

# TOWNSHIP

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## Welcome, William Laudien

# BOARD APPOINTS NEW TOWNSHIP MANAGER

**A**fter several months of careful thought and deliberation, the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors officially appointed William M. Laudien as the new township manager. This action took place at the July 14, 2008 board meeting and Bill assumed his duties on July 21, 2008.

Bill comes to the position with a wealth of experience in several different areas. He previously worked at Manor Township for over 12 years, most recently serving as assistant manager and assistant zoning officer.

Having grown up in Fairless Hills, Bucks County, Bill is a Pennsylvania native. He graduated with two bachelor's degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been living in Lancaster County for the past 18 years.

Bill and his wife Teresa have three lively children who, like their parents, are involved in many activities. Bill stays busy coaching his children's basketball and soccer teams. Bill is also a bicycling

enthusiast, having participated in many professional and amateur races. The whole family enjoys fishing and golfing and just about any other outdoor sport. When he does find himself with some spare time, Bill relaxes by reading. ■



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**BILL LAUDIEN, NEW TOWNSHIP  
MANAGER**

## Meet Our New Manager

**P**lease join other residents and staff in welcoming Lancaster Township's new manager, Bill Laudien, at a relaxed and casual reception on Thursday, September 25, at the Maple Grove Community Building, 1420 Columbia Avenue, 7:00-9:00PM.

This is an opportunity to socialize informally and get to know Bill as well as other staff members, so please save any concerns for regular office hours. Light refreshments will be served. ■

► **Dates to Remember:**

- OCTOBER 27-30: LARGE APPLIANCE PICKUP
- OCTOBER 31: HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT 6:00-8:00PM
- NOVEMBER 2: DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
- NOVEMBER 4: GENERAL ELECTION—VOTE!
- MARCH 9, 2009: DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

► **Office Closings:**

- NOVEMBER 27-28: THANKSGIVING
- DECEMBER 24-25: CHRISTMAS
- JANUARY 1, 2009: NEW YEAR'S DAY
- FEBRUARY 16: PRESIDENT'S DAY



**Volunteer Spotlight**

**T**hanks go to the residents and friends of Lancaster Township who assist in many ways:

- **German Benevolent Union** for their assistance with landscaping and planting at Maple Grove Community Building.
- **John Shiley** for his continuous and indefatigable litter control at Hamilton Park.
- **Wheatland Middle School National Junior Honor Society** for making the beautification of Hamilton Park their community service project. They spent many hours raking, planting, painting, and mulching.

Lancaster Township appreciates these individuals and groups who give of their own time for the benefit of our community. **THANK YOU!** ■

**2007 Ordinances Approved Since Last Newsletter**



- Ordinance No. 2008-01: Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Implementing *Growing Together: A Comprehensive Plan*
- Ordinance No. 2008-02: Revised Lancaster Township uniform fees schedule

**Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC)**

**IMPLEMENTING  
'GROWING TOGETHER'**

**L**ancaster Township and ten other municipalities in Central Lancaster County have approved an agreement to work together to implement *Growing Together: A Comprehensive Plan for Central Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*. *Growing Together* was prepared for 11 municipalities that are members of the LIMC and was adopted by those municipalities in April 2007.

The new agreement creates a Land Use Advisory Board (LUAB) consisting of voting representatives from the 11 municipalities and the Lancaster County Planning Commission and non-voting representatives from other entities such as school districts, sewer and water authorities, and PennDOT. LUAB will work on projects such as sample zoning provisions for certain growth areas designated in *Growing Together*, an intermunicipal transfer of development rights program, and a system by which municipalities may prohibit certain land uses as long as those uses are provided for elsewhere in the region. LUAB will also review municipal actions such as adoption of zoning ordinance amendments and comment on whether they are consistent with *Growing Together*.

The agreement also provides for municipalities to share information about proposed developments of regional significance and impact, such as commercial buildings with more than 100,000 square feet, industries with more than 500,000 square feet or 500 parking spaces, airports, and any development causing more than 100 acres of earth disturbance. This helps municipalities stay current on developments in nearby municipalities that may affect their own residents and may raise issues requiring intermunicipal cooperation. ■

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">LANCASTER TOWNSHIP STAFF DIRECTORY</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Lancaster Township Office 1240 Maple Avenue 291-1213 ..... Maintenance Facility 1357 Meadowcreek Lane 293-1733</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervisors..... Tony Allen, Tom Schaller, Kathy Wasong</li> <li>• Township Manager..... William M. Laudien</li> <li>• Public Works Superintendent..... J. Robert Eckenrode</li> <li>• Finance Officer..... Diana Hess</li> <li>• Receptionist..... Faith S. Kelsey</li> <li>• Planning &amp; Zoning Director..... Lynn M. Stauffer</li> <li>• Planning &amp; Zoning Assistant..... Rebecca French</li> <li>• Administrative Assistant..... Suzanne B. Teske</li> <li>• Office Assistant/Recycling Coordinator..... Joanne Yost</li> </ul>	

## NEW POLICIES ON CARDBOARD, CONTAINERS, DISCOUNTS, AND FEES

### Yard Waste Pick-Up Weeks

THE SHADED WEEKS ARE COLLECTION DATES.

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OCTOBER 2008						
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YARD WASTE BIOBAGS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY, 1357 MEADOWCREEK LANE, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY. THE HOURS ARE 3:00-6:00PM UNTIL OCTOBER 16. THERE IS A LIMIT OF TEN (10) BIOBAGS PER VISIT. BIOBAGS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER OCTOBER 16. YARD WASTE DROP-OFF WILL CONTINUE UNTIL NOVEMBER 26. ■



Residents will be pleased with several new policies relative to the trash and recycling program in Lancaster Township. Corrugated cardboard can now be recycled (as of October 1) by taking it to the dumpster at the maintenance facility, 1357 Meadowcreek Lane. Only cardboard made of a ridged material with an inner fluted lining is recyclable.

The hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00AM-6:00PM and Friday, 7:00AM-3:30PM until October 31. Beginning November 3, hours end at 5:00PM, Monday through Thursday. After November 26, cardboard drop-off is Monday through Friday, 7:00AM to 3:30PM. Please follow these guidelines:

- Flatten the boxes.
- No cereal boxes, tissue boxes, shoeboxes, or similar items; these should be included with regular trash.
- Boxes must be free of food or other contaminants, i.e., no pizza or ice cream boxes.
- Do not leave boxes outside of the dumpster.

**Recycling containers are now free.** A resident may bring in a damaged recycling container and receive a new one without charge. New residents are likewise given a free container. Free recycling buckets with handles are also available. If a resident wants more than one container, there will be a charge of \$7 for a square container and \$5 for a bucket.

**10% Senior Discount** continues to be a bonus for homeowners aged 60 and over. Proof of age is required to receive this discount. Those who own more than one property can only receive a discount for the home in which they live. Simply bring a photo ID with birth date to the front desk receptionist at the township office, who will make a copy. It's that easy and you'll receive ten percent (10%) off your bill each time it is mailed out.

**Trash and recycling fees will increase.** The pricing of all products, most notably gas and oil, has necessitated new trash and recycling fees. Trash hauling companies are greatly affected by higher fuel costs. This has, unfortunately, resulted in a price increase in the new refuse and recycling contract entered into with Lebanon Farms Disposal, Inc. (LFD).

On July 9, 2008, the township opened five sealed bids for the refuse and recycling contract. Lebanon Farms Disposal came in with the lowest bid and was awarded the contract by the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors on August 11, 2008. It is fortunate that the township was able to retain the same company. There will be no "learning curve" for LFD as they are currently contracted for these services and already know the layout of township roadways.

As of October 1, 2008, the new trash and recycling rate is \$204 per year per household. Since residents are billed every six months, the semi-annual bill will be in the amount of \$102. For those receiving the senior discount of 10%, the annual fee is \$183.60 or \$91.80 for six months.

**Saturday yard waste drop-off and biobag pickup** will begin in Spring 2009. Residents will be able to dispose of yard waste at the maintenance facility on the morning of the first Saturday of the month. Look for details in the Spring/Summer 2009 newsletter.

**Recycling is mandatory in Lancaster Township.** Recyclables include #1 (PETE) and #2 (HDPE) plastics, aluminum and tin cans, glass food/drink bottles and jars. Newspapers (no glossy print) are also recycled and should be placed in a brown grocery bag on top of or next to the recycling container/bucket. Used phone books, cell phones, and batteries may be dropped off at the township office, 1240 Maple Avenue, during regular business hours. ■





**LCSWMA Now Accepting TVs**

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) recently announced it is accepting televisions at the household hazardous waste facility. No external speakers, VCR or DVD players, or other peripheral television equipment will be accepted. Other items accepted free of charge include computers, cell phones, fluorescent/compact bulbs, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, household cleaners, paints, items containing mercury (thermometers), and many more.

LCSWMA, located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, is open Monday through Friday 8AM to 4PM; Saturday hours are 8AM to noon. Visit the website at [www.lcswma.org/documents/specialwaste08.pdf](http://www.lcswma.org/documents/specialwaste08.pdf) or call for information at 397-9968. ■



**LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE COLLECTION  
OCTOBER 27-30**

Large appliance and tire pickup will occur on your regular collection day: Monday, October 27, Tuesday, October 28, Wednesday, October 29, or Thursday, October 30. The township office must be notified ahead of time 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.

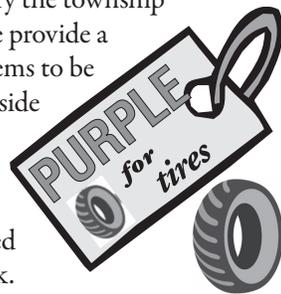
Please remember that trash is limited to three (3) bags or containers per week. The maximum weight is 30 pounds each and no larger than the standard 32 gallon bag. If there is more than the 3-bag/container limit, the extra item(s) must have a yellow extra service tag attached (5/\$6.25). Oversized items must have a red tag (\$4/each).

Place trash and recycling at curbside the night before collection and remove empty containers as soon as possible.

**Christmas Tree Disposal:** Trees may be dropped off at the maintenance facility Monday through Thursday, 7:30AM to 3:30PM at the designated

location marked with a sign. Christmas trees can also be included with your weekly trash and will be counted as one of the 3 containers each household is permitted. If you exceed the 3-container limit, a yellow extra service tag will be required.

**Illegal Dumping** is a punishable offense in Lancaster Township. No person shall store, process, or dispose of any regulated municipal waste, including grass, or designated recyclable materials except at a facility designated by LCSWMA. Further, yard and municipal waste may not be burned in Lancaster Township. The township will enforce all regulations and impose penalties on violators. ■



**2008-2009 Holiday Refuse Collection**

**NOVEMBER 27, THANKSGIVING:**  
THURSDAY  
COLLECTION ONLY  
MOVES TO FRIDAY

**DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS:**  
THURSDAY  
COLLECTION ONLY  
MOVES TO FRIDAY

**JANUARY 1, 2009, NEW YEAR'S DAY:** THURSDAY  
COLLECTION ONLY  
MOVES TO FRIDAY

**C**ommercial Recycling of certain materials is mandated under PA Law, Act 101 of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of July 28, 1988, P.L. 528, No. 101. This act covers commercial, industrial, and institutional waste generators. Documentation of the extent of recycling enables the township, LCSWMA, and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to determine success in meeting waste reduction goals. Act 101 gives municipalities the full backing of the law to enact and implement ordinances that regulate commercial as well as residential trash and recycling programs. ■

**Public Works Department**

**New Traffic Signal Lights**

If it looks as though our traffic signal lights are brighter, they are! Lancaster Township converted all traffic signals to light emitting diode (LED) technology. The new LEDs will reduce the township's traffic signal electricity use by 50 to 70% over the old-fashioned incandescent bulbs, thereby reducing our costs. The other advantage is that the average life span of LEDs is seven to ten years.

**Leaf Collection**

Fall leaf collection begins October 13, 2008 and continues through December 19, as weather, equipment and leaf volume permits. Place leaves in the street next to the curb or edge of the yard. Collection is done on a rotating basis to ensure all streets are covered. This means that if your leaves are at curbside on Monday, they may not be collected until Thursday or Friday. Please be patient, the road crew will arrive as soon as possible.

On streets with signed parking restrictions, every effort will be made to collect leaves on the day listed. Police

will continue to enforce street signs that prohibit parking on certain days. This enables complete leaf pick-up and safety for the road crew.

The township will continue to collect bagged leaves on some of the high-traffic main roads that are not included in the regular schedule. Plastic yard bags must be used. Please call 293-1733 when bags of leaves are at curbside and ready for pick-up.

**Woody Waste Drop-Off at the Maintenance Facility**

Yard/woody waste drop-off will continue through November 26. The days and hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 3:00PM to 6:00PM until October 30. From November 3 to November 26, the hours are 2:00-5:00PM. Please have ID ready for the gate attendant who will inspect your load for contaminants and point out the proper place to unload. This service is for township residents only. No contractors will be admitted because we are unable to accommodate the high volume of materials they generate. Biobags are available from the attendant up to a maximum of ten bags until October 16.■

**STEPS TO FOLLOW AFTER A SNOWSTORM**

- \* Wait until the road is completely plowed before clearing the driveway. The minimum number of snowplow passes to clear a road is two, but it may take even more depending on snowfall.
- \* Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the side of the driveway away from the flow of oncoming traffic.
- \* Clearing snow for a distance before the driveway allows the plow to unload before reaching the driveway entrance.
- \* Eliminate snow piles at driveway entrances. They may obstruct a motorist's vision on the main road as well as those exiting the driveway.
- \* Remove vehicles from the roadways so plows can clean up to the curb.
- \* Please assist the fire and highway departments by clearing snow from hydrants and storm inlets.
- \* Do not throw snow onto roads. This creates hazardous driving conditions and is against the law by violating Ordinance No. 3 of 1987.

It is recommended that reflective markers or flags be placed on three-foot posts along the edge of property to help prevent plowing up the edge of a yard. Sometimes mailboxes are toppled or damaged by a 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. Every effort is made to avoid or minimize damage to property; however, the repairs of mailboxes, lawns, trees, and shrubbery are the responsibility of the property owner.■

**School District of Lancaster**

**2008 Student Calendar:**

November 26-28—No classes  
December 24-January 2—No classes

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

**High School:**

- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 2 (Reorganization Meeting)
- December 16
- January 20
- February 17
- March 17

Advancing Learning in Lancaster



TOGETHER WE CAN

Call 291-6148 with any questions.

**Lancaster Township Fire Department**

**Change Your Clock; Change Your Smoke Detector Battery**

The Lancaster Township Fire Department urges homeowners to use daylight saving time as a reminder to change batteries in smoke detectors on November 2. If the detector is more than ten years old, it is suggested that it be replaced.



The majority of fatal home fires happen at night when people are asleep. Contrary to popular belief, the smell of smoke may not wake a sleeping person. Poisonous gases and smoke produced by a fire can numb the senses and put you into a deeper sleep. Having a working smoke alarm can cut the odds of dying in a home fire nearly in half.

Lancaster Township passed an ordinance in 2000 that requires hard-wired smoke detectors with a battery backup system in all dwellings at the time of an addition or renovations in excess of \$5,000 or when there is a change of ownership. New construction must have the hard-wired system with battery backup. Test your system often to be certain the whole family is safe.

**Lancaster Township Fire Department Website**

Go to [www.ltfld.org](http://www.ltfld.org) to review the Lancaster Township Fire Department (LTFD) website. Important information about the fire department and photos from recent incidents can be found there. The department serves the western portion of Lancaster Township.

Also available is information on reflective green house number signs,

department officers, station phone numbers, and the fire department schedule of events. A membership application can also be downloaded.

The mission of the Lancaster Township Fire Department is to serve the community by protecting lives, property, and the environment in a safe, efficient, and professional manner. The LTFD is responsible for extinguishing fires, fire prevention, and the maintenance of firefighting equipment and fire department facilities.

Fire Chief Ron Comfort, Jr. leads approximately 50 volunteer firefighters housed in two fire stations: one at 125 Fairview Avenue in the village of Bausman and the other at 1250 Maple Avenue in Hamilton Park. As of August 1, 2008, the fire department has responded to 309 calls in 2008.

**Lafayette Fire Company Chicken BBQ**

The Lafayette Fire Company of East Lampeter Township, which serves the east side of Lancaster Township, is holding their annual fall chicken barbecue. This event will be held on Saturday, September 27, 1836 Lincoln Highway East, beginning at 11:00AM.

The spring BBQ on April 12 was sold out in just 1½ hours! This time around, the number of chicken halves and dinners has been increased. But don't hesitate! Arrive early to avoid the disappointment of going home empty-handed.

Customers can purchase half of a chicken or the complete dinner, which includes half a BBQ chicken, one baked



**▲ LAFAYETTE FIRE COMPANY'S BARBEQUES ARE A BIG HIT.**

potato, applesauce, roll with butter, drink, and dessert.

The members of Lafayette Fire Company wish to thank everyone for their support. We welcome any inquiries (392-5097) on general safety or membership. Remember, volunteer fire fighters are there for the residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week.■

**Lancaster Recreation Commission**

**T**he Countdown Teen registration deadline for auditions is October 8.

Auditions will be held at the LRC, 525 Fairview Avenue, on October 11.

Don't miss the annual **Battle of the Bands**. Register for this event by November 14.

**Countdown Lancaster 2009** is fast approaching. You can earn a free pass button by volunteering during the event. All you have to do is provide your time for a 2½-hour shift and the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy!

Contact the LRC at [www.LancasterRec.org](http://www.LancasterRec.org) or 392-2115, extension 121.■

**Lancaster Township Historical Commission**

**SPRING 2009  
TOUR OF  
PRESIDENTIAL  
NEIGHBORS**

Lancaster Township's Historical Commission has successfully sponsored several walking tours over the past few years, which brought community attention to historically unique neighborhoods within the township.

In spring 2006, the commission conducted a walking tour of Hamilton Park in the west-end of the township. This tour included the Hamilton Park development, which was envisioned by Hamilton Watch Company's enlightened industrialist and president, Charles "Soapy" Miller. It was Mr. Miller's vision to provide a comfortable community of sturdy, individually owned homes conveniently located near the Hamilton Watch Company for its employees. The 2006 Hamilton Park walking tour delighted participants with the beautifully landscaped yards and interesting stories of the community and old farmland that once existed in the area.

In 2008, the Historical Commission conducted a trolley tour in the eastern portion of Lancaster Township. The tour began and ended at the old County Home (or the Almshouse) at Conestoga View, which was built about 1799. The tour included homes on South Conestoga Drive, East King Street, and East Orange Street, reflecting buildings that were built around the 1870s to the 1920s. This time was the initial period of industrialization when Lancaster County became a leader in agricultural exports. The trolley tour sparked a new appreciation for Lancaster's heritage and historical growth.



▲ **WHEATLAND IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP, THE HOME OF U.S. PRESIDENT JAMES BUCHANAN, BUILT IN 1828.**

On Sunday, May 17, 2009, the Historical Commission will feature another enticing walking tour, "Presidential Neighbors." This tour begins at Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan, and will be a self-guided walking tour. It will provide interesting historical narratives ranging from the time James Buchanan became president of the United States in 1857 to facts and stories that have carried Lancaster's "Presidential Neighbors" into and through the 20th century.

The walking tours initiative fulfills the mission of the Lancaster Township Historical Commission by advocating the preservation of historic structures and significant natural resources while preserving the stories, knowledge, and photographs of important landmarks. As in the past, there is no charge for the tour. We look forward to seeing you at the **Spring 2009 Tour of Presidential Neighbors, on Sunday, May 17, 2009.**

**Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY TOUR:  
'MANSIONS ON MARIETTA'**

**H**ave you ever wanted to sneak a peak inside the fabulous mansions on Marietta Avenue? On Sunday, October 19, 2008 everyone will get their chance.

The Architectural History Tour will be held from 12:00 noon to 5:00PM, rain or shine. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 the day of the tour at the Conestoga House, 1608 Marietta Avenue, or Wheatland, 1120 Marietta Avenue. Tickets are also available online at [www.hptrust.org](http://www.hptrust.org) or by calling 291-5861.

All proceeds benefit the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. ■

