

TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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► Are You Selling Your Home?

IF YOU ARE SELLING YOUR HOME HERE IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE YOUR HOME HARDWIRED FOR SMOKE DETECTORS BEFORE SETTLEMENT. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

LEAF COLLECTION: LAST CHANCE

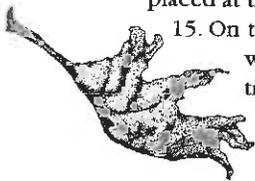
Because of the early snows we experienced last fall, most roads still have curbside leaves which were not collected. As the weather allows through late winter and early spring, Township crews will begin collecting these leaves. If you have leaves remaining in your lawn, have them

placed at the curb before April 15. On that date, the crews will begin one final trip throughout the Township to collect late-season leaves.

No schedule will

be used for this final collection, so be sure you have your leaves out before the crew visits your block. Because the Township will not make a second trip, you will be responsible for removing any leaves placed after the crew has passed your property. You may also place your leaves in bags and drop them off at the maintenance facility.

Please note that "No Parking" signs will be enforced through the end of leaf collection in 1996. This will aid in a more timely and efficient leaf collection program. ■



'GET-TOGETHERS' GET RESIDENTS TALKING

Meetings Provided Input for Strategic Plan

More than 200 residents and business representatives from Lancaster Township's five community focus areas attended a series of six Community "Get-Togethers" during January and February.

Based on residents' and businesses' concerns and suggestions for the Township's future, the Township-based Advisory Committee and the Township Supervisors are currently developing strategic goals. After the proposed comprehensive plan is written, Township residents will have an opportunity for additional comment at public hearings.

All participants of the "Get-Togethers"



RESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS SO THAT TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS CAN DEVELOP A PLAN TO MEET REAL NEEDS.

will receive a copy of the Township's final Strategic Comprehensive Plan. ■

Interesting 'Get-Together' Facts

- ✓ 202 residents attended.
- ✓ 10 children attended.
- ✓ 11 businesses were represented.
- ✓ 6 newspaper articles about the "Get-Togethers" were printed.
- ✓ Residents presented more than 65 different ideas and concerns.
- ✓ The East End community had the largest turnout, with 55 residents.
- ✓ Our kids told us what we really need is more play space, more candy stores, more flowers, and a drive-thru Pizza Hut.
- ✓ Hot topics for the adults included police protection and increased vandalism.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Lancaster Township Office
1240 Maple Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603 291-1213
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.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

Municipal Authority (formerly
Lancaster City Sewer Dept.) 291-4837

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

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

Tax Collectors:
Township/County 299-8222
Occupational (800) 360-8989
School 291-6134

Sewage Enforcement Officer
Dale L. High 768-3119

State Dog Warden Gene Grove 898-1355

Emergency Management Coordinator
Mark W. Anderson 393-8519

Lancaster Recreation Commission
..... 392-2115

FARM ANIMALS ON CLARK ST. RAISE SUPERVISORS' HACKLES (50 YEARS AGO, THAT IS ...)



Times have certainly changed, as a look at the Lancaster Township business of 50 years ago clearly demonstrates.

The organizational meeting of the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors was held January 7, 1946. Charles H. Hostetter was President, Ellis W. Pickel was Vice-President, and F. H. Feagley was Secretary/Treasurer. Each Supervisor was also a Roadmaster in charge of a specific Township District. For their services, each Supervisor was paid \$4 per monthly meeting.

During the April meeting, a resident raised a protest concerning "... animals being raised on Clark Street including chickens and hogs ... " Proposals were received at the May meeting to construct Elm Avenue between South West End Avenue and Rider Avenue.

In October a petition was presented to the Board stating in part "... that in years past great damage has been done to property in Lancaster Township by

pranksters in the celebration of Hallowe'en and your Petitioners fear that great damage is again imminent on the celebration of Hallowe'en ... "The Board then resolved to appoint eight "electors ... to act as policemen during the period from October 18, 1946 to November 9, 1946 ... to be paid at the rate of \$6 per diem for such policemen who shall provide their own automobile and \$5 per diem for all others ... "

At the final meeting of the Board of Supervisors of 1946, "...the treasurer announced the closing of the year 1946 with a cash balance in the General Fund of \$22,840.17 and a reserve of cash values in Government Bonds of \$11,840 plus accumulated interest..." ■

Next Election Day

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1996. MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO VOTE!

Board of Supervisors Meeting at Burrowes May 28

Responding to requests voiced by east-side Lancaster Township residents, the Board of Supervisors has rescheduled its May 28 Supervisors' meeting to Burrowes Elementary School at 1001 East Orange Street. The meeting, which will begin at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the school. The Supervisors will follow their usual format, which allows time for public comment on agenda items at the beginning of the meeting and public participation at the close of the business session. ■

Office Will Be Closed ...

THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:
APRIL 5 - GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 27 - MEMORIAL DAY

Hamilton Park Playground Needs Resident Support



The next meeting of the Park Board of the Hamilton Park Playground Association will be April 11, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Lancaster Township municipal building, 1240 Maple Avenue. Residents, especially those from the Hamilton Park neighborhood, are encouraged to attend.

Did you know that the park has been in existence since 1929? Did you also know that it is a private park? That means it is maintained and supported

through the efforts of the volunteer members of the Hamilton Park Playground Association.

The Hamilton Park Playground Association sponsors such family activities as an Easter egg hunt, a festival, a garage and craft sale, a family corn roast and concert, a Halloween party and parade, and a Christmas party. If you would like to see this playground continue, won't you please consider volunteering a small amount of your time to help? Volunteers are needed to attend monthly meetings, plan events, help out during events, and help maintain the park. Remember the saying "Many hands make light work"? The more volunteers that turn out, the less work for each one and the more fun for all!

Call Rob Eckenrode at 299-4730 for more detailed information. ■

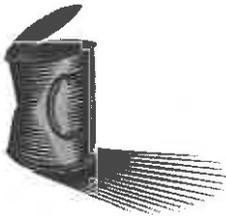
LARGE APPLIANCE COLLECTION

The next large appliance collection will occur on the first pick-up in May. For those residents whose trash/recyclables are collected on Tuesdays, the large appliance collection will be Tuesday, May 7. For those whose collection day is usually Wednesday, it will be Wednesday, May 1.

Remember: all large appliances must be tagged with a blue tag. This is a \$12 tag that can be purchased at the Township office. If you have a blue tag on hand that you've previously purchased but just haven't used yet, call the Township Office (291-1213) with your address and the type of appliance so we can direct the hauler to your address and he/she will know what appliance to collect. Attach the tag securely to the large appliance and put it at your curb (it's a good idea to write your address on the back of the tag). Large appliances include washers, dryers, water heaters, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, riding mowers, etc.

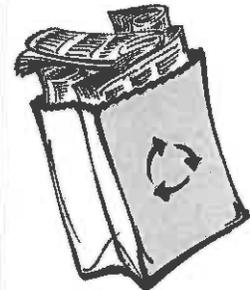
Three other items may be put out on this day as well. They require different types of tags and still require notifying the Township office. Small appliances such as dehumidifiers and push lawn mowers may be put out for collection with a red \$4 tag. Tires may also be put out with a yellow \$1.25 tag.

If you have any questions, please call the Township office. ■



Amazing Facts!

- It takes 7,500 trees to print the Sunday edition of the *New York Times*. One four-foot stack of newspapers, recycled, will save a tree!
- The steel industry recycled more than 17.6 billion steel cans in 1994, enough to stretch around the equator more than 33 times!
- In 1994, the steel industry automobile recycling rate was 95.2%, meaning the industry recycled enough steel from old cars to produce almost 13 million new automobiles!



Spring Cleaning—the Earth-Friendly Way

WINTER IS FINALLY OVER! NOW IT'S TIME TO DO THE SPRING CLEANING!! HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU CLEAN YOUR HOME IN AN EARTH-FRIENDLY WAY:

 **FOR GENERAL CLEANING:** TRY VINEGAR! IT CAN PREVENT STREAKS ON GLASS AND IT CAN CUT THROUGH GRIME ON MOST ANY SURFACE. TRY 1/2 CUP WHITE VINEGAR MIXED WITH A BUCKET OF HOT WATER TO CLEAN WINDOWS, MIRRORS, FLOORS, AND COUNTERS. FOR EXTRA CLEANING POWER, TRY MIXING IN SOME SALT OR BORAX WITH BAKING SODA TO FORM A PASTE. THIS WORKS GREAT ON SINKS AND BATH-TUBS.

 **FURNITURE POLISH:** VEGETABLE OIL MIXED WITH LEMON JUICE WILL POLISH WOOD SURFACES AND LEAVE A FRESH SCENT.

 **JEWELRY CLEANER:** TOOTH-PASTE MAKES A GREAT JEWELRY CLEANER! DAB THE TOOTHPASTE ON A DAMP CLOTH AND RUB OVER THE JEWELRY. RINSE WITH WARM WATER AND THEN ALLOW YOUR JEWELRY TO AIR DRY.

 **AIR FRESHENER:** KEEP THE AIR IN YOUR HOME CLEAN AND FRESH BY FILLING YOUR HOME WITH FLOWERING PLANTS. ALSO TRY SIMMERING FRESH HERBS OR SPICES IN AN UNCOVERED PAN ON YOUR STOVE. (BE SURE TO CHECK THE PAN FROM TIME TO TIME AND ADD WATER AS NEEDED.)

 **OVEN:** AFTER CLEANING THE OVEN TRY BAKING SOME ORANGE PEELINGS BRIEFLY FOR A WONDERFUL SCENT.

 **TRASH CANS:** SPRINKLE BAKING SODA INTO THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TRASH CANS TO ABSORB ODORS.

 **LAUNDRY:** TRY SOAKING BRIGHTLY COLORED COTTONS IN STRONG SALT WATER OVERNIGHT AND THEY WON'T FADE.

 **STAINED HANDS:** IF YOUR HANDS BECOME STAINED FROM CLEANING, COOKING, OR GARDENING, ADD A TEASPOON OF SUGAR TO THE SOAPY LATHER YOU WASH THEM IN! ■

Fire Department: Fleas, Chickens, Etc.

The Lancaster Township Fire Department will be holding its semi-annual Combination Sale—a combined garage sale/craft sale/flea market—on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the South Station on Fairview Avenue in Bausman. For more information please call 393-0389.

The semi-annual Chicken Bar-B-Que (“not the biggest, just the best!”) will be held Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., also at the South Station. Tickets are available from any Lancaster Township Fire Department member.

The Fire Department would like to gratefully acknowledge the 42% of Lancaster Township residents who so generously contributed to Fund Drive '96.

Editor's note: The Fire Department provides a wonderful, selfless, life-saving service to all of us, responding to an average of more than one call every day of the year! Wouldn't it be great if more than 42% of our households supported the annual fund drive?? ■

LRC: Here's What's Coming

The Lancaster Recreation Commission is welcoming spring and warmer weather with an agenda packed full of fun programs and activities.

For adults: The *Street Hockey Spring League* is in full swing with playoffs scheduled for June. *Summer Volleyball* for men's, women's and coed teams is always hot no matter what level of competition you play. The *Coed Summer Softball League*, our fastest-growing league, is sanctioned by the ASA and offers both competitive and recreational divisions. Look for a mandatory captain's meeting to be held April 10. The *Summer Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues* will begin June 17, with a captain's meeting for the Men's League set for May 1 at the LRC. *Golf lessons* are available at the Four Seasons Golf Course with golf

pro Tony Sylvia. *Fitness classes* are available all year long, including a “Step-To-It” class. *Aerobics classes* are being offered at the Maple Grove Community Building.

For seniors: The *Happy Hours Club*, open to those age 55 and over, offers many exciting and fun activities, such as birthday luncheons, lunch brunches, holiday parties, and more. *Aerobics* classes are scheduled to begin April 22 and *Swimnastics* classes will start April 23. Expand your talents in a fabulous *art class*. The musically inclined can join the *Lancaster Senior Orchestra* that performs at local functions six or seven times a year. *Bus trips* for seniors include a vaudeville show, the Azalea Festival, Atlantic City, and the Apple Harvest Festival. There is a choice of 15 different trips to pick from all year long.

For kids: *Field hockey* for fifth and sixth graders begins in late April at McCaskey High School in preparation for placement on advanced teams in the LRC's Field Hockey Program. *Sports Camps* registration will open soon for 14 different summer sports. *Conestoga Pines Park Pool* will open for the summer on May 27 and will be hosting great aquatic activities all summer long, such as “Flick and Floats” and swimming lessons.

For everyone: The LRC is offering 13 different *bus trips* for travelers of all ages. Day trips include St. Michael's, Maryland and Goddard Space Center in Baltimore. Multi-day trips are planned to Cape Cod; Charlotte, North Carolina for the Winston Select NASCAR race; and the Fan Fair Festival in Nashville.

For more information on any of activities, please call the LRC at 392-2115. ■

School District of Lancaster Updates

► **Central Campus Expansion Project**

The construction of McCaskey East High School has been in progress for 11 months. The early arrival of winter and the blizzard caused delays in enclosing the building, but the contractors are working to make up the lost time. The Project Team is confident that the building will be completed according to schedule and will be ready for occupancy on August 1, 1996.

The Bid Opening for the renovation of J. P. McCaskey High School was scheduled for March 20, 1996. The renovation project is scheduled to start in June 1996 and is scheduled for completion by August 1997. During the renovation project, the building will be vacated with the exception of the Food Services staff, which operates the District's central kitchen at McCaskey.

► **Site-Based Reform**

The School District of Lancaster continues its reform efforts with site-based decision-making through the establishment of site-councils at every school. These site-councils have representatives from the professional/service staffs, parents, and community. Most of the sites have established a set of by-laws and decision-making strategies to assist them in addressing their agendas. All sites operate under a set of parameters that relate site-based decision-making to district policy and school code.

► **Budget**

The Administration is currently working on the 1996-97 school year budget. Public meetings are expected to be held in April with tentative board approval scheduled for May and final approval in June.

► **Upcoming Events**

Burrowes:	55th Annual Festival	May 10-11
Lincoln:	Spring Concert I	May 1, 7:30 p.m.
	Spring Concert II	May 22, 7:30 p.m.
McCaskey:	Jazz Festival	April 10, 7:00 p.m.
	One-Act Plays: “Buddies” and “Impromptu”	April 29-30, 7:00 p.m.
	Arts Festival (Choral & Orchestra Concerts)	May 2, 7:30 p.m.
	Arts Festival (Band Concert)	May 3, 7:30 p.m.
Wheatland:	Spring Concert I	May 2, 7:30 p.m.
	Spring Concert II & Art Show	May 23, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Road Tour

The Spring Road Tour will be held Saturday, April 27, 1996. Residents with concerns should call the Township Office at 291-1213 prior to this date.

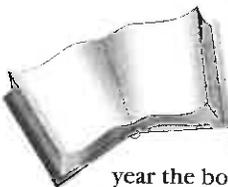
Highway Superintendent: Keeping Good Streets

Last summer we received several calls about micro-surfacing. Lancaster Township has used micro-surfacing in limited quantities the last two years. It is a cost-effective way of adding years to the life of the street without losing curb reveal, which is a problem in many areas. Most streets in Lancaster Township are structurally sound, although minor cracking could lead to considerable damage from water seeping into the sub-base. Micro-surfacing seals the roadway and at the same time provides a new surface which significantly improves traction.

When micro-surfacing is first placed on the roadway, it is brown in color. As it begins to set up, it turns black and takes on the appearance of an oiled and chipped road. The benefits of micro-surfacing are that it costs only about one-third as much as paving and doesn't have the loose stones or oil seepage associated with an oiled and chipped road. As the micro-surfacing ages, it wears in and its appearance is much more pleasing than when it is first put in place. If your road is micro-surfaced in the future, please remember the long-term benefits when you consider whether or not you are pleased with the appearance.

Street sweeping is scheduled to begin on April 15, 1996 and end on October 4, 1996. The start of the sweeping season may be slightly delayed by the final collection of leaves, but the delay should be minimal at worst. Please trim any trees or shrubbery hanging over the road at a height of less than ten feet. The sweeper cannot properly clean your road if it cannot get to the curb because of overgrowth. Your cooperation will greatly enhance the quality of our street-sweeping program. ■

Annual Library Book Sale in New Location This Year



The Lancaster County Library's 41st Annual Book Sale is moving to a new location for 1996 because of library renovations. This year the book sale will be held at the Overlook Roller Rink off the Lititz Pike

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PLANS '96 AGENDA

The Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC) is a group of 11 municipalities in central Lancaster County which have joined together to cooperate on local government activities. Participating municipalities are East Hempfield Township, East Lampeter Township, East Petersburg Borough, Lancaster Township, Manheim Township, Manor Township, Millersville Borough, Mountville Borough, Pequea Township, West Hempfield Township, and West Lampeter Township.

A major LIMC project during 1996 is preparation of a Conestoga River Corridor Management Study. The Study will make recommendations for developing greenways along or near sections of the Conestoga River, the Little Conestoga Creek, and the West Branch of the Little Conestoga Creek. It will consider all kinds of greenways, from buffers for environmental protection along waterways to bike-ways along existing roads to publicly accessible walking trails. Four public meetings will be held during the project; watch for announcement in the media, or call the LIMC at 397-7313 for

in Manheim Township.

Held from Monday, April 29 through Wednesday May 1, this annual event offers beautiful almost-new fiction, biographies, reference books, encyclopedias, mysteries, children's books, and paperbacks galore! Gift and rare books are located in a separate section. For music collectors, a selection of fine LPs will be available.

Attracting book lovers from throughout Lancaster County and collectors from Maine to Florida, the Lancaster County Library Book Sale is one of the largest book sales on the East Coast. Bargain hunters can find treasures hidden among the tables of books.

The new location at Overlook Roller Rink will offer convenient parking, a comfortable space for browsing, and a snack bar for a quick meal.

The Friends of the Lancaster County Library invite you to enjoy this annual celebration of books! books! books! ■



▲ THE LIMC HOPES TO "NATURALIZE" AREAS ALONG THE CONESTOGA RIVER FOR PUBLIC USE.

details or to give suggestions for the Study.

The LIMC is coordinating a program to assist municipalities throughout Lancaster County in meeting new Federal regulations which require drug and alcohol testing for employees who require commercial drivers licenses (CDLs) for their work. Forty-four municipalities, with approximately 325 CDL holders, are participating. Training later in 1996 will include a series of more advanced sessions for supervisory personnel involved in road maintenance. ■

Lancaster Community Park Springs Into Action

Lots of things are happening at Lancaster Community Park this spring! Dusk-to-dawn lighting will be installed this spring. Possible spring construction of the memorial brick wall is also under consideration.

The third annual baseball tournament will be held May 3-5, 1996. Additionally, two softball tournaments for girls 18 and under will be held in the park, May 10-12 and July 19-21.

The first Lancaster Community Park Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday September 21, 1996. Volunteers are needed to plan the event. Call Barry Gentzler at 569-4040 (work) or 392-8276 (home) for more information or to volunteer. ■

