, network with other writers, and to discuss their experiences, while selling books along the way.

The library is also pleased to provide an opportunity to our reading community to discover exciting new work. Both self-published and traditionally published fiction and non-fiction authors will be showcased. If you are an aspiring author who is looking for an opportunity for exposure, this will be a great event for you. Please submit a registration form, available at the library, by Friday, April 13, 5:00 p.m., to participate in the event.

 LOSING A CHILD:
REMEMBERING LIVES THAT MATTERED SHARING CIRCLE AND POETRY READING

Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to share their stories in a supportive environment. Poet Laura Cini English will read from her new collection Graves Too Small to Be Red. Registration is not necessary for this event.
Community Events

Hershey’s largest premiere juried art show will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Celebrate the arts and experience more than 140 vendors selling their wares, including a variety of food and entertainment vendors, as well as children’s programming on Mother’s Day weekend. An expanded entertainment schedule and children’s programs, this is a wonderful event to do with Mom. And what would Mother’s Day Weekend be without flowers? Hershey’s Artfest will boast the area’s first Flower Show! Look for the perfect bouquet for mom or grandma, or, find just the right style and design for your spring garden.

Visit www.hersheyartfest.org for ticket information.

Italian American Reconciliation Runs April 12 to April 22 at Hershey Area Playhouse

Huey Maximilian Bonfigliano has a problem. While he is safely divorced from his shrewish first wife, Janice, who shot his dog and even took a bead on him, he feels he cannot regain his "manhood" until he woos and wins her one more time—if only to put his broken marriage behind him once and for all. He enlists the aid of his lifelong buddy, Aldo Scalicki, a confirmed bachelor who tries, without apparent success, to convince Huey that he would be better off sticking with his new lady friend, Teresa, a usually placid young waitress whose indignation flares when she learns what Huey is up to. A fanciful, lighthearted and zestfully comic exploration of male/female relationships, and the sometimes unsettling (and very funny) complications that can ensue.

- April 12 - April 14 at 7:30 p.m.
- April 15 at 2:00 p.m.
- April 19 - April 21 at 7:30 p.m.
- April 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Visit www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com for ticket information.

Hershey Derry Township Historical Society Artfest & Flower Show Is Saturday, May 12

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Look for additional information coming soon on to www.hersheyartfest.org. Also, join our Facebook event page to keep track of special artist and musician bookings.

Admission is free.

Visit www.hersheyartfest.org for information on how to become a vendor and details on the event.
Community Events

HERSHEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hershey Symphony Celebrates the Beatles—A Tribute to John, Paul, George & Ringo

Everyone loves Hershey Symphony Pops Concerts and what could be more popular than the music of the Fabulous Four! Joining the full symphony orchestra, fronted by their own rock band, will be hand-picked vocalists from across the region for a trip down Memory Lane (or perhaps Abby Road?). “A Tribute to John, Paul, George & Ringo” will be a celebration of the Beatles tunes that we (many of us, anyway) grew up with and love. Tickets are on sale at the Hershey Theatre Box Office (717) 534-3405.

Verdi’s Requiem Closes Hershey Symphony’s Season

Hershey Symphony’s season finale brings one of the most powerful expressions of the 19th Century, “Verdi’s Requiem Mass.” Collaborating with the Symphony will be nearly 200 voices from the Hershey Symphony Festival Chorus, the Dickinson College Chorus, the Elizabethtown College Chorus and guest soloists. Verdi combines operatic intensity with the searching questions of man’s place in the scheme of eternity, in one of the most soul-rattling pieces for orchestra and voices ever written. No one who experiences the Requiem ever looks at the world, or the afterlife, the same way again. From the building-shaking intensity of the Dies Irae to the wispiness of disembodied souls in the Libera me Domine, this is music from another plane entirely. Thank you for being a part of the Hershey Symphony family! We love performing for you!

**Soloists:** Gwendolyn Bowers – Mezzo-soprano
Tessika McClendon – Soprano
James Longacre – Tenor
James Martin – Bass

Tickets are on sale at the Hershey Theatre Box Office (717) 534-3405.