

# Penn Township

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**Sixth Annual Community Picnic and Health and Wellness Fair  
Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



The township's new LED sign

Come one, come all for the sixth year, the township will host its Penn Community Picnic and Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the township park at 260 Lewis Road in West Grove. The rain date is Sunday, September 26, 2010.

This picnic has become a much heralded annual event which provides the community at large to enjoy a day, free of

## The Greening of Penn Township

Penn Township has long been a leader in our region. It is unarguably the commercial and health and wellness hub of the area with its shopping center, restaurants, SCCYMCA and Jennersville Regional Hospital. The township thrives because its leadership takes pains to do the right thing for its residents and those who frequent it.

charge, in our beautiful park with good food, good company, good information and lots of fun. We will have our now famous barbeque including chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, chips and drinks. Live music provided by area favorites such as Tuesday Nite and Slightly Sedated. Health and Wellness screenings will be provided by the Jenersville Regional Hospital, which co-sponsors this event.

The Juggling Hoffmans, the Philadelphia Eagle's SWOOP mascot, Herr's CHIPPER, face painting, train ride, moon bounce, Adrenaline Rush obstacle course, the Chester County Sheriff's Department, the Pennsylvania State Police, the West Grove Fire Company, Medic 94, the U.S. Army and

If you look around the township, evidence of a heightened sense of environmental awareness is equally evident. As the home to two watersheds the Big Elk Creek which drains into the Chesapeake Bay and the White Clay Creek which has been granted National Wild and Scenic River designation, protection of our precious water

LifeNet61 helicopter will all be on hand. An exciting new addition to this year's event will be a science show by the Franklin Institute at 3 p.m.. The colors will be proudly presented by Cub Scout Pack 41.

Additionally this year we will be increasing our community's awareness to environmental health and wellness with hands on activities from Stroud Water Research and story time by the Avon Grove Public Library. This is a testament to the township's commitment to a safe and healthy environment for future generations.

Many thanks to our sponsors whose generous donations have made this day possible including Jenersville Regional Hospital, Dansko, Jenersville Professional

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resources and effective management of our storm water is imperative. To that end, the township has taken several steps. Among them the creation of a secondary use sewer plant in which wastewater is treated with UV lighting to render effluent to high quality water. The effluent is then stored in la-

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### Penn Notes

- According to Penn State Data Center, Penn Township, Chester County is the fastest growing municipality in Pa. With a population of 5,728, Penn's population increased by 103.7 % between 2000 and 2009.
- Penn Township was the Chester County municipality with the highest level of response to the US Census.
- Penn Township recycles over 1 million tons of trash per year.
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at the Township Building. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voting. The township building at 260 Lewis Road in West Grove is the only polling place for Penn Township residents.

### A letter from the Chairman



The Penn Township Park is open daily from dawn to dusk. Dogs, bicycles and skateboards are not permitted in the park. Pavilions, gazebos and the community room are all available for rental. Please contact the office for details or to reserve your date today at 610-869-9620.

Dear Neighbors,  
As we navigate our township through challenging economic times, I cannot help but reflect on the incredible sense of community we continue to enjoy here in Penn Township. This year we have had a record number of sponsors and donors for our Sixth Annual Community Picnic, far beyond expectations. This illustrates to us, the Board of Supervisors, that our annual event is something highly valued by our community and that keeping this event free of charge and without using a penny of taxpayers money is as important to our supporters as it is to us.

I strongly urge all of you to attend and bring your family and friends to enjoy this important community event.

This year we again are enjoying the 15th year running without a tax increase. We continued to cut costs and make smart and sustainable budgeting decisions to continue our commitment to you our residents while fulfilling our township obligations.

We have faced some un-

foreseen circumstances this year including record snow fall and snow removal costs. While we were able to stay within our snow removal budget, it was very expensive. We are proud to say that we received accolades from many of our residents for keeping our community safe and accessible through the blizzards. Even a township supervisor or two got behind the wheel of a plow truck to keep our township going.

Our greatest challenges moving forward will be to keep our township living within its means in the way to which we are accustomed despite unfunded governmental mandates which continue to be passed onto our township by county, state and federal agencies.

The construction of the Sunnyside Road bridge and the continuing effort to upgrade our sewer plant's capacity are the two single most expensive mandates which the township faces. As we pursue every grant funding opportunity possible,

they remain the responsibility of this Board of Supervisors to implement.

On a bright note, the Jenersville Regional Hospital has an approved, planned \$14 million expansion which will make our hospital a state of the art facility and provide additional jobs and the highest quality health care to our region. The hospital remains the largest employer and the largest tax payer in our township.

Additionally we continue to pledge to support our services such as the West Grove Fire Company & Ambulance, Medic 94, Avon Grove Library and others who make life in our borders safe and qualitative for us all.

Our increased environmental sensitivity is something in which we believe. As the home to two watersheds — the White Clay and the Big Elk Creek — it is our responsibility to preserve our environment for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Curtis A. Mason, Sr.

**Green Initiative:**  
  
Save a tree—  
Please sign up for  
email updates and  
electronic  
newsletters at  
[www.penntownship.us](http://www.penntownship.us)



Penn Township Board of Supervisors: (l to r) Board Chair Curtis Mason, Sr., Supervisor Victor Mantegna, Vice Chair Robin Marcello, Secretary Bill Finnen, and new Supervisor Tom Barlow.

## Sunnyside Road Bridge by Scott Allen, P.E., McCormick Taylor Engineers

The final design of the Sunnyside Road Bridge is nearing completion. In July 2010, we received final approval of the Foundation Report and have an approved sub-structure design. Based on that approval, we are currently finalizing the design of the superstructure and addressing the review comments previously received from PennDOT.

Upon completion of the

final design, it will undergo PennDOT Review for Structural Adequacy. Once that approval is received, the Township will be eligible to receive State funds for the project.

Peco is currently scheduling the relocation of two utility poles that must be moved for the widening of the road at the bridge approach. The township staff and consultants are currently working with the

Chester County Planning Commission to obtain funding for a portion of the bridge construction cost. In addition, the Township is currently moving forward with the right-of-way and easement acquisitions necessary for the project. While no specific date can be set at this time, we are still hopeful to have the project bid package completed and out for bid in Fall 2010.



The Sunnyside Road Bridge

## The Greening (cont'd from p.1.)

goons and used, as needed, to irrigate nursery stock at Star Roses/Conard Pyle. This ingenious recycling effort preserves millions of gallons of groundwater annually.

As you look around the township, many of our storm drains were stenciled this summer, funded by a WREN grant, to remind our residents that what goes in the drain comes out downstream as drinking water and can impact these two watersheds and the drinking water for millions of our downstream neighbors as well as the

plant and marine life in those watersheds. We encourage you to take a few simple steps to help manage storm water runoff.

The presence of the Dansko Corporation and its corporate commitment to environment from its LEEDs certified building to the presence of the township's recycling center on their property to their recent transformation to solar power has really set the tone for Penn. Dansko has long been a model that good environmental sense and

good business sense cannot only coexist, but thrive and prosper.

Dansko's neighbor, Yates Produce, has also made the good business and environmental decision to convert to solar power -- conserving energy in a business enhancing way.

A healthy environment benefits us all; changing our behavior in small ways can reap big rewards and make Penn Township green and healthy for generations.

## Picnic (cont'd from p.1)

Center, the Shoppes of Jenner's Village, Chester County Press, Hilltop CrabHouse Restaurant/ Penn Brew Station, the Chester County Intermediate Unit, McCormick Taylor Engineering, UMH/Oxford Village, Sarro Signs, R. Samuel McMichael, Jennersville Regional

Hospital Medical Office Building, Becker Engineering, Monterey Refuse, Singh Operational, A & M Environmental, Jenner's Pond, MacCombie Engineering, McGovern, Inc., Griffith Pest Control, Fulton Bank, First National Bank of Chester County, Wells Landscaping,

Sweet Peas, Prudential Fox Roach Realtors, RE/Max-Jennersville, Fitchett Chiropractic, Government Specialists, Yates Produce and Conard Pyle (list incomplete). If your business wishes to sponsor the picnic, please call 610-563-0674.

### Green Initiative:

#### *Things you can do to prevent storm water runoff pollution*

- ◆ Use fertilizers sparingly
- ◆ Sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters
- ◆ Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- ◆ Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- ◆ Compost your yard waste
- ◆ Direct downspouts from paved surfaces and consider a rain garden
- ◆ Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- ◆ Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- ◆ Have your septic tank pumped regularly
- ◆ Clean up after your pet

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### **Township Directory**

#### Township Staff

Office Manager - Jackie Combs  
Office Assistant - Lorraine Debes  
Sewer Secretary - Josie O'Neill  
Treasurer- Jane Finnen  
Parks – Jim Boyd  
Roadmaster - Skip Elvin  
Tax Collector - Bunny Keene  
Building Inspector - Tom Lowry  
Emergency Services Coordinator - Chuck Freese

#### Board of Supervisors

Curtis A. Mason, Sr., Board Chair  
Robin Marcello, Vice Chair  
Bill Finnen, Secretary  
Victor Mantegna, Member  
Tom Barlow, Member

The township office is open daily, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Fridays.

Board of Supervisors Meetings are the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m.

Planning Commission meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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*Don't miss our Community Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010*

Photos by e. colburn

In keeping with our theme of environmental consciousness and responsibility, Penn Township is proud to partner with our printing company, AGS Print [www.agsprint.com](http://www.agsprint.com) in Wilmington, De.

AGS has assisted us in implementing a means to compile a township database, and provide email blasts which will increase our level of communication with our residents and allow us to better serve you.

Moreover, AGS is an FSC certified printer. This certification was established in 1993 as a response to global deforestation by the Forestry Stewardship Council.

This certification demonstrates that AGS embraces socially and environmentally responsible practices in their marketplace. The FSC certification is one of the most important initiatives to promote responsible forest management worldwide.

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## **Upcoming events and Volunteers needed**

Plans are underway for the township's first ever "12 Days of Christmas" event in the park.

Beginning on Dec. 12 and running through Dec. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. the Penn Township Park will be transformed into a festive wonderland with lights, trees and decorations, entertainment, hot cocoa and s'mores and of course, Santa Claus himself.

Area musical groups, church choirs, school vocal groups are all invited to reserve a night to provide seasonal entertainment.

Area non-profits, clubs and sports teams are invited to fundraise during the event by selling hot cocoa and s'mores to park visitors. Please contact us to reserve your night. Only one organization per night will be permitted.

New pine trees are being planted in September and local businesses and organizations will be invited to decorate the trees.

Reserve yours early. The most festive tree as voted on by park visitors will win a gift certificate and free pavilion rental.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are actively organizing a Citizens Water Watch Group with the help of Stroud Water Research, training will be provided by Stroud Water Research and this is not a large time commitment but is of importance to the township's commitment to clean water.

School groups, scout groups, seniors all are encouraged to participate.

We are also planning our first Green Day township wide cleanup for April 30, 2011. Stream cleanup, yard sale, roadside cleanup and tree planting is planned. Contact 610-563-0674.

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