AN ICON OF INTEGRITY, JAMES NEGLEY, TOWNSHIP MANAGER, RETIRES

Those who have been fortunate to know or work with Jim Negley are happy to see him slow down and enjoy a fulfilling retirement, but it is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye. His absence will be felt in endless ways.

Jim’s service with Derry Township encompassed forty-four years of his life. During which time he supported the elected officials, employees, and residents of Derry in the role of police officer, detective, chief of police, and township manager.

He laughs when he says, “I’ve definitely seen a lot and learned a lot through the years. I’ve been fortunate to have made a career in a great community with wonderful people and many friendships.” Over more than four decades working in municipal government services has produced a myriad of great stories Jim loves to tell and his colleagues will miss hearing.

Jim has acquired a massive wealth of knowledge that cannot be replaced or replicated. “He has a remarkable ability to remember everything, including specific dates and details. It’s a skill that has always amazed me,” said Assistant Township Manager Jill Henry.

Jim served his country as a U.S. Marine from 1965 to 1969, achieving the rank of sergeant and seeing combat in Vietnam. His fellow Marines at Derry Township hope to continue to see Jim each year with a cake in celebration of the Marine Corps birthday, November 10, as they have for so many years.

Five years following Jim’s return home from his military tour, he became a police officer with the Derry Township Police Department, with three years of experience in law enforcement as an officer with the Borough of Elizabethtown. Jim became a detective in 1976 and possessed commendable investigative skills and most notably an exceptional ability in facilitating polygraphs, gaining him recognition from Dauphin and surrounding counties.

Jim rose to the top-ranking position in the department in 1991 when he was promoted to chief of police. The department achieved both state and national accreditation under his leadership. He answered a call for assistance to oversee township government as interim manager in 1993 and again in 1996, a position that he was offered permanently until his retirement on November 5, 2018. He filled dual roles as chief of police and township manager for five years until he

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JAMES NEGLEY RETIRES (Continued)

official resigned as the chief on March 29, 1996. He was the township manager for 22 years during which time the Municipal Complex on Clearwater Road was constructed. He served as the manager of the Industrial Commercial Development Authority, which provided funding for the Giant Center, and ran a fiscally sound government, maintaining an excellent bond rating.

Jim, known for his high level of integrity and fiscal conservatism, attended his last Board of Supervisors meeting on October 23. The Board of Supervisors proclaimed November 5 James Negley Employee Service Appreciation Day in Derry Township. In immeasurable gratitude to James Negley, this day will honor his service by recognizing the hard work and stability that long-term employees contribute to providing outstanding municipal services.

Chairman Marc Moyer said, “It’s difficult to imagine a person who has dedicated himself to public service in Derry Township who has left more of a mark. You have dedicated your entire life to public service. I have to say, the institutional knowledge that you have passed on to this board and prior boards has been absolutely amazing, irreplaceable. You have been a tremendous asset to this board and previous boards, and this community as a whole. I humbly express my gratitude to you.”

An event in Jim’s honor was held on his last day with the Township, November 5. Friends and colleagues gathered to wish him well and to thank him for his support and leadership. He was presented with a Derry Township Retirement Award. Dauphin County Commissioner Michael Pries, former Derry Township Supervisor, presented Jim with a citation and Representative Thomas Mehaffie presented him with a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

In addition, a citation acknowledging his service was presented from Senator John DiSanto from the Pennsylvania Senate.

Supervisor Susan Cort said, “I can’t thank you enough for your dedication, your passion, your commitment to Derry Township, your support of all of us, and your friendship. You did this not because you had to, but because you wanted to because you believe in and are committed to Derry Township and the staff.

Jim said, “It has been an honor and privilege to work here.” He thanked his wife Deb of 46 years for her love and support.

**DOWNTOWN HERSHEY’S Holiday Celebration**

Join in the festivities at the annual tree lighting in Chocolatetown Park

The holiday fun will include music, cookies, and Santa Claus!

Children can send their wish list to the North Pole at the event.

The holiday celebration will be held on Friday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. in downtown Hershey.

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

Ring In the New Year In Hershey!

This year’s New Year’s Eve event will feature Steve Augeri, former front man for the band “Journey”.

Celebrate at the Square in Hershey, Monday, December 31, 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

Admission is free.

Visit [www.hersheynewyears.org](http://www.hersheynewyears.org) for event details.
Christopher Christman Begins as Derry Township’s New Township Manager

Monday, November 26, Christopher Christman arrived at the Derry Township Municipal Building anxious to meet and get to know his staff and to be briefed on the status of ongoing township projects and current business. The Board of Supervisors appointed Christman to the township manager position at the November 13, 2018 meeting.

Christman most recently held the position of Township Manager with Palmer Township, population 21,600, near Easton, in Northampton County since 2011. He was successful in overseeing the creation of a Neighborhood Improvement District and Tax Incentive Financing Zone to enhance business growth, attracting Porsche, Majestic, and UPS to locate in the township. He updated the Comprehensive Plan with an amended Zoning Ordinance creating overlay districts to manage growth and providing a connection to an adjoining municipality to a pedestrian/bike trail, resulting in a multijurisdictional link to the D&L Trail. While serving at Palmer Township, he provided project management for a new Public Works Facility and a Community Center with a pool.

Christman is well-versed in government services and has over 19 years of management experience in municipal and county government. He was a township manager with Hilltown Township and an assistant township manager for Limerick Township. His career began as a deputy clerk to the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners.

He earned his Master of Arts in Political Science from Lehigh University and is a graduate of Penn State University, State College, PA.

His professional affiliations include membership in the International City/County Managers Association, Association of Pennsylvania Municipal Managers, Government Finance Officers Association, Pennsylvania Municipal League, Northampton County Association of Township Officials, and the Delaware Valley Health Trust Trustee & Executive Committee.

“We are so pleased to have Chris on board. His past experience and proven track record of strong leadership give us a high level of confidence that he will be a perfect fit as Derry Township’s next Manager, said Supervisor Justin Engle. Engle also added, “We are very appreciative of the assistance resident Scott Reilly, public executive recruiter with Affion, provided at no charge to the Township in the engagement process for the position.”

Christman and his wife Teena are looking forward to moving to Hershey with their two children, Emily (8) and Elliot (6). He said, “It is a tremendous honor and privilege to serve this community. I am excited to help this Board achieve its goals and work with a staff that is as accomplished as any I have worked with throughout my career. I am grateful for the confidence and trust our Supervisors have placed in me and I am anxious to get started. I look forward to calling Hershey my home and continuing to make Derry Township a great place to live, work and play.”
As we move towards the completion of the final construction documents for the new Hershey Community Center, the mission for the Center becomes more of a reality and we begin to visualize multi-generations gathering to enjoy socializing and activities.

Holding a membership to the Community Center will not only provide access to swimming, fitness, classes, and activities, it will give a sense of belonging that will contribute to emotional wellness in addition to physical health.

The Parks and Recreation staff is bursting with excitement to begin to develop programming ideas for the new Center. New programs were limited due to the lack of space in the Hershey Recreation Center. The new Community Center will allow for a more robust offering and the addition of the Senior Center will provide opportunities for intergenerational programs. Member of the Board of Supervisors, Matthew Weir said, “This is a chance to bring the student population together with the senior citizens in shared interests to enhance the quality of life of both generations. There is value in what each age group can offer to the other.”

Seniors benefit from the socialization, mentoring role, and sense of purpose, and younger generations learn patience, are exposed to wisdom, and develop character, resulting in a strengthened community.

“Through intergenerational programs, people of different ages are contributing to one another’s growth and development while at the same time forming bonds and enhancing their own lives,” said Nancy Henkin, Ph.D, Executive Director Temple University Center for Intergenerational Learning.

“We are facing challenges of epic proportions in today’s world and quality-based, intergenerational programs that connect generations will strength our community,” added Weir.
The Department’s aquatics offerings have been popular and in high demand. The additional pool will allow the expansion of learning and exercise programs, as well as water for swim teams, aquatic clubs, synchronized swimming, and regional competitions. Programs that are geared towards quality time together such as family swim, and grandparent child classes are being explored.

A multi-purpose space, equipped with a kitchen, will be available for community gatherings, as well as a room on the pool deck for parties and special events. These areas will create memories of special moments and will allow the Center to produce revenue to support the operations.

Also new to the Center is a teen space, a café, an indoor track, and child watch area. This space and the close proximity to the school is an opportunity to create after-school programs. Teens can gather in a safe, monitored area to socialize with friends, work on homework, or participate in constructive activities. New programming is being considered in collaboration with the Hershey Public Library.

The café will be an energized area to gather with friends after participating in wellness activities to refuel with a healthy food option. This area will be a social hub of the Center with a friendly vibe.

The indoor track is a feature that everyone can enjoy. The track provides an exercise option for those who prefer a fast or slow pace, protected from the heat, cold and elements.
Bring in an existing walking group or form a new group. It’s a wonderful way to enjoy friends and make new ones.

The Hershey Community Center’s child watch area will entertain children while their parents take care of themselves, knowing that their children are being cared for and are having fun.

Director of Parks & Recreation Matthew Mandia said, “We will offer high quality, community-driven activities for participation of all ages and will foster an environment of inclusiveness that brings us together for the betterment of our community.”

**Hershey Community Center Mission**

To create a culture of community grounded in providing a gathering place for all ages and abilities to engage in socialization, exercise, and education, focused on improving the quality of life and promoting healthy lifestyles for our residents.

For updates on the Center, exciting programming news, and information on the capital campaign, visit our [website](http://www.HersheyCommunityCenter.org).

**Hershey Community Center Capital Campaign**

Hershey Community Center capital campaign volunteers are pleased to acknowledge two key gifts to the 5 million-dollar capital campaign. The Hershey Company has pledged 1 million dollars to the project and The Leader Family recently committed $400,000 to name the senior center in memory of their parents, the late Governor George M. and Mary Jane Leader. Other generous businesses and individuals have also made significant contributions to the project since the campaign began in September.

Approximately 50 community volunteers are actively fundraising lead gifts of $5,000 and above. In the spring, campaign volunteers will begin the community phase of the campaign to focus on donations of $5,000 and under. For more information on the campaign and to make a donation by mail or online, visit [www.HersheyCommunityCenter.org](http://www.HersheyCommunityCenter.org).
8 Smart Reusable Items To Use In Place Of Paper

Jessica Harlan offers great ways to reduce your use of paper:

1. **Dry-Erase or Chalk Board**
   I’m a big fan of leaving notes for myself or my family. Previously, my back door had been regularly adorned with sticky notes reminding me to run a certain errand or to send something with my kids to school. Instead of sticky notes, I’ve now mounted a small dry-erase board to the back door, with a pen tied to it with a string so it doesn’t stray. It works just as well to alert me with important reminders as I’m walking out the door. Use a chalk board for a more rustic look.

2. **List App**
   Along with notes, I’m also a big list-maker. I used to pride myself on my use of scrap paper or junk-mail envelopes to make my to-do lists more eco-friendly. But I’ve recently switched to a list app on my smartphone. (Right now, I’m using Google Keep, but I’m always on the lookout for even better options!) Since switching away from paper, I like that I don’t lose my lists or accidentally leave them at home, and I can use the free app to make as many lists as I want.

3. **Reusable Baking Sheet Liners**
   Parchment paper is a cook’s best friend, keeping cookies from sticking to a baking sheet, or protecting a pan while roasting vegetables. But because the parchment ends up covered with grease and food residue, it’s not recyclable. Silicone baking mats are a great alternative.

4. **Beeswax Food Wraps**
   Another use of parchment or waxed paper is to wrap sandwiches or other foods for a picnic or just to store in the fridge. Now that I have beeswax-coated food wrap I can use that instead of wax paper, and just wipe the food wrap clean to reuse it.

5. **Fabric Totes**
   Few things are as appealing as a beautifully wrapped gift, but I’ve always felt like gift-wrap was incredibly wasteful. I’ve taken to sewing up simple pouches with scraps of fabric. Tied with a ribbon — also reusable — they are just as appealing as wrapping paper and can be used again and again! My hope is that one day, the recipient of one of my gift totes, will give me a gift in the very same pouch!

6. **Digital Form App**
   I’m constantly being asked to fill out forms, either for work, or my kids’ schools and clubs. I hate the wasteful and time-consuming processing of printing out the forms, filling them out, and scanning or photographing them to submit them. So much easier is never having to deal with a paper form at all by using a web-based program like PDF Escape to enter information and even sign documents.

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7. **E-Card or Plantable Seed Paper**

When I got my first emailed holiday card from a friend, initially I thought they were simply being lazy or cheap by not mailing actual cards. But now I know that even though e-cards do require some energy, it’s more energy efficient to send an e-card than a paper card: no paper, no fuel burned to take it to the post office or for the postal trucks and planes to deliver it to its recipient. E-cards can be as thoughtful as the most carefully chosen greeting card if you explore some unconventional e-card services for just the right sentiment. But when only a snail-mail greeting will do, consider a note or card on plant-able seed paper, which can be planted in the yard where it’ll decompose and yield a crop of lovely flowers.

8. **E-Bills**

Remember all those papers I mentioned lugging down to the recycling? So many of them were utility bills, credit card statements, and other paperwork — much of which were still in their sealed envelopes since I pay my bills online anyway. For the longest time I’ve harbored the belief that I need paper copies of all my bills. But this is going to be the year I finally convert to paperless billing and statements from all my utilities, banks, and other services. My mail pile is shrinking at the very thought!

*With these ideas, I think I’ll be able to dramatically cut down on the disposable paper items in my home. Hopefully next time I do a purge, I’ll have way less paper to discard!*

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**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, Municipal Authority, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, 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 14, or email to jillh@derrytownship.org. The Board will make appointments at the January 7, 2019 reorganization meeting.

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**Annual Hockey Game**

**Benefits Children of Fallen Officers**

The 13th Annual COPS for K.O.P.S.

(Keep Our Pipers Silent) benefit hockey game will be held on Saturday, December 1, 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.
Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected by the Public Works Department January 2 through January 18, weather permitting. The collection schedule will be the same as the fall leaf collection schedule www.derrytownship.org/resident-services/christmas-tree-collection.

Trees should be placed at the location where your trash is collected. Residents may also bring their trees to the Recycling Center during operating hours.

Wood Waste Notice
Resident are reminded that the wood waste pile at the Recycling Center is for woody materials only. Foreign objects such as trash bags, flower pots, plant stakes and plastic planting materials will become part of the mulch pile after the woody materials have been put through the tub grinder. These materials are an unsightly addition to the mulch pile, as well as a hazard to the grinding equipment and the operator. Wood waste may only be dropped off at the center during operating hours. Mulch and compost may only be picked up during operating hours.

Recycling Center Schedule
(November 5, 2018 through March 9, 2019)
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.
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 Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, New Year’s Eve, Monday, December 31, and Presidents’ Day, Monday, February 18.

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.
Help Us Help You This Winter

The need to keep the area around fire hydrants clear is vital year-round, but especially during the winter months. Fire hydrants are part of the Hershey landscape and can be almost invisible to those who live or work near them. Winter storms often hide fire hydrants under a mountain of snow, making hydrants impossible to find quickly. In the event of a fire, if firefighters must locate and shovel out buried fire hydrants before hooking up to them, they are losing precious time that could have been spent saving lives and containing the fire.

Portable “Space” Heater Safety

The fire department has seen an increase in portable “space” heater use. Before using a space heater this winter, please inspect your heater for cracked or damaged cords and broken plugs. Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
Santa Rolls in on a Fire Truck

Calling children of all ages. Santa will soon be visiting the Hershey area. His visitation schedule will be posted on our social media sites and enclosed in our Holiday Capital Campaign mailer. Santa will also be tweeting his location throughout his visits again this year. If you have not yet followed @hersheyfire company, now is a great time to do so.

Hello Neighbor

The Hershey Fire Department is now on Nextdoor.com. The next time you are online, please check in and say “hi”. We’re excited to be here and are looking forward to meeting our neighbors!

Want to know what’s happening with Hershey Fire? We’re social! Please follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor

Twitter: @hersheyfire
Facebook.com/hersheyfire
Instagram: hersheyfiredept
Nextdoor: hershey-fire-department

Meeting a Need: Hershey’s Chocolate World

Throughout the 1960s, the number of people touring the Hershey Chocolate factory steadily increased. In 1970, almost one million visitors toured the chocolate factory. The chocolate factory had not been designed to accommodate so many people and product safety was becoming a concern.

Ken Bowers, who came to Hershey Foods Corporation in 1970 to head up the public relations department, remembered that a task force had been assembled to determine how best to address the challenge of a factory tour that had outgrown its capacity. He recalled that the committee considered three options:

One, to simply terminate the tour program, because it had gotten to the point where it was creating problems for the plant. It was creating problems traffic-wise, congestion-wise for downtown Hershey. So that was a very real possibility.

A second big possibility was to do rather extensive renovations to keep the tour program, by putting it, perhaps, into the ceiling of certain rooms so it would not interfere with production, with glass-enclosed walkways or something where people could not potentially throw things into the vats of chocolate, etc.

And, of course, the third basic choice was to develop something new and different elsewhere, a mini factory simulation.

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Meeting a Need: Hershey’s Chocolate World

While the option to simply discontinue the factory tour was one of the options, it was not seriously considered. Hershey Foods Corporation recognized the great value the tour offered in terms of consumer relations and it was particularly important in a town like Hershey, which had a strong orientation towards tourism. Likewise, the taskforce realized that the factory would not lend itself to being remodeled to accommodate visitors.

Even after deciding to build a new facility a number of decisions remained. Should it be a model factory, actually producing product or should Hershey build a facility that would lend itself to longer hours of operation and be attractive to a broader audience? The task force debated the pros and cons of building a model factory versus visitor center that could explain how Hershey produced its milk chocolate.

The task team recommended “establishing a Visitors Tour Facility in the general area of the existing Park/Stadium complex.” Hershey Foods decided to build a corporate visitor center that could welcome the millions of people visiting Hershey each year and that would teach visitors how Hershey’s milk chocolate is made in a fun and informative way.

Hershey Foods Corporation hired R. Duell & Associates to develop concept and design plans for the new visitor center. The firm was already working on design development plans for Hershey Park’s modernization and expansion. By employing the same firm, Hershey Foods Corporation was able to benefit from R. Duell & Associates already acquired understanding and knowledge of the general site and better coordinate how the two facilities might best interact with each other. R. Duell & Associates played a significant role shaping the direction and scope of Hershey Foods’ new visitor center.

Other Key Contractors Included:

Preliminary research . . . Economics Research Association, Los Angeles, CA
Model . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Glen Robinson Enterprises, Inc., Thousand Oaks, CA
Vehicle . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Arrow Development Company, Mountain View, CA

The new visitor center was located near Hersheypark’s newly constructed “tram circle.”

Plans called for the visitor’s center tour ride to illustrate the steps necessary for manufacturing chocolate, from growing and harvesting cocoa beans, through the manufacturing steps to produce Hershey’s milk chocolate. Plans also called for an enlarged retail area, a small café, gift shop, and a company history display.

The upramp to the tour ride included four murals illustrating “The Story of Chocolate: Spain’s Discovery of Chocolate” was designed and created by muralists Robert Branham and John De Cuir.

After exiting the tour ride, visitors entered a large area that featured a long wall exhibit exploring the history of chocolate and Hershey. Suspended from the ceiling were several large, back-lit archival images of Milton Hershey and his model town.

Adjacent to the exhibit area, visitors could shop in a small retail area which was defined by three grass “huts.” One hut was designated for chocolate sales while the other two huts offered gifts and specialty items. Nearby there was a small café that offered a limited menu.

One of Chocolate World’s highlights was its Arboretum. The tropical garden featured cacao trees, Chinese banana trees, pink banana trees, chocolate banana trees, coffee trees, chewing gum trees, Bird of Paradise, Australian tree ferns, California daisies, orchids, fishtail palms, silk floss trees, and coconut palms.

The last public Hershey Chocolate factory tour was held June 29, 1973 and the new

Hershey’s Chocolate World opened the next day.

Hershey’s Chocolate World was an immediate success. On November 25, 1973, less than five months after its opening, 1,000,000 people had visited. 2,000,000 people had visited by August 15, 1974.

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

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

Winter Sessions

Storytime for 3’s and 4’s
- Monday mornings at 10:00
- February 18–March 11
Township registration begins January 28.
Open registration begins February 4.

Storytime for 4’s and 5’s
- Monday afternoons at 1:30
- February 18–March 11
Township registration begins January 28.
Open registration begins February 4.

PLAY DAY FOR FAMILIES

Families with children ages 3-5 are invited to register for an hour of center-based free play that encourages children and an adult to engage in the five practices of Early Literacy: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.

Friday mornings at 10:00, December 14, January 11 and 25, February 8 and 22

Registration begins two weeks before each Play Day.
Please register for each class your child will attend.

WINTER BREAK PLAY DAY

Come to the library for an hour of fun during your holiday break.
Wednesday, December 26
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
The Hershey Public Library presents a five-week series of 30-minute interactive programs for children 12-36 months and their caregivers. 1, 2, Whee! is a high energy mixed-age program for ones and twos with a caregiver. Songs, stories, dances, fun, and learning—all at the same time! Does your little one prefer a more intimate atmosphere? Same stories, songs, and fun as our other 1, 2, Whee! classes but attendance is capped to provide a quieter, calmer setting. Check the library’s website for details—1, 2, Whee! and Sensory 1, 2, Whee! are offered year ‘round on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Is library programming difficult to attend during the week? We now offer a family program every second Saturday at 1:30 p.m. as a part of a literacy-based strategy encouraging reading, talking, playing, singing and writing in young children. The program begins with a themed read-aloud story and time for exploration of the theme through a variety of activities (blocks, learning centers, play areas, and 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 is requested for each Second Saturday. December 8, January 12, and February 9 at 1:30 p.m.

The Hershey Public Library presents a four-week series of 20-minute interactive programs for pre-walking children, birth to 12 months, and their caregivers. Children and adults register together for songs, simple stories, nursery rhymes, and action plays. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children while introducing your baby to the library and literacy. Books and Babies is presented on Monday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**Books and Babies (ages birth-12 months and caregiver)**

**Monday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30, January 7–February 4**

Township registration begins online December 23.
Open registration begins online December 30.
BIGGER KID’S PROGRAMS

ALREADY CRUISED INTO KINDERGARTEN? PROGRAMS FOR BIGGER KIDS.

LEGO CLUB

Come and build with Legos 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 5, January 2, and February 6
4:00-4:45 p.m.

Township registration begins online December 23.
Open registration begins online December 30.

IN THE MIDDLE

In the Middle is a staple of Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and 3:00-4:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays. This year includes themed programs with games, art, writing, and creative projects. The creative projects range from cookie frosting to video making. Monthly themes include food, glam rock, and politics.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Join Bedtime Math’s Crazy 8s, an over-the-top after-school club designed to get kids fired up about math. (Grades 3–5). It’s math gone wild! Practice math skills without worksheets—get your hands on the math!

Monday afternoons 4:00-4:45 p.m.
January 7 – February 25

Township registration begins online December 23.
Open registration begins online December 30.
NEW! ADULTING FOR TEENS

Adulting for Teens takes the place of In the Middle. These courses will teach high school-aged teens important information about how to get by in life. Ranging from financial wellness to apartment hunting, these courses are meant to allow teens to start adult life knowing as much as they can.

TEA PARTY

Enjoy nibbles and learn to navigate social spaces with etiquette and aplomb.

January 30, 3:00 p.m.

JOB HUNTING

Learn how to use local resources to find a job in conjunction with PA CareerLink.

February 21, 3:00 p.m.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Chess Club meets most Saturday afternoons from 1:30–3:00 p.m. Chess experts are available to help players learn. All are welcome to come and play.

Please note that parents of children under 12 years old are required to stay in the library during Chess Club.

Register online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) for all children's programs!
10th Annual Holiday Movie Extravaganza

Thursday, December 20, 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, *The Muppet Christmas Carol* and enjoy popcorn and apple juice and maybe even a few surprises.

WINTER BREAK MOVIES!

Be yourself. Be brave. • Movies start at 10:00 a.m.

A Wrinkle in Time (PG)
Thursday, December 27

Moana (PG)
Friday, December 28

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.

Inclement Weather: In cases of inclement weather, we will do our best to hold our scheduled programs when the library is open. If we must cancel a program, we will contact you via your registered preference (email or text). Please feel free to call ahead when in doubt, and of course, stay safe!
**FRIENDS OF THE HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CHILDREN’S SERIES**

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

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**STORYTELLER DOVIE THOMASON**

**January 27**

What’s better than getting comfortable and listening to stories on a cold winter day? Join us as Dovie Thomason returns with the wise, boisterous teaching tales of her Lakota and Plains Apache relatives. Stories come alive in listeners’ imaginations as Dovie shares her culture with understanding, sly humor and astonishing vocal transformations. Whether trickster tales or animal stories, Dovie gives us a contemporary vision of the rich cultures of the First Nations of North America.

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**A CAPPELLA GROUP BALL IN THE HOUSE PRESENTS**

**TOTALLY VOCALLY**

**February 10**

Totally Vocally is packed with music, entertainment, and education! Through contemporary and classic cover songs as well as original works, Ball in the House helps students discover the history of a cappella singing from chant to doo wop. The elements of teamwork and collaboration are equally highlighted as students explore how various vocal parts create harmony and beats, working in unison to produce a multi-dimensional piece of music.

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**TWIN EDENS: GALAPAGOS AND THE FALKLANDS**

**Presented by Scott Weidensaul • Sunday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.**

In Separated by more than 4,000 miles, the Galapagos Islands in the equatorial Pacific, and the Falkland Islands off the stormy tip of South America would seem to be worlds apart. In fact, these two remarkable archipelagos have much in common, from their shared history with Charles Darwin, to their extraordinary diversity of life above and below the waves. Join naturalist Scott Weidensaul for an exploration of these twin Edens, one famous, one nearly unknown, that helped shape how science understands the natural world.

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.
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THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN GROUNDHOG LODGES AND VERSAMMLINGE

Presented by William W. Donner • Sunday, January 20, 2:00 p.m.

William Donner will explain the history, cultural context and significance of Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges and Versammlinge. The Grundsow (groundhog) Lodges were started in the 1930s by a group of Pennsylvania Germans who wanted to have an occasion for speaking the Pennsylvania German language (Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch) and celebrating Pennsylvania German culture. The first official meeting was held in 1934. Eventually, 18 lodges developed in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania. Scores of related Pennsylvania German Versammlinge (gatherings) also developed which adopted a very similar format, although not structured around the groundhog.

William W. Donner is a professor of anthropology at Kutztown University. He obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Donner completed over three and a half years of ethnographic research on Sikaiana, a Polynesian people in the Solomon Islands. He also has researched Pennsylvania German (Dutch) history, culture and heritage. He developed a website about Sikaiana and wrote a book about the Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges: Serious Nonsense: Groundhog Lodges, Versammlinge and Pennsylvania German Heritage, which will be available for sale and signing.

FRIEND’S FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL

The Friends of the Hershey Public Library will offer four fabulous films in February on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and a summer series in July on Sundays. Mark your calendar and invite a friend to Winter Film Fest. The movies are based on books.

- The Birds (PG 13) February 2
- The Monuments Men (PG 13) February 9
- The Great Gatsby (PG-13) February 16
- Hidden Figures (PG) February 23
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Don’t miss these other wonderful programs supported by the Friends to be held this spring at the library.

A WILDER GARDEN
Presented by Marta McDowell
Sunday, March 24, 2:00 p.m.

21ST ANNUAL NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AUTHOR VISIT

GUEST AUTHORS:
ALICE HOFFMAN AND LISA HOFFMAN
Sunday, April 7, 2019 • 2:00 p.m.

Alice Hoffman was born in New York City on March 16, 1952 and grew up on Long Island. She received a Mirrellees Fellowship to the Stanford University Creative Writing Center, which she attended in 1973 and 1974, receiving an MA in creative writing. She currently lives in Boston. Hoffman's first novel, Property Of, was written at the age of twenty-one, while she was studying at Stanford, and published shortly thereafter. Since that remarkable beginning, Alice has authored, The Dovekeepers, The Marriage of Opposites, Faithful, The Museum of Extraordinary Things, Practical Magic, Here on Earth (an Oprah Book Club selection), and many other titles.

Hoffman is also a beloved young adult author whose titles include The Green Witch, Incantation, and Nightbird. Several of her books have been adapted for the screen, including Practical Magic, Aquamarine, and The Dovekeepers. Hoffman’s work has been published in more than twenty translations and more than one hundred foreign editions. Her novels have received mention as notable books of the year by The New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, The Los Angeles Times, Library Journal, and People Magazine.

Lisa Hoffman, (cousin to Alice Hoffman), is a knitwear designer and knitting teacher, who lives in New York City with her husband Andrew. She has three grown children living near and far. Lisa's designs have been published in Vogue Knitting, Interweave Knits and Knitwear Magazines. She has designed projects for Artyarns, Be Sweet, Blue Sky Alpaca, Long Island Livestock, Tahki Stacy Charles and Vijay Fibers. She has projects published in books including Alice Hoffman’s Survival Lessons, Vogue Knitting: Mittens and Gloves, Iris Schreier’s One + One series, and 60 Quick Baby Blankets, among others. She has original patterns for sale on her Ravelry.com site, Lisa Hoffman Knitting. She currently works and teaches knitting classes in New York City.

On September 25, 2018 Alice Hoffman and master knitter Lisa Hoffman have a new book due out called, Faerie Knitting, a magical melding of words and yarn where the ordinary is turned into the extraordinary and where imagination becomes creation. Faerie Knitting is an entrancing collection of stories of love and loss, trust and perseverance.

Books by both authors will be sold and signed at the event.
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THE LURE AND MYSTERIES OF SEA GLASS

Presented by Richard LaMotte • Sunday, May 19, 2:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 2 • 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Fee: $52/$57
Instructor: Kim Bailor

Holiday stress? Not this year. Grow your creativity while you bury your stress during the holiday season. We will build beautiful holiday inspired terrariums. The workshop includes containers, plants, soil and decorative holiday figures.

Choose between the ‘Holiday Moose Terrarium’ or ‘Holiday Forest Terrarium.’ Take it home as a gift for someone special or treat yourself!

Register at Eventbrite.com (Discover Events) and select the Hershey Public Library. You make your payment directly to the instructor through this site. Grab your ticket today. Ages 10 through 15 must be accompanied by an adult. The class size is limited to 30 participants.
FRESH EVERGREEN WREATH MAKING CLASS

Saturday, December 8
10:00 a.m.
Fee: $35

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

Registration must be done at the library. Payment must be made at the time of registration.

ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

The Adult Winter Reading Program begins Wednesday, January 2, 2019.
Stop by the library any time after that date to sign-up.

ADULT STORYTIME

Saturday, November 17 • 2:00–3:30 p.m. / Saturday, December 1 • 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Registration is preferred, but not necessary. Register online at the events calendar, www.hersheylibrary.org, or call the library at 717-533-6555.

WINTER/SPRING ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

A complete listing of the classes and their dates will be available at the library and on the library’s website beginning January 2, 2019.
This year’s Gala will reflect on hockey’s indelible impact on our community for over 80 years, from the inception of the Hershey B’ars to the modern-day Bears. Eight decades of history, heroes, and hockey players align on this one special evening to celebrate the icons of skates and sticks and to present the premier screening of *B’ars to Bears: Hershey’s Hockey Dynasty*, a documentary film produced by the Historical Society.

Friday, December 7
6:00–10:00 p.m.

**22nd Annual Preservation Gala: Old Time Hockey**
**Historic Ice Palace & Hersheypark Arena**

The Preservation Gala will feel like a night of “old-time hockey,” revisiting over eight decades of Hershey Bears history. Celebrating days gone by when players and fans alike reveled in the spirit of the game, attendees will delight in the exclusive access and a meet-and-greet with our film participants and special guests for the evening — including some of the players who earned penalty records that defined the era of old time hockey. Other features of the Gala include special access to the ceremonial trophies that characterized the Bears championships, as well as the opportunity to dine in the historic Ice Palace and view a Gala-only, exclusive “Old Time Hockey” video feature. This part of the evening will conclude with the presentation of the annual Preservation Awards.

Guests will then move to Hersheypark Arena, for the premier screening of B’ars to Bears: Hershey’s Hockey Dynasty. Other highlights of the evening include hockey displays with rarely-seen artifacts, silent and live auctions including one-of-a-kind hockey items, and a “bring your skates” event to skate on the Arena ice during the Gala, as well as opportunities to meet the film participants. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

**Gala ticket cost: $100**

Preservation Gala tickets include “Old Time Hockey” and Ice Palace access. Visit herheyhistory.org to purchase Gala tickets or call 717-520-0748. Find information on film-only ticket sales at hersheyhistory.org.
Hershey Area Playhouse Presents
A Christmas Story

*A Christmas Story* is based on the humorous writings of author Jean Shepherd. This play is based on the beloved holiday movie which follows the wintry exploits of youngster Ralphie Parker, who spends most of his time dodging a bully and dreaming of his ideal Christmas gift, a “Red Ryder air rifle.” Frequently at odds with his cranky dad but comforted by his doting mother, Ralphie struggles to make it to Christmas Day with his glasses and his hopes intact.

- December 6–December 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- December 9 at 2:00 p.m.
- December 13–December 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- December 16 at 2:00 p.m.

To Purchase Tickets  [Click Here](#)

Hershey Theatre Presents
A Charlie Brown Christmas

Everyone’s favorite holiday classic comes to life in the all-new touring production *A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage!* Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and the whole Peanuts gang as they put on their own Christmas play and ultimately discover the true meaning of the season. *A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage* is a present the whole family can enjoy!

Adapted from Charles M. Schulz’s timeless story of the spirit of Christmas, *A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage* features the unforgettable music of Vince Guaraldi, as well as a concert of beloved holiday carols performed by the Peanuts characters. There’s no better way to discover the magic of the season! For more information, please visit their [website](#).

December 5–6, 2018
Wednesday & Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Individual tickets on sale now! Starting at $25 (processing fees apply).
What would December be in Hershey without the Hershey Symphony Holiday Spectacular? Once again, the Hershey Theatre’s nearly 2,000 seats won’t hold the demand, so order your tickets today!

Join us for a 100th birthday tribute to Leonard Bernstein with his sparkling Overture to Candide, Hershey Symphony Young Artist winner Ethan Kim playing a movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto, and of course, holiday favorites. Plus, lots of surprises at this one!

Individual ticket(s) for this concert are on sale at the: Hershey Theatre Box Office
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