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Welcome to
MANCHESTER BOROUGH
York County, Pennsylvania.

Dear Residents and Friends:

The Borough of Manchester is pleased to introduce to your our new Borough newsletter format. As always, this publication provides you with information on municipal services and officials, contact numbers for municipal offices and other agencies, and updates on current projects being undertaken within the Borough.

We extend a special thanks to the business and professional members of our community whose support through advertising has made publication of this newsletter possible at no cost to taxpayers. Please support the local businesses that support the Borough.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all residents of the Borough of Manchester to contact the municipal offices for any assistance you may need. Community service is a priority of the Borough.

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Northeastern School District: 717-266-3667

Northeastern Senior Center: 717-266-1400



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"It is my hope that the Borough of Manchester shall continue and prosper in the years ahead. However, may we never lose the warm downhome feeling that continues to exist between the old timers and the newcomers to our Borough"

Mary Ellen Snell 1989

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD
THE 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 7 P.M.**

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY...

Northeastern York County Emergency Management Agency formerly known as "Northeastern Area Emergency Management Agency" was established in 2023 after a major reorganization. NEYCEMA is an all Volunteer EMA Agency that covers the municipalities of Manchester Borough, Mount Wolf Borough, and East Manchester Township in York County, PA. Led by Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Fischer the NEYCEMA is charged with preparing for and mitigating large scale emergencies and disasters that affect our municipalities. The State of Pennsylvania requires that each municipality appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator and have an Emergency Action Plan to ensure that municipalities are prepared for and able to respond to emergencies and disasters that affect their respective communities. The EMC is appointed by the Municipality, is endorsed by the County and PEMA, and then is ultimately authorized by the Governor of Pennsylvania. NEYCEMA is charged with creating an Emergency Action Plan (EOP) and adopting relevant plans and policies to plan for, prepare for, and ensure that we are able to respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters that affect our way of life. A Team of Volunteers "staff" the Emergency Management Agency and make up the meat and potatoes of the Team. Eventhough a lot of the responsibility of the EMA is to train, plan, and prepare... when disasters do strike our community we need people to respond and come to our aid. When large scale emergencies and disasters do occur EMA is an agency that will help to coordinate the response, ensure that our responders have the manpower and tools they need to respond, and coordinate a model that looks at the "big picture" of ensuring we can handle the incident effectively and manage our recovery from it. Currently the NEYCEMA has approx. 10-15 active Volunteers and the Team is always looking for new Volunteers who wish to help.



Emergency Management Coordinator – Michael Fischer was born and raised in Wantagh, New York. Mike moved to Pennsylvania with his Family as a teenager and quickly took to the Emergency Services World as an "Explorer" and a Junior Member. Mike started his "Volunteer Career" as a First Responder with a local Ambulance Company in Dauphin County and after many years of training, responding, and achieving his EMT Certification he became an Assistant EMS Chief. Mike went on to become a Firefighter and over the next few years ran with multiple Fire Departments in central Pennsylvania. As time went on EMC Fischer began a career in Loss Prevention and began looking for additional ways to Volunteer... Mike began training in Special Operations and went on to Volunteer with a Mass Casualty Team, Special Operations Team, and Haz-Mat Team; he ultimately ended up becoming a certified EMS Cyclist and started an EMS Bike Team. Fast forward a few years and Mike took to the American Red Cross where he volunteered as a Disaster Services Volunteer. For close to 10 years Mike coordinated a Disaster Action Team in Cumberland County as a DAT Captain and became certified in Disaster Services as well as a Health Services Supervisor. Transitioning out of Loss

Prevention Mike started a career in EMS and joined the ranks of the Federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team – "PA-4 DMAT" under the Health and Human Services Branch of the Government. The next chapter of Mikes' life took him to a love for special services... Mike became trained in Water Rescue and then Search and Rescue. Fischer served for approx. 12 years as a certified Swiftwater Rescue Technician for 2 mid-state Water Rescue Teams and helped to establish and run a local Search and Rescue Team. Mike has traveled near and far in his pursuit to gain knowledge and training in the field of Public Safety. Mike has served in many capacities as a Leader and an Officer in various agencies during his time in Public Safety. Most recently Mike has taken to the Emergency Management realm and became certified in Emergency Management. Mike has served as the Medical Officer for the Eastern York County EMA based in Hellam Township as well as an EMA Volunteer with the Lancaster County EMA. In early 2023 Mike expressed an interest in our local EMA and in December 2023 the three municipalities met and appointed Mike to the new Emergency Management

Coordinator Position. EMC Fischer currently resides in East Manchester Township with his Family and works Fulltime as an EMT with a local EMS agency and remains Parttime with the Federal PA-4 DMAT Team. Mike still volunteers with a local Fire Department and leads a Water Rescue Team. With 28 years of service in the Emergency Services field Mike brings his services and knowledge to our home town and he looks to serve by ensuring our communities are safe and ready should the need arise.

EMC Fischer can be reached via Email at EMC@emanchestertwp.com

PLAYGROUND SAFETY . . . A quick checklist for parents

Before your children head out the door for the playground, check that:

- ✓ **Supervision is present, but strings and ropes aren't.**
Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, intercede and facilitate play when necessary. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.
- ✓ **All children play on age-appropriate equipment.**
Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5-12, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.
- ✓ **Falls to surface are cushioned.**
Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats or tiles. Playgrounds surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks.
- ✓ **Equipment is safe.**
Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, there are no exposed footings, etc.



Manchester Borough would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Manchester Borough Council extends their greetings and appreciation to you for your understanding and support over the last unbelievable year while staying well. You have shown compassion and assistance for your neighbors and friends. Manchester Borough is a special community!

Included in this newsletter is information that will serve as a quick reminder for residents. Municipal ordinances have been structured to protect individual interests and encourage residents to be good neighbors. Please feel free to contact the borough office for specific concerns, questions and information. We will happily assist you.

NOISE - Please be respectful of your neighbors and remember that any disturbances between the hours of 10:00 PM thru 7:00 AM is **PROHIBITED** in Manchester Borough.

BUILDING/ZONING PERMITS – To initiate any building project, property owners need to contact the borough office for information. A Zoning Permit is required to erect any manmade item, which includes a fence, patio, deck, pool, pond, and shed, as well as any addition or structure you might wish to add to your property. You will not need a permit for general maintenance such as painting or replacement of siding or your roof, although, you are requested to notify the Borough Office before starting any repair work. As you are aware, we are under the state mandated Unified Construction Code (UCC) which requires a Building Permit and inspection by a Building Code Officer for some proposed construction. In addition, the volume and flow rate of stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces must be addressed under the Stormwater Management Act for any construction.

POOLS - A permit is required to install any pool. Set back distances from property lines for the pool must be met. Please contact the Borough Office for specific information before purchasing a pool. **Review the Borough Website, Storm Water, MS4, for information required for draining water from a pool.**

BURNING – Open burning is prohibited. Recreation burning pits are not allowed. Barbeque grills are permitted to cook food using charcoal or gas grills.

GRASS, SHRUBBERY, TREES – During the growing season, please remember to keep bushes, trees, and grass trimmed. **When mowing, do not throw grass onto sidewalks or streets. Especially of concern are the street intersections where vegetation can obscure the clear sight line of approaching vehicles. Bushes should be trimmed back and regularly maintained.**

ANIMALS – The Office often receives calls from residents concerning cats and dogs running loose. Pets must be under control and restricted to your property; dogs must be leashed. Pet owners are required to CLEAN UP AFTER THEM when walking their dogs! **PLEASE CARRY A BAG WITH YOU!** And please keep your pet restricted to the sidewalk as much as possible. This Ordinance also addresses **BARKING DOGS.**

JUNK AND JUNKED VEHICLES – Council is periodically notified about “junked” autos and trailers that are parked on the street or on private property. Motor vehicles and trailers without current inspection stickers and license plates, or inoperable vehicles, must be removed from properties and streets. Be aware that these vehicles are also in violation of the Motor Vehicle Code. Also, please do not allow “junk” (metal items, brush, wood, old lawn mowers, etc.) to accumulate on your property.

STORMWATER - Manchester Borough is an MS4 compliant municipality and is responsible for meeting DEP criteria to protect our streams. You are invited to become involved in projects and/or to be responsible for seeing that illicit pollutants like oil or household fluids are not discharged into the stormwater system. Please call the office for information or to report any questionable condition. **Note that grass which**

CODE ENFORCEMENT *continued*

is mowed onto the sidewalk and streets and enters the inlets is enforceable by ordinance. It is considered an illicit discharge.

RENTAL PROPERTIES - Owners are required to register all persons with the office who are living in their residences when they move into and when they move out of a rented property.

FIREWORKS – Fireworks are **prohibited** from being discharged in the borough.

TAX COLLECTOR - Our Tax collector, Kelly Neely, collects borough and school district taxes for per capita and real estate tax. You may reach her by phone at 717- 384-6478. Address: P.O. Box 421, Manchester, PA 17345. Please notify the tax collector and the York Adams Tax Bureau of any address change.

REFUSE COLLECTION – Penn Waste collects refuse and recyclables on Mondays, including one large item.

NEYCSA Sewer Authority – (717 265-0913) - 200 N. Main St., P.O. Box 516, Mt. Wolf, PA 17347

YORK COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – The York County Planning Commission (YCPC) has several programs to assist homeowners with repairs such as for heating systems, plumbing, and new roofs. (717 -771-9870)

LEAF SEASON - Leaves ONLY no sticks, brush, or trash or we will NOT pick up your leaf pile(s). Please put leaves curbside in a long narrow row to make it easier and quicker to pick up.

SNOWPLOWING – Those residents who do not have curbs or sidewalks, please place yard markers out so plow drivers do not dig up your yard.



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The Recreational building is available to rent for \$150 a day. For those interested, please contact the Manchester Borough office at (717) 266-1022 or (717) 758-9656

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Since 1858, 166 years ago, the proud men and women of Union Fire Company have been at the center of our community, serving the emergency needs of Manchester Borough. Literally, neighbor helping neighbor. These members are the backbone of our ALL-volunteer organization and provide the community with emergency Fire & Rescue Service. The community has come to expect a prepared and professional service, and we strive to meet those expectations.



The challenge of preparing for and responding to these emergencies; fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous materials spills and leaks, devastation of natural disaster and medical emergencies, is daunting. These dedicated men and women continue to uphold the traditions and values of our organization, but we need your help. Providing 24-hour emergency service to the community is manpower intensive and costly.

We are constantly seeking new members to donate their time by filling our ranks. There is no pay, but the benefits of belonging to our organization are many! There are many opportunities for community minded people beginning as young as age 14. While the rigors and challenges of responding to emergency calls may not appeal to everyone, we have positions at all levels of administration, fund raising, building and equipment maintenance to satisfy the many talents of our Borough residents.

What better way to serve the community, than by lending a hand and joining the ranks of Union Fire Company. Reach out today for more information. Contact us through our Facebook page at UnionFire23, through our website UnionFire1.com, or email UnionFire1@juno.com, or call us direct at 717.266.2226. We'll gladly answer your questions and show you, our operation.





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