

TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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New tradition begins Friday, August 24

COME TO THE FIRST FAMILY FUN FEST!

Lancaster Township is starting a new tradition: Family Fun Fest! This event replaces Community Day, which was held in Septembers past. The first Family Fun Fest will be held on Friday, August 24, 4:00-8:00PM at Maple Grove Community Park, 1420 Columbia Avenue.

Free musical entertainment will be provided by the group Mighty Fine, well-known in the area for their bluegrass music. Bring your lawn

chairs or blanket. Other free events include pony rides and old-fashioned games such as checkers, croquet, jump rope and a peanut scramble. The children will have a great time on an inflatable slide. There will be sit-down board games to play and a "decorate-your-own-hat" booth. As in the past, the crowd-pleasing Lancaster Township Fire Department ladder truck will be



giving bird's-eye views of the surrounding landscape. The Historic Preservation Awards will be presented to eight township property owners at 7:00PM recognizing their efforts in maintaining and preserving their homes (see box).

Plan on having supper, because there will be food and drink for purchase. Different groups will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, soft pretzels, and Vietnamese egg rolls. Of course, ice cream is almost a necessity during the summer months, and Coleman's Ice Cream has agreed to be there for some cool refreshment. The Organization for the Responsible Care of Animals (ORCA) will be selling their famous subs and, weather permitting, they will bring along some homeless animals that might be ready for adoption.

Parking is available at the Castle Roller Rink, Stone Mill Plaza, and behind the park along Stone Mill Road.

Don't miss this great time with family and friends! ■

Old-time games on the Family Fun Fest agenda

Be sure to bring your children or grandchildren to the Family Fun Fest on August 24 and be ready to play the traditional family games from our childhoods. The Lancaster Township Historical Commission and the Lancaster Township Historic Resource Council are planning traditional games throughout the Family Fun Fest from 4:00 to 8:00PM. Commission and Council members will conduct games such as marbles, checkers, and croquet; races like a shoe race and a sack race; and events featuring tug-of-war and a peanut scramble. Join other fun-loving folks and enjoy fun, games, and celebration with neighbors and friends.

The games will pause at 7:00PM to honor the achievements of eight township homeowners. The 2007 Historic Preservation Awards are given to properties that enhance our township by being consistently well-maintained and a pleasure to view. They contribute to the livability, economic well-being, and quality of life in the community. These properties represent who we are and preserve our township's rich heritage.

The eight Historic Preservation Award winning properties will each receive a fraktur suitable for displaying in the homes. Each fraktur is a hand-drawn and -lettered original by Lancaster County fraktur artist Julie Kohler. Our thanks go out to these conscientious members of the Lancaster Township community. ■

New Ordinances



The following 2007 ordinances were approved since the last newsletter:

- Ordinance No. 2007-02:** This ordinance aids in the preservation of historic buildings and resources.
- Ordinance No. 2007-03:** A revision of the township's uniform fees schedule.
- Ordinance No. 2007-04:** Prohibits parking in certain locations on Millersville Road.

Dates to Remember:

- OCTOBER 31:** HALLOWEEN, TRICK OR TREAT, 6PM-8PM
- NOVEMBER 4:** DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS: FALL BACK!
- NOVEMBER 6:** ELECTION DAY: GO TO THE POLLS AND TAKE A NEIGHBOR. EVERY VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

Office Closings:

- SEPTEMBER 3:** LABOR DAY
- NOVEMBER 22-23:** THANKSGIVING
- DECEMBER 24-25:** CHRISTMAS
- JANUARY 1:** NEW YEAR'S DAY
- FEBRUARY 18:** PRESIDENTS' DAY
- MARCH 21:** GOOD FRIDAY

Yard Waste Pick-Up Weeks

AUGUST

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Welcome, new Planning & Zoning assistant!

Jean Summers joined the Lancaster Township staff in May as planning and zoning assistant. Jean's native hometown is Steelton, PA but she has spent her adult years in Lancaster County.

After earning her degree in Elementary Education, Jean spent several years in teaching, administrative work, and working in church ministry.

She and her husband Larry enjoy spending time with their grandchildren who "keep us very young at heart." Jean's Croatian background has led her to enjoy polka dancing and ethnic kola dancing. Other hobbies include interior decorating, crafts, flower and vegetable gardening, yard sales, and toy auctions. ■



LANCASTER TOWNSHIP STAFF DIRECTORY

Lancaster Township Office
 1240 Maple Avenue
 291-1213
Maintenance Facility
 1357 Meadowcreek Lane
 293-1733

- Supervisors..... Tony Allen, Tom Schaller, Kathy Wasong
- Township Manager..... David L. Clouser
- Public Works Superintendent.....J. Robert Eckenrode
- Finance Officer.....Diana Hess
- Receptionist..... Faith S. Kelsey
- Planning & Zoning Director..... Lynn M. Stauffer
- Planning & Zoning Assistant.....Jean Summers
- Administrative Assistant.....Suzanne B. Teske
- Office Assistant/Recycling Coordinator.....Joanne Yost

2007-08 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: NO SERVICE MONDAY, ONE DAY DELAY ALL WEEK

THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22: NO SERVICE THURSDAY, COLLECTION ON FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25: NORMAL MONDAY COLLECTION, ONE DAY DELAY REST OF WEEK.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 1: NORMAL MONDAY COLLECTION, ONE DAY DELAY REST OF WEEK.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Three options are available for tree disposal:

1. Curbside collection on trash day (counts as one bag/container).
2. Drop off at township maintenance facility (1357 Meadowcreek Lane), 7:00AM-4:00PM, Monday-Friday.
3. Drop off at Lancaster County Park tree recycling location.



REFUSE AND RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Toters: Some residents have begun to purchase and use toters for their trash. Toters come in 64- and 96-gallon sizes and can be purchased at any retail store. Because their use has become more prevalent, we want to remind everyone that a maximum of 96 gallons, which equals three 32-gallon trash cans, is all that is permitted for collection each week. If you have a 64-gallon toter, you may also place one 32-gallon trash can/bag at curbside.

Refuse: There is a three (3)-container (32-gallon) limit not to exceed 30 pounds each for regular trash.

Extra trash: Any amount over the three (3)-container limit needs a yellow tag (five for \$6.25) placed on each container/bag.

Oversized items: Any item weighing more than 30 pounds but less than 140 pounds is considered an oversized item, which requires a red tag (\$4.00 each). Some examples are furniture, TVs, gas grills (gas tank removed), mattresses, and lawn furniture.

Recycling: These items consist of #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum and tin cans, and glass (drink bottles and food jars). These items may be comingled in the recycling container. Newspapers should be placed in a brown paper bag or tied with string and placed on top or alongside the recycling container.

Missed trash: Please remember, the trash haulers begin their rounds at 5:00AM. Place trash at curbside the night before pickup. If trash is not at curbside when the truck comes by, please do not call the office, as the haulers will not return.

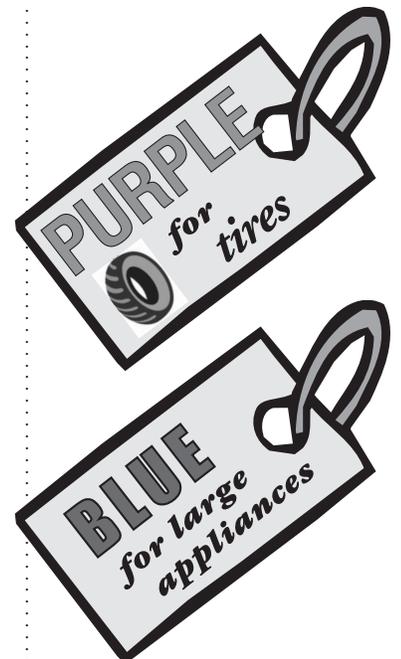
Yard waste/Bio-bag collection ends October 4: Beginning October 8, yard waste should be combined with regular trash and included as part of the three-bag/container limit. Yard waste may also be taken to the township maintenance facility at 1357 Meadowcreek Lane until November 21. Drop-off hours are Monday-Thursday, 3PM-6PM until November 1. After daylight savings ends, from November 5-21, the hours are 2PM-5PM.

Batteries, cell phones: Orange plastic bags are available free at the township office for the disposal of batteries and cell phones. A white bucket has been placed inside the lobby for the drop-off of full bags. The bags may also be placed at curbside, next to the refuse container, for collection by the trash haulers.

November 5-8 Large appliance and tire pickup

... will occur on your regular collection day: **Monday, November 5; Tuesday, November 6; Wednesday, November 7; or Thursday, November 8.** The township office is to 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.

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. Please place all items at curbside the evening prior to collection. The haulers will not collect items that are not at curbside. ■



**Planning & Zoning:
Projects Update**

Cottages on Elm: Located along Elm Avenue between Atkins and Rider Avenues, this project is classified as in-fill development. Currently in full development stage, it consists of nine condo units on 1.48 acres of land. Five units are presently under construction.

Hawthorne Ridge: This major residential development is located at Second Lock Road and New Danville Pike. When completed, the development will consist of 62 single-family detached dwellings, 40 semi-detached dwellings, 170 townhouse units and 144 apartments. There is also a commercial component, which has not been approved for development. The historic barn on the property is to be renovated as a community center. An in-ground swimming pool adjacent to the barn, with facilities,

will be an added feature. Currently, 68 units are under construction.

Southern Village, Phase I: Another major residential development is located south of Wabank Road, between and across from Pilgrim Drive and Blue Ridge Drive. When completed, it will consist of 86 semi-detached units on 19.44 acres of land. Thirteen units are now under construction or occupied.

Southern Village, Phase II: This residential development is located on the south side of Wabank Road, west of Pilgrim Drive. It will consist of 58 units on 27.46 acres of land when finished. Six units are under construction.

Honeysuckle Lane: A 34-unit residential duplex development is located at 2404 Honeysuckle Lane (south side) near Millersville Road on 6.65 acres of land. Grading and construction are expected to begin soon.

Penn Manor High School at Comet Field: Synthetic turf field and other improvements

Storm water pollution

As storm water flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Storm water can flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a river, stream, or other waterway. Materials that enter a storm-water system are discharged untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

Lancaster Township, via the PA Department of Environmental Protection, is responsible for ensuring that pollutants do not enter our storm drains and streams. Residents can and should assist in this effort. Healthy household habits can keep common pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of the storm water. Residents can help by following these guidelines:

- Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids. Do not pour them into the ground, storm drains, sinks, and toilets.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Store materials that could pollute indoors in leak-proof containers.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Do not leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains/streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent erosion.
- Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots.
- Any chemical spill should be reported immediately by calling the township office at 291-1213, or in an emergency situation call 911. ■

School District of Lancaster

2007 Student Calendar:

- August 30—First Day of School
- October 25, 26—No Classes
- November 22, 23, 26—Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 24–31—Closed for Christmas
- January 1, 2008—Closed for New Year's Day

SDL Board Meetings, 7:00PM at J.P. McCaskey High School:

- August 21
- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 4 & 18

Call 291-6148 with any questions. ■

Advancing Learning in Lancaster



TOGETHER WE CAN

Commercial and Miscellaneous Projects:

Evergreen Estates Retirement Community, 1300 E. King Street: Expansion of nursing-home facilities

Giant Food Stores at Stone Mill Plaza: Partial demolition, rebuild, and renovations

Weis Markets at Manor Shopping Center: Partial demolition, rebuild, and renovations

Thomas M. McDermott, 1401 Columbia Avenue: New office building

Public Works: What to do in case of a snowstorm

During the dog days of summer it's difficult to think about safety procedures when the snow is flying. Winter is on its way, however, and the following tips may be useful this winter season.

- Wait to clear the driveway until the road has been completely plowed. The minimum number of passes to clear a road is two, but it may be as high as four or more depending on the amount of snowfall.
- Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the side of the driveway **away** from the flow of oncoming traffic. This prevents the bulk of the snow from being pushed back onto the driveway. Clearing snow for a distance before your driveway allows the plow to unload before reaching the driveway entrance.
- Eliminate snow piles at driveway entrances. Large snow piles may obstruct the vision of motorists exiting from the driveway and prevent oncoming motorists from seeing a vehicle pulling out of a driveway.
- Do not throw snow onto roads at any time. This practice creates hazardous driving conditions and is against the law by violating Ordinance No. 3 of 1987.
- Remove vehicles from the roadways so the snow can be plowed to the curb.
- Please assist the fire and highway departments by clearing snow from hydrants and storm inlets on or near your property. Precious time will be saved should there be a fire or flood emergency.

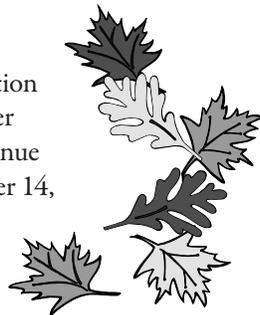
Every effort is made to minimize damage to property and mailboxes during winter road maintenance. It is recommended, however, that reflective markers or flags be placed on three-foot posts along the edge of a property. Sometimes mailboxes will be toppled

or damaged by the snowplow if they are too close to the road or mounted poorly. Even properly installed mailboxes can be damaged by wet, heavy snow, which comes off the plow more forcefully. The repair of mailboxes and lawns in the township right-of-way is the responsibility of the property owner.

Overgrown trees and shrubbery reduce the efficiency of snow removal. Property owners are responsible for keeping growth trimmed away from the road with no less than a 14-foot clearance above the roadway. Snow and ice causes branches to hang lower than normal and may prohibit access for emergency vehicles and snowplows. If trees and bushes are infringing on the roadways, the township may do the pruning and bill the owner for time and labor.

Leaf collection

Fall leaf collection will begin October 8, 2007 and continue through December 14, 2007 as weather, equipment, and leaf volume permits. Leaves



are to be placed in the street next to the curb or at the edge of the yard.

Collection may not be on the same day every week as in the past. 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.

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 prohibit parking on certain days, as they do for street cleaning. This enables complete leaf pick-up and safety for the road crew.

The township will continue to collect bagged leaves on some of our high-traffic main roads. Plastic yard bags must be used. The kraft paper bio-

bags will not be available. Please call 293-1733 when the bags of leaves are at curbside and ready for pick-up. The township road crew will collect them in as timely a manner as possible.■

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.

DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AT NO CHARGE

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Municipal Authority (LCSWMA) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility is located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike and open every Saturday 8:00AM to noon and weekdays, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Lancaster County residents may dispose of the HHW materials for FREE from their homes: computers & cell phones, transmission/brake fluids, antifreeze, used motor oil, batteries, fire extinguishers, household cleaners, floor and furniture polish, paint/stains, turpentine, paint thinners, rust inhibitors, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, adhesives, kerosene, gasoline, old chemistry sets, photographic and pool chemicals, fluorescent bulbs and ballasts, thermometers, thermostats, and other mercury-containing devices

Call LCSWMA at 397-9968 with questions.■

Lancaster Township Fire Department: What is the Fire Police Officer?

Have you ever been caught in slow-moving or stopped traffic? Did you blow your top at the fire police directing traffic because you just had to be somewhere 15 minutes ago? Well, we've all been stuck in major jams at some time, but we don't all lose our tempers with the very people who are attempting to assist by rerouting traffic and helping people on their way.

It's important to remember that fire police have legal police authority granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and legally can make arrests at the scene if needed.

Fire police are charged with crowd control during an emergency. Because of the uncertainty of any given situation, people must be kept at a distance for their own safety. There are not just the visible dangers like a fire or flood, but possible unseen and undetected dangers such as explosion, toxic fumes, or deadly chemicals.

Fire police will control the flow of traffic to ensure emergency vehicles have a quick and safe entrance and exit from an incident. They may halt traffic, block off a road, or detour vehicles in another direction because of the situation and the dangers involved. They must maintain space for mutual aid equipment, rescue and other emergency vehicles, and possibly tank or ladder trucks. They may even be preparing for a helicopter landing.

Fire police serve many functions by their actions. They protect victims, their valuables, and their property. Their actions may protect evidence at a scene. They maintain a victim's dignity, modesty, and privacy by keeping spectators at a distance. Fire police play an essential part in the saving of lives and property.

So, please heed their orders. The fire police are there for a reason. They are trained in what needs to be

Lancaster Recreation Commission invites you to fall programs

Many activities are available at the LRC for all age groups and skills. A sampling of some of the events and classes follows.



- **Countdown Teen Idol:** registration deadline for auditions is October 3, 2007
- **Battle of the Bands:** Registration deadline for submissions is November 16, 2007
- **Lancaster's New Year's Eve Celebration:** Countdown Lancaster (specials at www.lancasterrec.org)

- **Youth Classes**
 - Ballet, Tap and Jazz, September 2007–June 2008, \$30/month, ages 4 and up.
 - Musik at the Gregg Musik Studio
 - Chess Club
 - Judo
 - Youth Sports
 - Tennis
 - Wrestling
 - Field Hockey
 - Volleyball
 - Basketball

Adult Classes

- Aerobitone
- Pilates
- Tai Chi
- Chess
- Ceramics
- Bridge
- Fencing
- Ballroom, Latin, Swing or Line Dancing

Adult Sports

- Women's Basketball
- Men's, Women's and Coed Volleyball
- Women's Rugby

Happy Hearts Centers

Monday–Thursday, 9AM–3PM, Light lunch served, Cards, Games and Bingo

Call 392-2115 for dates and more details. ■

accomplished, which may not be immediately apparent to motorists or pedestrians. Their directions should be followed unhesitatingly to ensure safety for all. And while you're at it, a little wave, smile, or quick "thank you" goes a long way in showing your appreciation for the work of these selfless volunteers. One never knows when the fire police may be called upon to assist you. ■



▲ **THIS ISN'T LANCASTER TOWNSHIP, BUT THE SCENE IS FAMILIAR.**

LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND BUSINESSES

Look what's coming up for children and teens at the Lancaster Public Library, 125 N. Duke Street:

Clues-A-Palooza: Kids & Cultures: Liz and Matt's parents have suddenly disappeared, leaving behind only one clue. Can the kids find their mom and dad before the start of the family's vacation? Join them in a search around the globe for their missing parents and as they find unexpected treasures along the way. Tuesday, August 14, at 1:30pm (Ages 5-12). Please call 239-2124 to register.

Amelia Bedelia and Berenstain Bears are coming to the Lancaster Public Library! Join us for special family story times in September. Please call 239-2124 for details.

Teen Advisory Board: Looking to make an impact at your public library? Would you like to make a difference in the programs we have and the books we offer? Do you like making new friends and having fun? Come to TAB meetings the third Tuesday of every month at 4:00 (teens only).

Programs at the Duke Street Business Center

The following FREE classes and events to be held at Lancaster Public Library's Duke Street Business Center. Seating is limited, so be sure to register at least one week in advance by either e-mail (dsbc@lancaster.lib.pa.us) or phone (717-239-2131).

Target Market Demographics: Tuesday, August 14, 7:00-8:30PM, 2nd floor Computer Training room, Duke Street Library. This session reviews both print and online resources that can aid in analyzing the population statistics of your organization's target



▲ NEW TEEN CENTER AT THE LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

market or service area. Ideal for business start-ups researching demographic information for a business plan or for nonprofits preparing case statements or descriptions of their service population. Includes hands-on practice searching the Census Department's American Factfinder website. Instructor: Diane Pawling, DSBC Business Reference Librarian.

Preparing Business Mail Lists: Wednesday, September 19, 3:00-4:30PM, 2nd floor Computer Training room, Duke Street. A hands-on training focusing on two of the library's licensed company databases—*Reference USA* and *Harris Selectory Online*. Includes a detailed comparison of these resources and how they can be used most efficiently to prepare targeted lists and mailing labels for business-

to-business marketing/sales leads or for nonprofit-to-business solicitations or event invitations. Instructor: Diane Pawling, DSBC Business Reference Librarian.

Call 394-2651 for programs and other information. ■

DUKE STREET HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY:
9:00AM - 9:00PM
FRIDAY-SATURDAY:
9:00AM - 5:30PM
SUNDAY: CLOSED

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LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

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

WHAT PRODUCTS ARE MADE OUT OF RECYCLED MATERIALS?



Cardboard, office paper, and newspaper are used to make new boxes, tissue products, greeting cards, and newspapers. Glass bottles and jars can become new bottles and jars, glass tiles, or fiberglass insulation. #1 (PETE) plastic can be used to make fleece jackets, carpet, shower curtains and fiberfill for stuffed animals. #2 (HDPE) plastic is used for making

new bottles, toys and boards for decks, benches, and fences. Aluminum cans are used to make more aluminum cans and products like siding, window frames, car parts, or even airplanes. Steel/tin cans are used to make more steel. All of these items should be placed in your recycling bin each week. ■



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