

# TOWNSHIP

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## LANCASTER TOWNSHIP HISTORY GOES BACK A LONG WAY

### Treaty with Indians Made Here 250 Years Ago

**I**t's your memory.  
 It's our history.  
 It's worth saving.

That was the theme of Preservation Week, a celebration of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It certainly applies to the rich history of Lancaster Township.

Most of us go along enjoying life in Lancaster Township without thinking much about what came before. The fact is, Lancaster Township goes back quite a long way. Farmers and millers began to settle here in 1721, and the Township was formally established in 1729. Its boundaries were the Conestoga River, Manor Township, the Little Conestoga Creek, Hempfield Township (now East), and Manheim Township. By 1730 the population of Lancaster Township was about 200.

To establish a county seat, James Hamilton laid out Lancaster City on two square miles of Lancaster Township. The new borough broke off as a separate municipality in 1742. This divided the Township into two disconnected parts, on the eastern and western sides of the city.

The new Lancaster City attracted merchants, physicians, and lawyers. As the town grew, so did the Township. All of the major tracts of land were laid out in residential lots, each with its own



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**PAINTING SHOWS  
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street pattern—often in conflict with that of a neighboring tract.

In 1744, Lancaster served as the meeting place of the treaty-making sessions between the Six Nations of Indians and the colonies of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. Visitors to the area were impressed with the growth and sophistication of this town in the wilderness, placing it in the colonial spotlight.

By 1760, Lancaster was a borough of major economic, political, and social importance in colonial America. As more and more skilled middle-class

mechanics and artisans moved in, the Lancaster area was thrust into the role of making and supplying goods for the French and Indian Wars, the Revolution-

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## WHERE TO VOTE IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

**E**lection Day is November 8. The following list of polling places is provided for Lancaster Township residents who have recently moved or who have never voted before.

FIRST DISTRICT	LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL, 725 HAMILTON RD.
SECOND DISTRICT	HAMILTON ARMS, 336 SOUTH WEST END AVE.
THIRD DISTRICT	LTFD, SOUTH STATION, 125 FAIRVIEW AVE.
FOURTH DISTRICT	BURROWES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1001 EAST ORANGE ST.
FIFTH DISTRICT	HAMILTON PARK U.C.C., 1210 MAPLE AVE.
SIXTH DISTRICT	CHURCH OF CHRIST, 551 ABBEYVILLE RD.
SEVENTH DISTRICT	LANCASTER CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 230 N. PRESIDENT AVE.
EIGHTH DISTRICT	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 1575 NEW DANVILLE PIKE
NINTH DISTRICT	LANCASTER ARMS, 116 JENNINGS DRIVE

Change of address forms can be obtained at the Lancaster Township office. Call the Voter Registration office at 299-8293 for more information. Remember: Register and vote November 8, 1994! ■

### HISTORY

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ary War, and the subsequent westward expansion.

Industries in the Township at that time included Graff's Mill, near the present-day intersection of Conestoga Drive and Ranck Mill Road; the Old Factory, near present-day Sunnyside; and Wabank Mill, on the west side of the Conestoga River, south of present-day Millersville Road.

These and other forms of commerce demanded an adequate transportation network. Major roads were established

Rockville (now Rock Hill) Turnpike, and Stumptown Turnpike (now Old Philadelphia Pike).

In addition, the Conestoga Navigation Canal was established on the Conestoga River from Lancaster to Safe Harbor on the Susquehanna River. Lock No. 2 of the canal was located at present-day Second Lock Road. Also, the Millersville Railroad and the Quarryville Railroad passed through Lancaster Township, with the Philadelphia-to-Columbia link of the State Works running through Lancaster City but just north of the Township. Bridges were built, and further commercial and residential development followed.

The expanded transportation system created a need for stop-off points for travelers. Taverns at Deering's Ford (now Bridgeport) and Graeff's Landing (now Engleside) were the early centers of activity. Both of those old buildings still stand as operating establishments, though not hotels.

From its beginnings the growth of Lancaster Township was slow but gradual, seldom increasing by more than 150 persons each decade prior to 1900. But major changes in the transportation network and its impact

### Red Ribbon Week Is Coming

▶ RED RIBBON WEEK IS SCHEDULED THIS YEAR FOR OCTOBER 22 THROUGH 30. RED RIBBON WEEK IS AN ANNUAL NATIONWIDE PUBLIC-AWARENESS PROGRAM THAT GIVES COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS THE CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA. DURING RED RIBBON WEEK, THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE BUILDING WILL BE ADORNED WITH A BANNER PROCLAIMING OUR SUPPORT OF A DRUG-FREE AMERICA. SMALL RED RIBBONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR RESIDENTS TO PICK UP AND WEAR TO SHOW THEIR OWN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM. STOP BY AND PICK UP A RIBBON! ■



▶ **THE CONESTOGA INN, NOW OPERATING AS CONESTOGA BAR AND RESTAURANT, AS IT LOOKS TODAY.**

on industry brought a decline of industrial land use and an increase in residential land use. This established the Township as a strong residential municipality, which it remains today. ■

*Adapted from Lancaster Township Comprehensive Plan (1971, 1986).*

### You Might Have a Treasure

CLEANING OUT YOUR ATTIC OR BASEMENT? IF YOU EVER HAPPEN TO COME ACROSS ANY LANCASTER TOWNSHIP INFORMATION, SUCH AS OLD DOCUMENTS, MEETING MINUTES, OR TOWNSHIP RECORDS, DON'T THROW IT OUT! PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 291-1213 AND WE WILL SEND SOMEONE OUT TO PICK IT UP.

in a radial pattern, with Lancaster City at the hub of the wheel. Lancaster Township residents now had access to the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike, Lancaster and Columbia Turnpike, Lancaster and Marietta Turnpike, Lancaster and Millersville Turnpike,

## RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY WINS EXCELLENCE AWARD

**T**he Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) recently named the Lancaster County Resource Recovery Facility a System Excellence Award winner in the 1994 Waste-to-Energy Excellence Awards Program recognizing superior waste-to-energy recovery systems.

Lancaster County's facility was selected for its outstanding design and operational program and its consistent compliance with environmental regulations and a demonstrated determination in limiting air emissions.

Owned by the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority and operated by Ogden Martin Systems of Lancaster, Inc., the facility plays a key role in preserving landfill space by reducing the volume of the waste it processes by 90%.

In 1993, the Lancaster County Resource Recovery Facility burned 64% of the county's waste stream while 25% was recycled and only 11% of the waste went directly to the Frey Farm Landfill for disposal. ■

## What To Do With Your Christmas Tree

RECYCLE, OF COURSE! TO HELP YOU DO THAT, LANCASTER TOWNSHIP WILL COLLECT CHRISTMAS TREES FOR RECYCLING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1995, DURING REGULAR COLLECTION HOURS. TREES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED ON REGULAR TRASH DAYS.

REMEMBER TO REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS AND STANDS, AND **DO NOT** PUT OUT ARTIFICIAL TREES FOR COLLECTION! REMEMBER, THE MULCH CREATED FROM THE TREES LINES PARK PATHS IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP.

## Where Those Big Old Appliances Can Go

Disposing of large appliances you're finished with is not a problem in Lancaster Township. We'll take it away for you! The next large-appliance collection will be at the time of your first trash pick-up in December. Washers, dryers, water heaters, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, furnaces, etc. — any of these are eligible as long as there's a blue tag fastened securely to it. Tags can be obtained at the Township office (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) or through the order form found in the informational packet each resident received when this program began. This is also the time to dispose of old tires. Each tire needs a yellow tag secured to it. Suggestion: it's a good idea to write your name and address on the back of each tag placed on refuse items.

## And In Other News...

### Federal Funds Help Pay for Winter '94

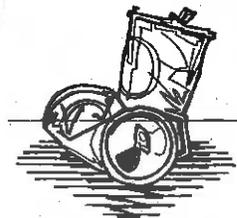
Because of last year's severe winter weather, the Federal Emergency Management Association has awarded Lancaster Township funds in the amount of \$42,656. This award was based on the amount of overtime used during the snow emergency days from January 4 through February 25, 1994. It also takes into account the equipment used and the amount of salt and anti-skid materials used during that period. The award comprised 75% of the Township's total expenditures during this time period.

Congratulations and thanks are extended to the Highway Superintendent Carl D. Kline, Jr.; Road Foreman Earl Groff; and the Public Works Department: J. Robert Eckenrode, Charles Bleacher, Larry Van Aulen and Earl Caruthers for their devotion to Lancaster Township, especially during that difficult winter. ■

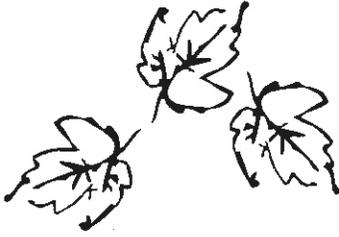
### Stitchers Needed

Are you an experienced needlepoint stitcher? Would you be interested in helping to complete a wall-hanging of Wheatland, the Lancaster Township logo? If so, please contact the Township Office (291-1213). Your skills are needed!

The wall-hanging, designed by Ellen Franklin, measures approximately 28" x 36". It's been painted on #13-gauge Sweigart canvas in point-count technique. When finished, this beautiful wall-hanging will be permanently displayed in the meeting room at the Township building. ■



**Highway Superintendent:  
Leaves, Then Snow To Clear**



The 1994 leaf collection season is upon us. Collection will begin Monday, October 10, and continue through Friday, December 9. Here's the pickup schedule:

- **Mondays, Oct. 10-Dec. 5**—All streets between Columbia and Marietta Avenues.
- **Tuesdays, Oct. 11-Dec. 6**—Morning: Hamilton Park area plus Davis Drive and the 400 and 500 blocks of Atkins, Spencer and S. President Avenues. Afternoon: east end of the Township plus City Mill Road, Conestoga Woods and Conestoga Boulevard.
- **Wednesdays, Oct. 12-Dec. 7**—

volume, a few areas of the Township are not scheduled for weekly leaf collection. Pickup in the areas not listed above is coordinated through the Township office. Residents can also drop off leaves at the maintenance facility during regular working hours. Please call the Township office to make arrangements.

The Supervisors urge residents not to put grass clippings or other debris out for collection as our DER Permitted Compost Facility allows only leaves to be composted.

Place your leaves on the street adjacent to the curb, as close as possible to the scheduled pickup day.

We will attempt to maintain a weekly pickup, but weather or other unforeseen factors may cause occasional biweekly pickup.

When the leaf collection has been completed, the trucks must be prepared for their next assignment—winter roadway maintenance. Snow will soon be falling and the plows will once again be clearing the roadways for

To guard against potential damage caused by snow plows Lancaster Township Highway Superintendent Carl Kline suggests that all property owners mark their property. Place reflective posts along your property line near the paved roadway surface. The Township will not be responsible for lawn damage during snow-plowing. And let's all hope this winter is not as severe as the last! ■

**Fire Safety Committee:  
Winners Again**

The Lancaster Township Fire Department's Fire Safety Education Committee, formerly called the Fire Prevention Committee, has recently been awarded first place for the best fire safety program in all of Lancaster County. In fact, this committee also won the same honor last year, and won second place in 1992.

The Committee encourages having fire extinguishers and smoke detectors available and teaches how to use them properly. They discuss evacuation procedures, stressing that families should have a designated place outside to meet. They make sure everyone knows not to go back into a burning building once they are outside. And they simulate calling the 911 emergency number, so that participants know what types of questions the 911 dispatcher will ask.

This seven-member committee has worked very diligently to assemble an informative program that appeals to all ages. They are available to come out and talk to groups at any time during the year and can be scheduled by calling the fire station at 394-5353 or Edward J. McKenzie at 393-4261. ■

**Fire Prevention Week Recalls Firefighter Heroism**



The first full week of October is Fire Prevention Week. During this time, firefighters everywhere redouble their efforts to inform the public about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it. What Fire Prevention Week does not usually publicize is firefighters' courage and dedication to duty.

Firefighters may be compared to soldiers whose weapons are aimed at the devastation of accidental fires. Firefighting is not a sport; there are fatalities, not to mention the ever present danger associated with the job. Indeed, at one time firefighting was the most dangerous occupation in the nation. Over the years, that distinction has been greatly reduced, thanks to technology and strict safety standards. Still, the danger remains.

Today, there are 1,058,300 firefighters serving communities in the United States, working in 30,562 fire departments. Of these, 253,000 are career paid while 805,300 are volunteers. The first recognized paid department was in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1853. The first volunteer group was the Union Fire Company, founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1736.

So this year, during Fire Prevention Week, let's pay a little extra attention to fire safety—and to remembering the brave firefighters who wage a war that never ends.

Morning: Hamilton Park area. Afternoon: East end and finish any other east end pickups if necessary.

- **Thursdays, Oct. 13-Dec. 8**—All streets on the north side of Marietta Avenue to Newton Road.
- **Fridays, Oct. 14-Dec. 9**—West side of Abbeyville Road, Bausman area, Hoover Road, Honeysuckle Lane and Bentley Lane area.

Because of factors such as traffic

your safe passage. While the crew attempts to stay on the road surface itself, it is sometimes impossible to determine exactly where the road ends and your lawn begins in areas that don't have curbs. The Township also has a right-of-way which extends beyond the paved surface for a distance which is typically five to ten feet. This allows for the Township to properly maintain the roadway.

**Road Tour Scheduled**

The Second Class Township Code requires municipalities to inspect all roads within their municipality two times each year. In preparation for next year's budget, the Lancaster Township Supervisors will inspect all Township roads to determine which are in dire need of repair. The annual Fall Road Tour will occur Saturday, October 15, 1994. Residents having specific concerns are encouraged to contact the Township office (291-1213) prior to that date. ■

**Zoning/Code Enforcement:  
Do You Know Where Your Dog  
Is Now?**

Because the Township was receiving an increasing number of dog complaints, the Dog Ordinance was updated in March, 1992. Most complaints concern barking dogs, dogs defecating on private and public property, and dogs being allowed to run at large.

Barking dogs are the most controversial. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer James Doran has found that many dog owners are unaware of their dogs' barking. In many cases the dog is left unattended. Sometimes the dog is outside all day while the owners are at work.

If you have a dog complaint, keep a log of when the violations occur. Write down the time, date, duration of the violation and a description of the dog if possible.

Complaints can be acted on only when the Township office receives them in writing, signed by the complainant. You can either come into the office and fill out a complaint form, send a letter, or call and follow up with a note. The letter needs only to be brief; state the complaint and identify the property address or property owner.

Depending on the nature of the complaint, the dog owner in violation will either receive a

personal visit to the property, a phone call or a violation notice. A violation notice is the most common response.

If a violation isn't removed, an Enforcement Notice is sent by certified mail. Failure to act on the Enforcement Notice results in a citation before the District Justice. This does not occur very often, as Lancaster Township has had tremendous cooperation from the residents who have received violation notices.

One last thought Jim would like to pass on to residents: most residents would prefer to be first approached by the complainant, usually a neighbor, before a complaint is issued to the Township. He would like to encourage all residents to talk to their neighbors. The neighbors might not like what you are saying, but they will appreciate the courtesy and respect you for your honesty. ■

**Police Department: Calling for  
Visible Door Numbers**

**URGENT!** The Police need your help! Because of the growth of bushes and tree branches, many door numbers are no longer readable from the street. This hinders police service, as valuable time may be lost searching for your door number. Trim bushes and tree branches now, and make sure your door number is visible. This simple act could save your life! ■

**Recreation Commission:  
Offering Fall Programs**

The Lancaster Recreation Commission has all kinds of activities planned for fall, from preschool and school-aged child care to recreational activities for youth and adults. Activities are also scheduled for senior citizens who are members of the Happy Hours Club.

Mark your calendar for these special events:

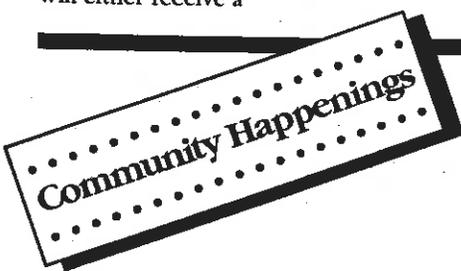
- October 12 Chicken & Waffle Dinner
  - October 13 Holiday Bazaar
  - October 15 The Great Pumpkin Hunt
  - November 19 "Fowl" Shooting Contest
- Plus, there are Christmastime bus

*New Office Baby!*

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF KAITLYN MORGAN JACOBY, DAUGHTER OF LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BOOKKEEPER LORI JACOBY AND HER HUSBAND KEVIN. KAITLYN WAS BORN MONDAY, AUGUST 15. CONGRATULATIONS TO LORI AND KEVIN!

trips to Washington Zoo, King of Prussia shopping, and New York City.

Stop by the Lancaster Township building or the Recreation Commission on Fairview Avenue and pick up a copy of LRC's fall brochure. Inside you'll also find discount coupons to area businesses. For more information on any of the programs, call the Lancaster Recreation Commission at 392-2115. ■



**Hamilton Park Playground**

Call Kurt Kinderwater at 293-9193 for more information.

- October 29—Halloween Parade and Party, 1:00 p.m.
- November 20—Fall Clean-Up, 1:00 p.m.
- December 16—Christmas Caroling and Party, 7:00 p.m.

**Lancaster Community Park**

Call Mark Anderson at 393-8519 for more information.

The Lancaster Park Commission is still accepting donations for the planting of

trees at the Lancaster Community Park. Brochures describing this program and detailing the types of trees offered is available at the Lancaster Township office. The Commission plans to plant trees later this fall—watch the newspapers for an announcement!

**Lancaster Twp. Baseball Association**  
Call Tom Sheaffer at 397-4302 for more information.

Sign-ups will be held January 14 and 28, 1995, at the Lancaster Recreation Commission, 525 Fairview Avenue. Due to tremendous growth in 1994 (from 370 participants in 1993 to over 500 in 1994!), even more players are anticipated in 1995. The Association is currently seeking volunteer coaches, board members, and corporate sponsors. Look for a logo contest—details will be available at the sign-ups.

**Trick or Treat!**

"Trick or Treat" night in Lancaster Township will be October 31, 1994, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please remember:

- No one over the age of 12 years may wear a mask in public.
- Accompany young children and carry a flashlight.
- Stay in your neighborhood and visit only the homes of people you know.
- Dress children in light-colored costumes; adding reflectors is recommended.
- Check all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Watch out for traffic! Drivers, be extra alert!
- HAVE FUN!!

**LANCASTER TOWNSHIP**  
**1240 MAPLE AVENUE**  
**LANCASTER PA 17603**  
**(717) 291-1213**  
**FAX (717) 291-6818**

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	Occupational ..... 215-588-0965
	School ..... 291-6134
	Sewage Enforcement Officer Dale L. High ..... 768-3119

**December is Next Forum Meeting**

The next Supervisors Forum Meeting will be held Saturday, December 3, 1994, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mark W. Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, will be hosting this informal session. He'll be waiting to meet and talk with all interested residents in the Board Room of the Township building at 1240 Maple Avenue. Come and tell him what's on your mind!

**LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR**

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