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Clean Sweep

NEW FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

Lancaster Township has been collecting leaves since 1960. In the nearly half-century since then, the township has grown by leaps and bounds. This means trees have grown also, with an ever-increasing amount of leaves to be collected. Because of the increased volume from the numerous subdivisions, it has become increasingly difficult to provide specific day collection.

Come to the Fall Community Get-Together!

The Board of Supervisors will continue the tradition of meeting informally with residents. The next Community Get-Together will be held on Monday, October 23, 2006, 7:00PM at the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, 1100 East Orange Street (formerly Community Hospital). The meeting will be held in the auditorium, which can be entered via the Cottage Avenue entrance.

As in the past, there will be a short presentation at the start of the meeting followed by a question and answer session. After a break for light refreshments, the floor will be open to residents for discussion of any topic. Don't miss this chance to meet with the Supervisors. ■

This means collection may not be on the same day every week as in the past. Although the township will strive to pick up leaves every week, township-wide, there will no longer be scheduled pick-up days. Leaves will be collected on a rotating basis to ensure all streets are covered. Collection will occur as the road crew makes its way throughout the township. If your leaves are at curbside on Monday, they may not be collected until Thursday or Friday.

Leaf collection will begin October 9 and continue through December 15 (weather permitting). Leaves may be raked to the curb at any time. Place leaves close to the curb or at the edge of the yard in non-curbed areas. Leaves will be collected as weather, equipment, and leaf volume permits.

Every effort will be made to collect leaves on streets with signed parking restrictions on the days listed. The police will continue to enforce street signs that



▲ RAKING SEASON IS ALMOST UPON US.

prohibit parking on certain days. This enables complete leaf pick-up and safety for the road crew. ■

Do you know?

▶ Cell phones may be placed in the orange used battery bags for recycling.



▶ RRTA bus routes and schedules are available in the township office.



▶ Dates to Remember:

- OCTOBER 29** – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – FALL BACK!
- OCTOBER 23** – COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER (1100 E. ORANGE ST.)
- OCTOBER 31** – HALLOWEEN NIGHT/ TRICK OR TREAT, 6PM-8PM
- NOVEMBER 7** – ELECTION DAY – GO TO THE POLLS AND TAKE A NEIGHBOR; EVERY VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

▶ Office Closings:

- NOVEMBER 23-24** – THANKSGIVING
- DECEMBER 25-26** – CHRISTMAS
- JANUARY 1** – NEW YEAR'S DAY

Vote on November 7!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Remember, we get the government we elect, so your vote really does matter. The polls are open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM. And don't forget your neighbors; they might not make it to the polls if you don't offer them a ride. ■

Where to Vote

- DISTRICT 1** LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL, 725 HAMILTON ROAD
- DISTRICT 2** HAMILTON ARMS NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER 336 S. WEST END AVENUE
- DISTRICT 3** LT FIRE DEPT., SOUTH STATION, 125 FAIRVIEW AVENUE
- DISTRICT 4** BURROWES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1001 EAST ORANGE STREET
- DISTRICT 5** LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 1240 MAPLE AVENUE
- DISTRICT 6** CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 551 ABBEYVILLE ROAD
- DISTRICT 7** FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 1025 COLUMBIA AVENUE
- DISTRICT 8** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 1575 NEW DANVILLE PIKE
- DISTRICT 9** LANCASTER ARMS, 116 JENNINGS DRIVE



LARGER, DETAILED MAP AT THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE

2006 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 23 – NO SERVICE

THURSDAY – PICK-UP
FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25

– NO SERVICE MONDAY;
ONE-DAY DELAY ALL WEEK

NEW YEAR'S DAY,

JANUARY 1 – NO SERVICE
MONDAY; ONE-DAY DELAY
ALL WEEK

Yard Waste/Biobag Collection Ends Week of October 2

The end of yard waste/biobag collection is the week of October 2. Yard waste should then be combined with regular trash and becomes part of the three-container limit. Brush and sticks (maximum two-inch diameter) must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet and weighing no more than 30 pounds.

Residents may continue to dispose of yard waste at 1357 Meadowcreek Lane, Monday through Thursday, 3:00-6:00PM (2:00-5:00PM after October 29) up until November 22. Identification with address is required. ■

Christmas Tree Disposal

TREES MAY BE DISPOSED OF AT THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE FACILITY, 1357 MEADOWCREEK LANE, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 7:00AM-4:00PM. PLEASE LEAVE TREES JUST INSIDE THE GATE AT THE POSTED LOCATION. TREES MAY ALSO BE INCLUDED WITH REGULAR TRASH IN LIEU OF ONE TRASH BAG/CAN. IF THE TREE EXCEEDS THE THREE-CONTAINER LIMIT, A YELLOW EXTRA SERVICE TRASH TAG IS REQUIRED. ■

WHAT'S RECYCLABLE?

ITEM		YES	NO
Cans & Metals <i>Rinse and remove lids.</i>	Aluminum, steel, and bi-metal food and beverage cans Pots, pans, foil wraps	√	
Glass <i>Rinse and remove lids.</i>	Clear and colored glass bottles and jars Auto glass, window glass, drinking glasses, bowls, light bulbs	√	√
Newspaper <i>Place in paper bags or tie with string.</i>	Clean and dry Wet papers, newspaper inserts, cereal boxes, magazines	√	√
Plastic <i>Rinse and remove lids.</i>	Marked #1 and #2 only Styrofoam containers	√	√

Special Wastes

E-waste, such as computers and cell phones, and household hazardous waste, such as cleaners, paint/thinners, pesticides, transmission/brake fluid, etc., should be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA), 1299 Old Harrisburg Pike. There is no charge for disposal. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 4:00PM and Saturday, 8:00AM to noon. Call 397-9968 with questions. ■

Trash Pick-up Reminders

- ▶ Remember, the **weekly limit is three (3) bags or containers** (32-gallon size, weighing less than 30 pounds each) per week, including holidays. Amounts over the three-bag/container limit must have a yellow extra service tag attached to each container. Plan ahead for extra trash by purchasing yellow extra service tags (\$6.25/5 tags) at the township office. Tags can also be purchased by mail by sending a check in the proper amount to cover the order.
- ▶ **Oversized items** (furniture, carpet, TVs, etc.) that weigh more than 30 pounds and/or measure more than four feet, require a \$4.00 red service tag. Attach the red tag securely and in a clearly visible location. These items may be placed with regular trash. No more than two oversized items per week will be collected from any residence.
- ▶ **Recyclables should be placed in the green recycling bin** (\$5.00). Recyclables include glass (drink bottles and food jars), metals (food and beverage cans), and plastics (designated with #1 PET or #2 HDPE). Remember to rinse all containers and place all lids into the regular trash. Newspapers should be placed in paper bags or tied with string.
- ▶ **Batteries and cell phones** should never be thrown in with regular trash as they are a contaminant. They should always be put in orange battery bags, available free at the township office, and placed next to the trash containers. The trash hauler will collect the battery bags and give them to the attendant at LCSWMA for proper disposal.
- ▶ Please **put out trash on the night before** collection day and remove the empty containers as soon as possible after collection.



Large Appliance & Tire Collection



NOVEMBER 6-9

LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE PICKUP WILL OCCUR ON YOUR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6;
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7;
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8; OR **THURSDAY,**

NOVEMBER 9. THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED. A **\$12 BLUE TAG** MUST BE PURCHASED AND ATTACHED TO EACH APPLIANCE. A **\$1.25 PURPLE TAG** MUST BE PURCHASED AND ATTACHED TO EACH TIRE (NO RIMS).

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE TAGS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF THE ITEM(S) TO BE COLLECTED. WE PROVIDE A LIST TO THE HAULER WITH ADDRESSES AND ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED. A SEPARATE TRUCK WILL COLLECT THESE ITEMS AND MAY ARRIVE AT A DIFFERENT TIME THAN THE TRASH TRUCK. PLEASE PLACE ALL ITEMS AT CURBSIDE THE EVENING PRIOR TO COLLECTION. THE HAULERS WILL NOT COLLECT ITEMS THAT ARE NOT AT CURBSIDE. ■

Refuse/Recycling Bill

The next trash bill will be mailed **OCTOBER 1**. The six-month fee of \$82.50 is due on October 31. Residents who are 60 years or older can obtain a discount on their trash bills. Present proof of age to the receptionist for a reduced six-month rate of \$74.25.

There is a drop box at the door on the Maple Avenue side of the municipal building for after-hours payments. ■

Planning & Zoning: Subdivision and Land Development Updates

Elm Avenue Condos/Carriages at Elm Avenue

The Board of Supervisors approved this subdivision plan consisting of four lots with three single-family units and one multi-family lot (consisting of nine condominium units) on 2.44 acres. The condo unit phase is well under construction. This project is located along Elm Avenue between Atkins Avenue and Rider Avenue. The condos and single-family lots are currently being marketed for sale.

Hawthorne Ridge

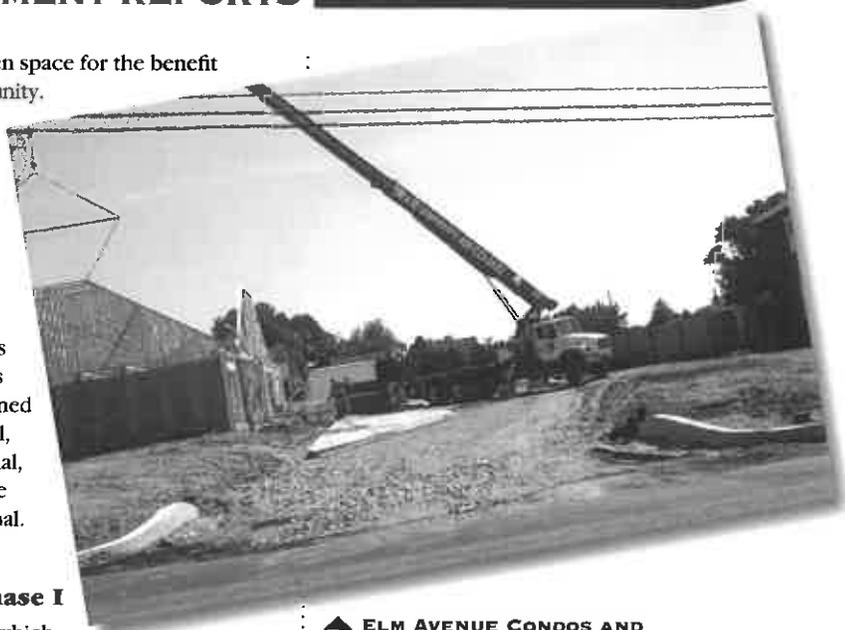
This plan has conditional plan approval from the Board of Supervisors. The development is located at Second Lock Road and New Danville Pike. The residential phase consists of 62 single-family detached dwellings, 40 semi-detached units, 170 townhouses, and 144 apartments. A majority of the infrastructure has been installed. The beginning phase includes the semi-detached units and townhouses. The board has not yet approved the commercial phase. There are 13.8 acres that will

remain as open space for the benefit of the community.

The existing farmhouse or barn will be restored as a community building for the development's residents. This property is zoned R-3 Residential, C-2 Commercial, and O/P Office and Professional.

Southern Village, Phase I

This plan, which has conditional plan approval from the board, is located south of Wabank Road, between/across from Pilgrim Drive and Blue Ridge Drive. It consists of 86 semi-detached units on 19.44 acres of land. A majority of the



▲ **ELM AVENUE CONDOS AND CARRIAGES AT ELM AVENUE UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

▼ **HAWTHORNE RIDGE DEVELOPMENT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT SECOND LOCK ROAD AND NEW DANVILLE PIKE**



adjacent to Elizabeth Martin Elementary School. The easement will provide opportunities for students to enhance their environmental studies.

Southern Village, Phase II

Located south of Wabank Road immediately adjacent to Phase I, this plan consist of 10 single-family detached units and 48 townhouses. The site has a total of 27.458 acres of land. An unusual feature of this plan is that a portion of the 15.92 acres of open space includes an old reclaimed quarry. Phases I and II together equal 97.4 acres. ■

infrastructure has been completed and several of the semi-detached units are finished. The open-space area utilizes an interesting concept engaging the School District of Lancaster, the Lancaster County Conservancy, and the developers, a partnership of Hogan Herr Wolf. Together they are working on a riparian buffer conservation easement immediately

School District of Lancaster

2006-07 Student Calendar:

October 26-27	No School
November 16-17	No School for Middle Schools
November 20-21	No School for Elementary Schools
November 22-24	No School
December 22-29	No School
January 1, 15, & 26	No School
February 19	No School

SDL Board Meetings:

7PM in J.P. McCaskey High School Concert Hall, third Tuesday of each month:

September 19	December 19
October 17	January 16
November 14	February 20

Advancing Learning in Lancaster



TOGETHER WE CAN

Public Works: High Traffic Roadways

The township will continue to pick up bagged leaves on some of the high-traffic main roads where street cleaning is too dangerous. Marietta Avenue has been included in the bagged leaf pick-up because of safety concerns with the high traffic volume. The streets where bagged leaves will be collected are:

- Columbia Avenue
- East King Street
- Marietta Avenue
- Millersville Pike
- Millersville Road
- New Danville Pike
- Wabank Road
- Old Wabank Road

Please call 293-1733 for pick-up. Plastic yard clean-up bags are to be used and bags must be placed at curbside. They will be picked up as soon as possible. Biobags will not be available.

New Second Lock Road

The Hawthorne Ridge development has prompted the relocation of Second Lock Road where it connects with New Danville Pike. Lancaster Township employees worked with developers to make roadway improvements for the benefit of motorists and pedestrians. It is important to note that township tax monies were not used for these new improvements.

There are several advantages to this relocation:

- Greatly improved sight distance when pulling out onto New Danville Pike.
- Decreasing the grade of the hill, making a safer intersection during icy winter conditions.
- Installation of sidewalks down to New Danville Pike for pedestrian safety.
- The addition of a turning lane on New Danville Pike encourages smoother traffic flow.

Woody Material Drop-Off ...

... will continue through November 23. Woody materials may be taken to our maintenance facility at 1357 Meadowcreek Lane between the hours of 3:00PM and 6:00PM (2:00PM to 5:00PM after daylight savings ends on October 29), Monday through Thursday. Woody materials

**Lancaster Recreation Commission
Plans Upcoming Activities**

The Lancaster Recreation Commission (LRC) is offering these programs for youth: Developmental Volleyball, Judo, Jung Sim Do, Chess Club, Wrestling, Basketball, and Jazz, Tap, and Ballet.

Programs for adults over the age of 30: Women's Basketball, Yoga, Aerobitone, Tai Chi, Pilates, Aerobics, Swing, Ballroom and Line Dancing, Chess Club, Art Studio, Ceramics Class and Men's Over 50 Pepper Softball.

Registrations for the Lancaster Teen Idol Contest are due on October 4, 2006 and for the Battle of the Bands on November 17.

Special Events:

- **September 16** - Giant Yard Sale (Columbia Ave. & West St.)
- **December 9** - Breakfast with Santa
- **December 1** - Mayor's Tree Lighting
- **December 31 (New Year's Eve)** - Countdown Lancaster

For information on all Lancaster Recreation Commission programs go to www.LancasterRec.org or call 392-2115.■




include garden debris, bushes, tree branches, and leaves. Proper ID will be required of everyone

to prove residency, and the site manager may inspect your load to ensure no foreign objects are included.■

Lancaster Township Historic Commission

WHAT IS THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION?

by Ginny Gibble, LTHC chair

The Lancaster Township Historical Commission (LTHC) is a committee that acts as an advisor to the Lancaster Township Planning Commission. The other important role is to be an educational group for Lancaster Township residents. Every effort is made to include an architect, a builder/construction professional, and a realtor on the LTHC. This helps to ensure that members of the committee are not only interested, but also knowledgeable about architecture and history.

If a resident wants to make a change to their home, the historical commission can advise them on current building practices and materials that complement the historical style of their home. Of course, any alterations are governed by township zoning regulations.

The Lancaster Township Historic Commission is not a Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB). A HARB has the authority to impose certain standards on property owners, as in Williamsburg, VA. The LTHC is an advisory committee that strives to educate residents on the importance of preserving historical

heritage. This can be accomplished not just by preserving buildings, but also by preserving stories, knowledge, and photographs.

The historic commission's Historic Preservation Awards and walking tours help to promote pride in Lancaster Township. In the seven years since forming, the LTHC has:

- Documented 4,000 structures in the township and is actively adding pictures, anecdotes, or oral histories to these files.
- Supported a homeowner in obtaining zoning variances for a historically appropriate building design that was subsequently constructed.
- Helped a resident nominate his home for the National Historic Registry.
- Researched a building to authenticate its historical significance. As a result, the owner did not raze the building when demolishing a neighboring building.

The LTHC is a friendly group of historical preservationists who desire to share their expertise. Remember, it only becomes history if someone records it. ■



▲ THE LTHC CONDUCTS A TOUR OF THE HAMILTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD.

The First Trolley Park

by Jack Loose, LTHC member

In 1875 E.J. Crowell, manager of the Millersville Street Railway Line, of which the Lancaster Township developer, John C. Hager, was principal owner, leased a seven-acre tract of land in Lancaster Township known as "Gable's Woods." On it Mr. Crowell built Lancaster County's first "trolley park." It consisted of a large pavilion and other structures to accommodate picnicking groups, especially church and Sunday school groups, family reunions, and the general public. No intoxicating liquors were permitted. The park opened in July 1875 with a great crowd. The horse car line went from the Pennsylvania Railroad station at North Queen and East Chestnut Streets in Lancaster to Millersville. The horse cars made hourly trips. Cars going to the park were marked with blue flags and those going through to Millersville carried red flags. Forty minutes were required to go from the PRR depot in Lancaster to Crowell's park. The horse car fare to the park was ten cents. According to the Lancaster Daily Evening Express, on the first day, July 6, 1875, 1,136 persons went by horse car to the park, and 736 persons went on to Millersville. ■

Home Improvement Program

The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority offers 0% interest loans to low- to moderate-income homeowners who reside in Lancaster County. These loans are available to complete necessary repairs. The professional housing project coordinators will help address safety issues and comply with local building codes.

No payments are required. A lien will be placed on the homeowner's property to be collected when the home is sold or the deed is transferred. Up to 50% of the loan may be forgiven over a 10-year period.

Interested homeowners should call the Home Improvement Program at 394-0793, extension 208. ■

Lancaster Public Library

One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads!

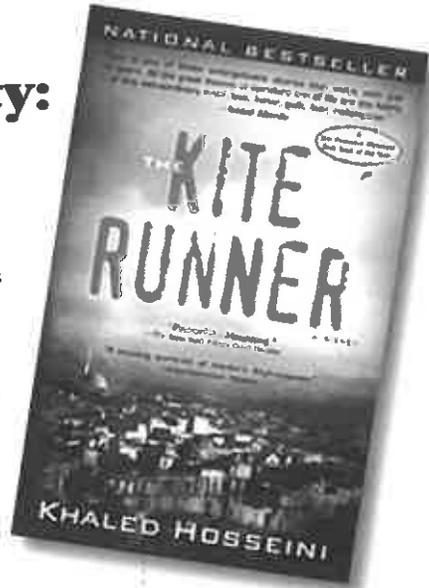
The public libraries in Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York counties are delighted to announce the launch of the fifth annual One Book, One Community campaign—a program intended to promote reading and engage people in a conversation about a shared reading experience. Designed for adults at all reading levels, from emerging readers to avid booklovers, the 2006 One Book, One Community campaign will encourage the reading and discussion of *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini.

Published in 2003, *The Kite Runner* has been described by *Publishers Weekly* as “an eloquent Afghan version of the

American immigrant experience in the late 20th century.”

The reading campaign runs from July 26 through October 31, with book-related events—ranging from speakers to kite-making demonstrations—

occurring during the month of October at libraries and other community sites. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the Library System of Lancaster County, and for purchase at Giant Food Stores, Weis Markets, Readings and Greetings, Barnes & Noble, and local bookstores. For more information about the program, visit the website at www.oboc.org or contact Mary Ann Heltshe-Steinhauer (Community Relations Director) at (717) 207-0500, extension 1222. ■



Library Hours (Duke Street):

MONDAY–THURSDAY: 9:00AM TO 9:00PM

FRIDAY–SATURDAY: 9:00AM TO 5:30PM

SUNDAY – CLOSED

CALL 394-2651 FOR PROGRAMS AND OTHER INFORMATION.

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.

MAPLE GROVE COMMUNITY BUILDING IS AVAILABLE



Do you have a special event coming up—a birthday or wedding? Do you need a place to hold your next business meeting? Why not rent the Maple Grove Community Building?

The modern building can accommodate up to 150 people and is conveniently located at 1420 Columbia Avenue. A wall of sliding glass doors that overlooks a grassy park and the Little Conestoga Creek brightens the large meeting space. There is a restaurant-quality kitchen and large restrooms.

Call 291-1213 for availability, reservations, and information. ■

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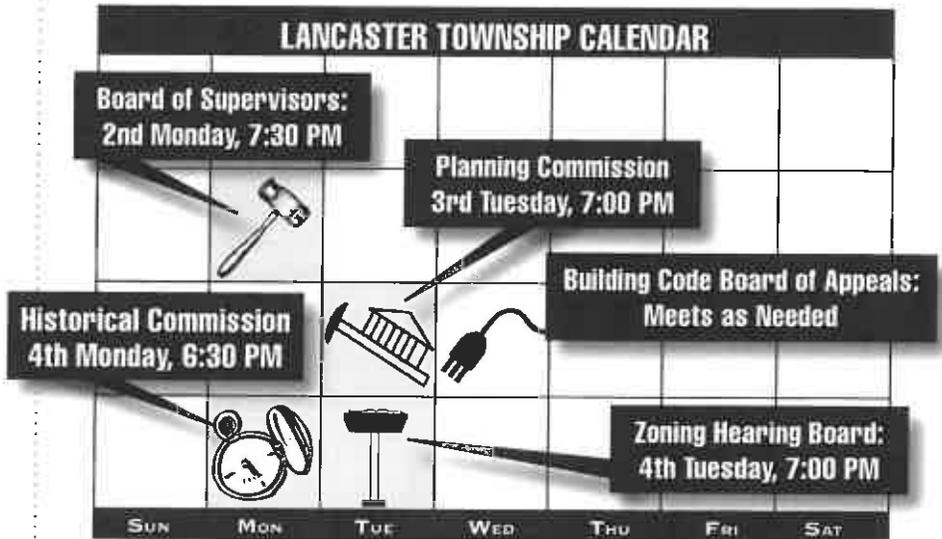
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2006 Ordinances

The following ordinances were passed during 2006:



Ordinance No. 2006-01: Conestoga River Watershed Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan

Ordinance No. 2006-02: Not adopted (request for zoning amendments)

Ordinance No. 2006-03: Prohibits parking for vehicles in excess of 9,500 pounds

Ordinance No. 2006-04: Amends Chapters 263 & 270; Vehicles & Traffic/Vehicles Unattended

Ordinance No. 2006-05: Establishes the Township's uniform fees



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