

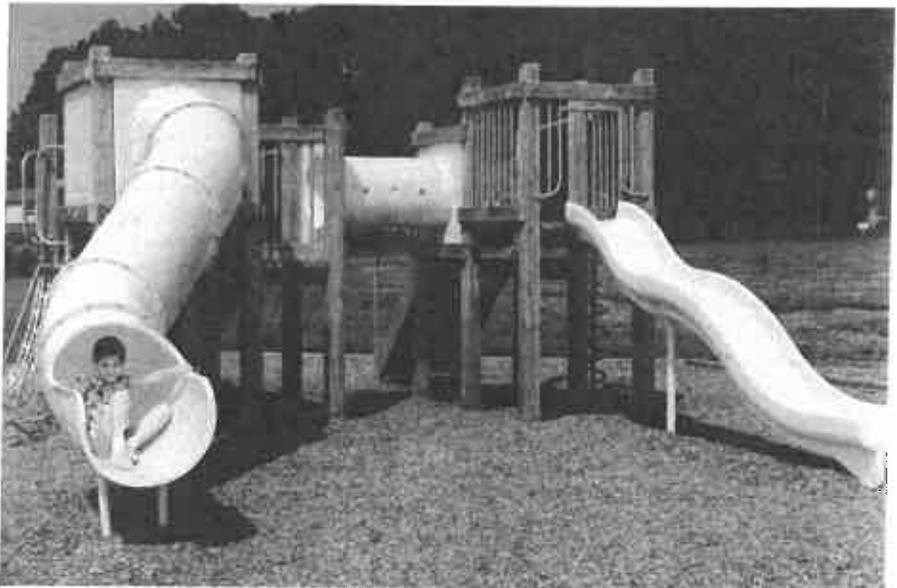
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# COOPERATION BRINGS NEW PARKS TO LANCASTER COUNTY

## Municipalities Working Together on Open Space and Signs

The Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC) is a group of municipalities which cooperate on local government activities in 150 square miles of central Lancaster County. Lancaster Township is a member, as are Lancaster City, East Hempfield Township, West Hempfield Township, Mountville Borough, East Lampeter Township, East Petersburg Borough, Manheim Township, Manor Township, and Pequea Township. LIMC member municipalities represent six school districts.

The group's most ambitious project to date is a Regional Park and Open Space Plan. The Plan proposes cooperatively creating a network of greenways, parks, and recreational activities throughout the municipalities represented in LIMC. For example, two or more municipalities might establish a park together that would serve them all. Or they might take cooperative approaches to grounds maintenance, environmental education programs, or maximizing the use of schools for community education. Individual boroughs and townships can join with county government, nonprofit organizations, the private sector, and others to undertake joint projects, as resources and opportunities permit. Copies of the Plan are available for review at the



offices of member LIMC municipalities.

Lancaster Township has adopted the separate section of the Regional Park and Open Space Plan that contains recommendations specific to this Township. The Plan notes that Lancaster Township has 92.6 acres of publicly accessible parkland; however, based on a projected population increase and a standard of ten acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, the Plan concludes that the Township needs 87.3 more acres of parkland by the year 2010.

**FOLKS OF ALL AGES  
 CAN ENJOY THE  
 NEW LANCASTER  
 COMMUNITY PARK, A  
 FORMERLY INACTIVE  
 LAND PARCEL.**

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## IS THAT SEWER CONNECTION LEGAL?

**Y**ou may not realize it, but many properties are illegally connected to the sewage system. Is yours one of them?

Lancaster Township has an ordinance which prohibits the connection of any sump pump, cellar drain, or roof or floor drain to the sanitary sewage system. And once they are connected, it is illegal to allow any of these items to remain connected to the system.

You may be thinking, what harm can there be in these connections? The answer is, *plenty*. Illegal connections cause hydraulic overloading of sewer mains. That leads to overflowing manholes and raw sewage running down our streets. Nobody wants that.

### What's the Difference?

It may seem as if your small pump or drain wouldn't contribute enough water to cause a problem in a "big" sewer main. But multiply your volume of water by all the properties connected to the sewage system and you have quite a large volume of water.

In most instances it is very easy to determine if you are connected to the sewage system. If you have a sump pump and you don't see the water being pumped onto the ground outside your home, you are probably illegally connected to the sewage system. If you have a floor drain or down spout from your roof which appears to just go into the ground, you are probably illegally connected to the sewage system.

If you have an illegal connection, you'll need to make the necessary modifications to correct the violation. Many times this involves nothing more than changing your piping so that the water is discharged onto the ground outside your home rather than into the underground piping.

### Enforcement Planned

The ordinance allows for inspection of any property connected to the sewer system for the purpose of determining that you are in compliance. Lancaster Township is planning to perform random inspections in problem areas,

and noncompliance can result in a fine of up to \$100 *per day* for illegal connections! The intent here is to correct the illegal connections through cooperation between Township personnel and property owners so that no fines need to be levied. The aim is simply to correct the problem.

Not sure if you have an illegal

connection? Want to correct a problem you've discovered? Feel free to call the Township at 291-1213 with these and any other questions. Asking for help *now* will make complying with this ordinance easier and *will not* subject you to a fine.

Thank you for helping to correct this potential health hazard. ■

### COOPERATION

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The Plan recommends specific locations for parks: the former site of the North Sewage Treatment Plant (which should be developed with Lancaster City), a community park site south of Lancaster City between Bean Hill Road and Second Lock Road, and a neighborhood park site along the New Danville Pike.

Cooperation among municipalities to create and link greenways would, for instance, provide trails for people to freely walk, jog, or cycle alongside a stream that flows through more than one municipality, without encroaching on private property. Major greenways in the LIMC proposal include ones along the Conestoga River (and several of its tributaries), the Little Conestoga River, and an abandoned railroad right-of-way in the Engleside area. The Plan also delineates eight areas in the Township which are likely to be privately developed and which should have greenways incorporated into their development plans.

Another recently completed LIMC project is Sample Sign Regulations. Each LIMC can adopt these regulations as part of its zoning ordinance. In December 1993 Lancaster Township amended its zoning ordinance to include the new sign regulations. The goal is for all the municipalities to have



**LANCASTER COMMUNITY PARK'S GRAND OPENING WAS HELD ON APRIL 11. SIGN LISTS PROJECT PARTNERS.**

uniform sign regulations.

The regulations address signs as large as billboards and as small as "Enter" signs beside driveways. The regulations apply to any type of sign—for shopping centers, schools, home businesses, garage sales, and special events.

If you have questions about the new sign regulations, call the Lancaster Township Zoning Officer at 291-1213. For more information on the work of the LIMC, or to suggest cooperative activities, write to the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, P. O. Box 8347, Lancaster, PA 17604-8347, or call the Executive Director, John R. Ahlfeld, at 397-7313. ■

**GREENWAYS WOULD PROVIDE TRAILS FOR PEOPLE TO FREELY WALK, JOG, OR CYCLE ALONGSIDE A STREAM THAT FLOWS THROUGH MORE THAN ONE MUNICIPALITY.**

## COMPOST: FREE FOR THE ASKING

**J**ust about everyone in Lancaster Township is aware that leaves are picked up in the fall. What you may *not* be aware of is that we recycle the leaves by composting. This compost is available to residents free of charge, for use in your garden or as mulch for landscaping.

To make arrangements to pick up compost, call the Maintenance Facility at 293-1733 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. There is not always someone available to answer the phone, but your chances of getting through are probably best at either the beginning or the end of the day.

We pick up a lot of leaves, so help us reduce our compost pile and save yourself money at the same time. ■

### Lancaster County Trash Facts

COMPILED FOR 1993 BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ...

#### Recycling Info Available

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) publishes information which explains and details its programs and facilities. It offers free materials on special wastes, battery bags, HHW wheels, recycling brochures, recyclable market lists, LCSWMA fact sheets, and brochures explaining why plastics are not recycled in Lancaster County. If you would like to receive more information on any of these topics, please call the LCSWMA at 397-9968.

▶ **NEXT LARGE APPLIANCE COLLECTION DATE IS THE FIRST COLLECTION DAY IN DECEMBER, 1994. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**



#### FREY FARM LANDFILL:

194,541 TONS RECEIVED, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION DEBRIS, RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY ASH, AND RESIDUAL WASTES

67,488 TONS OF WASTE RECLAIMED FROM CELL 1 RESULTING IN 109,507 CUBIC YARDS OF SPACE BEING CREATED



#### RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY:

384,067 TONS OF WASTE PROCESSED

216,101,142 KILOWATT-HOURS OF ELECTRICITY SOLD TO METROPOLITAN EDISON  
6,361 TONS OF FERROUS METAL RECOVERED AND RECYCLED

109,171 TONS OF ASH

PRODUCED AND TRANSPORTED TO FREY FARM LANDFILL FOR DISPOSAL.



#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY:

3,599 HOMES SERVED

17,586 CONTAINERS OF MATERIAL COLLECTED

8,052 GALLONS OF OIL AND ANTIFREEZE RECYCLED

26,000 POUNDS OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES COLLECTED

15,040 POUNDS OF BATTERIES RECYCLED



#### TRANSFER STATION:

197,206 TONS OF WASTE TRANSFERRED

2,322 TONS OF BOTTLES AND CANS MARKETING

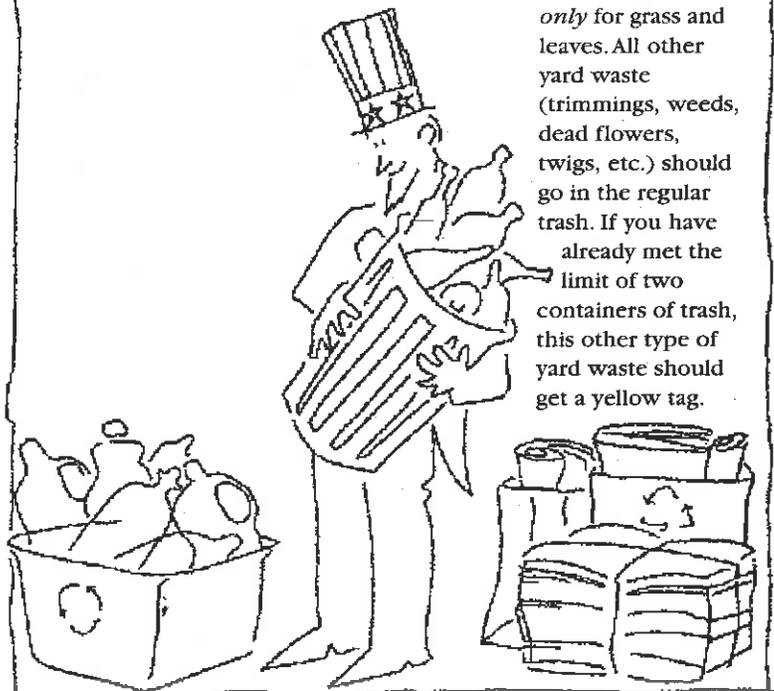
190 TONS OF TIRES

#### RECYCLED

1,144 TONS OF LARGE APPLIANCES SENT TO RECYCLING MARKET

452 TONS OF YARD WASTE AND LEAVES TRANSFERRED TO AREA FARMS FOR COMPOSTING

#### Remember ...



✓ **Green tags are only for grass and leaves. All other yard waste (trimmings, weeds, dead flowers, twigs, etc.) should go in the regular trash. If you have already met the limit of two containers of trash, this other type of yard waste should get a yellow tag.**

**LRC Offers Summer Fun**

The Lancaster Recreation Commission (LRC) is once again holding many exciting activities this summer for people of all ages.

Kids ages 6-15 can enjoy the summer playground program during theme weeks, such as Friendly Critters Week and Spectacular Sparkles. Special contests, such as the Wham-O Junior Frisbee Disc Contest, will be staged at the playgrounds, as well as an arts and crafts program. In Lancaster Township, Hamilton Park Playground opened June 22 and will run Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., until August 5.

Returning this summer is the LRC Summer Camp, open to all children ages 5-13 who live in the School District of Lancaster. Children will experience games, sports, science projects, nature studies, and more at this all-day camp at Burrowes Elementary School. Nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks are provided daily, so no packed meals are necessary.

Twelve free sports camps are also offered. Instructed by Lancaster County's best coaches, they are designed to develop an interest in team and individual sports with emphasis on sportsmanship and self-confidence. Children ages 8-14 residing in Lancaster Township can join any of the sports camps: volleyball, football, softball, baseball, golf, boys' and girls' basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, field hockey, street hockey, and soccer.

A variety of programs will entertain the whole family. Wednesday evenings enjoy the Summer Family Film Series, sponsored by Suburban Cable, at Buchanan Park. Admission is free. Or take the family on one of LRC's bus trips—to the Washington Zoo; Baltimore Inner Harbor; Ocean City, New Jersey; and the NASCAR Winston Cup at Dover Speedway.

LRC offers special programs just for adults, such as the Basketball Referee program, instructing participants in the rules of basketball. A number of fitness classes are held for those who need to shape up for the swimsuit season. Several sports leagues are offered for men and women.

Older adults can join LRC's Happy Hours Club and enjoy a variety of superb activities every Wednesday at Hamilton Park United Church of Christ on Maple Avenue or Christ United

Methodist Church on East Walnut Street. Summer bus trips to play productions and amusement parks are planned. A brand-new feature is the Happy Hours Summer Bowling League. And a popular summer event is the Happy Hours Fishing Derby, which includes a contest and a grand-prize drawing.

For more information on any of LRC's summer activities, call 392-2115. ■

**Attending Board Meetings**

Residents are cordially invited to attend Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors' meetings. The Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Township building, 1240 Maple Avenue. All meetings are open to the public except executive (closed) sessions, which are permitted by state law to discuss only specific topics such as personnel and legal issues. All board decisions, however, are made in public (open) session.

To efficiently handle the large

comments, concerns, and questions brief, so that everyone who has something to say has time to say it and to keep meetings to a manageable length. Don't expect instant action on your concern. Your issue may be referred for further study; that's standard procedure. Stay involved and keep an eye out for further action on your concern at future Board meetings.

Minutes are taken for all board meetings. A copy of the current minutes is posted on the bulletin board outside the Maple Avenue entrance to the Township building.

Why not plan to attend a board meeting! See for yourself how your Lancaster Township government operates. ■

**Get a Clean (Street) Sweep**

Many residents try to assist our sweeper by sweeping debris into piles. Unfortunately, the sweeper does not do as good a job picking up piles as it does picking up debris that is spread out over a larger area. The best thing to do is just sweep

**Resurfacing Update**

OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER GAVE A TENTATIVE LISTING OF STREETS TO BE RESURFACED THIS YEAR. THE LIST HAS BEEN MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

- MEADOWCREEK LANE - ENTIRE LENGTH
- ROSEDALE AVENUE - FROM GRANDVIEW AVENUE TO SPRINGHOUSE ROAD
- SPENCER AVENUE FROM ELWOOD AVENUE TO ELM AVENUE
- GORDON ROAD - FROM WHEATLAND AVENUE TO HILLSIDE DRIVE
- HILLSIDE DRIVE - ENTIRE LENGTH
- OAK LANE - ENTIRE LENGTH

number of matters coming before it, the Board follows a planned order of business. As you come into the building through the Perry Avenue entrance, sign the guest register and pick up a copy of the agenda for the evening.

There are two places on the agenda for public participation. Section II - Public Comment on Agenda Items is a time for residents to offer comments on any items that appear on that evening's agenda. Keep in mind, this is not a time for the Supervisors to respond or for any debate to take place, though they will consider your comments as they vote. Section XI - Guest Recognition and Participation is the time to present concerns and ask questions on any issue. Residents are encouraged to keep

debris from your sidewalk or curb onto the street. Save yourself some work and don't sweep debris into piles.

Also, please remember that our street sweeper stands about ten feet tall (the machine, that is). Please keep your trees trimmed above this height to let us sweep against your curb without damaging the sweeper (or your trees) by hitting branches that hang over the street.

Our trees and shrubs are now in full foliage. That means we need to be aware of new growth that could obstruct vision at intersections or along our streets. Lancaster Township has an ordinance which prohibits obstruction of vision in the clear sight triangle.

The *clear sight triangle* is an area 100 feet in all directions from an intersection. Shrubs should be main-

tained to a height of not more than 3 feet. You should also keep your trees trimmed so that a truck driver can see at a height of up to 10 feet. The Township road crew will be making routine inspections in an effort to help remind you of any trimming which may be required to comply with this ordinance. If you have any questions regarding the clear sight triangle, please call the Lancaster Township Office at 291-1213.

Have an enjoyable summer, and thanks for helping to keep Lancaster Township a desirable place to live. ■

## Keeping in Touch

▶ THE NEXT QUARTERLY FORUM MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 1994, 9:00-11:00 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE, 1240 MAPLE AVENUE. HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR CONCERNS WITH LISTENING EARS.

▶ FREE PUBLICITY FOR YOUR COMMUNITY HAPPENING! IF YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS SOMETHING PLANNED AND YOU'D LIKE TO MENTION IT IN THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT LINDA DIPERNA AT 291-1213. ISSUES ARE PUBLISHED IN APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER, AND JANUARY. ALLOW A LEAD TIME OF ONE MONTH.

## 5 Ways to Prevent Burglary

by Officer William Gleason  
Lancaster Bureau of Police

The crime of burglary often relies on easy opportunities. After all, 70% of burglaries take place during daylight hours, practically out in the open. Why make a burglar's job easy? By taking these simple steps, you can prevent burglaries and make your whole neighborhood safer.

**1. Lock your doors and windows.** Burglars' preferred method of entry is through open windows and unlocked doors. Be sure to keep doors and windows locked even when you're outdoors doing yard work or washing the car. A professional burglar can be in and out of your home in less than five minutes.

**2. Put a deadbolt on the back door.** Most homes have a strong lock on the front door, which is good. However, the most vulnerable place for a burglar to enter is through a rear door. Any outside door with glass panes should have a double-cylinder deadbolt. This eliminates the possibility of a

burglar breaking the glass, reaching in and unlocking the door.

**3. Engrave your valuables.** Using an electronic metal engraver (available at electronic equipment shops for around \$6), etch your driver's license number onto your TV, stereo, camera, and anything else that could be sold easily. As you do this, record the make, model, and serial number of each item. These steps greatly increase the police's chances of recovering a stolen item.

**4. Participate in Neighborhood Watch.** When neighbors know each other, they watch out for each other's property. Plus, everyone will know if a suspicious-looking person is a neighbor or not. The Bureau of Police can help you organize a Neighborhood Watch. It takes very little time.

**5. Report suspicious persons.** If you observe someone looking into parked cars, trying to open car doors, or doing anything else unusual, call the police! A marked police cruiser can scare off would-be burglars and thieves. Cruisers assigned to Lancaster Township are easy to spot: look for the Lancaster Township decal on the rear quarter panel. ■

## LIBRARY PLANNING MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

Last year, 1.7 million books were borrowed from the public libraries of Lancaster County. The reference desk of the downtown library fielded an average of one information question every three minutes, covering an astonishing range of subjects.

All of this is a lot to keep track of, and current methods of handling this volume of business simply cannot keep up with demand. That's why the Lancaster County Library system is in the process of taking a big leap into the future. Computerization of the county-wide system and renovation of the downtown library will not only streamline the whole operation but also introduce new services.

During 1994 and 1995 the Lancaster County Library will invest in a library automation system that will computerize services and offer library users

improved access to the resources of all 16 public libraries in the county. A capital campaign to fund these projects is currently under way. Here's what the library will offer:

- **User-friendly computer terminals** will provide instant, accurate, up-to-date information on all the books in the county libraries. The automated system will indicate if the book is checked out, and will enable staff and volunteers to check books in and out, accurately and efficiently. The computer can also generate prompt overdue reminders!
- **A telecommunications system** will link all public library locations, providing access to a rapidly growing and changing range of information services. As new electronic data sources are developed, the library computer system will bring these technologies to all residents. Dial-in from any personal computer with a modem will access

online information sources without leaving home or office.

- **Computerized collection tracking** will enable each library to track the actual use of its resources, enabling staff to answer questions such as which books are read most and where library users live. The answers will provide important tools for collection development and planning.

- **Automated "card catalog"** will enable library users, even school children who already have computer skills, to easily and quickly locate information and resources.

- **Building improvements** will add sparkle to the downtown library. The beauty of the facility will be restored after years of rearrangement and heavy use. The main floor, the popular Children's Room, old restrooms, and mechanical systems will be upgraded to bring a fresh, new look. ■

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**LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR**

**Board of Supervisors:**  
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Zoning Hearing Board:**  
4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

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All meetings are held at the Township Office, 1240 Maple Avenue.