

TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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Three is a very good number.

Board of Supervisors Structure Will Stay the same

One of the Township's goals this year was to research the optimum number of supervisors needed to manage Lancaster Township. The Task Force charged with this responsibility was comprised of five residents: Laura C. Douglas, Beryl C. Frey, Barbara E. Gallen, Nancy B. Rogers, and Charles V. Snyder.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 10, 1998, the Supervisor Expansion Task Force presented its recommendation that the Board of Supervisors remain a three-member board. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation at the meeting.

The in-depth research process included contacting other county municipalities which operate under a five-member board and interviewing officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Develop and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. Interviews also were conducted with Lancaster Township staff, committee members, and the current Board of Supervisors.

Many thanks are due to all the Task Force members for their dedicated efforts and commitment to all residents in researching the most suitable number of supervisors for Lancaster Township. Thank you! ■

Lancaster Township's Web Site to be Unveiled

The Board of Supervisors is proud to announce Lancaster Township's new web site, www.twp.lancaster.pa.us. The Township has worked with Rettew Associates, Inc., to develop an innovative and technologically advanced site in conjunction with the directives of the Strategic Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the site is to help residents become more informed through modern technology by:

- Developing an effective communication method.
- Keeping residents informed of important issues.
- Disseminating information about Township functions and services.
- Soliciting resident feedback.
- Recognizing resident/volunteer involvement.



▲ Here's a sneak peek at the Township's new Web site.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED to attend a special web site presentation on October 26, 1998, at 7:30PM at the Maple Grove Community Building, 1420 Columbia Avenue. Bring your neighbors and join us for this exciting and informative event. ■



▲ The supervisors thank members of the task force and present them with Certificates of Appreciation. Left to right: Supervisor Helen S. Adams, Supervisor Anthony J. Allen, Beryl C. Frey, Barbara E. Gallen, Nancy B. Rogers, Supervisor Michael F. Pickard, Charles V. Snyder. Not pictured: Laura C. Douglas.

Legislative Update



Add Your 2¢ to the Budget

During the month of October, the Lancaster Township Supervisors and staff will be developing the 1999 Annual Budget. All Lancaster Township residents are encouraged to participate in the process. Any suggestions or comments may be mailed to: Lancaster Township, 1240 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603. You may also call the Township Manager, William L. Adams, at 291-1213. To ensure your comments are reviewed in a timely manner, please submit them by October 19, 1998.

The 1999 Budget will be presented to residents at the November 9, 1998 Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:00PM. The budget will be available for public inspection at the Township office from November 9, 7:00PM, through December 14, 7:00PM, at which time it will be presented for adoption at the Board of Supervisors meeting. ■

The following ordinances have been passed since the last newsletter:

Ordinance No. 6 of 1998:

Amends Ordinance 1983-02 to prohibit certain lefthand turns off and on to East King Street within the Township

Ordinance No. 7 of 1998:

Provides for realignment and relocation of the intersection of S. Queen St., Fairview Ave., New Danville Pk. (Rte. 324), and S. Prince St. (Rte. 222)

New Staff Appointments

Lancaster Township is proud to announce two new appointments within the Township staff.

Lori Jacoby is the new Director of Planning and Zoning. Lori comes to the position with more than 17 years of municipal government experience which includes a thorough understanding of how local government works. She began her employment with Lancaster Township in 1990, first as bookkeeper, and then moved to Planning and Zoning as assistant to the director. Lori works extremely well with all people and exhibits a high degree of professionalism and pride in



▲ Lori Jacoby, Rob Eckenrode

her job. At home, Lori is constantly on the go with her husband Kevin and their three very active daughters.

After filling in on an interim basis, Rob Eckenrode has been appointed Superintendent of Public Works. He has worked for Lancaster Township for 18 years. As a part of the Highway and Maintenance Department team, he works closely with all members of the staff, as well as other municipalities and the State, on the many varied cooperative projects. Rob knows what to do and where to go to get the job done. He has proven his unique ability to work as a partner with other agencies. Rob and his wife Vicki are active in their community and church. They have a son in his first year of college and a teenage daughter.

Congratulations to Lori and Rob! ■

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 Magistrates:	
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
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: Michael F. Pickard	293-4717
Lancaster Recreation Commission	392-2115

Office Closings

The Lancaster Township office will be closed:

November 26-27, 1998:

Thanksgiving

December 24-25, 1998:

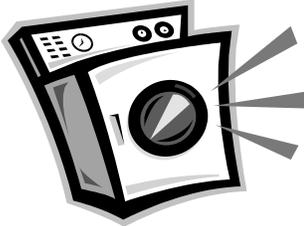
Christmas

January 1, 1999:

New Year's Day

Trash and Recycling News

Large Appliance and Tire Pick-up



... is scheduled for December. Get ready for Tuesday, December 1, or Wednesday, December 2, whichever is your normal trash pick-up day. Each large appliance must have a \$12 Blue Tag.

- Clothes Washer/Dryer
- Dishwasher
- Refrigerator
- Freezer
- Stove
- Hot Water heater
- Air Conditioner
- Furnace
- Dehumidifier
- Riding lawn mower with gas and oil removed

Push lawn mower with gas and oil removed requires a \$4 Red Tag. Each tire requires a \$1.25 Purple Tag.

Because the Township provides a pick-up list to the trash hauler, residents **must call and notify the Township office what appliance is being put out and at what address.** Please remember to place your item(s) at curbside the night before your collection day. Tags are available for purchase at the Township office. Questions? Call Kelly Hurt, Recycling Coordinator, at 291-1213, ext. 301; she'll be happy to assist you.

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. ■



Refuse & Recycling Bills

Refuse and Recycling bills are mailed twice a year to property owners, on October 1 and April 1 in the amount of \$55. Invoices not paid by the due dates are assessed a penalty. Senior citizens who own their property are entitled to a \$5 discount if they first obtain an Office of Aging registration card, available at the County Courthouse. After receiving that registration card, bring it to the Township office for our records.

NO CHANGE



Holiday Trash Collection

Because the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays do not fall on Tuesday or Wednesday, there will be **no change** in the trash collection schedule during these holidays.



Tree & Wreath Collection

Tree and wreath collection is scheduled for **Saturday, January 16, 1999.** Place these items at curbside on Friday evening. Please remove all decorations, stands, and wires in wreaths. No plastic tree bags or artificial trees and wreaths will be collected. Remember to lay the tree on its side so it isn't mistaken for a growing tree and left behind by the haulers. There is no fee for this service and the trees will be recycled as usual. ■

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department: Fundraising Fun

The Lancaster Township Fire Department is getting ready for its annual Fall Combo Sale set for November 7 at the South Fire Station, 125 Fairview Avenue. This event holds something for everyone. It's a combination flea market, crafts, and garage sale, beginning at 9:00AM.



▲ Lancaster Township's new 93-foot ladder truck has been delivered.

Because LTFD is an all-volunteer fire department, fundraisers are all-important to its financial well-being. Please support them by attending their annual fundraising events and by giving generously to Fund Drive 1998. By now you should have received an appeal for donations through the mail. Think about the lives and property saved by the members of the Lancaster Township Fire Department when writing out those checks, and thank you for your support! ■

Planning & Zoning: Walking Your Pet?

Calls to the Township office concerning dogs and other animals are the number one complaint. So if you take Rover out for a walk, remember to grab the necessary items for cleaning up after your pet. This is especially important in areas where children frequently play.

Aside from the unpleasant nuisance of having to clean the bottom of your shoe or your carpet, there are also health risks involved.

Lancaster Township Ordinance No. 1992-02 requires owners of dogs and other animals to exercise certain controls:

1. No dog is permitted to be upon public property or the property of another unless accompanied by, or under the immediate control of the owner.
 2. Unless the animal is assisting a disabled individual, no owner shall permit any animal to defecate upon public property or the property of another unless such owner immediately removes the defecation and disposes of it in a sanitary manner.
 3. All dogs shall be penned or tied in such a manner that the dog cannot walk or run on any public property or the property of another.
 4. All dogs shall be kept under sufficient control so as to prevent the dog from entering upon any public property or the property of another.
- So remember, the next time you walk your dog, please, be considerate of others.

Traffic Congestion on LIMC's Agenda

In August, the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC) began working with a traffic engineer, Douglas W. Plank of ELA Group, Inc., to recommend ways of alleviating traffic congestion in central Lancaster County. A study will encompass the entire LIMC area: East Hempfield Township, East Lampeter Township, East Petersburg Borough, Lancaster City, Lancaster Township, Manheim Township, Manor Township, Millersville Borough, Mountville Borough, Pequea Township, West Hempfield Township, and West Lampeter Township.

The study will look at highway corridors shared by more than one municipality and recommend solutions which are relatively easy and inexpensive to implement. These might include better synchronization of traffic signals, additional turning lanes, improvements to signage and pavement markings, changes in speed limits, highway shoulder improvements, etc.

This analysis is to be concluded by the end of November. The LIMC welcomes comments and ideas for improvements. Please write to the LIMC, P.O. Box 8347, Lancaster, PA 17604-8347, or call 397-7313. The LIMC will encourage its member municipalities to begin implementing recommended projects by including the most important ones in their 1999 budgets. ■

School District of Lancaster Updates

SDL School Board Meetings, 7PM: October 8 & 20
November 5 & 17
December 3 & 15

School Calendar: October 29-30 - No School for Students
November 26, 27, 30 - School Closed
December 24-31 - School Closed
January 1 - Schools Closed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works: Leaf Collection Schedule and ... Snow?

In preparation for the fall leaf collection season, the road crew will be testing equipment and collecting leaves prior to the official starting date; however, the crew will not follow a specific schedule *prior to October 12*. The regularly scheduled leaf collection will begin Monday, October 12, and



▲ Latest addition to the Maintenance Facility is the new salt shed.

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Remember Election Day on Tuesday, November 3!!

■
 Don't take lightly your responsibility to vote. Our elected officials make decisions that can have a great impact on our lives. Vote for the candidate of your choice.
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▶ Did you ever wonder what the birds see? Here's a bird's-eye view of the Lancaster Township Office Building and North Fire Station from the bucket of our latest edition to the fleet, a 93-foot ladder tower! (See left)

continue through Friday, December 11, according to the following schedule:

Mondays, October 12–December 7: all streets between Columbia and Marietta Avenue

Tuesdays, October 13–December 8: Hamilton Park area will follow the Tuesday morning cleaning schedule, plus Davis Drive and the 400 and 500 blocks of Atkins, Spencer, and S.

President Avenues. East End will follow the Tuesday afternoon street-cleaning schedule, plus City Mill Road, Conestoga Woods, Conestoga Boulevard.

Wednesdays, October 14–December 9: School House Road and Hamilton Park area will follow the Wednesday morning street-

cleaning schedule. East end will follow the Wednesday afternoon street cleaning schedule and finish any other necessary East End pick-ups.

Thursdays, October 15–December 10: All streets on the north side of Marietta Avenue to Newton Road

Fridays, October 16–December 11: Abbeyville Road and west, Bausman area, Hoover Road, Honeysuckle Lane, Bentley Lane area



Please remember that parking tickets will be issued during leaf collection, just as they are for street sweeping and snow removal.

Keep in mind several things during fall yard clean-up:

- Leaves should be raked to the street, next to the curb, as near as possible to your collection day.
- Grass clippings, tree/shrub trimmings, and other debris may not be included with the leaves.
- Unforeseen conditions, such as weather or leaf mass, may cause occasional delays. A few areas are not collected because of traffic volume.
- Remember, you can always make arrangements with the maintenance facility at 293-1733 to drop off leaves during regular working hours.

Snow removal

We may have a mild winter like last year with very little snow, or we could have a bone-chilling, traffic-snarling blizzard. In that case the plows will be busy clearing the roadways. The road crew makes every effort to stay on the road surface itself, but sometimes it's impossible to determine exactly where the road ends and a lawn begins. It is recommended that property lines be marked with posts or small flags at least three feet high. The Township is not responsible for repairing damage in the public right-of-way, which extends five to ten feet beyond the paved surface. ■

Be Prepared for Strange Visitors



Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 30, with trick-or-treating from 6:00-8:00P.M. To ensure the safety of all

children please follow these tips:

- No one over the age of 12 years may wear a mask in public.
- Accompany young children and carry a flashlight.
- Stay in your neighborhood and visit only the homes of people you know.
- Dress children in light-colored costumes; adding reflectors is recommended.
- Check all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Watch out for traffic! Drivers, be extra alert!
- **HAVE FUN!!** ■

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.

Join the Hamilton Park Playground Family!

The Hamilton Park Playground Association is seeking volunteers to join the Association and help with the many family-oriented events held each year. Please call Susan Hohenadel at 399-4351 for information. This 69-year-old community association has presented hundreds of events enjoyed by residents, but they need your help to continue. Meetings are held at the Township Building, 1240 Maple Avenue, the third Thursday of every month. Join your neighbors!

Association Meeting Dates:

Oct. 15, 1998
Nov. 19, 1998
Dec. 17, 1998

Upcoming Hamilton Park Events:

Oct. 31, 1:00PM - Halloween Parade
Dec. 5, 1:00PM - Fall Clean Up
Dec. 18, 7:00PM - Christmas Caroling ■

► **Red Ribbon Week** is October 23-31, 1998. This national event is a public awareness campaign that allows communities and individuals the opportunity to show their support for a drug-free America. The Red Ribbon symbolizes a commitment to a drug-free, healthy lifestyle. Pick up your Red Ribbon at the Township office and wear it all week. ■

What Type of Road?

(Part 4 of a 4)

The Strategic Comprehensive Plan encourages the education of residents on some of the terms used by the Township. The following article is the final 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, Part 2 described Urban Minor Arterial Roads, and Part 3 dealt with Urban Collector Roads. Urban Local Roads are the focus of this article.

Urban Local Roads comprise all facilities not on one of the higher road systems. They are generally the smaller, less traveled roadways in the more residential areas. These *local traffic* roads provide access to the slightly larger Collector Roads. Through traffic (people taking shortcuts) on these roadways is discouraged. Examples of Urban Local Roads in Lancaster Township are Bentley Lane, N. Bausman Drive, Willis Lane, and Conestoga Boulevard. ■

Lancaster Township

Municipal Office

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

Maintenance Facility: 717-293-1733

Monday-Thursday: 8AM-6PM; Friday: 8AM-4PM

Anthony J. Allen, Supervisor	Ext. 420
Helen S. Adams, Supervisor	Ext. 419
Michael F. Pickard, Supervisor	Ext. 421
William L. Adams, Township Manager	Ext. 302
J. Robert Eckenrode, Superintendent of Public Works	293-1733
Kelly Hurt, Communications & Recycling Coordinator	Ext. 301
Lori Jacoby, Director of Planning & Zoning	Ext. 307
Jack McCoy, Office Administrator	Ext. 306
Suzanne Teske, Administrative Secretary	Ext. 303
Kay Wallace, Receptionist	Ext. 300

Clip & Save

Safety at the ATM Machine

Fall brings subtle changes to life's many busy summer days. The holidays are fast approaching and more and more often we find ourselves using the many conveniences of today's automated world. One of these is the ATM (automated teller machine). You can lose your hard-earned money unless you follow some easy steps to protect yourself.

- \$ Protect your ATM receipts by always taking them with you.
- \$ When you dispose of a receipt at home, it's a good idea to shred it before throwing it in with your trash. Criminals will even search through trash bags for any information about you. These small pieces of



paper contain the information that unscrupulous people use to access your bank account.

- \$ Take care to block anyone's view when entering your PIN (personal identification number). Some people

have been known to stand at a distance using binoculars to learn your PIN.

- \$ Always look around before approaching an ATM. If someone appears to be loitering nearby, go to another location.

Some other safety tips:

- \$ Use electronic funds transfer whenever possible.
- \$ Protect your Social Security number. Request a Social Security report if you suspect any record compromise.
- \$ Review your bank and credit card statements as soon as they arrive.
- \$ Request your credit history annually. ■

AN OFFICER AT EVERY BOARD MEETING

▶ The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors has requested a police officer attend each supervisors' meeting, the second Monday of every month. This request was made on behalf of residents who have questions for the Bureau of Police. The officer may or may not have immediate answers to questions or concerns but will act as a conduit to the Bureau of Police so that issues can be resolved. The officer on duty began attending these meetings in August and will continue on a temporary basis until the end of 1998. An evaluation will then determine continuance. ■

Know Your Police Officers!

The Lancaster City Bureau of Police has appointed four Township officers to the Bicycle Patrol Division. The patrol cars will have the specially built bikes mounted on the vehicle with a quick and easy access system. Bicycle patrols provide a greater ability to pursue someone fleeing the police through alleys, parks, etc. where police cars are impractical or impossible to use. Bicycle patrols have proven their value in other municipalities as well as Lancaster City.

Officers Paul Blanchflower, Jeffrey Haas, Michael Hemperly, and J. Donald Shaeffer have completed a rigorous five-day certification course. They now join the LCPD Bicycle Patrol Division headed up by Sgt. Jeffrey Bare. The Township looks forward to this newest police services benefit for residents. ■



▲ The bicycle brigade (left to right): Officers Jeffrey Haas, Michael Hemperly, Paul Blanchflower, J. Donald Shaeffer, and Sgt. Jeffrey Bare

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 please call 911.

