

# TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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## LANCASTER TOWNSHIP REDUCES TAXES AND TRASH FEES

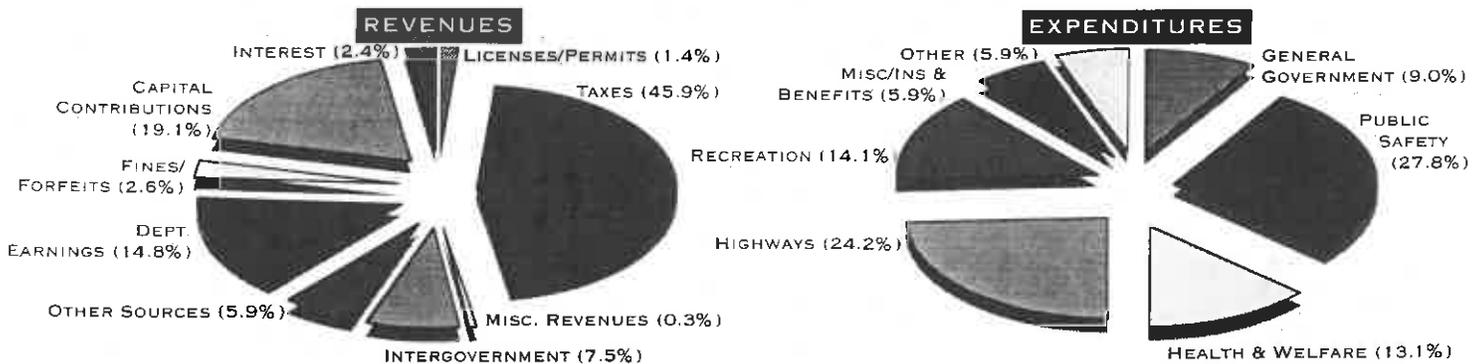
### Budget Retains Services at Lower Cost to Residents

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors recently adopted the 1995 budget, which reduces property taxes by 25% (from 4 mills to 3 mills) and the annual trash/recycling fee by \$10. The average taxpayer will save \$25 per year on taxes, and the trash/recycling bill will drop to \$110, which means that, beginning in April, the semiannual billing will be \$55. For

senior citizens who have Office of the Aging cards or who already receive the senior citizen discount, the trash/recycling bill drops to \$100 per year, or \$50 each billing.

The new budget provides for continuation of the same level of services to all areas of the Township, the acquisition and maintenance of park land, the implementation of the

recommendations of both the Public Safety Task Force and the Codes Task Force, and the continuation of a vigorous road maintenance and improvement schedule. This will include improvements to the North President Avenue/Columbia Avenue intersection and the installation of a traffic signal at the East King Street/City Mill Road intersection. ■



ABOVE: GRAPHS SHOW BREAKDOWNS OF TOWNSHIP REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. AT RIGHT: BUDGETED DOLLAR AMOUNTS.

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
LICENSES/PERMITS	\$ 46,200	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 307,500
TAXES	1,559,440	PUBLIC SAFETY	944,300
MISC. REVENUES	10,300	HEALTH & WELFARE	445,187
INTERGOVERNMENT	256,403	HIGHWAYS	822,380
OTHER SOURCES	200,000	RECREATION	478,800
DEPT. EARNINGS	504,463	MISC./INSURANCE & BENEFITS	199,716
FINES/FORFEITS	87,500	OTHER	200,000
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	650,577		
INTEREST	83,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,397,883</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,397,883</b>

## NOBODY ASKED ME!

**“N**obody ever asked me if I'd be interested in serving on the Township Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, or Zoning Hearing Board.”

“No one ever told me that the Township needs my help.”

“I would like to help with a short-term or periodic job, like mailings.”

“I thought you had to be special to get appointed.”

Do those statements sound familiar?

The Lancaster Township Supervisors want you to know that you *are* special, that there are opportunities for you to share your time and talents with your municipality. To make sure they know

you are interested and available, you will need to submit the Volunteer Information Sheet (VIS) that is included with this newsletter.

Once that Volunteer Information Sheet is on file, the Supervisors will be able to contact you when there is a need for your expertise with a special project or a vacancy to be filled on one of the Township's boards or commissions. Sound simple? You bet it is.

Please take the time to complete as much of the VIS as you would like to. Remember, the point is that the Supervisors need to know of your desire to serve your municipality. They can then contact you for an interview when a need arises. ■

### Attend a Public Forum Meeting

THE SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC FORUM MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES IN 1995: **MARCH 4, JUNE 3, SEPTEMBER 2, AND DECEMBER 2.** ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. EACH MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY ONE SUPERVISOR. THESE MEETINGS GIVE RESIDENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND REGULARLY SCHEDULED SUPERVISORS' MEETINGS OR ARE UNCOMFORTABLE SPEAKING AT A FORMAL MEETING THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS WITH A SUPERVISOR IN AN INFORMAL SETTING. ■

### Community Park Volunteers Needed

Have you visited the Lancaster Community Park? Would you like to play a role in the future development of our park? If so, volunteers are needed for planning future park construction, operations, community events, and fund-raising.

A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lancaster Township municipal building. Make a New Year's Resolution to become involved in the Lancaster Community Park!

For more information call Barry Gentzler at 392-8276 (evenings) or 569-4040 (days).

### Community Happenings

#### 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 are available at the Lancaster Township office.

#### Neighborhood Crime Watch

Call Mary Anne Calloway at 392-2763 for more information.

The next meeting will be held April 12, 1995, in the meeting room of the Lancaster Township municipal building, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome and invited to attend!

## LANCASTER TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

#### Lancaster Township Office

1240 Maple Ave.

Lancaster, PA 17603 ..... 291-1213

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

#### Maintenance Facility

1357 Meadowcreek Lane ..... 293-1733

#### District Justices:

Sandra L. Kulp

117-A South West End Ave. 299-7898

Richard W. Musser

301 N. Queen St. .... 299-7966

Lancaster City Police ..... 291-4911

(non-emergency)

State Police ..... 299-7650

Fire or Police Emergency Calls ..... 911

Lancaster City Water ..... 291-4829

Lancaster City Sewer Dept. .... 291-4837

Lancaster Recreation Commission  
..... 392-2115

Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority  
..... 291-4805

Lancaster Area Sewer Authority (LASA)  
..... 299-4843

#### Tax Collectors:

Township/County ..... 299-8222

Occupational ..... 215-588-0965

School ..... 291-6134

#### Sewage Enforcement Officer

Dale L. High ..... 768-3119

## Paper Mountain Is Shrinking

NEW FACTS ON PAPER RECYCLING FROM THE AMERICAN FOREST & PAPER ASSOCIATION:

⊕ PAPER AND PAPERBOARD ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 60% OF ALL MATERIALS DIVERTED FROM THE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE STREAM FOR RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING.

⊕ IN 1993, NEARLY 36 MILLION TONS OF PAPER WERE RECOVERED IN THE UNITED STATES—TWICE AS MUCH AS IN 1980.

⊕ MORE THAN ONE OF EVERY TWO NEWSPAPERS, NEARLY 60% OF ALL CORRUGATED MATERIAL, AND ONE-THIRD OF ALL PAPER AND PAPERBOARD PACKAGING (COMPARED TO 12% OF ALL OTHER PACKAGING) ARE BEING RECOVERED.

⊕ ONE-THIRD OF ALL PAPER COLLECTED IN THE WORLD IS RECOVERED IN THE U.S., WHERE AN AVERAGE OF 267 POUNDS ARE NOW RECOVERED ANNUALLY BY EACH CITIZEN (COMPARED TO 257 POUNDS PER PERSON IN JAPAN).

⊕ IN ALL, AMERICANS NOW RECOVER 40% OF ALL PAPER USED—ACHIEVING A GOAL THE INDUSTRY SET FOR 1995 TWO YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

⊕ THE U.S. PAPER INDUSTRY HAS SET A NEW GOAL TO RECOVER—FOR RECYCLING AND REUSE—ONE-HALF OF ALL PAPER USED IN THE YEAR 2000.

## SENIORS, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR ADVANTAGES

**R**esidents who have celebrated their 60th birthday are eligible for an Office of the Aging card. This card offers many benefits, one of which is that it entitles the bearer to a \$10 per year discount from the Lancaster Township trash/recycling fee!

The card is easy to obtain. Residents need to visit the Office of the Aging, located in the first floor of the County Courthouse, 50 North Duke Street, Lancaster. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Residents should take along proof of their birth date and their Social Security number. For more information, call the Office of the Aging at 299-7979.

Also, senior citizens may trade in their recycling bins for recycling buckets. These buckets are round, green containers with handles, and are much easier to handle than the average box-shaped recycling container. ■



When weather conditions are bad, the trash/recycling schedules will be announced on the following radio and television stations:

- WLAN - FM 97 (96.9)
- WROZ - FM 101.3
- Z107
- WGAE-TV8

## Large Appliances: Spring Pick-Up

The next large appliance collection will occur during the first trash pick-up in May, 1995. Every large appliance put out for collection must have a blue extra service tag attached securely to it. Large appliances include items such as clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, hot-water heaters, air conditioners, furnaces, etc. This is also the time to put out tires for collection. Tires do not need blue tags—they should have *yellow* tags fastened to them. **REMEMBER:** Put your address on the back of each tag you use. ■

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Christmas isn't over till you've recycled your cut tree. Christmas trees will be collected in Lancaster Township on Saturday, January 14, 1995, during regular collection hours. They will *not* be collected on regular trash days. Residents are reminded to remove all decorations and stands from the trees, and to *not* put out artificial trees! The mulch created from the trees lines park paths in Lancaster Township.



## Fire Department: Show Your Door Number

The Lancaster Township Fire Department reminds residents that once the snow starts to fall door numbers should be cleaned of snow so that they are clearly visible from the street.

It's also to everyone's advantage to clean snow from fire hydrants. ■

## Highway Superintendent: Facing the Facts of Winter

If we're lucky, this winter will have temperatures in the 50s and no significant accumulation of snow. More realistically, we will experience something between minimal snowfall and last year's bombardment.

Common sense dictates priorities when maintaining roadways during winter storms. Major and Minor Collector Roads will be the primary targets of our road crew. PennDOT maintains Marietta Avenue, Columbia Avenue, Millersville Pike, New Danville Pike, Millersville Road and East King Street. PennDOT reimburses Lancaster Township for providing maintenance on East Orange Street, Riverside Avenue from East Orange to East King Street, and Wabank Road from the city line to Millersville Road.

Other roads in these classifications are North President Avenue, West End Avenue, School House Road, Wilson Drive between Columbia Avenue and Marietta Avenue, Atkins Avenue,

Spencer Avenue, Abbeyville Road, Gable Park Road, and Charles Road. In addition, roads where emergency services such as the fire departments, hospitals, and nursing homes are located will receive priority maintenance.

All other roads are classified as Local Access Roads. Their maintenance will follow the Major and Minor Collector Roads. In addition to our road crew, we hire independent contractors to assist with snow removal. It takes quite a while to cover every road in the Township, so please be patient.

Your cooperation with snow removal on your property will make our job easier and save you the work of moving the same snow more than once. ■

## Recreation Commission: Announcing Winter Activities

The Lancaster Recreation Commission has something for everyone this winter. You won't want to miss these activities:

- The **Youth Wrestling Club** is the LRC's newest program. Children in grades 3 through 6 will learn wrestling skills, agility and strength, and good sportsmanship. The program kicks off on Sunday, January 8 and runs through February 24. Messiah College's head wrestling coach Neil Turner will instruct one of the sessions. Register now. The \$5 fee includes a T-shirt.

- The **Lancaster Youth Soccer Club** offers both competitive and intramural teams for boys and girls in grades K-12

who reside in the School District of Lancaster. Registration for spring leagues will be accepted until January 15. For more information call 393-0363.

- Sign up for Lancaster Township **baseball and softball teams** for the 1995 season. Teams are open to all girls and boys in the School District of Lancaster from the instructional level to fast pitch. Practices begin in late March. Registration will be held at the Recreation Center on Saturdays,

January 14 and 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Information on the logo contest will be available at the sign-ups. Call Tom Sheaffer at 397-4302 for more information. And don't forget, volunteer parents are always welcome.

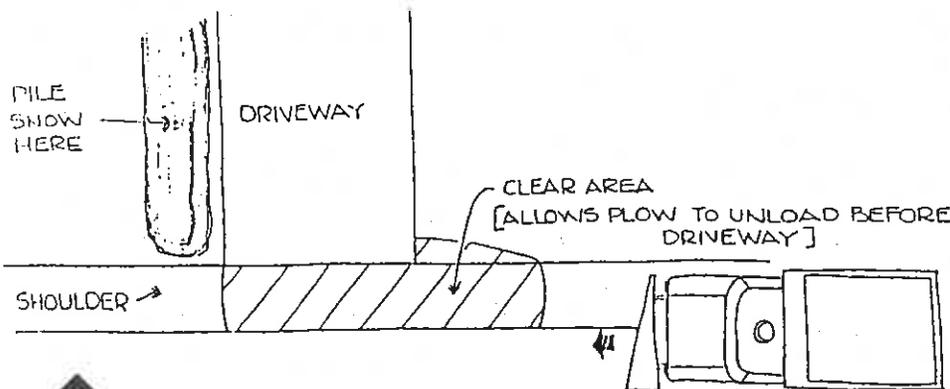
- If you're a high school or college student, visit the LRC over your holiday break to apply for a **summer job** at an LRC playground, Camp Optimist, or LRC Summer Camp. Applications will be accepted Wednesday and Thursday, December 28 and 29, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child.

- Check out the LRC's classes and programs for adults, too. Learn to relax by learning the art form of **T'ai Chi**. Class meets on Wednesdays at the Recreation Center. Or master the techniques of **quilting** and create a wall hanging in our quilting class. You'll learn appliqué and hand quilting during this class, which begins February 9.

Call Kathy Staib at 392-2115 for details on any of our adult programs.

- If you're 55 or over, join the LRC's **Happy Hours Club**. At the seven local Happy Hours centers you'll enjoy activities such as guest speakers, entertainers, games, contests, holiday parties, and much more. You'll receive a free subscription to *Golden By-Lines*, the monthly club newsletter, as well as reduced prices on bus trips and classes such as swimnastics and art. Membership is only \$6.50 for Lancaster Township residents and \$8 for others. Call Pat Fellenbaum at 392-2115 for more information.

- Don't forget **Countdown '95**. This New Year's Eve celebration will take place in downtown Lancaster beginning at 7:30 p.m. on December 31. Admission buttons are \$3 and will admit you to any of the 20 sites and entertainers. Call 392-2115 for more information. ■



**FLOW OR SHOVEL YOUR SNOW TO THE SIDE OF YOUR DRIVEWAY, AWAY FROM THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. CLEARING SNOW FOR A DISTANCE PRIOR TO YOUR DRIVEWAY ALLOWS THE PLOW TO "UNLOAD" BEFORE REACHING IT. BY PILING SNOW AWAY FROM THE DIRECTION OF ONCOMING SNOWFLOWS, THE BULK OF THE SNOW WILL NOT BE PUSHED BACK ONTO YOUR DRIVEWAY.**

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

**S**afety is a big issue for all of us, especially when it concerns children. The best approach to teaching kids to stay safe is for the school and family to provide consistent, clear messages about staying out of harm's way and responding to potential danger.

Here are some safety tips to share with the children in your family:

- **Know when and how to dial 911.** Every child needs to be aware that simply dialing 911, or just 0, brings help when needed. Practice by playing the person on the other end of the line, not by dialing the real 911. When the phone answers, the child should say, "I need help." Then the child should know how to provide his or her full name, address, and phone number.

- **Know what to do if approached by a stranger.** Make up a secret family code word and teach your child never to go with anyone who does not know it. Also, play "what if" games. For example, ask, "What would you do if a stranger asked you to help look for a lost dog?" The correct answer is, "Never go with a stranger for any reason." And don't set up your child as a target: clothes bearing the child's name can make the child believe a stranger really does know him or her.

- **Know how to be home alone.** If you allow your child to answer the phone when home alone, teach never to say there is no adult at home. Instead, the child should say, "My mom or dad is busy. Please call back later." Also, teach your child never to open the door before first looking out to see if the person at the door is familiar.

- **Stay safe when walking to and from school.** Your child should use the buddy system, always walking with

a friend or family member. Give firm instructions to never take shortcuts or walk in alleys. Teach your child

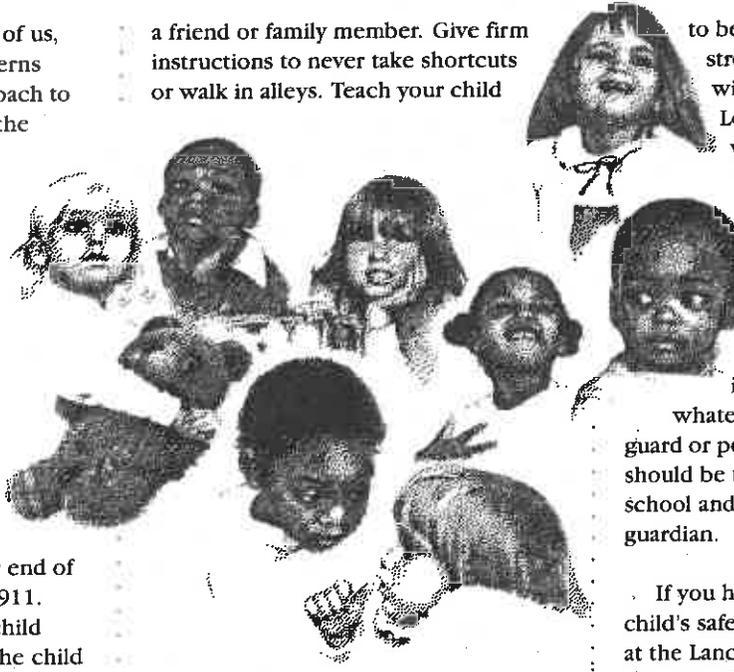
to be extra careful when crossing streets, especially during the winter when it gets dark early.

Look both ways and never walk in the street. Never run while crossing the street because chances of falling are greater. If a child takes a ball to school, it should be carried, not bounced, when crossing the street.

Make the point that it's important to listen to

whatever instructions a crossing guard or police officer gives. The rule should be to come directly home after school and report in with a parent or guardian.

If you have any questions about your child's safety, call Officer Kathy Speitel at the Lancaster Police Department, 291-4920. ■



*Help the Mail Get Through!*

**Postal Service: Clearing Snow Keeps Your Mail Coming**

by William M. Sheehan  
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The United States Postal Service takes great pride in delivering mail regardless of the weather. However, we need a little help when Mother Nature gives us a "White Winter."

If you keep in mind the following points, you will be greatly helping us deliver your mail in a safe and efficient manner:

- ▶ Always try to keep driveways, walkways, and steps clear of snow and ice. (That's a general safety tip, too!)
- ▶ If your mailbox is located at the curb, try to keep the approach to it cleared of snow. Provide enough clearance around it for the carrier to pull up to the mailbox and then to pull away from it.
- ▶ As you clear your walkway, throw the snow *away from your mailbox*, not in front of it.
- ▶ Carriers who must get out of their vehicle to deliver your mail may slip and fall if the approach is not clear.
- ▶ Please remember that your carrier has 500 to 700 stops to deliver every day. If he or she had to exit the vehicle and walk to every mailbox, it would be impossible to deliver the entire route in a day.

Your letter carrier sincerely wants to deliver all of the mail. The Postal Service realizes that there are elderly citizens and others who cannot always clear all of the snow. We also know that the winter of 1994 was very unusual. Still, we all need to work together to make the winter of 1995 safe for everyone. ■

