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Lancaster Welcomes a New Chief of Police

William M. Heim brings solid experience to the job.

Lancaster Township is proud to welcome William M. Heim as Chief of the Lancaster City Bureau of Police. As such, Chief Heim also becomes Lancaster Township's new chief. The Township has contracted with the City for police services since 1970. As a result of this collaboration, we have received the same caliber of services available in the City and the benefit of increased technology and specialized services, which would not otherwise have been affordable to a township of our size.

Chief Heim's law enforcement career spans 23 years with experience at five police agencies. His first position was with the Upper Moreland Police Department in Montgomery County, PA. After 14 years, he left to become the first Chief of a newly formed regional police department in Pennridge, Bucks County, PA. Subsequently, he served as Chief and Director of

Public Safety in North Augusta, SC, and most recently was Chief of the Reading, PA Police Department.

The Chief earned a Bachelor's degree in English from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Penn State University. He is a former instructor at Montgomery County Community College and Augusta State University, taught basic and mandatory in-service training programs for the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC), served as a project advisor to the MPOETC development of an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course curriculum, and is currently a consultant on police management issues to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Additionally, Chief Heim has served on numerous boards of directors and as a student mentor,



▲ Lancaster Police Chief William M. Heim

and authored a number of articles appearing in various magazines.

Chief Heim and his wife Marti have four children, two sons and two daughters, ranging in age from 16 to 21. The Heims are in the arduous process of relocating from Reading to Lancaster—and that's **Lancaster Township!** They have purchased a home in Lancaster Township and will become an important part of our community. We send a very heartfelt welcome to the Heim family.■



Legislative Update

The following ordinance has been passed since the last newsletter:

Ordinance No. 01 of 2000: Amends certain sections of the Lancaster Township Traffic and Parking Ordinance to establish additional stop intersections (Hillcrest Road and Wilson Drive).

All ordinances are available to the public in the Township office at 1240 Maple Avenue. ■

OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Lancaster Township office will be closed:

April 21, 2000 – Good Friday
May 29, 2000 – Memorial Day

Losing a Winner

After 12 years of faithful, conscientious service to Lancaster Township and its residents, Kelly Hurt, Administrative Coordinator, is leaving Pennsylvania for the sunny land of Florida. Many of you have spoken with Kelly as she solved some of your parking ticket or refuse collection questions. Staff will miss Kelly's efficient style and quick wit. Our loss will definitely be someone else's gain. Join with the staff as we bid a fond farewell to Kelly, her husband Carl, and their children Amber, Ashley, and Austin. Good luck and best wishes on your new adventure! ■



Farewell, Kelly Hurt ▲

April 29 Is Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day



Few states can compete with the natural beauty of Pennsylvania. A drive along our roadways can lead you to breathtaking forests, lakes, rivers, and mountains. It's a perfect picture with one exception—litter and trash. Those of us who care are fighting back. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, sponsor of **Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful**, and Lancaster Township are asking you to help.

April 29 has been designated as **Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day**. Your help in tackling the litter problem will make our state a better place for all of us. Call Lynn Stauffer at 291-1213 for more details. ■

Say no to Litter:
The Berenstein Bears work in partnership with PennDot's Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day.

Public Works: Summer is for Paving

Here's the Public Works Department's Summer 2000 Paving List:

- Second Lock Road — widen and overlay
- River Drive (Marietta to Hillcrest)
- Alleys — inspected and overlaid if necessary

You will see more streets with double yellow lines and white sidelines to improve motorist safety. The purchase of a *Hot Melt* line system will help with this process. It will also be used to enhance stop bars and crosswalks. The process applies the line with a torch that actually melts the line material into the asphalt. This makes for a reflective and long-lasting line.

Another item on the spring agenda is a storm water project in the Spencer, Ellwood, Watson Avenue area of Hamilton Park.

Tree Trimming

Residents will be notified if their trees or shrubs cause a vision obstruction for drivers. You will also be notified to trim trees extending into the roadway of some streets. All trees on your property that border the street must be kept trimmed. The minimum

distance between road surface and tree overhang is 10 feet. Take a walk around your property with attention to tree and brush intrusion onto streets and alleyways. Pay special attention to intersections making certain any growth allows a clear view around the corner. Your assistance in keeping the roads of Lancaster Township obstacle-free is greatly appreciated.

Street Sweeping Resumes April 11

Please read and take heed of the street-cleaning signs on your street. There will be a two-week grace period during which warnings will be issued for parking violations. After April 25, the police will be issuing parking tickets to violators, just as they do during leaf pick-up in the fall. Streets with no signs will be inspected regularly and swept on an as needed basis. In some instances there may be a need to temporarily post paper no parking signs.

Rubbish Rangers

The Lancaster Township Adopt-A-Highway program has its first recruit. The Knights of Columbus Council 867, 1575 New Danville Pike, is taking on responsibility for keeping Hoover Road and Second Lock Road rubbish-free. Thank you K of C! ■



Lancaster Community Park

OPENING DAY
April 29 at 1:00PM

The Lancaster Township Athletic Association is holding its first baseball games of the season on April 29. Your favorite baseball refreshments will be available at the concession stand. Come and root for your favorite team! ■

School District of Lancaster Updates

April is kindergarten registration month in the School District of Lancaster. With the huge success of full-day kindergarten, a large registration turnout is expected, with classes filling up quickly. Early registration is encouraged because it helps the District plan and budget more accurately for the start of school in September. You may register throughout the month, up until April 28 when a celebration, *Kindergarten Round-Up Rally*, will be held. Parents, teachers, community members, and children are invited for an afternoon of food, entertainment, information booths, registration tables, and fun!

Remember, registration sites are not necessarily at the school the child will attend. The two most convenient registration sites for the Township are:

- **Buchanan Elementary School, 340 S. West End Ave.**
April 10 & 11 – 8:30-11:30AM
April 12 – 6:00-8:00PM
- **Wickersham Elementary School, 401 N. Reservoir St.**
April 12 – 6:00-8:00PM
April 13 – 9:00AM-2:00PM

Call the District at 396-6817 for other sites and times or visit our Web site at www.lancaster.k12.pa.us.

SDL Board Meetings, 7PM:

- April 6 & 18
- May 4 & 16
- June 8 & 20

School Calendar:

- April 20-21 — No School
- May 29 — No School
- June 7 — Last Day of School

Hamilton Park Playground Events

- **April 22, 1:00PM — Easter Egg Hunt**
- **May 13, 8AM-Noon — Yard Sale**
- **June 3 — Lancaster County Fireman's Parade**
- **June 9, 5:00-10:00PM — Festival**

Hamilton Park Playground Association meetings are held at the Lancaster Township Offices, 1240 Maple Avenue, the third Thursday of each month at 7:00PM. For information or questions call Deb Frailey at 392-2794. ■

Planning & Zoning: When Do I Need a Permit?

With the arrival of spring you may be preparing to clean out the garage, attic, or basement and wonder *where to go with these things?* Are you contemplating adding an outdoor shed in the back yard? How about adding that fourth bedroom you've been wanting for years? Have you been admiring your neighbor's new, spacious sunroom or considering the swimming pool your kids have been begging for? If you're thinking about any of these projects or if you're wondering about how close to property lines and structures you may place them, then you should call the Planning & Zoning Department *before* making costly errors on important decisions. Are you wondering if you need a permit? The Lancaster Township Zoning Ordinance (February 8, 1999) states that "it shall be unlawful to commence excavation for or the erection, construction, alteration, extension, relocation, conversion or use and occupancy of any building, structure, sign, fence, wall, parking lot, driveway or land, including accessory building or sign or to commence the moving, demolition or alteration of any building, structure, sign, fence, wall, parking lot, driveway or land including an accessory building or sign until the Zoning Officer has issued a Zoning Permit for such work; however, no Zoning Permit shall be required for any such construction or alteration, the fair market value of which is less than five hundred (500) dollars and which would not change the use classification provided that a Zoning Permit shall always be required for any excavation or construction work on, through or within the Township road or right-of-way." No zoning permit is required for repairs to, and maintenance of, any building, structure, sign, or land provided that

Lancaster Township Fire Department: Celebration 2000 Is Near

Celebration 2000 is fast approaching! The 80th Annual Lancaster County Fireman's Association Convention is coming to Lancaster Township, and the Lancaster Township Fire Department has the honor of hosting it. This event has always brought together fire departments and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel from all over Lancaster County, as well as from neighboring counties and states.

The event will begin Friday night, June 2, with a memorial service at Hamilton Park United Church of Christ to honor the fallen firefighters of the past year. Saturday morning is the delegates' meeting followed by the highlight of the convention: a fantastic parade! This parade displays all of the departments, companies, EMS, and various other fire organizations. Each entrant will be showing off its apparatus and equipment and competing for honors in many classifications.

To help defray the costs of this important event, the Lancaster Township Fire Department has commissioned *Our Hometown* collectibles. These hand-painted wooden replicas of the North and South Fire Stations make great gifts. The cost is \$15 each or \$25 for a set of two. They are available for purchase at the Township



▲ Picture these wonderful handpainted replicas of the Lancaster Township fire stations on display in your home.

office or by contacting committee members Marie or Lou Kosmela (293-8973), James or Vicki Roop (397-0547), Edward Slaymaker (299-2986), Glenn Usdin (299-3112), Richard Walker (390-7290), Timothy Zimmerman (687-3942), or Ron or Sally Comfort (299-1177).

The Lancaster Township Fire Department cordially invites all residents to share the fun and excitement on Saturday, June 3 for *Celebration 2000*.■

such repairs do not change the use or alter the exterior dimensions of the building, structure, or sign. If you do need an application for permit, it may be picked up at the Township Office, 1240 Maple Avenue, between 8:00AM and 4:00PM, Monday through Friday. Zoning Permits expire one year from

the date of issuance. However, the Zoning Officer may extend them upon reasonable cause in six-month increments not to exceed one year. Call Debbi or Lynn with any questions or concerns at 291-1213. We are always willing to help you with your planning needs. Please remember that it is the homeowner's responsibility to obtain any necessary permits. Use our Web site (www.twp.lancaster.pa.us) to locate your property on the GIS. You will be able to check zoning districts and review the Township's zoning ordinance as it applies to you.■

From time to time the Board of Supervisors issues permits for canvassing and solicitation in order to keep track of these kinds of activities in the Township. The issuance of a permit, however, is in *not an endorsement or recommendation of the product or service*. Lancaster Township does not sponsor these activities nor should residents feel

A World at the Library

The Lancaster Area Library, first established in 1759 as the Lancaster Library Company, is an invaluable resource in our community. In addition to a wide range of fiction, both standard and large print editions, there are more-than- ample selections of biographies, nonfiction, and periodicals, as well as audio- and videotapes. Various sources of business information are readily accessible and the Internet is available on the public-use computers. If you're looking for something to do with your grandchildren, there is also a wide variety of children's

programs available throughout the year. Individuals interested in historical and genealogical research are regular visitors to the reference desk. Did you know reference information can also be obtained by telephone?

In 1998 the Juliana Bookstore was launched, a project of the Friends of the Library. It sells good-quality used books at greatly reduced prices.

Library cards are free of charge. You may obtain one by presenting identification information at the circulation desk. Visit the library and you'll be able to visit the world!■

Lancaster Area Library Welcomes New Executive Director

James Stetina assumed leadership of the Lancaster Area Library on January 10, 2000. He arrived with excellent credentials and experience. For the past three years, he managed a three-county library system in Mankato, MN. Mr. Stetina earned his Bachelor's degree in history and political science from the Illinois Institute of Technology and his Master's degree in library science from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, IL.

Mr. Stetina came to Lancaster because he "likes change and challenge, and I thought this was a great opportunity, with the restructuring under way." Other reasons are his love of history, which is bountiful in this area. Some of his goals are to increase the materials and technology budgets, meet the needs of a multicultural community with foreign language materials, strengthen ties with local schools and colleges, and serve the business community.

We welcome Mr. Stetina to Lancaster County and wish him great success in his new position.■

Lancaster Township Directory

Lancaster Township Office

1240 Maple Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603
717-291-1213, Fax: 717-291-6818
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-4PM

Maintenance Facility

1357 Meadowcreek Lane 293-1733

- Helen S. Adams**, Elected Supervisor
- Anthony J. Allen**, Elected Supervisor
- Michael F. Pickard**, Elected Supervisor
- William L. Adams**, Township Manager
- J. Robert Eckenrode**, Superintendent of Public Works
- Kelly Hurt**, Administrative Coordinator
- Lynn M. Stauffer**, Director of Planning & Zoning
- Lori K. Jacoby**, Office Administrator
- Debbi Minich**, Planning & Zoning Asst.
- Suzanne B. Teske**, Administrative Assistant
- Deb Jones**, Receptionist

Web Site: www.twp.lancaster.pa.us

District Magistrates:

Mary M. Sponaugle
117-A South West End Ave. 299-7898
Richard W. Musser
301 N. Queen St. 299-7966

Police, Nonemergency 664-1180

Emergency Calls: Fire or Police 911

Lancaster City Water 291-4816

City of Lancaster 291-4837

Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority 291-4805

Lancaster Area Sewer Authority 299-4843

Tax Collections:

Township/County 299-8222
Occupational (800) 360-8989
School 291-6134

Sewage Enforcement Officer: Dale L. High 768-3119

State Dog Warden: Bill Birmingham 445-9155

Emergency Management Coordinator: Michael F. Pickard.... 293-4717

Lancaster Recreation Commission 392-2115

Clip & Save ✂

▶ Did you know RRTA bus routes and schedules are available in the Township office?



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.

All About Parking Violations

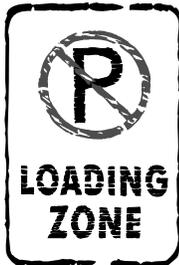
by Officer Jeffrey Krause

Did you know there are 16 different parking violations? Surprised? Well, it's true. Here in Lancaster Township 16 parking violations are enforced through tickets, and other violations not listed on a parking ticket can be enforced through the Vehicle Code.

The police officers and enforcement personnel carry two styles of tickets. One is the handwritten type with the manila-colored hard copy being placed on the vehicle. The second is the hand-held computer-generated style. In Lancaster Township the computer-generated ticket has the Township logo superimposed in green on it.

All Township violations must be paid at the Township Office, 1240 Maple Ave. The following is a list of the most common violations and a brief description of each:

(P) No Parking, Loading Zone. These areas, which must be properly posted, are for loading and unloading at a particular place of business. The designated loading zone allows the operator of a vehicle to remain in the location for approximately 20 minutes. It is not a private parking area for the business owner.



(P) Meter Violation. Lancaster Township has no metered parking, but there are plenty of parking meters within Lancaster City limits. If a meter is found to have a red flag showing, the enforcement personnel will issue a parking ticket.

Note: Handicapped status will give you an extra hour at the meter. The operator must pay the meter initially but enforcement personnel finding the meter expired will mark the tire and return one hour later. A handicap placard or registration plate must be displayed on the vehicle.



(P) Street Cleaning. Streets in the Township are posted for days of the week on which street cleaning will occur. All street cleaning is posted for a specific time period. Technically, the street should remain free of parking for the entire posted time. It has been the practice of the police and enforcement personnel not to ticket a vehicle unless the cleaning equipment is observed going around a vehicle.

(P) Parking Left Side. This violation occurs when a vehicle is parked against the flow of traffic. The operator side of the vehicle is against the curb or side of the street. This does not apply to one-way streets.

(P) Parking more than 12 inches from curb. Failing to observe the proper distance from the curb can create a hazard for traffic by encroaching on the traffic lane, so it's a violation.

(P) No Parking Bus Stop. This applies to areas properly posted as a Bus Stop. Usually a sign will be placed near an intersection with an arrow pointing to the intersection. This means that the area between the sign and the corner is the Bus Stop.



(P) No Parking-Stopping Permitted. This violation is most commonly issued when a vehicle is parked in an area that has been posted "No Parking." The signs use an internationally recognized symbol for No Parking: a P in a red circle with a slash mark going through the circle. Normally when two or more signs are in place there will be arrows pointing from one sign to the other sign. These arrows designate the area between the signs as the restricted area.

(P) No Parking, Fire Lane. These areas are most commonly found at places of business and shopping centers and must be properly posted. These areas are not loading zones. They are to remain clear at all times. There is nothing in the ordinance that provides for any exceptions to the use of the fire lane.



(P) No Parking, Handicap Zone. These areas are posted with an internationally recognized symbol, a blue wheelchair. In order to park in a handicap space the vehicle must display the official handicap placard from the rear-view mirror or have a valid handicap registration plate displayed on the rear of the vehicle. Handicap spaces are usually found in large parking areas that provide for wheelchair lift-equipped vehicles. There is a \$50.00 fine for violating this section.



If you have any questions regarding the above violations or one that is not listed, please feel free to contact the Patrol Services Section of the Police Bureau at 291-4920 or 291-4921. ■

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 Lancaster Township Fire Department
 Ron Nolt (East End)
 Lafayette Fire Company

Emergency Management Coordinator

Michael F. Pickard

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

**Board of Supervisors:
 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Planning Commission:
 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Building Code Board of Appeals:
 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoning Hearing Board:
 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

All meetings are held at the Township Office, 1240 Maple Avenue.

Community Get-Togethers

These informal sessions focus on particular neighborhoods and areas in the Township. All residents are invited to attend any of these neighborhood meetings, but the focus of each meeting will be on that particular neighborhood in which the meeting is held.

The next Get-Together will be held at Hamilton Arms, 336 S. West End Avenue on May 22, 2000 at 7:00PM. Please join us! ■

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