Lancaster Township is proud to announce the creation of the Maple Grove-Little Conestoga Nature Pathway. Constructed of asphalt millings, the pathway averages five feet wide and is about one-half mile long. It winds through the woods past the remaining historic maple trees of the original Maple Grove and next to the scenic Little Conestoga Creek. Along with enjoying the pathway, visitors can use the Maple Grove pavilion and grill and the swings, or enjoy the large open field for games and picnics. Paved parking is available from the entrance off Columbia Avenue. The pathway is currently under construction with completion of the first quarter-mile slated for September of 2014.

Windolph Landing Park is located along the Conestoga River in southern Lancaster Township. The park, which features easy access to the Conestoga River and a modern playground, is the site for the township’s newest pathway project. At this time the pathway has been marked out through the woods and along the river, beginning at a planned kayak/canoe launch and terminating at a second launch point.

Pet Pantry Provides Food, Basic Vet Care

Located at 26 Millersville Road, the Pet Pantry of Lancaster County is the first and only food bank for pets in the county. Founding members felt something had to be done to prevent animals from being dropped off at shelters or turned loose on the street because owners could not afford to feed them. The Pantry provides a monthly supply of pet food to owners who qualify for assistance, currently for over 250 families. All food is donated by the public and larger corporations. The Pantry also provides basic veterinary care, mainly lower-cost spay/neuter surgery and core vaccines for dogs and cats.

These basic services are helping to keep pets in their homes, keep them generally healthy and free of disease, and prevent unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. A trap/neuter/return (TNR) program for feral cats is also offered with the hope of helping to stabilize the feral cat populations in the county. The Pantry also operates a very small cat and dog rescue. For information about Pet Pantry’s food bank program, veterinary services, and rescue service, or about volunteering or donating, please visit www.petpantrylc.org or call (717) 983-8878.

Help Avoid Runoff

Rain, snow, or ice that falls on a roof, patio, driveway, or lawn flows into streams or storm drains. It picks up pollutants as it goes, then ends up in our creeks, rivers, and bays. Poorly managed stormwater runoff can cause a host of problems, including flooding, pollution, stream bank erosion, and threats to human health through contamination of drinking water supplies.

As a homeowner, you can help avoid stormwater runoff problems by reducing impervious areas so that rain soaks into the ground, planting native trees and plants that help infiltrate stormwater and increase evaporation, setting up a rain garden or rain barrels, and maintaining good lawn-care practices.

Managing stormwater on your property will not only help protect local streams, but also help clean downstream waterways including the Chesapeake Bay. Pick up a free copy of The Homeowner’s Guide to Stormwater at the township building, or visit www.lancasterwatersheds.org.
NEW ORDINANCES

Approved since last newsletter:

Ordinance No. 2014-01: Amendment to Chapter 231, Streets & Sidewalks, related to keeping sidewalks in good repair, the removal of snow within 48 hours after snow or sleet has ceased to fall, and to cover sidewalk with ice control materials in the event of ice and sleet. Also added were provisions relating to dumpsters and portable storage devices in a public right-of-way.

Ordinance No. 2014-02: Amendment to Chapter 263, Vehicles and Traffic, amending Articles I, II, III, IV, VI, VII, IX, and X, adding provisions relating to parking and snow emergency routes, and additional permit parking.

Ordinance No. 2014-03: Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance revising the provisions relating to Bed and Breakfast establishment uses and to amend section 280-201 and section 280-1505.

Ordinance No. 2014-04: To establish Chapter 229, to implement the Lancaster County Act 167 Storm Water Management Plan.

Ordinance No. 2014-05: Establishing the maximum daily limit of mercury discharge into sewerage facilities.

All complete ordinances are available for public inspection during regular office hours. See more about snow emergency on page 5.

Staff Directory

Supervisors:
Chair ................................................................. Kathy Wasong
Vice-Chair .......................................................... Benjamin H. Bamford
Treasurer ........................................................... Thomas H. Schaller
Township Manager ............................................... William M. Laudien
Assistant Township Manager ............................... Thomas P. Daniels
Public Works Superintendent ............................. Michael R. Hamlin
Administrative Assistant .................................. Patrice M. Allen
Receptionist ...................................................... Rebecca French
Finance Officer .................................................... Diana Hess
Planning & Zoning Assistant ............................... Gretchen Smith
Office Assistant/Recycling Coordinator ................. Joanne Yost

School District of Lancaster

No Classes:
October 13
November 4 & 26–28
December 24–31
January 1–2 & 19–20
February 16
(Snow make-up days are April 2 & May 19, 2015.)

Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at J.P. McCaskey High School (or as advertised).

Lancaster Township Office
1240 Maple Avenue
(717) 291-1213

Maintenance Facility
1357 Meadowcreek Lane
(717) 293-1733

Dates to Remember:

October 1: Semiannual trash & recycle bills mailed
October 9: Last day to pick up yard waste bags
October 9: Penn Waste yard / woody waste collection ends
October 13: Fall Leaf collection begins
October 30: Semiannual trash & recycle bills due
October 31: Halloween trick-or-treat, 6–8pm
November 2: Daylight savings time ends
November 4: Election Day—VOTE!
November 10–13: Large appliance/tire collection
November 26: Yard waste facility closes
December 19: Leaf collection ends (no tickets issued until April)
January 5: Reorganization meeting and board meeting. Workshop 5:30pm, reorganization meeting 6:30pm, board meeting 7:00pm
January 12–15: Curbside Christmas tree collection
March 8: Daylight Savings Time begins

Township Office Closings

November 27–28: Thanksgiving
December 24–25: Christmas
January 1: New Year’s Day
January 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16: President’s Day

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SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS:

September 16
October 21
November 18
December 9

January 20
February 17
March 17

Call (717) 299-2700 with any questions.
Recycling Basics

Recycling is mandatory in Lancaster Township. No recyclable materials are permitted in trash containers. Recyclable materials will be picked up each week on the same day trash is collected. Please put your recycling container out only when it is full. This is a comingled recycling program: cans, glass, plastics, and paper, etc. do not have to be separated by color or type. Place all of these items together in one container. Recycle containers can be purchased at the township office—$10 each. If you wish to buy your own container, be sure it is clearly marked RECYCLING.

Trash is limited to three 32-gallon trash cans or bags per week, no more than 30 lbs. each. Additional cans or bags must have a yellow tag ($1.25) on each. Cans/bags weighing more than 30 lbs., or oversized items (sofa, mattress, carpet), must have a $4 red tag attached and be put out with your trash. Purchase tags at the township office. Bulk items too heavy to be lifted into a truck by two people will not be accepted. No construction debris will be collected. Both trash and recycling must be curbside by 5am on your scheduled collection day.

55-gallon barrels or any barrel without handles are unacceptable trash containers as they present a safety hazard to the crews. Penn Waste cannot pick them up. We ask that all residents have approved trash containers—meaning there should be pre-molded handles.

The following items are recyclable, should be thoroughly cleaned and placed inside your recycling container:

- **PLASTIC:** #1 through #7 (soda/water bottles, milk jugs, etc.)
- **GLASS:** clear brown, blue, green glass food and beverage containers
- **METAL:** aluminum beverage cans, steel food and beverage cans, aerosol cans, paint cans
- **PAPER:** Newspapers, magazines, office paper, cardboard and paperboard, telephone books, paper bags, junk mail, etc.
- **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:** Break down boxes as flat as possible and put them out next to your recycling bin or take them to the township maintenance facility at 1357 Meadowcreek Lane and deposit into the cardboard dumpster.

Check the weather. If the weather calls for high winds or rain, keep recycling inside until the following week, if possible. Wet cardboard products are more difficult to process.

**Covered Devices Recycling Act**

The following items may not be placed out for trash or recycling: computers, monitors, keyboards and mouse, printers, speakers, TVs, e-readers, etc. These items must be taken to the household hazardous waste facility at LCSWMA, 1299 Harrisburg Pike. The facility has day and limited evening/weekend hours. There is no charge for this service. Visit www.lcswma.org for information.

**Illegal dumping of any regulated material is a punishable offense. Lancaster Township will enforce all regulations and impose penalties on violators.**
Lancaster Public Library

125 N. Duke Street, Lancaster
(717) 394-2651
WWW.LANCASHER.LIB.PA.US
MONDAY–THURSDAY: 10AM – 8PM
FRIDAY–SATURDAY: 10AM – 5PM
SUNDAY: CLOSED

Featured Library events

Best Books You’ve Never Read
Veritas Academy is back with four classics to explore. Expect to learn something new and have fun. Each session taught by a Veritas Academy instructor, 6–7:30pm.
September 16: Paradise Lost by John Milton
September 30: The Confessions of St. Augustine by St. Augustine
October 14: Letters of Abelard and Heloise – anonymous
October 21: Gulliver’s Travels by Jonathan Swift

Fall Book Sale: October 3–5, 9am–5pm, 225 N. Marshall St.

Haunted Library Week, October 20–26
October 21: Paranormal Investigating
October 22: Face Painting
October 23: Adult Costume Contest Submissions Due
October 24: Classic Horror Film
October 25: Haunted Library
October 26: SyFan Club

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Ongoing Library programs

Lapsit Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:30am and 11:30am
Preschool Storytime: Thursdays, 10:30am
Teen Gaming: Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00pm

Planning & Zoning

Hire the right contractor

While most contractors in this area enjoy excellent reputations, don’t be taken in by unscrupulous home improvement workers. By requiring all contractors working in the residential home improvement industry to register in a statewide database, the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act works to weed out “fly-by-night” contractors who take advantage of unwary homeowners. Consumers in Pennsylvania are able to verify registration with the Attorney General’s office by calling toll-free (888) 520-6680.

Consumers hiring a home improvement contractor can follow some basic steps to make sure the person or company is legitimate and able to do the requested work. To choose a reputable contractor, you should:

• Take your time when choosing a contractor. Most problems occur when consumers fail to investigate contractors carefully before hiring them.

• Ask for an insurance certificate to verify current workers’ compensation and general liability insurance.

• Ask for references. Neighborhood message boards are especially effective here. Talk with others who have had work done by the contractor about the company’s capabilities and quality of workmanship.

• Include any warranties, guarantees, or other promises in the written contract. Always insist on a written contract and written change orders.

• Be specific about starting and completion dates, knowing that some delays are unavoidable and beyond the contractor’s control.

• Beware of an unusually low bid or low advertised price. If a contractor cannot pay for labor, materials, and overhead, you are both in trouble.

• Select a contractor you are comfortable with—one who understands your tastes and needs and with whom you can communicate easily.

Some warning signs of possible trouble when selecting a contractor:

• The contractor does not display a state-issued registration number on all documents or advertisements.

• The contractor doesn’t supply references, or previous clients have reservations about the contractor.

• A salesperson tries to pressure you into signing a contract.

• Although reputable contractors may offer special discounts, be wary of those who offer unusually low prices. Visit www.attorneygeneral.gov or call the Bureau of Consumer Protection toll-free at (800) 441-2555 with any questions you may have.

Lancaster Township has a no open burning ordinance. Outdoor burning generates air pollution, which affects human health and is the source of many odor and nuisance complaints.

Planning & Zoning forms can be obtained from the township office or www.twp.lancaster.pa.us.
**Public Works Department**

**Leaf pickup**

Fall will soon be upon us, starting another leaf pickup season. Leaf pickup starts October 13 and ends December 19, weather permitting. There will be no scheduled day for your leaves to be picked up. We start at one end of the township and continue day after day until the entire township has had a collection; then we start all over again. Check the township website for the planned leaf pickup streets. Because of new developments and the older developments having more and more leaves, it is impossible for us to maintain a weekly pickup schedule. Because there is no off-street parking on most signed street-sweeping areas, we will be picking up leaves the first and third Tuesdays and Wednesdays as stated on the signs, with parking tickets being issued. This no-parking regulation allows a more complete leaf pickup and provides safety for the crewmembers. Residents are reminded that grass clippings shall not be placed on the street for pickup as they clog our machinery; grass clippings will be left on the street for proper disposal.

The township will continue to pick up bagged leaves on some high-traffic state highways not included in the regular schedule. Plastic leaf bags must be used. Please call 293-1733 when your bags are at curbside ready for pickup.

**Yard and woody waste drop-off**

Yard and woody waste drop-off will continue through November 26. Days and hours of operation are Monday–Thursday, 3pm to 7pm until October 30. Starting November 3, hours will be 2pm to 5pm. Have ID ready for the gate attendant, who will inspect your load for contaminants and direct you to the proper place to unload. This service is for residents only. No contractors will be admitted. Yard waste bags are available from the attendant up to a maximum of 10 bags per visit until October 9, 20-bag limit per week per property owner.

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**Be prepared for a snow emergency**

Lancaster Township Supervisors enacted and/or modified ordinances providing for the “declaration of snow emergencies” and “designated snow emergency routes.” The ordinances define the parking regulations, travel information, and potential penalties regarding Snow Emergency Routes during declared Snow Emergencies.

To facilitate traffic movement and combat the hazards of snow and ice on the snow emergency routes, the Board of Supervisors may declare a snow and ice emergency. The township provides information on the existence or termination of a snow emergency through radio, newspaper, or other media.

It is unlawful during the emergency to park a vehicle or to allow a vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any designated snow emergency route, or to drive any vehicle on a snow emergency route unless the vehicle is equipped with snow tires or chains.

The following streets or parts of streets are designated as snow emergency routes:

- **Abbeville Rd.:** Schoolhouse Rd. to Columbia Ave.; Bean Hill Rd.; Jackson Drive: Columbia Ave. to River Dr.; Marietta Ave.: River Dr. to Race Ave.; N. President Ave.: Columbia Ave. to Hillcrest Rd.; Race Ave.: Columbia Ave. to Woods Ave.; River Dr.: Jackson Dr. to Hillcrest Rd.; Wabank Rd.: Millersville Rd. (741) to Charles Rd.; Wheatland Ave.: River Dr. to Race Ave.; Wilson Dr.: Columbia Ave. to Hillcrest Rd.; Woods Ave.

The following cul-de-sacs or dead-end roads are designated as snow emergency routes, and there shall be no parking, no standing, etc., during any declared emergency:

- Barton Dr.; Bentley Summit, Cold Stream Dr., Crossfield Dr., Deep Hollow Ln., Devon Dr., Drummers Ln., Elmshire Dr., Fairfax Dr., Grafton Cir., Green Spring Cir., Greythorne Rd., Maple Ave., N. Field Dr., N. Pier Dr., Pickford Dr., Rabbit Hill Ln., River Dr., Rock Ledge Ct., St. Paul Cir., Spring Ridge Ln., Stockbridge Cir., Townsend Ct., Turnbridge Dr., Westmore Way, Wildflower Ln.

**Snowstorms**

While snow is falling, the road crew will make an “emergency pass,” plowing the street to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles. After the snow stops the crew will return to widen the streets for on-street parking and allow room for future storms. If possible, remove vehicles from the street to allow plows to get close to the edge of the road in order to get the road as wide as possible. We recommend placing reflective markers along your yard in noncurbed areas. This enables the plow driver to determine where the road edge ends and your lawn edge begins. Repair of anything in the right-of-way is the property owner’s responsibility.

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**After a Snowstorm**

**IMPORTANT SNOW REMINDER: Ordinance No. 3 of 1987**

Prohibits the shoveling of snow onto a roadway. When clearing snow from sidewalks or driveways, do not shovel or plow snow into the street—it is against the law.
Manheim Township Police Department

Know the ‘Steer Clear’ law

The Manheim Township Police Department is dedicated to providing quality service to the residents we serve. One of our goals is to share pertinent information related to changes in law or local ordinance.

While traveling on the roadways this fall and winter, the police department wishes to remind motorists of the “Steer Clear” law, 75§3327. This is a state law that requires motorists to move over or slow down when they encounter an emergency scene, traffic stop, or disabled vehicle. Police Officers, emergency crews, and those working to assist stranded or disabled motorists must be given a wide margin for safety.

The law requires motorists to move to a lane that is not adjacent to the scene of an emergency response, police stop, or a tow truck picking up an abandoned vehicle. If drivers cannot move over because of traffic or other conditions they must reduce their speed.

The law applies anytime an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing and where road crews or emergency personnel have lighted flares, posted signs, or tried to warn motorists. Failure to move over or slow down can result in a summary offense that carries a fine of up to $250.

Tiny Tumblers, ages 6–9; Junior Gymnasts, ages 10–14
Tennis: ages 4–15 learn to play.
Swimming lessons: 6 mos.–12 years

Family events include:
Annual Fall Family Fun Fest, October 24
Mom/Son Fall Ball, October 17. Young gentlemen, ages 5 and up, and their dates (mom, grandmother, aunt, etc.) are cordially invited to attend this couples only event. Attire: dressy.
Family Candy Cane Hunt, December 5, 7pm at Lancaster YWCA, ages 2–14
Family Cookie Decorating, December 6
Fall into fitness with fun, 12-week adult fitness sessions. We also offer Aerobitone and Tai Chi.
Like to walk? Meet at the following locations at 6pm. Pets and children are welcome! September 16–Buchanan Park, September 23–Brandon Park, September 30–6th Ward Park, October 7–Musser Park.

For adults this fall:
Women’s Winter Basketball League runs January 26–April 20. Register in the Free Agent program online or contact the Sports Dept. at 392-2115, x142 to be placed on the pickup list for all sports.
Adults ages 55+ are invited to learn to play bridge, paint and draw in our Art Studio class, or learn to play pickleball. We offer basic tap dance and line dance. Play indoor shuffleboard on Wednesdays.

For details on events and programs:
Lancaster Recreation Commission
www.LancasterRec.org
525 Fairview Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603
Phone: (717) 392-2115

Reminder:
The Manheim Township Police Department has implemented a crime tip line for residents to call and report suspected drug dealers, criminals, and ongoing criminal activity. The number is 569-2816. The line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is completely anonymous.
Lancaster Township Fire Department (LTFD)

New Pierce Arrow fire engine on the way

At their April 14 meeting, the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a new fire engine for the Lancaster Township Fire Department. The new engine, a Pierce Arrow XT, will be outfitted with a 10-inch raised roof cab and seating for six firefighters. It will be painted white to match the rescue vehicle.

This is the first brand-new unit purchased by Lancaster Township Fire Department since 1998. Delivery is expected early to mid-2015. Once the new engine arrives, the 22-year-old Engine 66-3 will be sold and Engine 66-2, currently housed in the South Station, will be moved to the North Station.

The fire department thanks the Board of Supervisors, township manager Bill Laudien, township superintendent of public works Mike Hamlin, Curt Woerth of Pierce Manufacturing, the new engine committee, members of the township fire department, and the citizens of Lancaster Township for making this new unit possible.

Lafayette Fire Company

Looking for a few good men and women

The Lafayette Fire Company provides a multitude of fire- and rescue-related services to the eastern suburbs of Lancaster, including Lancaster Township. Our modern fleet of fire apparatus is operated by a well-trained staff of volunteer firefighters. Volunteerism is on the decline, however, and we need your help.

As a volunteer member of Lafayette you will be a member of a team where comradeship and tradition run deep. Firefighting is a physically challenging job. If you have the strength and dedication needed, then come be part of our team.

As a Lafayette firefighter you will:
- Receive free training courses at the county and state level.
- Participate in weekly training drills.
- Respond to a variety of emergency calls.
- Assist with apparatus and equipment maintenance.
- Be a respected member of the community.
- Assist with Fire Safety Education and community events.

Don’t want to put on fire gear and fight fires but still want to help? We have a job for you too: Fire police officers respond to emergency calls and provide traffic and crowd control.

Be an administrative member

A lot goes on behind the scenes at our fire station. As an administrative member you can help with clerical work in the station, fund drive, hall rentals, grant writing, and various fundraising activities. We even could use help mowing our grass or taking care of the fire station. If you have the time and desire to serve, we have a place for you.

Feel the calling to be part of our team? Please stop by the fire station at 63 Lafayette Way on a Monday evening and pick up an application, or call Chief Scott Hershey at 392-5097 and leave a message.

Carbon Monoxide, Silent Killer

If your carbon monoxide detector alarms ... do not hesitate—go outside and call 911! Carbon monoxide (CO) is the number-one cause of poisoning deaths in the U.S., killing more than 3,800 individuals annually. Symptoms of CO poisoning include flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness, confusion, and breathing difficulties.

CO is a colorless, odorless gas and can kill you before you know it is there. Common causes of carbon monoxide poisoning include malfunctioning appliances, furnaces, stoves, ovens, water heaters, charcoal grills, and motor vehicles.

To protect yourself, have a UL-approved battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm on each level of your home. Check batteries monthly and replace when you change your clocks.

To protect your family, have a qualified professional check all fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, venting, and chimney systems at least once a year or as recommended by the manufacturer.

Upcoming Lafayette Events

Annual Golf Tournament
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Lancaster Host Resort
12 Noon Shotgun Start

Annual Fall Chicken BBQ
Saturday September 20, 2014
10am to ?

Keep an eye on our website www.lafayetefire.com for more upcoming events and Santa Schedule in December.
Lancaster Township Officials

Supervisors
Kathy Wasong, Chair
Benjamin H. Bamford, Vice-Chair
Thomas H. Schaller, Treasurer

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Glenn Ebersole, Vice-Chair
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Gail Groves Scott, Chair
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Theo Van Tricht

Vacancy Board
Peggie M. Miller, Chair

LASA Representative
Alex Henderson III

SLSA Representative
Richard B. Nissley

LRC Representatives
Michael R. Hamlin
Suzanne Teske

Fire Chiefs
Ron Comfort Jr. (west end)
Lancaster Township Fire Department
Scott Hershey (east end)
Lafayette Fire Company

Emergency Management Coordinator
Michael F. Pickard

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP
1240 MAPLE AVENUE
LANCASTER PA 17603

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

Board of Supervisors:
2nd Monday, 7:00PM

Planning Commission
3rd Tuesday, 7:00PM

Building Code Board of Appeals:
Meets as Needed

Zoning Hearing Board:
4th Tuesday, 7:00PM

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IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Lancaster City Water Department
Billing: (717) 735-3425
Service: Weekdays (717) 291-4820
Water emergencies: (717) 291-4816

PPL Electric:
Power outage or downed/broken street light: (800) 342-5775
Downed wires: (800) 342-5775 (press 1, then 3, for emergency)

UGI Gas Utilities:
Gas leak inside: Leave immediately, taking all people and pets.
Call (800) 276-2722 away from the building.
Gas leak outside: Call (800) 276-2722 or 911.

Sewer Services:
LASA (Lancaster Area Sewer Authority – west side): (717) 299-4843
Evenings, Weekends, Holidays: (717) 396-9619
SLSA (Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority – east side): (717) 560-7500
Emergencies: (717) 293-5533