

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

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All residents are invited to an Open House "Drop-In" to be held at the new Lancaster Township Maintenance

Facility, 1357 Meadowcreek Lane, Friday, October 16, 1992, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served during the Open House, and a formal presentation is scheduled to occur at 5:30 p.m.

This facility to house the Public Works Department, was built as a "Design-Build" building, at a substantial savings to the taxpayers of Lancaster Township.

Now that the Maintenance

Facility is complete, the renovations to the Township Building are in full swing. Please bear with us during our months of upheaval. Look for an announcement in upcoming Newsletters for an Open House for the Township Building at 1240 Maple Avenue sometime in the Spring.

Mark your calendars now for Friday, October 16, from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Stop in and tour Lancaster Township's new Maintenance Facility!

ANY RESIDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO NEEDLEPOINT A WALL-HANGING FOR THE NEW MEETING ROOM, OR WHO HAVE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP MEMORABILIA/PHOTOS, PLEASE CALL LINDA AT 291-1213.

A.D.A. COMMITTEE

Due to the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Lancaster Township has formed an A.D.A. Committee. This Committee is comprised of Chairperson Rose Diogsey, Tim Ansel, Jim Doran, Lisa Douglas, and Rev. John Anderson.

This dedicated committee has been meeting since the beginning of July to study and discuss all Lancaster Township facilities and policies to discover any discriminations against persons with disabilities, and to recommend corrective measures. The A.D.A. Committee presented its report to the Board of Supervisors at the September 28th Board Meeting.

If anyone ever needs special assistance at the Lancaster Township office (to attend to Township business, attend Township meetings, etc.), please call ahead to the Lancaster Township office (291-1213) and special arrangements can be made prior to your visit.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS IN VOTING DISTRICT 3

Residents living in Voting District 3 (all areas in Lancaster Township south of the Millersville Pike), will soon be receiving notification from the Voter Registration Office about the district being divided.

There will now be three voting districts: 3, 8, and 9. Although the decision was reached in August, it has taken some time to "iron out" all of the details.

They've assured the Lancaster Township office that all affected residents **WILL** know where to vote by Election Day! Additional inquiries should be made directly to the Voter Registration Office.

VOTE

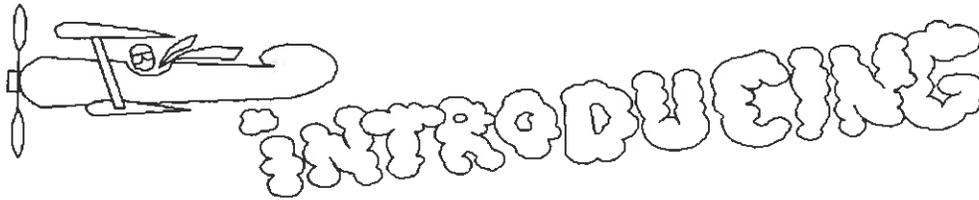
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Lancaster Township Directory

Twp. Office Hours:
8-4, M-F: 291-1213
District Justice:
Doris James, 225 W. King
St.: 299-7898
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/Co)
800-237-1847 (Occ.)
291-6134 (School)
Emer. Mgmt. Coord.:
J. Robert Eckenrode:
291-1213
Sewage Enforce. Off.:
Dale L. High:
768-3119





GEORGE MAY CHAIRMAN L. T. ZONING HEARING BOARD

I'm George May, and I serve as Chairman of the Lancaster Township Zoning Hearing Board. "What's that," you may ask, "and what does it do?" Well, be patient and I'll explain. Our Township Supervisors have adopted a Zoning Ordinance, most recently in 1988, that divides the Township into Zoning Districts: Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Open Space. The Ordinance places restrictions on land use in each district. Which means your neighbor can't build a nuclear power plant in the back yard. For most people, the first exposure to zoning and the Zoning Hearing Board comes when they apply for a building permit at the Township Office. Jim Doran, our Zoning Officer, will check your plans to make sure they comply with the Zoning Ordinance. Most do. But don't scream at Jim if he's unable to

issue the building permit because something in your application violates an Ordinance. You've probably proposed building too close to your property line. Jim will give you two choices: change your plans or ask the Zoning Hearing Board for relief from the Ordinance.

The Zoning Hearing Board exists to conduct hearings and make decisions on applications we receive from Township residents who feel that the Zoning Ordinance doesn't fit. And it doesn't always fit right. Your lot may not conform to the minimum, or it might be shaped irregularly. So you've decided to bring us your case.

We meet the first Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. There are three of us: myself, John Metzger, an attorney, and Kathleen Goff, an architectural marketing manager.

Jim Doran will be there, along with a court reporter. You'll be sworn in, just like on television. Remember this: you have to convince the Board that your request is reasonable; so bring along plans, pictures, letters from neighbors, and whatever. We'll take testimony, ask questions, and make our decision.

I've served on the Board for five years, four as Chairman. I live along the New Danville Pike. If you ever get down that way, you've probably seen me jogging the roads of southern Lancaster Township. If you beep, I'll wave.

[This article written and contributed by George May, Chairman, Lancaster Township Zoning Hearing Board]

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 1, 1992

Lancaster Township will again be participating in "Red Ribbon Week." Beth Bulat, Prevention Specialist for the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Program explains, "Red Ribbon Week is an annual nation-wide

public awareness campaign which allows communities and individuals the opportunity to show their support for a drug-free America."

Lancaster Township will once again hang a banner in the front of

the building (1240 Maple Ave.), and will have red ribbons available in the office for residents to wear. Please stop by to pick up your ribbon. Wear it to show your support for a drug-free America!

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors' annual Fall Road Tour will be held Saturday, October 17, 1992. If you have a specific concern, please call the Office (291-1213).

RECYCLING NEWS

BUYING RECYCLED

Take a bow, Pennsylvanians!

Each week, more than seven million of us take positive action to preserve our environment - we recycle some of our household trash. In fact, we do just about the best job of anyone in the country. About 20 percent of the organized, community-wide recycling programs in the whole nation are right here in Pennsylvania.

Now it's time to lead the nation again - in making conscious, everyday decisions to look for, buy and USE products made from recycled materials and products packaged in recycled materials.

The Commonwealth has invested millions of your tax dollars to help businesses use recycled materials and we're helping to launch dozens of start-up companies that can use the paper, cans, bottles and plastics you're keeping out of the landfills.

Look for their products when you shop. Look for one of the many symbols indicating recycled materials in the packaging. And help "close the loop" on recycling. Make a commitment to "buy recycled" whenever possible.

And when you do, take another bow. Because you'll know you're doing your part.

Signed by Governor Robert Casey

Things to look for when buying recycled:

- * Buy items in minimal packaging.
- * Choose packaging that's recyclable in Lancaster Township (glass or cans).
- * Look for environmental symbols on all packaging materials.
- * Look for the messages "This product packaged in recycled paperboard," or "Minimum XX% post-consumer or pre-consumer content."
- * Choose paper products that are made from recycled paper.
- * Choose greeting cards and stationery made from recycled paper.
- * Suggest to store managers that they stock more recycled products and more products packaged in recycled or recyclable material.

[This article gleaned from the "Buy Recycled Guide" published by the PA Department of Environmental Resources in cooperation with the PA Newspaper Publishers Association]

PENNSYLVANIA LEADS THE NATION IN RECYCLING

Waste management programs from around the country were compared on a state by state basis in a recent article in the "Biocycle" magazine. Pennsylvania leads the nation with 603 curbside recycling programs

in operation. These 603 programs represent over 15% of our nation's nearly 4,000 programs.

In the category of mandatory recycling programs, Pennsylvania ranks second with 420 programs.

Pennsylvania placed fourth in the nation for voluntary recycling programs! Not only are we doing an outstanding job of recycling in Lancaster Township, we are also doing very well as a state!

LARGE APPLIANCE COLLECTION

The next large appliance collection will occur during the first week of December, on your regularly scheduled collection day. Large appliances include such items as clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, air conditioners, furnaces, riding mowers, etc. These items need to be tagged with a *blue* extra service tag.

Smaller appliances, such as dehumidifiers, push lawn mowers, etc. may be put out during the first week of December with a *red* extra service tag.

Tires may also be put out for collection during the first week of December. These require a *yellow* extra service tag.

All extra service tags: blue, red, yellow, and green (green is just for yard waste, and yard waste is **ONLY** grass and leaves!) may be obtained at the Township Office, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Extra service tags may also be ordered through the mail, using the order form found in your recycling information packet, or call the Township Office for an order form.

If you have any questions about what type of tag your item to be hauled requires, please contact the Township office at 291-1213.

NOTICE TO LANCASTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS



CHRISTMAS TREES will be collected for recycling in Lancaster Township on **Saturday, January 16, 1993** during normal collection hours. Christmas Trees will **NOT** be collected on regular trash collection days!

Please remember to remove **ALL** decorations and stands. **DO NOT** put artificial trees out for collection!

If you miss this collection date, call the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority at 397-9968 to arrange an alternate method of disposal for your tree.

Thank you in advance for putting your trees out for collection on January 16, 1993. The mulch created from these trees will be used to line the park paths in Lancaster Township.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WET NEWSPAPERS

We receive more complaints about wet newspapers than about any other single topic! Therefore **DO NOT** put out newspapers if it is going to rain or snow, or if there is a threat of rain or snow. If your papers accidentally get wet by a surprise shower, we suggest you take them back in, spread them out on the garage or basement floor until they dry out, and then put them out for collection next week.

Newspapers are presently being shredded to be used as bedding for farm animals. Wet newspapers do not go through the shredding machines!

Even if you cover your newspapers to keep them dry, the hauler can't keep them dry on a rainy day. (The hauler must even be careful to dry the trucks out after a rainy day!)

So, please remember - **DO NOT** put newspapers out on days when the weather forecaster is calling for any type of precipitation!!

Any recycling bin that is broken may be brought in to the Lancaster Township Office to be exchanged for a new bin. However, lost or stolen recycling bins will be replaced for a \$5.00 fee. Please label your bin with your property address.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The Lancaster Township Fall Leaf Collection will begin this year on Monday, October 12, 1992, and will end on Friday, December 4, 1992. Highway Superintendent Rob Eckenrode wants all residents to know that the Public Works crew will attempt to stay on their normal, weekly schedule. However, if their work load gets extra-heavy, they may have to collect leaves every other week.



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

What can you give the person who has everything?! Here are a few suggestions...

1. Make a contribution in a special person's honor or memory, to the Lancaster Community Park (on Millersville Pike).
2. It costs \$1,000.00 to outfit a fire fighter; it costs \$40.00 for just the first level of training for a fire fighter -contribute to the Lancaster Township Fire Department, in honor or memory of someone special.
3. Purchase some extra refuse/recycling tags for someone special. They make great stocking stuffers!



TRICK OR TREAT

In May of 1992, Lancaster Township adopted a Resolution in conjunction with the other member municipalities of the LIMC (Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee):

"...Trick or Treat Night" in Lancaster Township will be observed from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Halloween, October 31, of each year,

unless October 31 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, in which case "Trick or Treat Night" activities should occur from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to October 31..."

Therefore *Trick or Treat for 1992* will be observed from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30.**

Our Police Department reminds us:

- ◆ No one over 12 years of age may wear a mask in public.
- ◆ Drivers should be extra alert due to the large number of children along streets and crossing streets and highways.
- ◆ Children should wear light-colored clothing that is short enough to prevent tripping; add reflectors to clothing.

- ◆ Accompany young children; carry a flashlight.
- ◆ Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- ◆ Watch out for traffic!
- ◆ Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy; examine all candy before allowing children to eat it!
- ◆ Persons causing damage will be prosecuted the same as they would at any other time of the year.

Trick or Treat is a fun night for all children. Be sure to plan a safe, enjoyable night for your children. Instruct your children on the possible dangers, and on how to avoid them.

Residents are requested to report any damage or suspicious activity to the Police.



HOUSE NUMBERING

Our Police Officers and Volunteer Fire Fighters recommend that all addresses be clearly marked. Be sure to mark your house number clearly and in plain sight from the street.

Imagine the potentially disastrous outcome of a situation involving the Police answering a call at night for a burglary in progress, and not being able to locate a home without turning on their spotlight and alerting the burglar(s) of their approach, or worse, stopping at the wrong house! Or, imagine that your house is marked, but one of the numbers fell off, or a bush has grown over the numbers, and you have been planning to fix that number or trim that bush, but haven't done it yet! In either case, in an emergency, your house won't be located as quickly as you'd like!

When there's an emergency,

we'd all like the Police and/or Fire Department to get to our homes as quickly as possible; they'd like to get there quickly also! Please remember, take the time to make sure that your house is clearly marked with your street address right now. And, be a good neighbor, check to see that your neighbors' houses are all clearly marked as well.

ACCU-TRAK

Chairman of the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors, Mark W. Anderson, announced at the September 14, 1992 meeting of the Board of Supervisors that the Accu-Trak speed system is being tested in Lancaster Township.

The system involves two white lines, visible at night and during the day, painted on the roadway 169 feet apart. Both lines are in full view of the one officer necessary to operate the system, which instantly cal-

culates vehicle speed.

Currently four sets of lines have been installed in the Township, on Abbeyville Road, Atkins Avenue, Jackson Drive, and Spencer Avenue. Once the system proves itself, it will be installed in several other locations throughout the Township.

"LANCASTER COUNTY DISCOVER CULTURAL TREASURES"

The most recent addition to the Lancaster Township pamphlet file is "Lancaster County, Discover Cultural Treasures" from the Cultural Council of Lancaster County. This pamphlet lists cultural "treasures" to be found in Lancaster County, such as museums, theaters, art galleries, dance studios, and craft centers. Some of the places listed even offer free gifts/discounts to those who have the pamphlet! Stop by the Lancaster Township Office for your free copy!

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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, 7:00 p.m. (exception - May 26th, 1992)

Zoning Hearing Board: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

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

Planning Commission: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

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