

TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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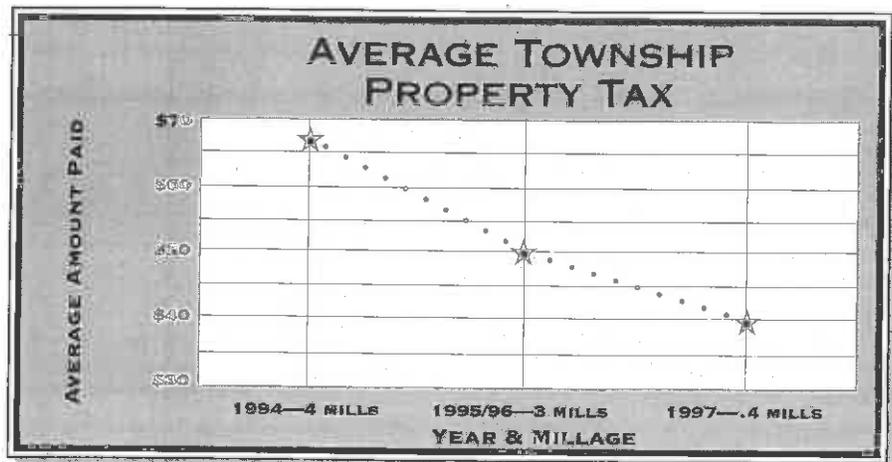
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP REDUCES TAXES AND IMPROVES RESIDENT SERVICES

Property Taxes Drop 20% While Services Continue Upward Trend

On December 9, 1996, the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 1997 annual budget, which reduced resident property taxes by approximately 20%. Since 1994, property taxes in Lancaster Township have been steadily decreasing. The chart at right shows the decrease in taxes paid by the average property owner over the past few years.

In addition to reducing property taxes, the Board of Supervisors has adopted the most innovative, resident-driven Strategic Comprehensive Plan ever developed. The process relied heavily on resident input to identify key issues and concerns. The Lancaster County Planning Commission commented, "The strategic process that Lancaster Township employed in the creation of this plan should be a model to all municipalities." This Plan calls for many improvements, ranging from parks and recreational facilities to resident and staff communications.

Some items already implemented include the Community Get-Togethers and the School District Research Task Force. To foster good communication, newsletters are published on a quarterly basis and each Township Supervisor is equipped with voice-mail and E-mail, giving residents direct contact with their elected officials at any time.



Building and property maintenance code administration is yet another example of progress in Lancaster Township. By ensuring the integrity of new and existing structures, the Board of Supervisors has made the Township a much safer place to live. The Zoning Ordinance, as well as Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance, are currently being updated.



The 1997 budget also provides for the continuation of a vigorous road maintenance schedule. Roads scheduled for resurfacing this year are: Abbeyville Road, Atkins Avenue, Betz

Road, City Mill Road, Jackson Drive, Jennings Drive, Maple Avenue, River Road, Wheatland Avenue, and Wilson Avenue.

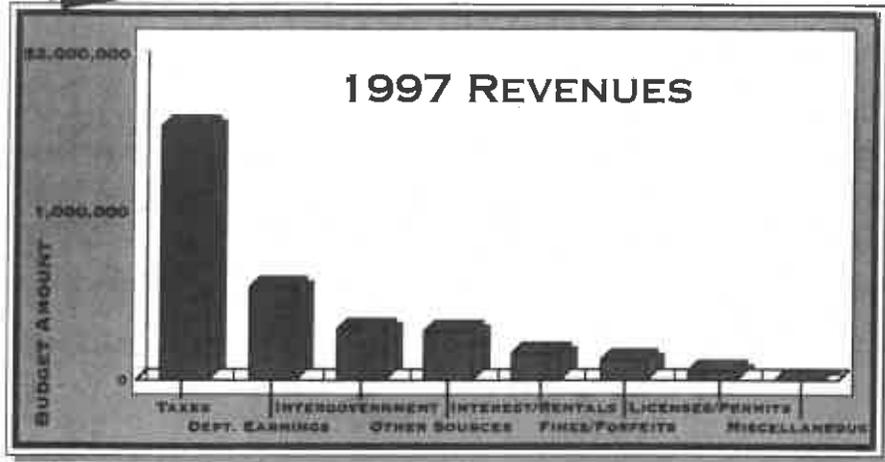
Improvements to the leaf collection program will be made possible with the purchase of a new vacuum system which replaces outdated equipment.



Lancaster Township has also been able to maintain one of the lowest refuse and recycling fees in the county. The successful Township recycling program plays a big part in this role and residents are to be commended for their continuing efforts. ■

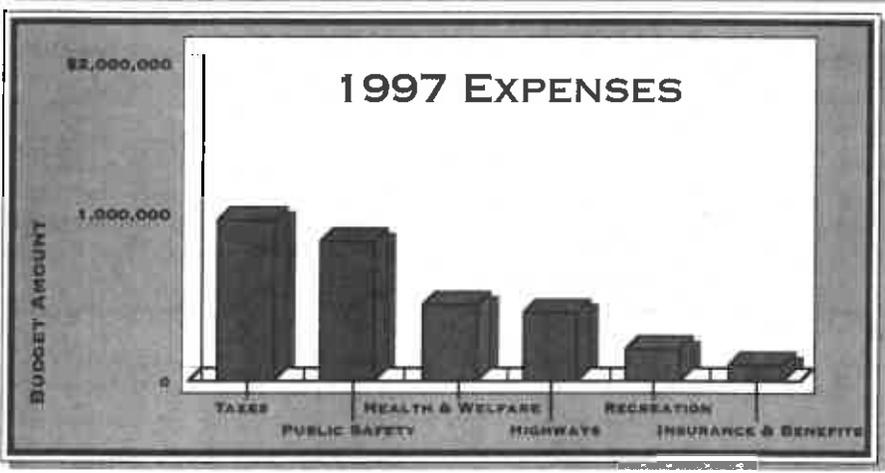
What's Coming In, What's Going Out

THE GRAPHS BELOW ILLUSTRATE
INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS OF FUNDS
IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP.



Revenues

Taxes	\$1,596,432	50.6%
Dept. Earnings	582,552	18.5
Intergovernment	322,936	10.2
Other Sources	309,915	9.8
Interest/Rentals	159,915	5.1
Fines/Forfeits	125,059	4.0
Licenses/Permits	54,798	1.7
Miscellaneous	5,500	0.2
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,157,107	



Expenditures

Gen. Government	\$1,039,561	32.9%
Public Safety	893,850	28.3
Health & Welfare	483,508	15.3
Highways	435,440	13.8
Recreation	208,948	6.6
Insurance & Benefits	95,800	3.0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,157,107	

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. High-Kulp
 - 117-A South West End Ave. 299-7898
 - Richard W. Musser
 - 301 N. Queen St. 299-7966
- Lancaster Township Police 291-4911
(non-emergency)
- State Police 299-7650
- Fire or Police Emergency Calls 911
- Lancaster City Water 291-4829
- Lancaster 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 (215) 588-0965
 - School 291-6134
- Sewage Enforcement Officer
Dale L. High 768-3119

- State Dog Warden Gene Grove 898-1355
- Emergency Management Coordinator
Michael F. Pickard 393-8519
- Lancaster Recreation Commission
..... 392-2115

Legislative Update

The following Ordinances have been passed since the last newsletter:

- Ordinance No. 14 of 1996:** Cellular Phone Transmission Towers Use
- Ordinance No. 01 of 1997:** Amending Traffic & Parking Ordinance #83-2 to establish additional stop intersections at Jackson Dr. and Wheatland Ave.; establishing parking time limited in certain locations, days and hours on the south side of Elm Ave. between Abbeyville Rd. and west to cul-de-sac.

If you have an interest in any of the above, please stop by the office and feel free to read them in their entirety. ■

KNOW YOUR SUPERVISORS

Office News

Office Closings

THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAY:

MAY 26, 1997: MEMORIAL DAY

Dates to Remember

APRIL 6, 1997: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

MAY 20, 1997: PRIMARY ELECTIONS. MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO VOTE!

Office Staff Updates

Kay Wallace is our new receptionist, greeting people at the front desk and answering our phones. Kay and her husband Gary are Lancaster Township residents who keep themselves occupied with 9-year-old Nichole, 2-year-old Anthony, and 5-month-old Jason.

Kelly Hurt, the previous receptionist and still Communication & Recycling Coordinator, has been promoted. Her new position incorporates Accounts Receivable.

Michael Redifer has been promoted from Building Official to Director of Planning and Zoning. In this new position Mike oversees everything to do with building, zoning, and codes enforcement.

Jack McCoy has gone from Finance Manager to the new position of Office Administrator. Jack hasn't lost any of his financial duties; he's been given the added responsibility of managing the office personnel and activities. ■

Do you know who your supervisors are and what positions they hold on the Board?

Our Chairman is **Michael F. Pickard**, who is in his first term. He is President of York Saw & Knife Co. Michael and his wife Jayne have four rambunctious children and have lived in Lancaster Township for approximately 20 years.

Helen S. Adams, the Vice Chair, is in her first term on the Board. She and husband Bill, Lancasterians for nearly 37 years, are the parents of two adult children. Helen has served on a number of community boards, including Girl Scouts, AAUW, YWCA, and Citizens Scholarship.

Anthony J. Allen currently serves as Treasurer and is also filling his first term. Tony, an electrical estimator with

General Electrical Service Co., Inc., and his wife Sandy have been actively involved in community affairs for over 20 years. They have been residents of the eastern section of Lancaster Township for more than 30 years.

Township Supervisors are elected for a six-year term with those terms staggered so that one position is up for reelection every two years. Within the three-member board they elect their own officers each year at the reorganization meeting in January.

The supervisors act on your behalf and want to hear from you on matters of importance to you. To reach a specific supervisor call the township office, 291-1213, for voice mail: Michael Pickard, ext. 421; Helen Adams, ext. 419; Tony Allen, ext. 420. You can also e-mail them supervis@twp.lancaster.pa.us. ■



OFFICE STAFF CHANGES (LEFT TO RIGHT): JACK MCCOY, KAY WALLACE, KELLY HURT, MICHAEL REDIFER

New Township Appointments Made

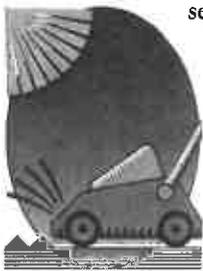
At the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors Reorganizational Meeting on January 6, 1997 many appointments and reappointments by the board took place. The members of the committees and commissions are people you know who work tirelessly for the good of our community. The newly appointed members to Township committees and commissions are:

- Zoning Hearing Board - Elizabeth Bamford
- Parks & Recreation Commission - Garry Martin
- Planning Commission - Beverly Shank
- Lancaster Park Commission - Gladys McMurtrie
- Lancaster Recreation Commission - Suzanne Teske

Congratulations to our new members and many thanks to the continuing members! ■

**Planning & Zoning Department:
Weeds and Grass**

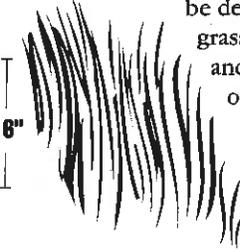
It's spring again, which means many different things to different people. The days are growing longer and warmer, the birds are singing, the flowers will soon be blooming and, yes, the grass will be growing. Lawn mowers will be uncovered, dusted off, and a lot of fingers crossed in hopes the machine will start without too much difficulty.



In anticipation of the season, we would like to remind you of what is probably our number-one subject of correspondence during the growing season—**weeds and grass.** This aspect of

lawn maintenance is something the township has been concerned with for a long time. The first ordinance of 1970 was one which restricted growth in excess of six inches. Through succeeding years, some language has been changed but, basically, the requirement remains the same. Because of the unsafe, unhealthy, and unsightly

Lancaster Township Property Maintenance Code, which was adopted by Ordinance 1995-07. Section PM-303.4 states, in part, " ... All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches ... Weeds shall be defined as all



grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs ... "

So start thinking about dusting off those mowers and firing up that

engine. It's great exercise and there are few aromas which compare to that of a newly mowed lawn. ■

LRC: Lots to Do for Fun

The Lancaster Recreation Commission invites you to join the fun in 1997! We have tons of activities for you to get involved with and guaranteed to catch your interest.

Once again we are offering bus trips the entire family can enjoy. Come to Washington, DC for the Arlington Cemetery Tour. Join us at the Majestic Theater for the famous musical "Phantom of the Opera," or kick up your heels in Nashville the week of June 16 for the 26th Annual Fan Fair. If you're interested in one big trip, look

War Era on the 19th Century Garden Tour in Alexandria, VA; get "jazzed" with Gershwin's "Crazy For You" at the Timonium Dinner Theater; live the night life at Foxwood Casino in Connecticut; or see Tommy Tune in concert at the York Strand Theater. Happy Hours Club members can enjoy a few country & western days in the Hudson Valley of New York, featuring line dancing with Karen Sirback, and a return stop at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. In addition to bus trips, members can enjoy a variety of classes from art to games to health. Become involved and make new friends!

Parents looking for a summer program for their children can find one in LRC's summer camp. The Before and After School Program, a state-licensed program for child care, becomes an all-day experience during the summer. Under supervision, children enjoy a variety of educational and entertaining activities. Our popular free sports camps and playgrounds will come back for the summer and registration for Camp Optimist begins soon.

As you can see, the LRC is geared up for a year of excitement—and this is just a sampling! Call us at 392-2115 to get involved. ■

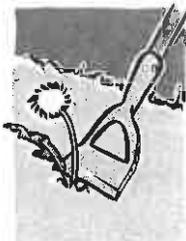
**Highway Department:
Clean Streets**

With the arrival of spring we also find the arrival of the street sweeper! The beginning date is April 7, 1997, so remember to move your cars off the streets on the posted dates. Those of you who have been helpful in making piles of debris can now save yourself the effort because, believe it or not, the sweeping machines do a better job of cleaning when debris is spread out over a longer span. Be sure to check and trim any trees or shrubbery at curbside. Shrubs should be cut back sufficiently so as not to interfere with the sweeping process. Trees overhanging the street must be kept at least ten feet off the ground. Tending to these two areas will prevent damage to trees and shrubs and promote a more efficient sweeping

Permits Do Not Mean Endorsements

From time to time the Board of Supervisors issues permits for canvassing and solicitation in order to keep track of these kinds of activities in the Township. However, the issuance of a permit is in no way an endorsement or recommendation of the product or service. Lancaster Township does not sponsor these activities nor should residents feel obligated to participate.

conditions caused by and associated with the overgrowth of grass, weeds, and other vegetation, the township continues to regulate such growth through the



for future details about our fall excursion to Scotland! These trips and more are for everyone, whether you need to get away for a day or you're looking for a great vacation.

The LRC also offers a variety of bus trips for the over-55 crowd through our Happy Hours Club. Members can look forward to an exploration of the Civil

operation.

Once again, the township is planning a significant amount of paving this year. The following roads are scheduled for paving: City Mill Road (from King Street to Betz), Betz Road, Jackson Drive, Wheatland Avenue, River Road (from Jackson to Marietta Avenue), Wilson Avenue, Abbeyville Road, Maple Avenue (from Abbeyville to West End Avenue), Atkins Avenue (from Columbia to Davis Drive), and Jennings Avenue. If you're planning improvements to your property along the roadway, please schedule the completion prior to

June 1.

In June we expect to begin the reconstruction of Clark Street. This will include the installation of storm sewers, sidewalks and curbs where needed, full-depth reconstruction of the roadway in a few areas, and milling and overlay of the remaining

portion of roadway. Curb and sidewalk work will be paid for through a federally funded grant at no cost to property owners. Thanks, in advance, for your patience. We expect completion in September. The finished product should be well worth the temporary inconvenience to residents.

The road crew will also be spotted doing extensive road crack sealing. This project began last fall in cooperation with Millersville Borough. Sealing road cracks greatly extends the life of roadways by keeping out water which expands in the winter and is the major cause of road deterioration. ■

Lancaster County Library: Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Lancaster County Library will sponsor the 42nd Annual Book Sale on Tuesday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 30, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Overlook Roller Rink, 2042 Lititz Pike (Rte. 501), Lancaster. Admission and parking are free. Bargain hunters will find over

School District of Lancaster Updates

McCaskey East High School continues to be in the spotlight for many other school districts visiting, touring, and reviewing the various new technologically advanced systems. Meanwhile, J.P. McCaskey High School renovations are continuing smoothly with the Dedication Steering Committee planning for the opening event this fall.

Teachers continue to finalize work on the core content instructional planners for the 1997-98 school year. Meetings have been held to explain this new approach to education and address parent questions and concerns.

The School District of Lancaster Strategic Plan received final approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education with commendations.

The budget process is in full gear and all departments have worked diligently to accommodate the School Board's request of general cuts. A special meeting will be held to discuss the budget. Tentative approval of the 1997-98 budget is scheduled for May 8, 1997, with final adoption on June 12, 1997.

Upcoming Events:

- School Board Meetings: April 15; May 8 & 20; June 5 & 17
- April 7- 1: Kindergarten Registration
- April 11: Class of '97 Community Service Day
- April 17: School's Volunteer Breakfast
- April 23: Jazz Festival Concert at McCaskey
- April 28: Distinguished Alumni Award Assembly
- May 15: AFS Day at McCaskey
- May 30: Senior Prom
- June 5: McCaskey Graduation & last student day

The School District of Lancaster calendar is available by calling 291-6144. ■

100,000 used and rare books, both hardback and paperback, plus records, CDs, sheet music, cassettes, videotapes, gift books, and holiday finds. Hundreds of new boxes will be opened throughout the sale. Current books are priced at \$1 and \$2; all others at \$.50. Rare and gift books are priced individually. Call the Book Resort at 293-9325 for further

information. All proceeds benefit the Lancaster County Library.

Friends of the Lancaster County Library sponsor Sunday Afternoon Family Programs in the Library Center for

Youth at the main library, 125 North Duke Street, Lancaster. The next program is April 27, 2-2:45 p.m. and is open to all ages. There is no fee and no registration.



Harmony Hill Puppet Theater will present a double feature of two magical adventures. In the "Amazing Hoodunit," a magician and his playful, sometimes bumbling assistant, Handy Andy, perform actual magic tricks. In "To Mars and Beyond" a boy complains that school takes too much of his time when a fantastical trip to Mars makes him see that school can help him reach his dreams.

Call the Library Center for Youth at 396-9313, ext.3, for more information about children's programs. Watch for something BIG during National Library Week, April 13-19. Special events will be planned as "Kids Connect @ the Library." ■

**Bureau of Police:
New Agreement**

On December 23, 1996 Lancaster Township and the City of Lancaster signed a new agreement for police services. The Lancaster City Bureau of Police will continue to provide our Township with the same high caliber of protection and service as is provided to our city neighbors. Under the terms of this agreement, the City provides the Township with 12 full-time officers, which allows for continuous round-the-clock protection. All police protection services rendered are under the direction and supervision of the Chief of Police of the City of Lancaster Bureau of Police. Additionally, the Township is provided with school crossing guards, park guards, and street-cleaning enforcement.

There is a Public Safety Office on the lower level of the township municipal building for the exclusive use of our police officers while on duty. It provides regular and direct contact between our staff and the officers. This affords us the opportunity to address immediately any small concerns, thereby preventing something turning into a big concern.

Our officers have proven themselves to be efficient, conscientious, and friendly partners in the interest of personal safety as well as property. We

are fortunate to have these dedicated men and women looking out for our best interests. Their jobs are filled with many rewards, but of course, they face dangers too. Let's not take for granted the valuable work they perform and the risks they take to guarantee a safer community for all. Oftentimes the only contact we have with the police is when something is wrong. Take the time to wave, smile, or say thanks whenever you can. ■

**Lancaster Community Park
Plans Spring Events**

Beginning April 1, 1997, Lancaster Community Park will hold a fundraiser in conjunction with Pizza Hut to raise funds which will benefit the Lancaster Township Baseball Association, the Lancaster Youth Soccer League, and Lancaster Community Park. A \$12 donation gives you a Pizza Hut card which allows the donor to purchase up to four large, one-topping pizzas for only \$7.00 each for a savings to you of \$3.99 per pizza.

We're also now forming a booster club to operate the new concession stand. We're always looking for volunteers to help not only with construction and maintenance activities, but to take turns running the booth during planned events. Call Barry Gentzler at 392-8276 (daytime) or 569-4040 if you can help out.

The 4th Annual Baseball Tournament for 10- to 12-year-olds will be held April 25, at 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 27, 1

**Hamilton Park Playground Has
New President**

Congratulations to Phil Atkins, the new president of the Hamilton Park Board for 1997. Phil has been a resident of the Hamilton Park community since December 1994 and a township resident since January 1993. His wife, Patricia, also donates time to Hamilton Park and assists in the computer reading program at Buchanan Elementary School where their son, Lee, is finishing second grade. Lee also plays basketball with the LRC Youth Program.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Hamilton Park Events:

- April 6: Easter Egg Hunt
- June 6: Spring Clean-up
- August 16: Corn Fest
- October 25: Halloween Parade
- November 23: Fall Clean-up
- December 12: Christmas Caroling

p.m. to 5 p.m. is the semi-finals and finals. Sixteen teams from around the county will compete against each other. Your help is needed with this event also. Join your neighbors and get involved; call Barry! ■

Get-Togethers Are Popular

Our Community Get-Togethers, which replace the Supervisors' second monthly meeting, continue to be a popular forum for residents. These are very informal sessions where you can feel at ease in bringing up anything on your



mind concerning the Township. Please join us for the latest information and to provide us with your comments. Upcoming get-togethers are scheduled for:

- May 27, 1997, 7:00 p.m., at Hershey Heritage Apartments, 1330 Wabank Road
- July 28, 1997, 7:00 p.m., at South Fire Station, 125 Fairview Avenue, Bausman ■

▼ LANCASTER TOWNSHIP IS MARCHING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY WITH THE ADDITION OF E-MAIL. YOU MAY NOW E-MAIL THE STAFF OR SUPERVISORS AT THE ADDRESSES BELOW.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

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CLIP & SAVE

► **Did You Know??**

- **SELF-ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMPS** ACTUALLY GUM UP THE WORKS WHEN TOSSED IN WITH PAPER RECYCLABLES. PURCHASE THE ONES YOU MOISTEN YOURSELF.
- **NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES** ARE BOTH RECYCLED BY THE TOWNSHIP. BUNDLE THEM WITH CORD OR PLACE THEM IN PAPER BAGS AND PUT THEM OUT ON TRASH DAY, *RAIN OR SHINE*.
- **PLASTICS** ARE RECYCLED IF THEY HAVE THE FOLLOWING ON THE BOTTOM: #1(PET) OR #2(HDPE). THROW TOPS AND LIDS IN YOUR REGULAR TRASH, THEN RINSE AND CRUSH THE CONTAINER.
- **GLASS & PLASTICS** MAY BE THROWN IN THE SAME RECYCLING BIN.

WHAT ABOUT THAT OTHER STUFF?

Large Appliances and Tires

Large appliances (white goods, including washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces) and tires are collected twice each year. The collection dates are your first trash day in May and December. In May for those residents whose trash pick-up day is Tuesday, the large appliance collection is May 6. For those whose trash pick-up is Wednesday, large appliance collection day is May 7. The December collection dates are December 2 or 3, depending on when your normal trash day falls. These items must be placed at curbside the night before pick-up. Each appliance must



have a blue extra service tag (\$12/each) attached. Tires must have one purple extra service tag (\$1.25/each) on each tire. If you already have a blue tag and intend to use it this May, you must call the Township Office to inform us of your address and the item being thrown out, including purple tagged tires. We must provide the trash hauler with a list of what is to be picked up. If your address is not on the list, your item will not be picked up.



Brush, Tree Limbs or Branches, & Shrubbery Trimmings:

These materials require a yellow tag, must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet, and no heavier than 30 pounds. ■

Cleaning Up Promptly

You can improve the appearance of your neighborhood by cleaning up promptly. Please take all trash/recyclables out to curbside the night (after dark) before pick-up day, and bring any empty trash cans/containers back to your house as soon as possible after pick-up. Full containers sitting for long periods of time are not only unsightly but are frequently tipped over or torn open by animals. This makes a huge mess which can be strewn far and wide. Even empty containers will draw the attention of animals just by smell. Empty containers are also susceptible to the wind blowing them into neighbors' yards or the street, where they're a hazard to traffic. ■

LIMC Releases Greenway Flier

The Lancaster Inter-Municipal Council (LIMC) has produced a new flier titled "Greenways for Lancaster." It was prepared by the LIMC Greenway and Park Advisory Board's Public Awareness Committee. The flier explains the three kinds of greenways:

- Resource Conservation Greenways, which protect areas having a high degree of ecological value and which may not be open to the public.
- Scenic Preservation Greenways, which protect valuable landscapes and natural features that are important for their visual beauty.
- Linear Park and Trail Greenways, which are publicly accessible and provide for recreational activities like walking, biking, and horseback riding.

The flier also provides background on the Greenway and Park Advisory Board, notes the benefits of greenways, and points out that the community can

play an important role in supporting a greenway program. Copies of the flier may be obtained at the township office or by writing to the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, P.O. Box 8347, Lancaster PA 17604-8347, or call 397-7313. Please contact the LIMC at any time to receive updates or to provide ideas for this important greenways planning project.

REMINDER: The LIMC will hold one more public meeting during the development of "Conestoga Greenways: A River Corridor Conservation Plan" on Thursday, May 22, 1997, 7:30 p.m. at the Maple Grove Community Building, 1420 Columbia Avenue. The LIMC encourages all area residents to attend to discuss proposals for developing greenways and undertaking river conservation activities involving areas along or near the Conestoga River, the Little Conestoga Creek, and the West Branch of the Little Conestoga Creek. ■

Greenways Facts

- A NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PUBLICATION DISCUSSES THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF GREENWAYS. FOLLOWING IS A SAMPLING OF FINDINGS FROM SURVEYS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY VALUES:
- A SURVEY OF LANDOWNERS ALONG THE LUCE LINE RAIL-TRAIL IN MINNESOTA FOUND THAT 61% OF SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL OWNERS NOTED AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUE AS A RESULT OF THE TRAIL.
- A DEVELOPER DONATED A 50-FOOT-WIDE, SEVEN-MILE EASEMENT FOR THE BIG BLUE TRAIL IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA. THE DEVELOPER RECOGNIZED THE AMENITY VALUE OF THE TRAIL, ADVERTISED THAT IT WOULD CROSS 50 PARCELS, AND SOLD ALL OF THOSE PARCELS WITHIN FOUR MONTHS.
- A BOULDER, COLORADO, STUDY REVEALED THAT PROPERTIES NEIGHBORING A GREENBELT HAD AN AGGREGATE PROPERTY VALUE WHICH WAS \$5,400,000 GREATER THAN IF THERE HAD BEEN NO GREENBELT. THE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVED IN JUST THREE YEARS EXCEEDED THE AMOUNT SPENT FOR THE GREENBELT.

Source: National Park Service. *Economic Impact of Protecting Rivers, Trails, and Greenway Corridors: A Resource Book*. Third Edition, 1992.

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LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

Board of Supervisors:
2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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

Building Code Board of Appeals:
3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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