

TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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September 26, 2004, 12:00 to 4:00PM

SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY: DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!



Last year's Community Day was rained out, leaving an unusable muddy and soggy field. That's why this year will be even better and even more fun!

The Sixth Annual Lancaster Township Community Day will be held on Sunday, September 26, from 12:00 Noon to 4:00PM at the Maple Grove Park and Community Building, 1420 Columbia Avenue. It's a time for families to spend a relaxing day full of fun-filled activities and displays. All Township residents are encouraged to attend and enjoy the many free events.

Here's what to expect:

- **Lancaster Township Fire Department and Lafayette Fire Company:** Volunteers will show off their emergency equipment. Ride 70 feet into the air on a ladder truck, try your hand with the water pump truck, go for a fire engine ride, have a look at the water rescue equipment, and send the kids through the smoke trailer for safety training.
- **Police Department:** Get a close-up look at a police cruiser with all of its equipment, and check out the police motorcycle and patrol bike. The Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) will

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Maple Grove Park Bridges Installed

Gone Fishin' Lately?

Many residents will remember the stream bank stabilization project undertaken by the Township in 2000. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded a Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant to Lancaster Township for that project, which was completed in 2001.

Volunteers of all ages, representing private citizens, environmental groups, schools, and colleges, joined forces to help repair a part of our local environment. Their concerted efforts have produced a well-established riparian buffer zone along the Little Conestoga Creek.

To many it looks like an overgrown, weedy stretch along the creek. To others, it is beautiful because of the promise it holds in helping to clean up our waterways. A variety

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▲ **NEW MAPLE GROVE FOOTBRIDGES WERE INSTALLED IN JULY.**



► Dates to Remember:

SEPTEMBER 26 – LANCASTER
TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

OCTOBER 29 – HALLOWEEN TRICK-
OR-TREAT NIGHT

NOVEMBER 2 – ELECTION DAY:
GO TO THE POLLS AND TAKE
A NEIGHBOR; EVERY VOTE IS
IMPORTANT!

► Office Closings:

NOVEMBER 25-26 – THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 23-24 – CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR

Do You Know?



- Conestoga House and Gardens Grand Illumination will once again light up the early winter darkness in a grand celebration of the holiday season. The beautiful outdoor holiday light displays begin November 26 at 1608 Marietta Avenue. Over 18,000 lights will glow in an assortment of holiday designs from 5:00PM to 11:00PM and continue through January 1, 2005.

- RRTA bus routes and schedules are available in the Township office.



- Lancaster Township Code, § 96-6. Duty to keep dog under control., states: "Every owner of a dog shall keep the dog under sufficient control so as to prevent the dog from entering upon any public property or the property of another person without the owner's consent." Please keep your dogs leashed and clean up after them.



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demonstrate their specialized skills and abilities, and the canine patrol and mounted police will demonstrate their expertise.

- **LEMSA:** Take a look inside Lancaster Emergency Medical Services Association's state-of-the-art medical rescue vehicle with its life-saving equipment.

- **Lancaster Township Historical Commission:** Costumed volunteers will present a historical look at the Township, and an antiques road show-like event. You may bring ONE small item for evaluation.

- **The Vagabonds** - Vintage and Classic Cars: Browse around the amazing autos of yesterday in the vintage car exhibit.

- **Lancaster Recreation Commission:** Enjoy an assortment of free games with prizes for all children. Face painting, pumpkin decorating, and birdfeeder and scarecrow making will be among the activities.

- **Patty the Clown** will entertain with her balloon figures.

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of small wild animals have moved in and claimed it for their home. As it grows, the weedy look will diminish. Indigenous trees and bushes will become larger, dwarfing and discouraging the growth of the grassy weeds.

Adding to this natural splendor are two new footbridges installed this summer. One footbridge crosses the Little Conestoga Creek at the location of a previous bridge, which was removed and reinstalled at another site approximately 25 years ago. The second footbridge, with slightly lower sides for easy fishing, has been installed near the historic old Maple Grove Mill.

The southernmost bridge allows easy access across the creek to the Manor Township linear park, a part of the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC) Greenways system. As a member of the LIMC, Lancaster Township is committed to providing greenways not only for Township residents, but also for anyone who wishes to enjoy the natural environment.

The Township is most grateful to three very important partners: the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which provided a grant for the footbridges project; Manor Township, for their financial support and cooperative spirit; and the Ecklin Group, for financial

- **Keystone Address**, a barbershop quartet, will serenade everyone while strolling the grounds.

- **J.P. Watt, Magician**, will amaze and mystify one and all with his special brand of magic and humor.

- **Lancaster County Parks and Recreation/Hayride:** A guided fun hayride will take you through a natural scenic area, including a trip through the Township Maintenance Facility for a look at various road equipment.

- **PA Fish and Boat Commission:** Hands-on fishing seminars, from the newly installed footbridges in the Little Conestoga Creek and a fascinating wildlife display will pique the interest of young and old.

- **Dream Ride Projects/Safe Bicycling:** Children will learn safe bicycling habits by riding along a supervised safety course (bikes and helmets provided).

- **Delicious Food and Drink:** The LRC Happy Hearts Club will offer for sale several foods and beverages.

Join us for some other surprises too!■

support, as well for preserving the Maple Grove Mill, which sits alongside the Little Conestoga Creek.■

MEET THE NEW STAFF MEMBER



Diana Hess joined the Lancaster Township staff on June 7, 2004 as Financial Officer. She is a native of Lancaster County, having grown up in the Conestoga area. Diana held the position of Secretary/Treasurer with Conestoga Township for 10 years before coming to Lancaster Township. She is married and has two children, Kristen and Allison, and enjoys gardening, cooking, and reading.■

Large Appliance & Tire Collection



Large appliance and tire pickup will be held the week of December 6, 2004 on your regular

collection day: December 6 (Monday), December 7 (Tuesday), December 8 (Wednesday), or December 9 (Thursday). 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 be sure to place all items at curbside the evening prior to collection. The haulers will not collect items that are not at curbside. ■

Christmas Tree Collection, Saturday, January 15, 2005

CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE COLLECTED ONLY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 15. ALL DECORATIONS, TREE STANDS, AND BAGS MUST BE REMOVED AS THE TREES WILL BE MULCHED. PLACE THE TREE AT CURBSIDE (LAY IT DOWN) FRIDAY EVENING. ■



HELP KEEP LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

Clean

Windy weather is a given in Lancaster County and the upcoming fall and winter seasons will probably be no exception. That means wind-blown debris can be a problem. Since nobody likes to find someone else's trash in their yard and neighborhood, keep the Township and your neighborhood clean by taking the time to follow a few simple steps:

- 1 Tie trash bags securely closed.
- 2 Place lids tightly on trash cans.
- 3 Tie newspapers in bundles or place in paper bags (not plastic).
- 4 Place lighter recyclables (plastic) on the bottom of the bin and heavier recyclables (glass) on top.

During wet weather, please do not place newspapers out for collection—save it for the next week. ■

2004 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

Thanksgiving Day, November 25 – Only the Thursday collection is affected and moved to Friday.

Week preceding Christmas Day (Saturday) – No changes

Week preceding New Year's Day (Saturday) – No changes

Remember, the 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 an amount to cover the order.

Please put out trash on the night before collection day and remove the empty containers as soon as possible after collection. ■

Recyclables

Recyclable material is collected every week on the same day as trash. Items to be placed in your green recycling bin include: glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, and plastic food and beverage containers marked with the recycling codes #1 or #2. Newspapers should be tied in bundles or placed in brown paper bags.

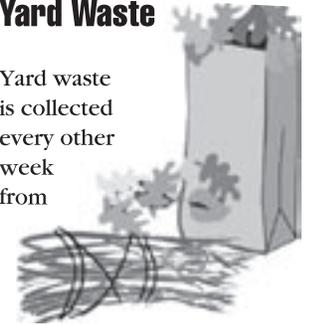


Battery disposal is important in order not to contaminate landfills. The Township provides orange battery bags, free of charge. When a battery bag is full, please place it next to the trash, not near the recycling bin. Battery bags are delivered separately to a location designated by the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority.

Staff is always ready to provide information on refuse and recycling. Don't hesitate to call (291-1213) if you have questions. ■

Yard Waste

Yard waste is collected every other week from



April to October. The week of October 4, 2004 will be the last yard waste collection week in 2004. Yard waste should then be combined with regular trash and becomes part of the three-container limit. Biodegradable bags may not be used. For those who would like to recycle yard waste year round, you may drop off the material at our maintenance facility between 3:00PM and 6:00PM, Monday through Thursday until the end of October. Starting November 1, 2004 please call 293-1733 to schedule an appointment to drop off your yard waste. ■

Oversized Refuse Items



ITEMS SUCH AS FURNITURE, CARPET, TV, BOX SPRING/MATTRESS, CHARCOAL GRILLS, BICYCLES, ETC. WILL BE COLLECTED EVERY WEEK DURING REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION. ALL OVERSIZED ITEMS MUST BE MARKED WITH A RED EXTRA SERVICE TAG. RED TAGS ARE SOLD INDIVIDUALLY FOR \$4.00. ONLY TWO RED-TAGGED ITEMS ARE ALLOWED EACH WEEK. ■

Public Works: Motorists Reaction to Traffic Control Devices

Second in a series of education articles on public works issues

Motorists tend to respect properly installed and maintained traffic control devices, which are obviously needed to maintain a normal and safe flow of traffic. Motorists are quick to disregard those devices that overregulate, are inappropriate for conditions, improperly placed, or poorly maintained.

Drivers have certain set expectations of a roadway system. When unanticipated situations occur, there can be serious results. Using an everyday analogy, when one approaches a sink with two knobs, the hot water is expected to be on the left with the cold water on the right. If the two are reversed, it takes a while for

the individual to adjust. The same is true during most driving situations.

Drivers accept that STOP signs are red octagons, diamond-shaped yellow and black signs warn of changing roadway features, and guide signs to destinations are generally green with white lettering. A driver should be alert to any possible change from the norm, but when expectations are violated and additional reaction time is needed, accidents may occur.

Watch out for nonstandard or unapproved control devices. Even standard devices improperly used can result in bodily harm and costly litigation. Remain alert to posted signs and traffic devices and give yourself the room and time to take the correct action. The most effective traffic-control device is the least restrictive while still accomplishing its intended purpose.

All traffic-control devices are installed to help insure the safety of

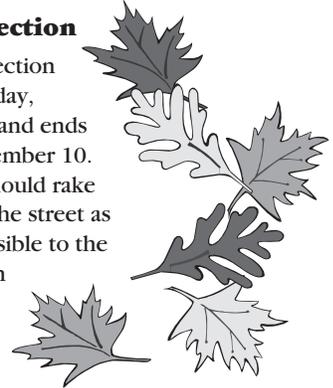
motorists and pedestrians. Obey the laws to protect yourself and your family.

Yard Waste/Woody Materials Drop-off

Remember, the week of October 4, 2004 will be the last collection week in 2004 for yard waste. Biodegradable bags may not be used after this time. For those who would like to recycle yard waste year round, you may drop off the material at our maintenance facility, 1357 Meadowcreek Lane starting November 1, 2004. Please call 293-1733 to schedule an appointment to drop off your yard waste.

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection begins Monday, October 11 and ends Friday, December 10. Residents should rake leaves into the street as close as possible to the curb or lawn edge. Please place leaves out the day before pickup, not the day after when they will sit (or blow away) for another week. If you have a yard or mowing service, inform that contractor of your leaf collection day. Leaves may also be dropped off at the Township's composting facility.



Leaf Collection Schedule:

- Monday** - all streets between Columbia and Marietta Avenue
 - Tuesday** - Hamilton Park area follows posted street cleaning schedule as do Davis Drive, Spencer Avenue, S. President Avenue, 400 and 500 blocks of Atkins. The East End follows Tuesday afternoon street-cleaning schedule. This includes City Mill Road, Conestoga Woods Drive, and Conestoga Boulevard.
 - Wednesday** - Hamilton Park area follows Wednesday morning posted street cleaning schedule, as does School House Road. East End will follow Wednesday afternoon posted street cleaning schedule.
 - Thursday** - all streets on north side of Marietta Avenue to Newton Road
 - Friday** - West side of Abbeyville Road, Bausman Area, Hoover Road, Honeysuckle Lane, Bentley Lane area.
- Please do not place branches or other debris with leaves as it may clog the equipment.

School District of Lancaster

2004-05 Student Calendar:

September 1	First Student Day
September 6	Holiday
October 28, 29	Student Day Off, Staff Development
November 24-26	Holiday
December 24-31	Holiday
January 17	Holiday
February 20	Holiday
March 24, 25	Holiday
March 28	Student Day Off, Staff Development (Snow Make-up Day)
April 21, 22	Spring Break
May 30	Holiday
June 8	Tentative Last Student Day



Snow make-up days beyond March 28 will be added to the end of the school calendar. Call 291-6148 with any questions.

SDL Board Meetings:

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

- August 17, 2004
- September 21, 2004
- October 26, 2004
- November 16, 2004
- December 21, 2004
- January 18, 2005
- February 15, 2005
- March 15, 2005
- April 19, 2005
- May 17, 2005
- June 21, 2005
- July 19, 2005

Presentation of School Improvement Plans:

October 5, 2004	October 19, 2004
October 7, 2004	October 21, 2004
October 12, 2004	October 26, 2004 (Regular Board Meeting)
October 14, 2004	

Because weather cannot be scheduled, rain or snow may prevent collection on scheduled days. Inclement weather several days in a row may delay leaf collection until the following week.

A few high-traffic areas are not on the schedule and bagged leaves are collected instead. Please call 293-1733 for bagged leaf pickup.

Snow Plowing

The Township road crew makes every effort to remain on the paved road surface when plowing. Sometimes it is difficult to determine where the road surface ends and a yard begins. It is recommended that residents install stakes/flags at the edge of the property. Stakes may be installed as of November 1 and must be removed April 1. These items may become a hazard to pedestrians and bicyclists during the warmer months. All rocks should be removed from the right-of-way to avoid damage to vehicles or injury to pedestrians or bicyclists.

The Township begins plowing when there is an accumulation of three inches of snow on the roadways. The road crew begins with main roads and then moves on to secondary roads. All roads receive two initial passes by the plow to allow for safe passage of emergency vehicles. Do not shovel the snow from your driveway entrance after the first pass. After opening all roads for emergency vehicles, the plow will return to widen roads. If you shovel before this second step, the driveway may have to be shoveled again.



Your Responsibility

All trees planted next to a roadway are the responsibility of the property owner for trimming and dead/diseased limb removal. All growth must be trimmed away from road signs to maintain visibility for drivers. Keep trees trimmed to a height of 14 feet above the road surface. That height allows road maintenance equipment to pass without damaging the tree or the equipment. Alleys are subject to the same conditions.

When making landscaping changes to your property, do not plant trees or bushes in the right-of-way. Plantings of this type eventually grow larger and obstruct the view of important street

signs. The property owner is responsible for all trimming and removal of vegetation intruding into the street or alley, or blocking a sign. The Township will bill the property owner for any trimming or removal of vegetation that it undertakes. ■

Planning & Zoning: Yard Sale Rules

Are you planning a garage sale or neighborhood yard sale? Many people tend to accumulate various items through the years only to discover that those items have only been collecting dust for years. The garage or yard sale is an opportunity to recycle those items!

Before making final plans, obtain from the Township a copy of the zoning regulations regarding yard sales. Section 1918 of the Lancaster Township Zoning Ordinance states: "Garage, yard and similar types of residential sales shall be permitted in all districts subject to the following conditions: The period of the sale shall not exceed a total of four (4) days during two (2) consecutive weeks. The sale shall not begin earlier than 8:00 a.m. and shall end by 6:00PM prevailing time on each day of the sale. Only goods and property of the person or persons holding the sale shall be sold and such goods and property shall not have been purchased or otherwise obtained for the purpose of resale. No person or persons shall hold more than TWO SALES PER CALENDAR YEAR. Signs erected on the property of the sale shall be displayed no more than 48 hours prior to the sale and removed before the end of the day of the sale. No off-premises signs are permitted."

It is very important to remember that signage is only permitted on the sale holder's property. The Planning & Zoning Department receives many complaints about signs

that have been erected on another person's property without their permission. No off-premise signs of any kind are permitted anywhere in Lancaster Township.

Lancaster Township Takes Action: Adopts the Uniform Construction Code

On June 14, 2004, the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors adopted the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) as defined and regulated under the PA Construction Code Act. The Lancaster Township Planning & Zoning Department will now be utilizing the 2003 International Building Code and its supplements for all building permit review.

As most residents are aware, the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors is concerned and wishes to promote the general good health, safety, and welfare of its residents through the regulation of building and construction safety by conforming to the requirements promulgated by the PA Department of Labor and Industry. On July 15, 2003 the governor signed Senate Bill 1139, which will make a number of changes to the UCC. Because the Township had a building code in force prior to July of 1999, many of the changes do not apply.

Any change, however, takes a period of adjustment for all concerned. The staff is working diligently to make the transition as easy as possible. Call Lynn or Marti at 291-1213 with any questions concerning the UCC or other planning and zoning issues. You may also access information on the Township's website www.twp.lancaster.pa.us ■



▲ HAVING A YARD SALE? HAVE FUN BUT KEEP IT LEGAL!

Lancaster Recreation

Commission 525 Fairview Avenue

Lancaster Township is a partner with the Lancaster Recreation Commission, as are Lancaster City and the School District of Lancaster. Don't overlook all of the great activities and events. As a Township resident, you receive a copy of the LRC program guide through the mail. All residents are entitled to participate in classes at reduced rates so don't toss it; read it!

Upcoming Events

Basketball Sign-up:

Saturday, September 25, 9AM-12:30PM
 Thursday, September 30, 5-7PM
 Saturday October 2, 9AM-12:30PM

Lancaster Teen Idol Competition

Registration due at the LRC by October 1—
 Rules online at www.LancasterRec.org

Battle of the Bands

Registration due at the LRC by October 8—
 Rules online at www.LancasterRec.org

Fowl Shooting Contest

Saturday, November 6 at McCaskey High School— 6:30-7PM registration. Shoot fowl shots with your child to win a turkey or other prizes.

Isaac's Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 11 - Register at the LRC by December 3. Seating is limited

Mayor's Tree Lighting & Tuba Christmas

December 3 - 6:30PM at Penn Square

Countdown Lancaster

December 31 - Special admission button pricing. Go to www.LancasterRec.org or call 392-2115 ext. 129

Call the LRC at 392-2115 or check the website www.LancasterRec.org for more information on classes, delays or cancellations. ■

Baseball & Softball Association Completes Another Season

It was an exciting spring/summer season for the Lancaster Baseball and Softball Association teams. Several of the baseball teams qualified for postseason play in their respective leagues.

The Lancaster Mustangs (American Legion) finished their season at 9-9, good enough to earn the seventh seed in the playoffs. This is the first time in their history

Lancaster Township Historical Commission

THE PENNSYLVANIA RIFLE



The .45 caliber Pennsylvania rifle originated in Lancaster County's Pequea Valley. It was 55 inches long, weighed between seven and nine pounds, and often included a brass plate and container for patches in the butt. The preferred wood was maple, especially curly maple. Pennsylvania rifles were taken by Daniel Boone and other Pennsylvania pioneers to the frontier, where they came to be called "Kentucky rifles."

Like the more cumbersome German hunting rifle, the barrel was rifled (cutting of grooves inside the barrel), which spirals the projectile, giving the rifle greater range and far more accuracy than the more commonly used .75 caliber, smooth bore musket. The rifle had an effective range of 300 yards in contrast to the musket's 100 yards. Both the musket and the rifle used the flintlock mechanism, a French invention.

Pennsylvania rifles were often privately owned, slim and elegant, and used for hunting. In combat, they were employed to "sharp shoot" enemy officers. However, in part because of its liabilities in hand-to-hand combat, the rifle did not replace the musket as a frontline weapon for the average colonial soldier. The rifles were without bayonets, and, because of their long snug barrels, were slower to ramrod load. Their rate of fire was one-third that of muskets. This left the rifleman vulnerable to the bayonet charge which often followed the perfunctory firing of the muskets. At such moments, the rifleman might have to resort to his tomahawk. In close quarter engagements, a soldier would prefer to wield a musket as a club. It was thicker than a rifle and might also have a 16-inch bayonet.

In quality, Pennsylvania rifles reached their zenith in the period 1776-1825. ■

that they have made the playoffs. During a game at Willow Street, Carlos Diaz hit 3 home runs and 12 RBIs. The Mustangs handed a very good Penn Manor team their only loss of the season: a 7-6 Mustang victory that ended with the tying run on third and a diving catch by right fielder Ervin Lopez.

The Lancaster Orioles (Midget 15-16 year olds) made it to the *New Era* tournament by beating Solanco in a playoff game at the end of the regular season. The Orioles were trailing 4-0 in the sixth inning when they took advantage of timely hits and Solanco errors to score seven runs in the sixth and held on to win the game 7-6. Sadly, they lost their opening game in the New Era Tournament, but what a turnaround for a team that was 3-10 a year earlier!

The Lancaster Pirates (Midget-Midget, 11-12 year olds) won their division in the Penn Manor league and finished third in the Optimist Tournament. The Lancaster Tigers (Junior Midget-Midget, 9-10 year olds) also advanced to the playoffs and lost to the eventual champions, East Petersburg Phillies.

Instructional and In-House teams drew enthusiastic players (ages 6-10). Rule structure keeps the Saturday games competitive while the players show off the

skills they've learned during weekly practices.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for next spring, please call David Anderson (872-5769) or send your name and address to LBSA, PO Box 925, Lancaster, PA 17608-0925. ■

Hamilton Park Playground Association

The Hamilton Park Playground Association calls on everyone living in the Hamilton Park neighborhood to join in the fun and help share the responsibility of owning a private park. Yes, that's right—our private park! Lancaster Township has been very helpful with maintenance, but it is still a private park. We need the goodwill and help of all Hamilton Park residents. The park board officers and members meet every third Thursday of the month at 7PM (except December) at the Hamilton Park UCC, 1210 Maple Avenue. Call Deb Frailey, 392-2794, for information. Plan to join our association. You'll have a great time in the outdoors and continue a tradition of neighbor helping neighbor. ■

Lancaster Township Police

Trick-or-Treat Night: Friday, October 29, 2004, 6PM to 8PM

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween should be a fun time for all—a chance for parents to spend time with their children making costumes, visiting neighbors, and eating delicious snacks. If parents and kids follow a few simple rules, Halloween will be a howling good time for everyone.

Halloween Tips For Parents and Kids

Tips for Adults (*before heading out*)

-  Welcome trick-or-treaters at home by turning on outside lights.
-  Remove objects from the yard and sidewalk that might present a hazard to costumed visitors.
-  Make sure costumes allow for free movement and good vision.
-  Consider make-up instead of masks. If using a mask, be sure the wearer can see out of the sides and bottom as well as straight ahead. Eliminate trailing or dragging parts of a costume.
-  Eat dinner before the adventure. This makes it easier for kids to resist eating the treats while out.
-  Decide what adult (or older teen) will accompany the trick-or-treaters.
-  Agree on a route. Make sure it's not too long. Avoid crossing major intersections.
-  Drive slowly all evening and watch for all creatures great and small.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY WWW.NCPC.ORG, MCGRUFF.ORG, AND LANCASTER COUNTY AAA



Tips for Kids

-  Carry a flashlight or glow-stick.
-  Stick to the agreed-on route. No wandering off through yards or playgrounds.
-  Stay with the adult in charge.
-  Never enter a stranger's house or car.
-  Cross the street only at intersections; be sure to look both ways.
-  Don't eat the treats until checked by an adult.

Back Home—Together and Safe

-  Have an adult check over the treats, looking for signs of any possible tampering with wrappers. Pay special attention to "homemade" treats. Throw away treats that look suspicious or of uncertain origin.
-  Talk about the fun had by all and anything that was worrying or scary.
-  Hold a treat trade; let trick-or-treaters swap for their favorites.

Find more Halloween tips at the Lancaster Township Office, 1240 Maple Avenue. ■

LANCASTER COUNTY LIBRARY CELEBRATES AN ANNIVERSARY

The Duke Street Library will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on September 12 with a special kick-off event. Monthly happenings are scheduled at all four locations: the branch at 125 North Duke Street, Mountville, Manheim Township, and Leola. As part of the celebrations, and to illustrate the importance of the Duke Street Library, Havrilla Corrigan designed a new library logo, which will be used by all four branches. Visit www.lancaster.lib.pa.us for more information.

Lancaster County Library circulated approximately 66,500 books, videos, and DVDs to Lancaster Township residents in 2003. If these were stacked on top of each other, they'd be higher than any building in Lancaster or Harrisburg!

If the more than 20,000 videos and DVDs used by Township residents last year were watched non-stop, it would take 30,000 hours or 1,250 days or nearly three and a half years!

In 2003 enough books, videos, and other materials were borrowed by Township residents for every man, woman, and child in the Township to have read \$30-\$50 worth of books or watched \$35-\$55 worth of DVDs or videos.

The facts show the library is a well-used and important facility to Township residents. Without increased funding, however, the library will be forced to curtail some services. You can help by attending fundraising functions and donating generously.

The Board of Trustees meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30PM at the Duke Street Library. The public is welcome to attend. ■



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.

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LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

Board of Supervisors:
2nd Monday, 7:30 PM

Planning Commission
3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Building Code Board of Appeals:
Meets as Needed

Historical Commission
4th Monday, 6:30 PM

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

COMMUNITY VISION SUMMIT

The Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee will hold a Community Vision Summit on September 30, 2004, 7:00 to 9:00PM, as part of the process for developing "Growing Together: A Comprehensive Plan for Central Lancaster County." "Growing Together" will be a new comprehensive plan for Lancaster Township and 10 neighboring municipalities, including Lancaster City and the surrounding suburban area. The Summit will give residents an update on the "Growing Together" project and allow them to provide input for the most critical element of the plan: future development patterns for the area.

Based on ideas suggested at public meetings in January and February 2004, the "Growing Together" Steering Committee developed 15 goals. The goals were submitted to municipal governing bodies and planning commissions for review and comment. The Steering Committee and their consultants are now developing detailed objectives to be included in the plan and strategies for accomplishing those objectives.

All participants in the Summit will have an opportunity to review and comment on the goals and objectives. They will also engage in an interactive mapping exercise to evaluate the results of the strong places/weak places activity that was conducted as part of past public meetings.

The Community Vision Summit will be held at the Four Seasons Restaurant, 949 Church Street, Landisville. All area residents are invited to participate. For more information, call John R. Ahlfeld, Executive Director of the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, at 397-7507, or e-mail him at limc@verizon.net.



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