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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SELECTS NEW TOWNSHIP MANAGER

**William L. Adams is named to top position.**

**T**he Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to welcome William L. Adams, York, as the new Township Manager. The announcement was made on June 8.

Bill Adams has held both public- and private-sector positions during his career. His public service encompasses positions as a Business Manager for a public school district, City Administrator, and Township Manager. Bill has also served on a municipal planning commission and served as a city council member.

During his tenure in the private sector, he held positions as a Firm Administrator and Management Consultant for a regional multiple-office CPA firm and Operations Manager for a home medical equipment business. Bill has also provided consulting services to both the public and private sectors.

Along with a major in Business Administration, the new Township Manager has completed studies in Financial Planning and Management as well as Managing Human Resources. He pursued additional continuing education in specialized areas at York College of Pennsylvania, Penn State York, and Bucknell University.

Bill has been active with the Chamber of Commerce, Association of Accounting Managers, Pennsylvania School Boards Association, the Municipal Finance Officers Association, and the Second Class Township Association. He has been a conference presenter with the government Finance Offices Association and holds a license from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Real Estate salesperson.

Bill serves his local church as an Elder, Chair of the Church Growth Committee, and member of the Finance Committee. He is a member of the Board of the Directors of the Central Division of the American Heart Association. He is married with three grown children and grandchildren.

For the record, this Bill Adams is not related to Township Supervisor Helen S. Adams. ■



**NEW LANCASTER  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER  
WILLIAM L. ADAMS**



# WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE TAXPAYERS' LOCAL CONTROL ACT?

## Office Closings

THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED:  
**JULY 3, 1998:** INDEPENDENCE DAY  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 1998:** LABOR DAY

**H**ave you been wondering what happened to the Homestead Exemption voters passed in the statewide referendum last year? A plan to reduce part of the tax burden on property owners was passed by the Pennsylvania General Assembly on April 29, 1998. Homestead Exemption is a millage reduction on residential property taxes for owners who actually occupy the premises (not rentals).

The first phase of the plan focuses

on local school district property tax controls by referendum:

- **Earned income tax:** School districts will not be allowed to increase earned income taxes except by referendum, and then only to a maximum 1.5% (currently .5%).
- **Property tax:** The Homestead Exemption would be implemented and apply only to residential properties occupied by the owners. The Pennsylvania House Appropriations Committee has estimated this property tax reduction at 19% to 30% for School District of Lancaster residents.

If and when the Homestead Exemption occurs, another referendum is necessary for any significant property tax increase, except for recovery from emergency or disaster, court or federal/state administrative order, payment of interest and principal on debt, responding to a threat of serious physical harm, special-purpose levies approved by the electorate, and maintaining per-student local tax revenue at the level of the preceding year for districts with enrollment increasing more than 10% in three years.

### Requirements of the Law

In order to increase earned income taxes under this Act, a school district will be required to eliminate nuisance taxes such as per capita, occupational privilege, and occupation assessment. Additional debt control would reduce a school district's threshold for borrowing from 350% to 225% of the borrowing base, which then results in more local referendums on major borrowing.

If school districts do not place a referendum on the ballot to institute this option within two years, taxpayers may circulate a petition, which (if signed by at least 2% of the voters in the last gubernatorial election) would require the appointment of a tax study commission. If the tax study commission then recommends placing the question on the ballot and the school district fails to do so, submission of a petition signed by 5% of the voters would require placing the question on the ballot for voter approval. ■

## Legislative Update

**T**he following Ordinances have been passed since the last newsletter:

- Ordinance No. 3 of 1998:* Regulates skateboard use on roadways and sidewalks and provides for penalties for violations.
- Ordinance No. 4 of 1998:* Amends Ordinance No. 1983-02 by establishing additional prohibited parking in a certain area of Columbia Avenue.

The entire text of any Ordinance is available in the Township office.

## LANCASTER TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

<b>Lancaster Township Office</b>	
1240 Maple Ave.	
Lancaster, PA 17603 .....	291-1213
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	
<b>Maintenance Facility</b>	
1357 Meadowcreek Lane .....	293-1733
<b>District Magistrates:</b>	
Sandra L. High-Kulp, 117-A South West End Ave. ....	299-7898
Richard W. Musser, 301 N. Queen St. ....	299-7966
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
<b>Tax Collectors:</b>	
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: Michael F. Pickard .....	293-4717
Lancaster Recreation Commission .....	392-2115



**RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE!!**

▶ LET'S KEEP DOWN THE COST OF PACKAGED ITEMS AND WORK TOWARDS IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. RECYCLING IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS ACHIEVING THESE GOALS. REMEMBER TO SEPARATE GLASS, PLASTICS, AND CANS FROM THE REST OF YOUR TRASH AND PUT IN THE GREEN RECYCLING BIN FOR TRASH DAY PICK-UP. NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES SHOULD BE PUT IN PAPER BAGS OR TIED IN BUNDLES. ■



**WHY DIDN'T THEY PICK THAT UP?**

**H**ave you put out something for trash pick-up, only to find to your great dismay that it has been left right where you put it? Chances are, the item was improperly tagged. There is some confusion about what types of waste require which specific tags in order to be disposed of properly. Since this is the season for yard work and yard waste, here's a quick guide to what is allowed and which tag is required. Clip it out to keep with your refuse information. ■

CLIP & SAVE

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

## Yard Waste Pick-Up Guide

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♻️ **GRASS CLIPPINGS**

♻️ **LEAVES**

♻️ **SOD**

- Always require a **Green Tag (5/\$6.25)**.
- May not be included in regular trash.
- Maximum size and weight, can or bag: 32 gallons; 30 pounds.
- April 1-October 15: picked up on regular trash day by separate truck.

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♻️ **WEEDS**

♻️ **BRANCHES/LIMBS**

♻️ **TWIGS**

♻️ **SHRUBBERY TRIMMINGS**

♻️ **ETC.**

- Include with your regular trash.
- Total may not exceed allowable limit of 3 cans/bags.
- Each item over the 3 can/bag limit requires a **Yellow Tag (5/\$6.25)**.
- Branches, limbs, etc. may be bundled and tied; no longer than 4 feet; no heavier than 30 lbs.

Questions? Call 291-1213, ext. 301, for Kelly Hurt, Lancaster Township Recycling Coordinator. She'll be happy to assist you.

**Planning & Zoning: New Rules for Skateboarders**

One of the more consistent topics of discussion and concern among residents at recent Community Get-Togethers has been that of skateboarding in the Township. There were even those who would prefer to see it eliminated entirely. Understanding that this type of recreational activity should be permitted when conducted in a safe and courteous manner, the Township Supervisors adopted Ordinance 1998-03 in May. The Ordinance does not specifically prohibit skateboarding in any part of the Township but rather establishes "Rules of the Road" to provide for the safety of the riders as well as those with whom they share the streets and sidewalks. For those occasions when the established rules are not followed, police officers may cite violators. A fine of up to \$50 may be assessed. ■

◀ **REMINDER:** The grass is growing! Please remember that vegetation is limited to no more than six inches in height (Section 303.4-LTPMC).

**Lancaster Recreation Commission Is Summer Fun**

Get into the swing of summer with this great line-up of classes, events, and trips!!

**Seniors:**

**WaterWorks** classes begin July 7-August 3, 10-11AM at Conestoga Pines Park pool; gentle aqua aerobics. \$24.

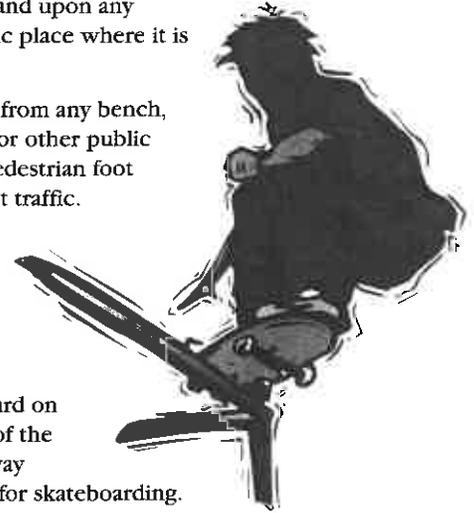
**Corn Roast**—The Happy Hours Club will host this annual event on Tuesday, August 4, at Long's Park Pavilion #1. John Valentino's band will entertain. There will be an open mike for you singers! (Rain date: August 5.)

**"Singin' in the Rain"**—Happy Hours Club trip to Three Little Bakers Theater in Wilmington, DE; depart LRC August 14 at 4:30PM and return at midnight. \$56/person. Register by July 14.

**Niagara Falls and Toronto**—Happy Hours Club trip July 14-17. \$440/dbl. occupancy. Call LRC early to register.

**RULES OF THE ROAD FOR SKATEBOARDERS**

- A. No person shall ride a skateboard upon any sidewalk, park, school yard, or any public place or any roadway in a manner that would obstruct pedestrian traffic or endanger another person's safety, or ride a skateboard on any highway, street, or roadway in a manner that would impede the normal flow of vehicular traffic.
- B. No person shall permit a skateboard to stand upon any sidewalk, park, path, roadway, or any public place where it is an obstruction or hazard to pedestrians.
- C. No person shall ride a skateboard onto or from any bench, chair, flower box, retaining wall, stairway, or other public accessory or structure not intended for pedestrian foot traffic, or intended only for pedestrian foot traffic.
- D. The Lancaster Township Police Department is authorized to erect official traffic control devices on those roadways where skateboarding shall be designated as prohibited.
- E. No person shall operate or ride a skateboard on any roadway where the volume or speed of the vehicular traffic or the width of the roadway renders the roadway unsafe or unsuitable for skateboarding.
- F. Skateboard operators on sidewalks and roadways shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicular and to all other pedestrian (non-skateboard) traffic upon the sidewalk or roadway.
- G. No more than one person shall operate or ride on a single skateboard at one time.



**Adults:**

**Conestoga Clash '98**—Beach Volleyball Tournament for doubles at Conestoga Pines Pool; round robin format for men's and women's divisions. Men's: Saturday, August 1. Women's: Sunday, August 2. Start time: 9AM. \$25/resident team; \$30/non-resident team.

**Street Hockey**—Fall registration has begun. All players must be 16 years or older. Mandatory captains' meeting July 15, 6PM at the LRC. \$250/resident team; \$312.50/non-resident. Each team also pays \$15 referee fee per game.

**Coed Softball**—Fall registration begins; competitive or recreational divisions of Amateur Softball Association-sanctioned league; mid-September thru October; mandatory captains' meeting July 21, 6PM at the LRC. \$140/resident team; \$175/non-resident.

**Youth:**

**Dance Camps**—Tap, ballet, jazz, 7-10

years old; July 6-10; 4-7 years old; July 20-24. Lunch is provided. Call the LRC for details.

**Sports Camps**—For children ages 8-14 at various locations; call for details and to register!  
 July 6-10—Boys/Girls Soccer  
 July 13-17—Boys/Girls Basketball  
 July 20-24—Field Hockey & Wrestling  
 July 27-31—Golf & Volleyball  
 August 3-7—Street Hockey

**All-Comers Track & Field Meet Series**—Ages 8 years to adult; July 6, Penn Manor H.S. at 5:15PM; July 13, McCaskey H.S. at 5:15PM. Competitors should bring their own equipment and, if possible, a stopwatch and volunteers to help.

**Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game**—Bus trip to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Following an afternoon on your own, watch the Orioles battle the Detroit Tigers at Camden Yards. \$28/person. Register by July 2. ■

# SUMMER SAFETY FOR ALL

by Officer Kathy Speitel  
Lancaster Bureau of Police

**S**ummertime can be a fun time for everyone. Learning and teaching safe habits should not be an ordeal, but rather a part of everyday learning. Children learn safety skills and appropriate responses to different situations from parents and teachers giving consistent and clear messages on a routine basis.

Every child should be taught how to use 911 in an emergency and how to dial a family member or friend in non-emergency situations. If a child must be left alone for a period of time, provide him or her with a few basic telephone tips. Teach children that they must never say they are home alone or give their address to anyone. Both 911 and the family contact's phone number should be clearly displayed next to the phone.

All youth should be taught to be wary of strangers. A child should know

what to do if approached by a stranger. Choose a family code word and be sure your child understands this is not a game. A child must learn how

dangerous it could be for them to talk with or go anywhere with unknown people.

The code word is given only to people you trust to help your child identify "safe" people in an unfamiliar situation.

Everyone, regardless of age, should swim in a safe place and never go swimming alone. Swim in

public places with lifeguards whenever possible. Avoid streams or creeks, which can be dangerous, especially to a young child tempted to play around or in them. Don't forget the sunscreen! Sunburns are not in the least bit fun and are potentially hazardous to one's good health.

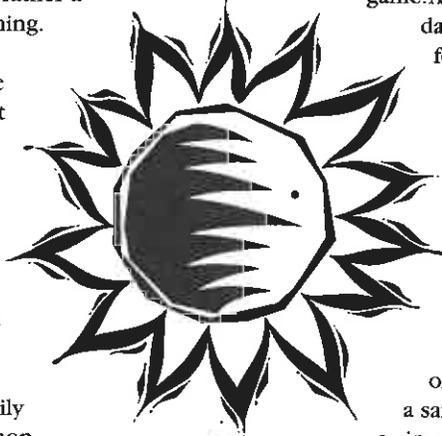
Walking or biking along the roadway is always dangerous. Be aware of traffic and road hazards. Wear light or bright

colors, walk or bike with a friend if possible, and always have a light at night. When biking, remember to wear a good safety helmet. The law requires a bike helmet up to the age of 12. Common sense tells you to wear one at any age.

Have fun this summer, but, remember, safety is a personal issue. It takes some work and effort from parents and children. Safety measures taught and practiced only improve the pleasures of life. Have a great summer! ■



OFF. KATHY SPEITEL



◀ REMINDER: Planning a utility building? Call the Planning & Zoning Department for permit and placement information.



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VICKI L. PHILLIPS

## School District of Lancaster Updates

On being named Superintendent of the School District of Lancaster, Vicki L. Phillips stated, "I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I am looking forward to becoming part of this community. I believe that community engagement in the continuous improvement of the schools is vitally important, just as I believe that the schools are a critical component in sustaining a strong, vibrant community.

"As the Superintendent of the Lancaster Schools, I want to continue the strong partnerships that already exist between the schools and the community and work with you to forge new ones. Please know that my door is always open. I welcome your questions, ideas and perspectives, and support.

"As a new member of the community, I want to say thank you for the warm welcome. I will enjoy living and working alongside you. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months."

### School District of Lancaster School Board Meetings, 7PM:

July 9 & 21

August 6 & 18

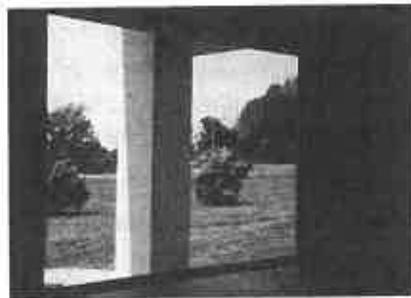
September 3 & 15 ■

## Concession Stand at Lancaster Community Park Is Almost Ready



**T**he concession stand at Lancaster Community Park on Millersville Pike is nearing completion! The engraved bricks purchased by Lancaster Township residents have been placed in a special area next to the building. The building contains men's and women's bathrooms, as well as an area for the sale of refreshments. Now all that's needed is you! The Park Commission is looking for volunteers to help in the concession stand during weekend tournaments and to assist with general upkeep. The Commission is also actively looking for a service club to sponsor park operations. Please call Barry Gentzler at 569-4040 during the day or 392-8276 in the evenings to offer your

support. Remember this is a *community park*; your help and support is really needed to keep it all going strong. ■



INSIDE LOOKING OUT OF THE CONCESSION STAND

## HAMILTON PARK NEEDS YOUR HELP

**T**he Hamilton Park Playground Association has provided many activities and park maintenance since 1929. During these many years, all types of successful events and fundraisers have been held with the dedicated help of volunteers. Last year's fundraiser resulted in new park benches and picnic tables. The ever popular Corn Roast will be held again this August, with entertainment by the crowd-pleasing Dixieland Express. However, for the first time in 69 years, the June Festival was canceled due to a lack of volunteer help. Without the volunteer support of neighbors and

friends the many annual events cannot continue. There is no lack of attendance at our events, but the planning and setting up stages require a commitment of time from more than just a handful of individuals. Please call Susan

## WHAT TYPE OF ROAD?

(Part 3 of 4)

*The Strategic Comprehensive Plan encourages the education of residents on some of the terms used by the township. The following article is the third in a series of four on roadway classifications. It is hoped this will provide a better understanding of roadway use and maintenance.*

Various types of highways are required to permit safe, expedient movement of traffic within and through an area. Part 1 of this series identified Urban Principal Arterial Roads (i.e. Rts. 30, 222, etc.), and Part 2 described Urban Minor Arterial Roads (i.e. Columbia Ave., E. King St., etc.).

**Urban Collector Roads** are the focus of this article. Urban Collectors provide the main source of traffic circulation within residential, commercial, and industrial districts. These roads also act as a collector of local traffic within an area and channel it onto the Urban Principal Arterial Roads. You will most likely discover that you use Urban Collectors near the beginning and end of your daily commute.

Examples of Urban Collector Roads in Lancaster Township are: Abbeyville Rd., Atkins Ave., Buchanan Ave., Charles Rd., School House Rd., S. Duke St., Spencer Ave., Wabank Rd., and Wilson Dr. ■

Hohenadel at 399-4351 to volunteer your time to help continue the community happenings at Hamilton Park. Join your neighbors by pitching in and helping out. Let's keep Hamilton Park a community-oriented asset! ■

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.

## TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY PUT OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK

**F**our girls skipped school on Thursday, April 23, and didn't get into trouble for it! Their parents even knew about it! In fact, all over the country girls were skipping a day in the classroom and going to work with parents, relatives, or friends. This annual event was designed by the Ms. Foundation for Women to focus on girls' needs and dreams and to ensure they remain confident, strong, and in school throughout their teen years. It affords girls the opportunity to explore their own futures and begin looking at different jobs and careers.

The Lancaster Township office hosted Ashley Hurt, daughter of Kelly Hurt, Communications and Recycling Coordinator; Megan Eckenrode, daughter of Rob Eckenrode, who works in the Highway Department; Allison Jacoby, daughter of Lori Jacoby, Planning and Zoning Assistant; and Nichole Netchaeff, daughter of Kay Wallace, Receptionist.

Ashley, an 11-year-old entering seventh grade at Landisville Middle School, is an avid soccer player and enjoys playing piano and clarinet. Megan is 13 and attends Sacred heart

School, where she'll be in eighth grade. She loves athletics and plays on the basketball, field hockey, and soccer teams. Allison is a 10-year-old fifth grader at Mountville Elementary School. She is also a sports fan, playing soccer and basketball as well as being a cheerleader. Nichole, a fifth-grade student at Buchanan Elementary School, has a love of music and is learning to play the viola. This 10-year-old also enjoys her summer visits to North Carolina.

These young people answered phones, accepted bill payments, worked on the computers, opened mail, assembled information packets to be mailed, and performed assorted other tasks. The staff hopes that in addition to



▲  
**DAUGHTERS WHO WENT TO WORK AT THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON APRIL 23 WERE (LEFT TO RIGHT): ALLISON JACOBY, MEGAN ECKENRODE, NICHOLE NETCHAEFF, AND ASHLEY HURT.**

learning a few new things, they also had as much fun as all the employees did just by observing the girls' energy and enthusiasm. ■

**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 Caleb J. Deibert**, a 24-year member of the Lancaster Bureau of Police, is looking towards another full-time career when he retires in 1999. He already operates a painting contracting business on a part-time basis. Officer Deibert enjoys the time he spends with his family and children. Their ages range from 6 to 24 years. That would keep any parent busy! ■

## Lancaster Township Officers

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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.

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.

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

## Community Get-Togethers This Summer

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 in which the meeting is held. The next get-togethers will be held July 27 for the Hamilton Park/Canterbury area at Maple Grove Community Building, 1420 Columbia Avenue, and September 28 for the School Lane Hills area at the Maple Grove Community Building. Each meeting is scheduled for 7-9PM. ■

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