

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

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FIRE COMPANY CONSOLIDATION

By Glenn D. Usdin, Fire Chief, Lancaster Township FD

The Lancaster Township Fire Department has been formed with the members and equipment of the Bausman and Wheatland Fire Companies. The new department operates from two stations; one on Maple Avenue, and one on Fairview Avenue. It protects Lancaster Township with over 100 trained fire fighters, 3 pumpers, 1 aerial ladder platform, 2 air cascade units, a brush truck and squad unit.

In the past 12 months, our fire fighters have spent over 7,000 hours in training, including attendance at out-of-town training seminars and hundreds of hours within the Township and Lancaster County.

Our all-volunteer fire fighters receive no compensation for any of this activity. There are no means to measure the thousands of hours of training and participation that go into protecting our township.

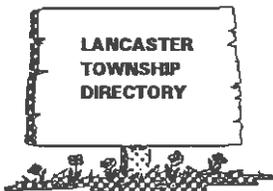
Since the formation of the Lancaster Township Fire Department, a considerable amount of planning has gone into our Apparatus Modernization Plan. We have purchased a refurbished aerial ladder platform for less than half the cost of a new unit, and enclosed the cab of one of our existing pumpers - almost doubling its seating capacity and increasing safety for our fire fighters. We are also in the process of modernizing and upgrading

our communications systems, breathing air masks, and protective clothing.

We have also begun an extensive Fire Prevention program throughout the township. We have just completed a fire extinguisher training course for the staff of the extended care facilities within the township, and have several more sessions planned for various civic groups and organizations. We are also planning displays for Fire Prevention Week and an Open House in late September. We invite any organizations that request a program on fire prevention to contact us through the Township Office.

The Lancaster Township Fire Department is now the largest and most well-equipped volunteer fire department in Lancaster County. We strive to protect your home and business in the best and safest manner that we can. The operation of such a modern, well-equipped fire department requires the full support of township residents, through participation in fund-raising activity and recognition of our efforts.

On behalf of all the members of our department, I thank you again.



Twp. Office Hours: 8-4 p.m. Monday thru Friday
291-1213
District Justice: Doris R. James, 225 W. King St.
299-7975
Lanc. City Police: 291-4911 (non-emergency)
State Police: 299-7650
Fire or Police Emergency Calls: 911
Lanc. City Water & Sewer Depts.: 291-4771
Suburban Lanc. Sewer Authority: 392-6798
Lanc. Area Sewer Authority (LASA): 299-4843
Tax Collectors: 299-8222 (Twp. and County)
800-237-1847 (Occupational)
291-6134 (School)
Emergency Mgmt. Coord.: Charles F. Bitler, Jr.
394-9310
Sewage Enforcement Officer: Dale L. High
768-3119

CRIME RATES ON THE DECLINE

The 1990 annual police report for Lancaster Township showed a substantial increase in Part I crime (the more serious crimes) over 1989. An analysis of these statistics indicated most of the increase was in property crimes during the first five months of the year.

In his report summary, Chief Walter T. Goeke, of the Lancaster City Police Department, anticipated that 1991 would be a better year for the Township in regard to crime statistics. He said that when dealing with such a low number of statistics, a few drug addicts, committing

crimes daily, can drastically increase the crime rate.

Chief Goeke is gratified to report that the incidence of Part I crime has decreased from 260 during the first six months of 1990 to 179 during the first six months of 1991. This is a drop of over 31% and, hopefully, this declining crime rate will continue during the remainder of 1991.

Chief Goeke is also pleased to report that there were no homicides or fatal accidents in Lancaster Township during the first six months of 1991.



LOOKING FOR FUN THINGS TO DO....right here in Lancaster Township? The Lancaster Recreation Commission is

looking for you!

The Lancaster Recreation Commission is a jointly sponsored program of Lancaster Township, Lancaster City, and the School District of Lancaster. They offer a wide variety of programs, for all ages, year-round. A Recreation Guide, with a complete list of program offerings, is published seasonally and mailed to all township homes.

An 11-member board oversees the operation of the agency, which is located at 525 Fairview Avenue, beside Price Elementary School. Your Lancaster Township representatives to this board are Mark Anderson, Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors Chairperson, and Ray Bricker.

Many activities are sponsored at the Lancaster Recreation Center, and programs are held at all schools and parks. The Lancaster Recreation Commission's goal is to meet the leisure-time needs of our residents. They would love to have you join one of their many activities, and to hear your suggestions and ideas for new programs.

Call the staff at 392-2115, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Contributed by: Susan Abele,
Lancaster Recreation Commission

WALKING YOUR DOG FOR EXERCISE??

Just remember . . . you are required to keep the dog on a leash, and to clean up after it.

If you're not doing so, BEWARE! You could be facing up to a \$100 fine.

SUPERVISORS ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution on April 15, 1991, establishing the Lancaster Township Park and Recreation Commission. The five member commission is charged with preparing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the management, acquisition, and maintenance of recreation facilities with the Township.

Recreation programs will be operated by the Lancaster Recreation Commission (LRC), of which Lancaster Township is a participant. The Lancaster Township Park and Recreation Commission will coordinate with the LRC in developing and maintaining facilities to support LRC's programs. Residents are invited to express their interest and concerns through the L.T. Park and Recreation Commission. The L.T. Park and Recreation Commission will hold regularly scheduled monthly meetings at the Township Office; the public is invited to attend. Anyone wishing to make specific requests

or presentations should contact the Township Office, two weeks prior to the meeting date.

The current Board members and their terms are:

J. Robert Eckenrode,
12/31/96
David P. Miller,
12/31/95
Roger Thompson,
12/31/94
Ted Rasmussen,
12/31/93
Laura Bailey,
12/31/91

The Commission looks forward to initiating quality park and recreation facilities in the township, and invites individual residents and/or groups and service organizations to contact the Commission through the Township Office with their ideas and support.

Submitted by:
Dave Miller

FROM THE DESK OF J. ROBERT ECKENRODE

We have had a busy summer here in Lancaster Township, with road reconstruction, curbing and storm sewer installation. We are now involved with crosswalk and road line painting so jobs can be completed in time for school reopening.

OUR ANNUAL LEAF PICK-UP

is fast approaching! This year, the dates will be October 14 through



November 29. We ask that residents place leaves in front of their properties no earlier than two days prior to the pick-up day. We also ask that you do not place lawn clippings with the leaves.



JUST A REMINDER:

According to Lancaster Township's Zoning Ordinance, all campers, boats, trailers, motor homes and other types of recreational vehicles are not permitted in a front yard for longer than 96-hours in any one 30-day period.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE ISSUED by the Zoning Officer, and all inquiries or related complaints should be directed to his office in the Municipal Building. A Building Permit is required for construction over \$500 (based on fair market value, including labor). Be sure to check when placing storage sheds, swimming pools, etc. to avoid Zoning Ordinance violations.

For your safety, security and protection of property, Lancaster Township Ordinances prohibit the following:

1. All outdoor burning of any kind, including bonfires, except fires in a container normally used for outdoor cooking.
2. Fireworks.
3. Minors under the age of 18 using air rifles, pistols, arrows, sling shots or similar devices.
4. Grass and weeds higher than 6" in height.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors recently honored Chester Amand, Jr. for his 22 years of dedication, performance, and faithful service as Roadmaster for the Township.

Thanks, Chet, and **GOOD LUCK** in your retirement!

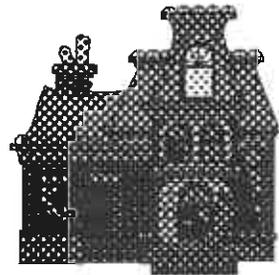
DID YOU KNOW...

The Lancaster Township Planning Commission was established in 1940, which makes it the oldest township planning commission, and the second oldest municipal planning commission in Lancaster County.

Lancaster Township was one of the 17 original townships in the County, having been created in 1729. When the county seat was established and Lancaster City laid out, a site 2-square miles was cut out of the northern part of Lancaster Township. At this point, the Township's population was approximately 200.

At the present time, the Township consists of an excess of 4,000 acres, and the population is 13,187.

Lancaster Township residents get a combined County and Municipal tax bill in January. The "municipal" tax is your Township tax. Some time in July, the School District of Lancaster sends its own tax bill. This rate is determined by the School Board and not the Township.



The current tax rates are:

Lancaster Township tax	4 mills
Lancaster County tax	8 mills
School District of Lancaster tax	78 mills

THERE IS A CURFEW IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP!

Minors under the age of 18 may not be in/upon any public place in Lancaster Township between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 12 midnight to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday, unless accompanied by a parent. If the minor is on an errand for the parent, or is employed after hours, he/she needs to carry written identification, and a statement indicating the dates and time. Violations can result in fines and/or imprisonment for the minor or parent.

ATTENTION CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

If you have any information you'd like published in our Lancaster Township Newsletter, please call Linda DiPerna at 291-1213, or mail information to:

Lancaster Township Office
ATTN: Linda DiPerna
1240 Maple Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

POLLING DISTRICTS

1st District

7th District

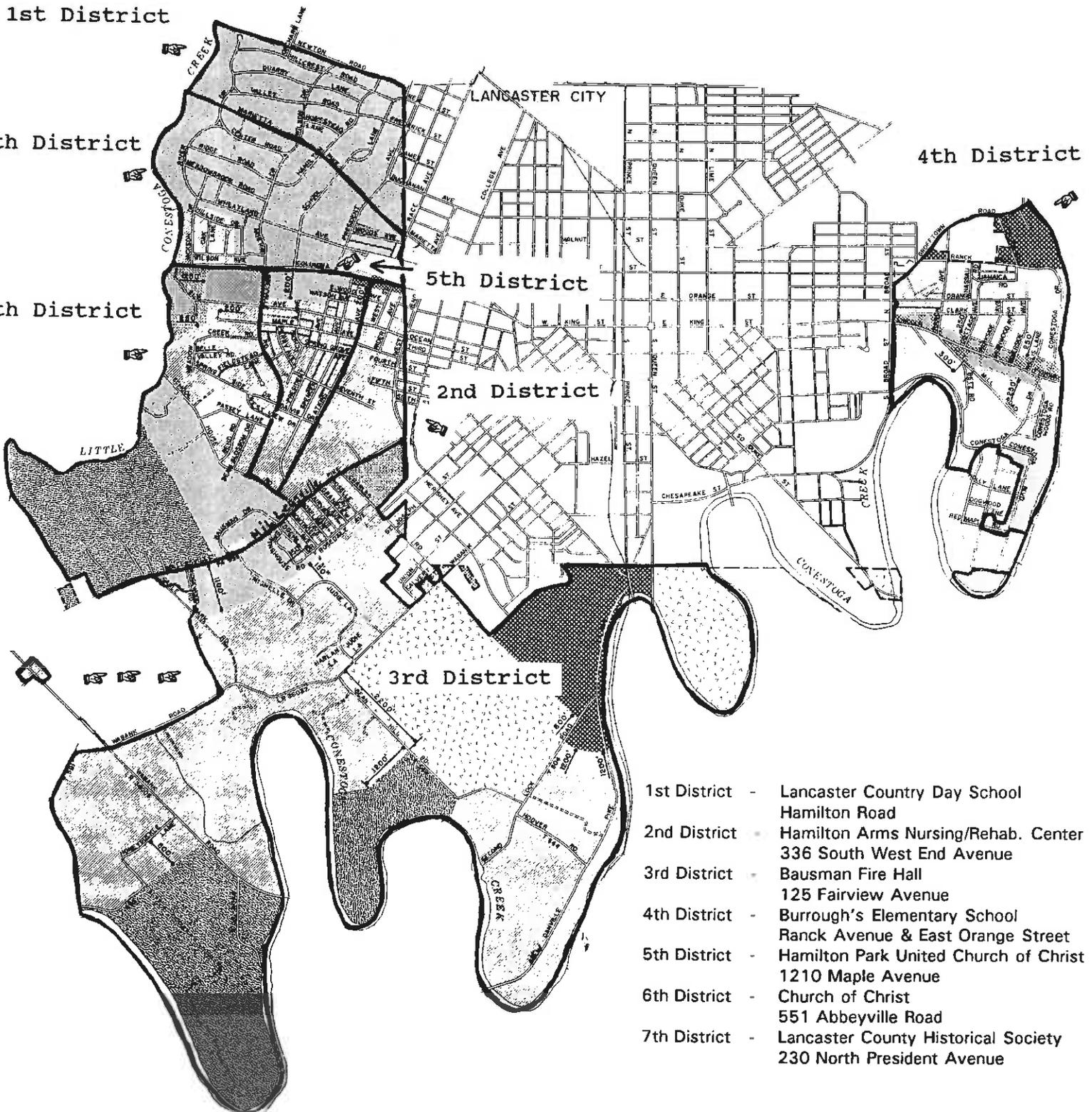
4th District

6th District

5th District

2nd District

3rd District



- 1st District - Lancaster Country Day School
Hamilton Road
- 2nd District - Hamilton Arms Nursing/Rehab. Center
336 South West End Avenue
- 3rd District - Bausman Fire Hall
125 Fairview Avenue
- 4th District - Burrough's Elementary School
Ranck Avenue & East Orange Street
- 5th District - Hamilton Park United Church of Christ
1210 Maple Avenue
- 6th District - Church of Christ
551 Abbeyville Road
- 7th District - Lancaster County Historical Society
230 North President Avenue

DEAR RESIDENT:

First, I would like to welcome you to the first edition of the Lancaster Township Newsletter! Our purpose in sending this to you is to keep you informed of important Township issues and other concerns. I would encourage you to keep this handy for future reference.

We, as residents of Lancaster Township, can be justifiably proud of our accomplishments in the last eleven months. Last October, we started our

Township-wide recycling program, with all residents receiving a packet of information and green recycling bin. Now, eleven months later we have one of the highest recycling percentages in Lancaster County. We have seen consistent growth in the amount of trash that we are removing from the trash stream. For example, in the month of June, we recycled 27.04% of our trash. That averages out to just over 45 pounds per household per month! This tremendous recycling percentage is attributed solely to you and the efforts you make on a daily

basis. For that, I would like to add my sincere thanks.

Finally, I would like to encourage each of you to take time out to attend a Township meeting. A schedule of our meetings can be found on the back page of the Newsletter. If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact the Township Office Staff.

*Mark W. Anderson, Chairman
Lancaster Township
Board of Supervisors*

RECYCLING

Almost 90% of Lancaster Township Residents recycle weekly! Due to this response, the 1991/1992 Refuse & Recycling User Fee will be reduced to \$120.

In addition, there will be a \$10 per year (\$5 each billing) reduction for Senior Citizens upon presentation of a Lancaster County Office of the Aging Card.

Senior Citizens are instructed to wait until they receive their October billing and present their card when making payments.

Congratulations on a terrific job of recycling!!

BELOW ARE SOME HELPFUL HINTS THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO CONTINUE DOING THIS SUPERB JOB OF RECYCLING:

DO

- ✓ Include plastic, cardboard and magazines with regular trash.
- ✓ Include twigs and bark material with regular trash.
- ✓ Use yellow tags on bags/containers that exceed the two bag limit.
- ✓ Use yellow tags on bulky items less than 30 pounds.
- ✓ Use green tags for yard waste (grass, leaves, flowers).
- ✓ Rinse out all recyclable cans/glass containers.
- ✓ Each week, two items of oversized refuse may be put out with regular trash; red tags must be used for these items (furniture, carpet, box springs/mattresses, etc.)

DON'T

- ✓ Mix grass and/or leaves with regular trash.
- ✓ Put out newspapers when it is raining or snowing, or calling for rain or snow.
- ✓ Put newspapers in plastic bags.
- ✓ Put hazardous wastes with your trash.
- ✓ Put miscellaneous scrap metals in your recycling container. (Use these containers only for food and beverage glass/metal containers.)
- ✓ Remove labels on cans and/or glass containers.

Please remember when moving to leave your packet of information and recycling container for the new owner or tenant.

PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT - RECYCLE

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP
1240 Maple Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

BULK RATE
US POSTAGE
PAID
BAUSMAN, PA
PERMIT NO.

590

AFFIX LABEL HERE

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

Meetings are held each month at the Township Office, 1240 Maple Avenue, according to the following schedule:

Board of Supervisors - 2nd and 4th Monday, 7 p.m.
(December's mtg. will be the 2nd & 5th Monday)

Zoning Hearing Board - 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Park & Recreation Commission - 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission - 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Board of Supervisors

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Jane M. Wiley
Willard E. Landis

Township Manager

Barbara B. Young

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Harold H. Bowers, Jr.
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Anthony J. Allen
Minam N. Warshaw
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J. Robert Eckenrode

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Laura Bailey
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