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2004 Budget

BALANCING SPENDING AND REVENUE

A Township of the Second Class in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a legal responsibility to adopt a balanced spending plan. A balanced spending plan is one in which the proposed revenue meets or exceeds the proposed expenditures. The Commonwealth code that governs Townships of the Second Class allows for adequate millage levies to balance a budget.

The 2004 Lancaster Township budget consists of four separate funds. The *General Fund* serves as the primary operating fund and receives the bulk of its revenues from state and local taxes. The *Parks and Open Space Fund* is used to pay for supplies and services to maintain the public parks within Lancaster Township. The *Capital Reserve Fund*

is a multi-year planning fund for capital improvements. The *Highway Aid Fund* receives its revenue from the State's Liquid Fuels Allocation. Only expenditures approved by the PA Department of Transportation are reimbursable.

During the fall of each year, the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors and staff spend many hours poring over budget projections for the year to come. Since the Township experienced another year with a weak economy, a spending plan had to be reasonable but frugal. Department heads

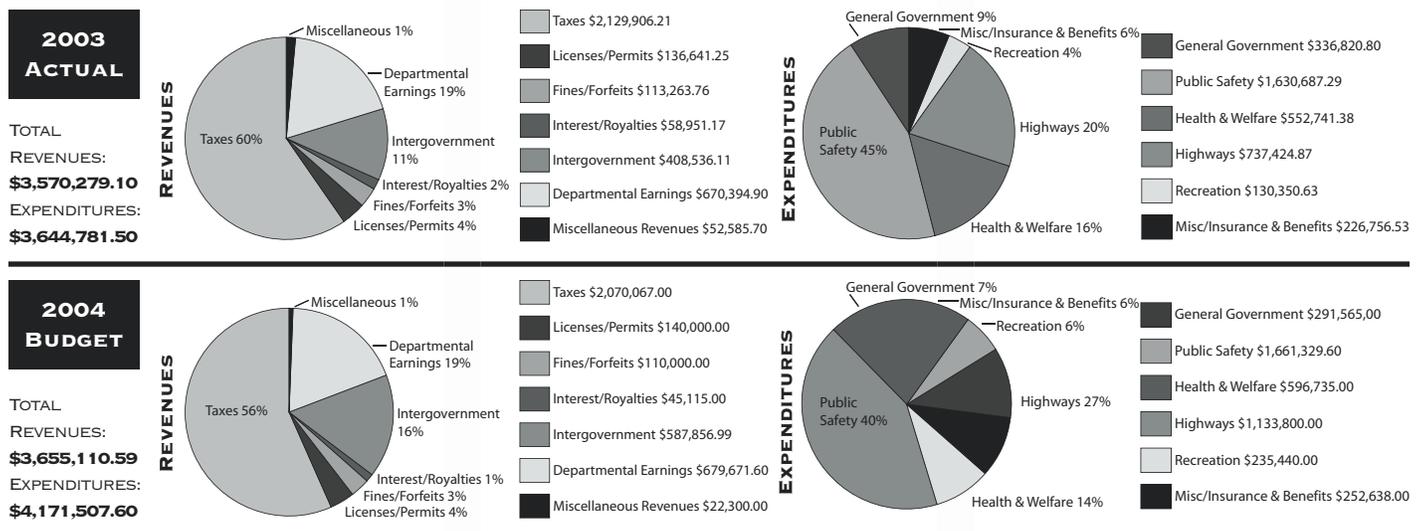
were asked to minimize costs where possible.

The proposed draft budget included the following cuts: the police sergeant's position was reduced to half time; employee wages/benefits were reduced;

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New Refuse/Recycling Rate Begins April 1

The next refuse/recycling bills will be mailed April 1, 2004. With passage of the 2004 budget, the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors determined that a fee increase was necessary to cover the higher costs of operating the refuse and recycling program. The new fees are \$136 per year, or \$68 per billing cycle, for a regular account. The new senior citizen rates are \$122.40 per year, or \$61.20 per billing cycle. If you are 60 years of age or older and wish to obtain the senior citizen discount on your trash bill, please call the Township office (291-1213) for details. ■



► Dates to Remember:

- MARCH 29 – APRIL 8 – SPECIAL SPRING LEAF PICKUP**
- APRIL 13 – STREET SWEEPING BEGINS**
- APRIL 27 PRIMARY ELECTIONS – IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO VOTE!**
- MAY 3 – COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER, 7PM**
- JUNE 7 – COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER, 7PM**

► Office Closings:

- APRIL 9 – GOOD FRIDAY**
- MAY 31 – MEMORIAL DAY**
- JULY 5 – INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- SEPTEMBER 6 – LABOR DAY**

► Do You Know?

- ▶ Hazardous items in the public right-of-way (ROW) are the sole responsibility of the property owner. If anyone (especially a child) is injured by falling on/over or running into a stake, rock or other item placed in the ROW, the homeowner bears the liability and may even be sued by the injured party. Take a look at the ROW along your property and make it safer for everyone.
- ▶ 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.

SPRING MASTER PLANNER COURSE

The County's next Master Planner Course is scheduled to begin Thursday, May 6, 2004 and will extend for seven consecutive Thursday evenings. The only exception is Thursday, May 27, 2004, which is an all-day bus trip to visit the Kentlands, Gaithersburg, Maryland. No tax dollars are involved; there is a registration fee of \$250 to cover the costs of the course.

The Lancaster County Planning Commission Master Planner Course is a component of the overall effort to implement county and municipal land use plans. It presents an excellent opportunity for the planning education of municipal officials, realtors, builders and developers, bankers, business leaders, and the general public. More than 200 people have graduated since the course began in 1995. The Master Planner Course addresses the full range of land use planning issues and its impact in municipal, county, and state governments. It is a high-quality program with manuals, illustrated materials, guest speakers, group assignments, and an independent study. The course spurs the sharing of experiences and recognition of problems and solutions. It is a stimulus for increased awareness among community leaders of values gained from smart land use planning. The effectiveness of this course is measured by the implementation of the many independent studies produced by the students of the Master Planner Course.

In an effort to encourage Lancaster Township residents to become more conversant with smart land use planning, the Board of Supervisors is offering scholarships to defray the cost of the course. Successful completion of course requirements must be demonstrated prior to reimbursement. Monies for the scholarship are donated by Township individuals and businesses that wish to encourage knowledgeable public service. For more information on the course, visit www.co.lancaster.pa.us/planning ■

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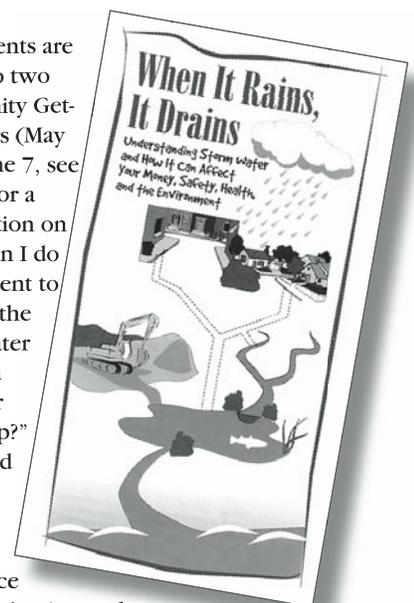
contributions to other agencies were reduced; publication of the Township newsletter was reduced to two issues per year; and two personnel positions that became vacant in 2003 were eliminated. At a December hearing on the draft budget, there were concerns from residents, and a petition was presented to maintain full funding for the police sergeant's position. After further consideration, the Board of Supervisors amended the proposed budget to include full funding of the sergeant's position for 2004.

On December 8, 2003, the 2004 Budget was adopted with no tax increase. It wasn't easy, but it was accomplished! The tax rate remains at 0.7 mills. This means a homeowner with a house assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$70 in taxes. ■

Township to Implement Storm Water Management Mandate

During 2003, the Township geared up to carry out the mandate of the PA Department of Environmental Protection's new storm water management strategy. Distribution of the brochure "When It Rains, It Drains" to residents and contractors will begin in 2004. The Township will focus this year on the educational element of the storm water strategy (MS4). Also required by DEP is the adoption of an ordinance to ensure proper administration of the mandated steps.

Residents are invited to two Community Get-Togethers (May 3 and June 7, see page 8) for a presentation on "What can I do as a resident to improve the storm water quality in Lancaster Township?" The Board looks forward to your attendance and participation at the annual Get-Togethers. ■



Spring Leaf Pickup

BECAUSE LAST YEAR'S SPECIAL SPRING LEAF PICKUP WAS SUCH A SUCCESS, IT WAS DECIDED TO DO THE SAME THING THIS YEAR. THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD OF TIME SET FOR THIS ADDITIONAL SERVICE IS **MARCH 29 THROUGH APRIL 8**. JUST AS IN THE FALL OF EACH YEAR, RESIDENTS MAY RAKE THEIR LEAVES (ONLY LEAVES) TO THE EDGE OF THE ROADWAY. PLEASE DO NOT PUT OTHER MATERIALS IN WITH THE LEAVES. OTHER DEBRIS CAN DAMAGE THE TOWNSHIP'S LEAF PICKUP EQUIPMENT. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET STARTED ON THE SPRING AND SUMMER GARDENING! DON'T FORGET, BAGGED LEAVES, WOODY MATERIALS, AND OTHER YARD WASTE MAY BE TAKEN TO THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AFTER CALLING 293-1733 FOR AN APPOINTMENT. ■

Remember: No more magazines

MAGAZINES ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE RECYCLING PROGRAM. DO NOT PLACE THEM WITH NEWSPAPERS. INCLUDE MAGAZINES WITH YOUR REGULAR TRASH. BETTER YET, DONATE THEM TO AN AGENCY FOR THEIR WAITING ROOM OR CLIENT USE. ■

THREE OPTIONS FOR YARD WASTE

It's that time of year when residents should recycle yard waste. You may remember that the Township has implemented new procedures for yard waste collection and recycling. Here's a recap of the program to refresh memories and answer questions.

Yard waste in Lancaster Township is defined as grass, leaves, sod, weeds, brush, shrubbery trimmings, and tree limbs less than two inches in diameter and no more than four feet in length.

Three Options

Option 1 (Preferred): Compost yard waste on-site so that it can be used to fortify the soil in your flowerbeds, or use a mulching blade when cutting grass, so clippings can nourish the lawn.

Option 2: Use free biodegradable bags, provided by the Township, for soft yard waste. Bundle sticks and twigs (maximum diameter of two inches, no longer than four feet). Bags and bundles are collected every other week on your regular refuse/recycling day.

Option 3: Take yard waste directly to the Lancaster Township Maintenance Facility, 1357 Meadowcreek Lane. This option is available year round **by appointment only**. You must call 293-1733 to set up an appointment for drop-off. ■

Recyclable Yard Waste Collection will be on your **regular trash day** during the weeks of:

- April 5 & 19
- May 3, 17 & 31
- June 14 & 28
- July 12 & 26
- August 9 & 23
- September 6 & 20
- October 4

**Biodegradable bags available March 15, 2004.
Collection of biodegradable bags begins April 5, 2004.**

2004 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

Memorial Day, May 31—Entire Township moves collection day forward to the next day. Monday collection moves to Tuesday, Tuesday to Wednesday, Wednesday to Thursday, and Thursday to Friday.

Independence Day, July 4—No Changes

Labor Day, September 6—Entire Township moves collection day forward to the next day.

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

Week before Christmas Day (Saturday)—No Changes

Week before New Year's Day (Saturday)—No Changes

Remember, the limit is three (3) bags or containers (weighing less than 30 pounds each) per week, including holidays. Plan ahead for extra trash by purchasing 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. ■

Large Appliance and Tire Collection

Large appliance and tire pickup will be held the week of May 17, 2004 on your regular collection day: May 17 (Monday), May 18 (Tuesday), May 19 (Wednesday), or May 20 (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.



If you already have tags, please notify the Township office of the item(s) 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. ■



Help Keep Lancaster Township Clean

We've had a windy winter and we're expecting a windy spring. Nobody likes to find someone else's trash in his or her yard and neighborhood. You can help the Township and your neighborhood to stay clean by taking the time to follow a few simple steps:

- Tie trash bags securely closed.
- Place lids tightly on trash cans.
- During inclement weather, please *do not* place newspapers out for collection—save them for the next week. ■

CLIP & SAVE

Planning & Zoning: Installing a Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, or Spa?

Swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas have become quite popular in homes. For your safety, building and zoning permits are required *prior* to construction and installation of pools, spas, and hot tubs.

By definition, a swimming pool is a structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep. This includes any in-ground or above-ground pool, hot tub, or spa.

Permit applications for swimming pools must include a plot plan, complete construction drawings and specifications, along with fence and gate information. Permit applications for hot tubs and spas must include a plot plan, the manufacturer's information, installation instructions, and information on lockable covers. Securing the structure is a most important aspect of the installation process. Additionally, swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas must conform to the Lancaster Township Zoning Ordinance (1999) relative to setback, lot area coverage, and fences.

Once installed, a Township inspector must examine all work prior to use. The inspection ensures the installation was done in accordance with adopted minimum code standards and the manufacturer's installation instruction.

Lancaster Township currently uses the 1995 CABO One & Two Family Dwelling Code and the 1996 National Electrical Code as the code standard for construction/installation. In the future, the Township will adopt the International Building Code 2003, which complies with the statewide building code.

If there are questions concerning the permitting process, please contact Lynn Stauffer or Marti Heim, 291-1213, in the Planning & Zoning Department. You may also access information on the Township's

website at www.twp.lancaster.pa.us

Breathing Easy

There are several ways in which pollutants enter the environment and make a home uncomfortable and unhealthy for its occupants. One of the most common problems is inadequate ventilation, which often results in poor air quality.

Bad ventilation may be due to a combination of things. New houses are insulated and sealed so well that no fresh air can enter. Moisture can build up, resulting in a perfect breeding ground for mold.

Some types of building materials emit vapors that are harmful to many people. This type of condition eventually makes a house *sick*. Symptoms in people may develop because the house literally cannot breathe and pollutants become trapped inside. Pollutants are more abundant in the winter months when fresh airflow is reduced. Common sources of pollution in the home are carpets, furnaces, fireplaces, pressed wood cabinets, and excessive moisture.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) consist of a range of chemicals that are released into the air over time. Often described as a *new smell*, VOCs can be harmful. Short-term exposures to carpet, paint, or fabrics can cause headaches and nausea, as well as irritated eyes, throat, and nose.

Here are some simple, cost-effective solutions for reducing or eliminating many pollutants:

- Repair cracks in basement/foundation.
- Run bathroom vent fan when showering to discourage mold growth.
- Clean humidifier and air conditioning unit drain pans.
- Air out new carpet or drapes before bringing inside.
- Keep gutters clear to avoid moisture penetration.
- Use sealed combustion units on furnace and hot water heater.
- Regularly clean and tune all fuel-burning appliances/fireplaces.■

Public Works: Street Sweeping to Begin

As spring arrives, so does Township street sweeping. Beginning Tuesday, April 13, you will be required to move your vehicles off the street for the sweeper to pass through. Please read the signs posted in your neighborhood and become familiar with the no-parking days and times. Streets without signs will be swept on an as-needed basis.

During the first two weeks only warnings will be issued to unmoved vehicles. Beginning Tuesday, April 27, however, **citations will be issued** to vehicles that remain on the street during the posted hours.

Road Paving Projects

In keeping with Lancaster Township's philosophy of maintaining roadways, thereby preventing costlier repairs, it is anticipated that the following roadways will be paved in mid-summer:

- North President Avenue (from Marietta Avenue to Valley Road)
- Elm Avenue (Abbeyville Road to Spencer Avenue)
- Bean Hill Road (from Second Lock Road to C.B. Tool driveway)
- South West End Avenue (Elm Avenue to Millersville Pike/Manor Street)

Residents of these streets will be advised prior to paving.

Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and curbs that adjoin their property. This would be a good time for residents affected by street paving to take a look at their curbs and sidewalks. Making repairs **before** paving begins is the most sensible



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WHEN ROAD CREWS ARE WORKING, THE STREET IS OUT OF COMMISSION.

School District of Lancaster

SDL Board Meetings, 7PM in J.P. McCaskey High School Concert Hall:

March 16	July 20
April 20	August 17
May 18	September 21
June 15	

Together We Can!! ■

approach. Neighbors may wish to join together and hire one contractor to do several jobs at the same time, saving on costs. Please inspect your sidewalks and curbs prior to street paving.

School Lane Hills Storm Water Improvement Project

Lancaster Township will undertake a storm water management project in School Lane Hills. Street flooding in the area has been an ongoing concern with every rainfall. There are three main components to the project.

1. Hillcrest Road at North School Lane: corrective action will help to prevent ponding at this intersection.
2. Wilson Drive from Hillcrest Road to Valley Road: storm water inlets and piping will be installed in the roadway on the East Side of Wilson Drive. Digging may disturb portions of lawn within the Township's right-of-way.
3. Hamilton Road near Valley Road: the storm water conveyance ditch will be improved and upgraded.

These improvements should help to ameliorate longstanding problems with the storm water conveyance system in this area of the Township. Resident patience and understanding during the construction period will be greatly appreciated.

Your Responsibility

Please remember, 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.**

Eagle Eyes

The Public Works Department asks for resident assistance. Please report any bent,

broken, faded, or missing signs by calling 293-1733 or 291-1213. Also, please report any hazardous road conditions you may have seen. With 45 miles of Township roadways to care for, it is very difficult for the road crew to find every problem, every time. Be an "eagle eye" and report problems to the Township.



CAN YOU FIND THE STOP SIGN IN THIS PICTURE?

Cheap Firewood

Lancaster Township has several parks with wooded areas in need of being cleared out. We are looking for volunteers handy with a saw and ax who would be willing to remove fallen trees from these wooded areas. The resident removing the wood gets to keep it for use in his/her fireplace or wood stove. There is one catch: you must be authorized by Rob Eckenrode, Superintendent of Public Works, and you must sign a release/hold harmless statement. Only a few people will be allowed to perform this function. We will authorize people on a first-come, first-served basis. So please call Rob at 293-1733 if you're interested in volunteering. ■

LRC Previews Spring and Summer Offerings

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 in the mail. All residents are entitled to participate in classes at reduced rates so don't toss it; read it!

- **Spring Egg Hunt**, April 3, 11AM at Lancaster County Park. Rain date: Sunday, April 4, 1:30PM. This event is made possible by generous donations from Ganse Apothecary and Lancaster

City Employees Union.

- **Spring Coloring Contest**, February 20 through March 19. A coloring sheet will be distributed through schools, can be picked up at the LRC, or downloaded from www.LancasterRec.org. First, second, and third place prizes are awarded at each grade level. This event is made possible by the generous donations of Ganse Apothecary and the Lancaster City Employees Union.
- **Camp Optimist** begins the week of June 7. "Bringing children and nature together for summer fun." A fee of \$80 per week includes, breakfast, lunch, transportation from five locations, most field trips, and a Camp Optimist T-shirt. Children will enjoy swimming, canoeing, archery, daily nature adventure activities, and organized games.
- **Senior Games**, June 7-11, are open to everyone 55 and older. Events include foul shooting, soccer penalty kicks, homerun derby, darts, checkers, bocce, line dancing, dominoes, softball throw, football throw, hotshot basketball, frisbee throw, swimming, walking, running, team volleyball, shuffleboard, badminton, tennis, golf, and weightlifting. The \$2 entry fee includes a T-shirt, participation in as many or as few events as you wish, and a couple of free lunches. Visit www.LancSeniorGames.org or call 392-2115, ext. 128.
- **Youth Sports and Classes**: golf, swimming, tennis, football, cheerleading, track and field, field hockey, music lessons, basketball, summer playgrounds, and free summer sports camps. Tap, ballet, and jazz begin the first week of September.
- **Adult Sports and Classes** include softball, volleyball, basketball, tennis, yoga, salsa, swing dance, line dancing, and various aerobics classes.
- **Conestoga Pines Pool Pass**: purchase early at the LRC, 525 Fairview Avenue, and save money!
- **Summer Family Film Series**: Wednesday evenings at dusk at Buchanan Park. Bring your blanket and sit out under the stars with the whole family as you enjoy the featured film. Call or check the website for dates and films.
- **Giant Yard Sale**: Call for information. Call the LRC at 392-2115 or check www.LancasterRec.org for more information on classes, delays, or cancellations. ■

Lancaster Township Historical Commission

SOME PROMINENT RESIDENTS OF LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

by Jack W. W. Loose

Although Lancaster Township is one of the smaller townships in Lancaster County, its position adjacent to Lancaster City enabled it to become the “country home” to some of the city’s wealthier citizens. Among these were James Buchanan, the Hager family, Rev. Dr. John Williamson Nevin, the Bausman family, and S. S. Spencer. The Hon. Langdon Cheves occupied Abbeville in the 1830s. Dr. Nevin, noted theologian and author of the Mercersburg Theology, was president of Franklin and Marshall College. Sheldon S. Spencer was superintendent of the Conestoga Cotton Mills #2 and #3. Some major merchants, Christopher Hager, Peter Watt, and Henry S. Williamson, built their homes in the Township.

Several pioneer landowners, such as Philip Bausman, Michael Huver (Huber, Hoover), and the Herrs established families here and left their marks on the community. Rudolf Herr operated a large ice plant and ponds along Columbia Turnpike at Abbeville. John Hershey operated a large farm, distillery, and icehouse on a tract that now holds Hershey Avenue and Hershey Heritage Village. Among the large pioneer landowners were the Shanks, Shenks, Herrs, Brubakers, and the Hersheys. On the East Side of the Township, major landholders were the Clark, Ranck, Landis, and Rohrer families. David Potts operated a hotel at the Conestoga River and the Rancks had a very large gristmill a short distance north of the Potts’ Hotel. Later in the nineteenth century, the German immigrant and brewer, Lorenz Knapp, built a large hotel called Knapp’s Villa. To the rear of the Villa was a woodland, part of which was a picnic resort and shooting range called Tell’s Hain.

Although a watchmaking factory had been built along Columbia Avenue as early as 1875, the Hamilton Watch Co. is the one that succeeded after being established in 1892. One of its chief supporters was Charles A. Bitner, who developed the earliest residential section, called Bitnerville, later renamed “Watch.” As the company prospered, Colonial Heights, later called Hamilton Park, was developed.

It should be noted that Lancaster Township residents Peter Watt and H. S. Williamson were major stockholders in the successful company.

In 1845 an unidentified entrepreneur published a list of the “wealthiest” residents who were worth more than \$15,000. Those on the list and living in Lancaster Township in 1845 were: Thomas Potter, \$100,000; John Bausman, \$50,000; The Rev. John Shank (Conestoga House), \$50,000; Bernard Flynn, \$35,000; Christopher Brenner, \$35,000; John Baker, \$35,000; Bernard McGrann, \$30,000; Samuel Miller (owner of Rockland Cotton Mill at the foot of South Duke Street), \$20,000; and David Seitz, \$20,000.■

Firefighters Double as Elves

In mid-December, members of the Lafayette Fire Company had the pleasure of becoming elves for Ole St. Nick. The Jolly Old Elf and his band of merry-makers traveled over the river and through the woods to areas of the east side of Lancaster Township. Santa and his elves spread wishes of joyous cheer and treats for all good boys and girls (a few older boys and girls got in on the fun too!). Holiday music played while they handed out clementine oranges, candy canes, and even dog treats for furry friends. Residents were delighted with the unexpected surprise and had a great time meeting members of the Lafayette Fire Company. Look for Santa and his elves to make another trip this coming December.

Don’t forget ... Lafayette Fire Company serves the east side of the Township. Please remember them with a donation during its annual fund drive.■

Hamilton Park Playground Association

2004 Events:

- April 10** – Easter Egg Hunt, 1PM
- May 15** – Annual Yard Sale, 7AM-Noon
- July 18** – Puppets in the Park, 5PM
- August 1** – Worship in the Park, 9:30AM (non-denominational)
- August 8** – Corn Roast & Family Fun Night, 4PM-8PM

A special thank-you to all of our neighbors and friends who supported the Hamilton Park Playground Association last year with donations, volunteer hours, and participation in our events.

Preliminary plans are being made for two fundraisers: a sub sale in March/April and a chicken barbecue in the fall.

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 gracious in helping with maintenance, but it is still a private park that needs 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.■



LAFAYETTE MEMBERS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER. WHO’S DRIVING?

Lancaster Township Police

MEET YOUR SERGEANT

Sergeant Charles E. Schmidt was assigned to Lancaster Township in mid-September 2003. Sgt. Schmidt, an 18-year veteran, joined the Lancaster City Bureau of Police in May of 1986. He graduated from Upper Moreland High School, Willow Grove, PA, in 1980 and from York College of Pennsylvania in 1984 with a BS in Criminal Justice.



SGT. CHARLES E. SCHMIDT

After graduation, Sgt. Schmidt was hired by the Manheim Borough Police Department. During his tenure with them, he attended the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, Municipal Police Officers Training.

Sgt. Schmidt was with the Criminal Investigative Division of the Lancaster Bureau of Police for eleven years. He was also assigned to the very first Lancaster County Investigative Grand Jury, which investigated several unsolved homicides and cases. Having been trained in crime scene investigations, Sgt. Schmidt worked to obtain the Police Bureau's first Mobile Forensic Unit. In addition to working on numerous homicide cases within Lancaster City, he has spent hours assisting other police agencies in the County. Sgt. Schmidt was promoted to his current rank in March 2001 and assigned to the uniformed patrol division.

Sgt. Schmidt will blend his criminal investigative and problem-solving abilities and put them to good use in performing his duties of supervising the Lancaster Township police officers. He very much looks forward to building relationships with Township residents and maintaining a safe environment for all residents.

Sgt. Schmidt is married with two children. He enjoys traveling to the beaches of Maryland with his family and an occasional trip to Las Vegas. ■

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.

Project Childsafe

The Lancaster City Bureau of Police has been participating in "Project Childsafe," a national initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Justice and the firearms industry to protect our youth by distributing gunlocks free of charge. These gunlocks are being made available weekdays from 8am until 4pm at the Lancaster Township Office, 1240 Maple Avenue. The locks are available to all residents on a first-come, first-served basis. You may have up to six locks. If you need more than six locks, please ask for Sgt. Schmidt, who will assist you with obtaining extras.



The locks are a cable-style gunlock that will fit most types of handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The gunlock kit contains two keys and a safety booklet. Everyone with firearms in their residence(s) is urged to take advantage of this offer. Think about your family and others who may come in contact with firearms. Keep your loved ones safe and prevent accidental or unauthorized discharges of your firearms. ■

Lancaster Township

Municipal Office

Phone: 717-291-1213 Fax: 717-291-6818

Maintenance Facility: 717-293-1733

Monday-Friday: 8AM-4PM

- Helen S. Adams..... Elected Supervisor**
- Anthony J. Allen..... Elected Supervisor**
- Thomas H. Schaller..... Elected Supervisor**
- David L. Clouser Township Manager**
- J. Robert Eckenrode..... Superintendent of Public Works**
- Earl A. Groff..... Road Foreman**
- Marti Heim..... Planning & Zoning Assistant**
- Stacy Honer Administrative Coordinator**
- Lori K. Jacoby Office Administrator**
- Faith Kelsey Receptionist**
- Lynn M. Stauffer..... Director of Planning & Zoning**
- Suzanne B. Teske..... Administrative Assistant**
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