

# TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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## Come Visit Lancaster Township's Perpetual Art Gallery

The Lancaster Township Board Room is the site of a perpetual art gallery featuring a rotating display of works of art by local residents. The public is invited to stop by anytime during business hours to view the *objets d'art*. The office is open Monday through Friday 8AM to 4PM. ■

### Good News for Residents!

## NEW TRASH LIMIT: NOW IT'S UP TO THREE!

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors has approved a recommendation to increase the number of allowable trash bags or 30-gallon containers to a maximum of **three**, plus your recycling bin. This new limit is effective January 1, 1998, and is being provided *without increasing the amount charged for trash/recycling service*.

Part of the reason for this increase in bag limit is a direct

result of the great resident participation in the Township's recycling efforts. This new limit will also reduce the number of times residents must purchase additional tags.

Township residents are to be congratulated for their conscientious efforts in recycling. The LCSWMA Six-Month Residential Curbside Program Evaluations for January through June 1997 show Lancaster Township with the second-highest recycling rate (24.5%) in Lancaster County. Keep up the good work!

The Supervisors wish you a Happy New Year! ■



## 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**  
1301 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**  
..... 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

### Office Closings

THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOW-  
ING HOLIDAYS:

JANUARY 1, 1998: NEW YEAR'S DAY



MEET THE TOWNSHIP'S NEWEST EMPLOYEES. RON YOUTZ, LEFT, IS THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR; MIKE JUDITH, RIGHT, HAS JOINED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. RON AND MIKE BOTH BRING SPECIALIZED SKILLS TO THE TOWNSHIP, WHICH WILL GREATLY ENHANCE OPERATIONS.

### Looking Ahead To 2001: Strategic Comprehensive Plan To Take Township Into Next Millennium

In the past three months, here's what your Township has done:

- Random phone surveys on resident satisfaction in progress
- Quality Questionnaires for each program/department being analyzed
- Supervisor Expansion Task Force started meeting
- Community Get-Togethers continuing

## COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHERS

Our Community Get-Togethers, which replace the Supervisors' second monthly meeting, continue to be a popular forum for residents. These informal sessions focus on particular neighborhoods and areas in the Township. All residents are invited to attend any of these neighborhood meetings, but the focus of each meeting will be on that particular neighborhood. The next Get-Togethers are scheduled for January 26, 1998, 7:00PM at the Com-

munity Hospital, 1100 E. Orange St., and March 30, 1998, at Hershey Heritage Apartments, 1330 Wabank Road. ■



COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHERS ARE A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEIGHBORS AND TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS.

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR WHEN IT SNOWS

**C**an you find a white trash bag in a pile of snow?! If you're putting out white trash bags, you might want to change to a darker color or perhaps mark your bags with some sort of colorful flag or marker so they are not missed. When placing your Christmas tree out for recycling, please lay the tree down on its side, not standing up—it may look like a growing tree and be missed. Also, make sure your tree or trash is not frozen to the ground. The trash hauler is quickly grabbing bags and the bottom may rip out, emptying the contents onto your yard! ■



CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS WILL BE COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17. PLEASE PLACE YOUR TREES AND WREATHS AT THE CURB ON FRIDAY EVENING. REMEMBER TO REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS AND STANDS. **NOTHING ARTIFICIAL WILL BE COLLECTED.** ■

### Trash Pick-up Cancellations

LISTEN TO FM-97 OR WLAN-AM FOR TRASH PICK-UP CANCELLATIONS DUE TO SNOW. IF THERE IS A CANCELLATION, THE TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY. IN THAT CASE, PLACE TRASH AT CURBSIDE ON FRIDAY NIGHT. ■

### Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee Reports a Productive '97

**T**he Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC), a 12-member council of governments, undertook a variety of activities in 1997 to encourage and facilitate intermunicipal cooperation in central Lancaster County. Two major projects of the LIMC are related to greenways and transportation:

\*The LIMC's Greenway & Park Advisory Board has almost completed its "Conestoga Greenways" plan. It provides detailed recommendations for establishment of greenways along or near sections of the Conestoga River, the Little Conestoga Creek, and the West Branch of the Little Conestoga Creek. The greenways will be proposed for environmental preservation, scenic preservation, and/or recreational purposes.

\*The LIMC's Transportation Task Force recently completed a report with recommendations for addressing Lancaster County's unmet transportation needs. The recommendations focus on new or cooperative approaches or on expansion of activities which have proven successful in the past. A key proposal is the creation of a Lancaster County transportation authority. ■

**Emergency Management Agency: Preparing for Winter's Worst**

**Snow Emergency Plan:**

When there is a snow emergency all activities in Lancaster Township will be monitored by the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and pertinent information forwarded to the appropriate agencies that may be affected by the emergency.



▲ THE SNOW IS LOVELY TO LOOK AT—BUT EVERYONE MUST BE PREPARED! THE TOWNSHIP FLEET IS ALL SET TO GO.

Coordination of activities involving multiple agencies will be handled by the EOC staff as directed by the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), Deputy EMC, or their designees.

The following means of communication may be used to notify residents of their need to move vehicles from roadways.

1. Door-to-door notification: volunteers from the Fire Department will be used;

2. Door tags: for those residents not home during door-to-door notification;

3. Public Service Announcements:

**TV:** WGAL Channel 8; WLYH Channel 15; WHP Channel 21; WHTM Channel 27; WITF Channel 33; WPHT Channel 43

**Radio:** WLPA AM1490; WDAC AM/FM94.5; WLAN FM97; WSBA-WARM 103; WQXA 105.7

When possible, residents

will be given a 12-hour advance notice to move vehicles. Notification will not be made after 9:00PM. Residents notified by 7:00PM will be required to move vehicles by 7:00AM the next day.

Every effort will be made to assist handicapped individuals, senior citizens, and those with special needs. These individuals will be identified as much as possible during the notification process. ■

**Planning & Zoning: Street Numbers MUST Be Readable**

Identification of buildings has been a concern in Lancaster Township for some time. Should the need arise, response time of emergency services personnel (police, fire & ambulance) is greatly reduced when homes are not clearly marked with their assigned street number. Since the adoption of our Property

*S*chool District of Lancaster Updates

► **School District of Lancaster School Board Meetings, 7PM:**

- Jan. 8 - McCaskey High School
- Jan. 20 - Scheffey Service Center
- Feb. 5 - Lincoln Middle School
- Feb. 17 - Scheffey Service Center
- Mar. 5 - Buchanan Elementary School
- Mar. 17 - Scheffey Services Center

► **Scheduled School Closings:** Jan. 19 & Feb. 16

► **School Delays/Closings due to Inclement Weather:** Listen to **Radio Stations:** WLPA/WROZ- FM101; WDAC-AM/FM94.5; WLCH-FM91.3; WLAN-FM97; WSBA/WARM-FM103; WQXA/WXKU-FM105.7; WIOV/I105; WRKZ-FM107; WJTL-FM90.3; **Television:** WLYH- TV Channel 15; WHP-TV Channel 21; WGAL-TV Channel 8; WHTM-TV Channel 27; WPHT-TV Channel 43

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:  
YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED**

Maintenance code in October 1995, this measure has been required; however, enforcement has not been pursued. This is about to change.

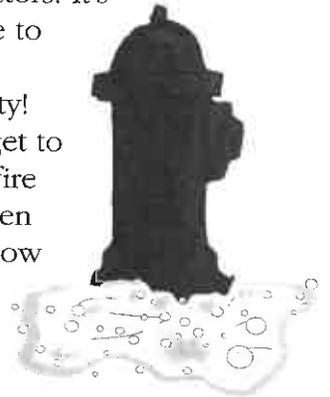
With the safety of all residents in mind, the Board of Supervisors has unanimously endorsed a recommendation to begin a process for assuring the posting of identification numbers on all buildings in Lancaster Township. Between now and April 1, 1998, every building must be posted with the street number so that it is in compliance with Section PM-304.2 of the Property Maintenance Code. Specifically, the numbers must be at least **three inches high** with **a stroke width of at least one-half inch** and positioned to be easily observed and readable from the public right of way. Please remember: Beginning April 1, 1998, all buildings within the Township must properly display the assigned street number. Thanks for your assistance in this important safety concern. ■

**B**e sure to remember the Lancaster Township **All Volunteer** Fire Department during its annual fund drive. The Fire Department relies heavily on the generosity of citizens. Without these dedicated volunteers, everyone would be in constant danger. Please send your contribution to LT Fire Dept., P.O. Box 210, Bausman, PA 17504-0210.

The Fire Department would

also like to remind you that with the new year it's time to change batteries in your smoke detectors. It's a small price to ensure your family's safety!

Don't forget to include the fire hydrants when shoveling snow from your property. ■



**Zoning Hearing Board:  
Just What Does It Do?**

The Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) is a quasi-judicial body appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The PA Municipalities Planning Code requires that such a board be in place in any community which has adopted a zoning ordinance.

The primary purpose of the

ZHB is to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the zoning ordinance. This is done by hearing appeals of determinations and interpretations of the local zoning officer and by granting relief from certain requirements of the ordinance when hardship can be proven. Testimony is taken during a public hearing and a decision by the 3-member board of Township residents is made based on the evidence presented. An example of a variance request would be for a reduction in the side yard requirement when a lot is significantly narrower than neighboring properties.

ZHB meetings are held at the Municipal Building on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless no applications have been received. ■

**And the Winner of the Street Race Is ...**

**T**he Street Race was a huge success and helped to keep the Township staff on its toes. The final results have shown a great deal of enthusiasm and dedication by the Township road crew. Residents also have been extremely helpful by calling in roadway problems. It was a close call, but the winner of the "Race" is the hard-working

road crew. Of the 72 reported problems, the road crew caught 40 of them before residents called. Even though the official race is over, that doesn't mean to stop looking and calling. We still want to hear from residents about potholes, missing signs, or overgrown hedges. Keep those reports coming and thank you for your help. ■

# Lancaster Recreation Commission: Get Out and Enjoy Yourself!

**T**he Lancaster Recreation Commission has a long list of activities to help you get rid of cabin fever this winter. Take a look at what's going on! For more information on programs and fees, call 392-2115, ext. 135.

## Youth Program Additions:

**Youth Dance Program** has added a class for 3-4 year olds. Participants must be 3 by December 1997 and you must register by January 28. Don't forget the boys; they might enjoy dance, too.

**Jr. Street Hockey** registration deadline is March 6.

**Pets and Their Care** for kids on Thursday, March 26, 7:30-8:15PM.

**Safety Program** for grades 1-5, conducted by the Lancaster Bureau of Police on Thursday,

April 9, 1-3PM at Hamilton Elementary School.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on Saturday, April 4, at 11AM in Lancaster County Park. This event, sponsored by Suburban Cable, is free to participants and everyone will win a prize.

## Adults:

**A New Yoga Class** on Mondays, January 26-March 9.

**NEW!! Winter Birds & Bird Feeding** is conducted by Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Clyde McMillian-Gamber on Saturday, January 10, 10-11AM. Call for location.

**Learn Golf** from a pro on Tuesdays, March 24 and 31 and April 7, 7:00-8:30PM at Somerton Springs, 1778 Spooky Nook Road.

**Basic Handgun Safety** begins January 8 and runs for five sessions at Conestoga Pines Park Barn.

**ASA Umpire Course** begins January 22 and runs for six weeks at the LRC.

**Various exercise classes** start this month for all levels of participation. Call for information.

It's not too soon to begin thinking about summer. The summer volleyball leagues' mandatory captains meeting is April 2 at 7PM at the LRC. The co-ed softball league's mandatory captains meeting is April 9, 7PM at the LRC. Applications for the men's summer basketball league will be available in April; call 392-2115, ext. 130, for information and tips on how to organize a team.

Planning a trip to the **Farm Show**? Just hate that drive and parking? Why not leave the driving to us? Sign up for the LRC bus trip on Monday, January 12. Don't miss this great annual experience.

The **Happy Hours Club** is one of the best bargains around for our seniors. At \$6.50 for residents and \$8 for non-residents, a membership entitles you to a wealth of activities, fun, and friendship! Call today to join. ■

## LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

### MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Phone: 717-291-1213 • Fax: 717-291-6818

Maintenance Facility: 717-293-1733

Anthony J. Allen, Supervisor .....	Ext. 420
Helen S. Adams, Supervisor .....	Ext. 419
Michael F. Pickard, Supervisor .....	Ext. 421
Ron Youtz, Public Works Director .....	293-1733
Michael Redifer, Director of Planning & Zoning .....	Ext. 307
Jack McCoy, Office Administrator .....	Ext. 306
Lori Jacoby, Planning & Zoning Coordinator .....	Ext. 308
Kelly Hurt, Communications & Recycling Coordinator ...	Ext. 300
Suzanne Teske, Administrative Secretary .....	Ext. 303

CLIP & SAVE

## LANCASTER BUREAU OF POLICE AIMS TO SERVE

Lancaster Township and the Lancaster Bureau of Police are committed to providing the residents of Lancaster Township with top-quality police service. Officers and civilian police employees are directed to assist all residents in a cooperative and friendly manner. If a resident of Lancaster Township has not received the level of police service she or he feels is appropriate, then please follow this procedure.

✓ First, contact the on-duty Officer-in-Charge (OIC), or the Platoon Lieutenant, by calling 291-4911 as soon as possible. If you feel your needs have not been properly addressed at this point then go to the next step.

✓ Second, contact Community Relations at 291-4939 between

8AM and 5PM. Lt. Fiorill or Mr. Richard Simms will discuss your concerns and work towards a resolution.

✓ If you still feel that your concerns have not been properly addressed, write a letter to Chief Michael L. Landis, Lancaster Bureau of Police, 39 East Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. Chief Landis will assure prompt, courteous, and proper attention.

The Lancaster Bureau of Police is committed to providing all persons the best police service possible. Your comments are essential in helping with the continual assessment of quality of service. Working together, **WE** can jointly help solve problems faced by the entire community. ■

**Reminder:** If you need police assistance be sure to call **664-1180**, the Lancaster County Wide Communications. All police dispatching is done by this agency. In the case of an emergency please call 911.

### Know Your Police Officers!

#### OFFICER PAUL BLANCHFLOWER



HAS BEEN ON THE FORCE FOR OVER FOUR YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO PLATOON A. HE IS

MARRIED TO SUSAN AND ENJOYS SHOOTING, WORKING ON CARS, AND MARTIAL ARTS. PAUL SAYS, "BE AN INDIVIDUAL, SET GOALS FOR YOURSELF, AND WORK HARD TO ATTAIN THEM."

#### OFFICER CHRISTOPHER ERB, ON



THE FORCE FOR SIX YEARS, IS A TRAINING OFFICER FOR NEW RECRUITS WHO MUST LEARN HOW TO COPE WITH

THE DUTIES OF THIS DEMANDING PROFESSION. HE IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN AND FILLS HIS OFF-DUTY HOURS WITH BICYCLING, WOODWORKING, AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WITH HIS FAMILY.

**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.**

## Lancaster Township Officers

### SUPERVISORS

HELEN S. ADAMS  
ANTHONY J. ALLEN  
MICHAEL F. PICKARD

### PLANNING COMMISSION

HAROLD H. BOWERS, JR., CHAIR  
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EDWINA H. CODER  
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HARRY R. FREY, CHAIR  
WILLIAM H. ADAMS, SECRETARY  
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### ZONING HEARING BOARD

JOHN W. METZGER, CHAIR  
ELIZABETH W. BAMFORD, VICE-CHAIR  
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PEGGY D. HALL

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GARRY L. MARTIN  
DENNIS L. STEINER  
SUSAN B. WEAVER

### BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

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PATRICK M. EGAN  
M. MELANIE LEFEVER, ALTERNATE  
DAVID C. EVANS, ALTERNATE

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PATRICK M. EGAN  
VALERIE C. MORRIS  
KENNETH NOTTURNO

### VACANCY BOARD CHAIR

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### SLASA REPRESENTATIVE

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### LIMC GREENWAY REPRESENTATIVE

JACK MCCOY

### FIRE CHIEF

GLENN USDIN

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

MICHAEL F. PICKARD

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

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

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

Public Safety Committee: 3rd Monday, 5:30 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.

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

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