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2005 Budget

SUPERVISORS ADOPT FRUGAL BUDGET

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 2005 Budget on December 13, 2004. By holding the line on budgeted expenses, the Supervisors were able to avoid raising the local real estate taxes. Although the Township real estate tax millage was lowered from .7 mills to .6 mills, the actual amount most homeowners pay remains approximately the same as in 2004. This is due to the recent countywide reassessment,

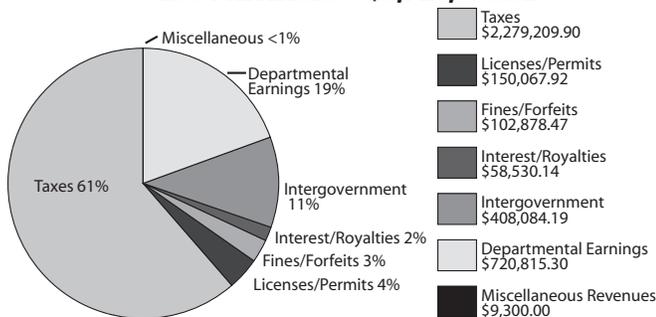
which increased the valuation on most properties.

The 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, as well as departmental earnings. The General Fund is used to pay for the majority of services and expenses incurred by the Township. The Highway Fund receives its revenue from the State's Liquid Fuels Allocation. Only expenses

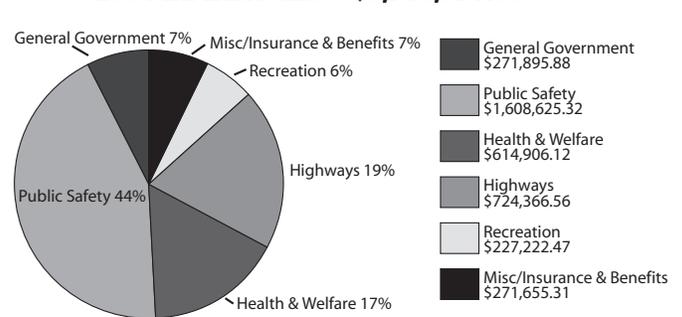
approved by PennDOT may be paid out of this fund. The Parks and Open Space Fund is used to pay for supplies and services to maintain the public parks within Lancaster Township. Lastly is the Capital Reserve Fund. It is a multi-year planning fund for capital improvements and planned projects such as reconstruction and/or repairs to roadways and intersections, storm water systems and infrastructures, parks, public safety projects, and major equipment purchases. ■

2004 ACTUAL BUDGET

2004 REVENUES – \$3,728,885.92

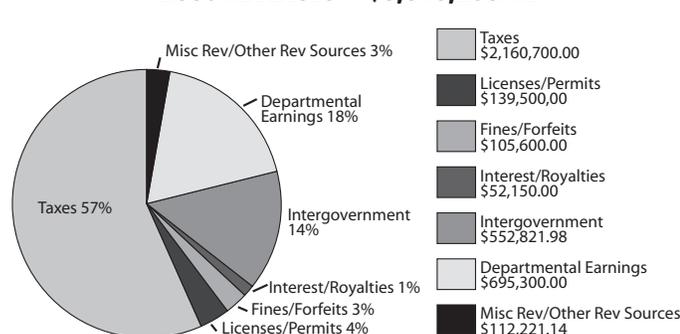


2004 EXPENDITURES – \$3,718,671.66

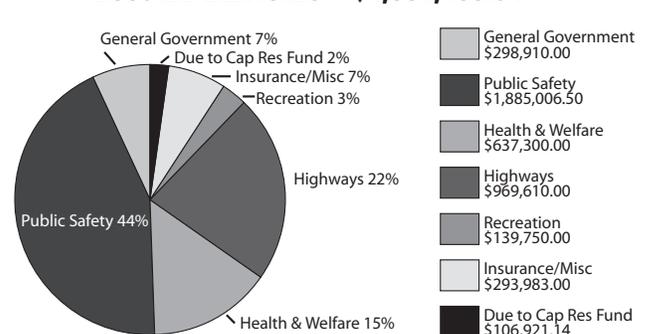


2005 BUDGET

2005 REVENUES – \$3,818,293.12



2005 EXPENDITURES – \$4,331,480.64



► Dates to Remember:

APRIL 11-22 – SPECIAL SPRING LEAF PICKUP

APRIL 12 – STREET SWEEPING BEGINS

MAY 2 – COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER

MAY 17 – PRIMARY ELECTIONS
Go to the polls and take a neighbor; every vote is important!

► Office Closings:

MARCH 25 – GOOD FRIDAY

MAY 30 – MEMORIAL DAY

JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

SEPTEMBER 5 – LABOR DAY

Did You Know?

- 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.



- The average person makes about 1,140 phone calls per year.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY?

A quiz by the Lancaster Township Historical Commission

1. What and where is the oldest building in Lancaster Township?
2. What immigrant group was responsible for the first settlements?
3. How many houses had been built in Lancaster Township by 1815?
4. Why is the Township spread around disconnected areas on the west, south, and east sides of Lancaster City?

See answers below.

Meet the New Staff Member



Lancaster Township is pleased to announce that Joanne Yost has joined the staff as Office Assistant. Joanne will coordinate the Township's recycling program, assist in the Financial Department, and oversee the Maple Grove Community Building activities. She comes to the Township with good experience in billing and accounts receivable.

Joanne was raised in St. Mary's, PA and has been a Lancaster County resident for twenty years. She lives in Maytown with her husband, Randall, and two daughters, April and Taylor.

For relaxation, Joanne enjoys reading, doing puzzles, and camping, but most of all, she enjoys spending time with her family. ■

U.S. Census Bureau Expands Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau began expanding the American Community Survey (ACS) throughout the nation in December 2004. This survey allows the Census Bureau to conduct a short form-only census in 2010 and provide socio-economic information every year, rather than just once a decade. Each month, a sample of different households in this area will receive the ACS questionnaire to complete and return by mail. Response to the ACS survey is mandatory. Please, upon receipt of the questionnaire, complete and return it as soon as possible.

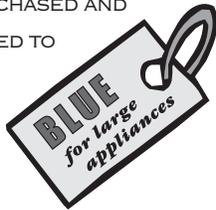
The Census Bureau is also recruiting part-time workers to conduct interviews with those households that do not complete the form. Interested persons can call the Census Bureau at 1-800-262-4236, extension 1. ■

ANSWERS TO HISTORY QUIZ

1. Abraham Herr House, 25 Bentley Lane, circa 1720s
2. German-Swiss Mennonites established farmsteads by 1717 to 1730 and were responsible for the Germanic building style
3. 50 houses: 20 wood, 18 stone, 8 brick, and 4 combination materials
4. Two square miles were cut out of Lancaster Township to create the county seat and Lancaster City

Large Appliance & Tire Collection

LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE PICKUP WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF **MAY 9-12, 2005** ON YOUR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY: **MAY 9 (MONDAY), MAY 10 (TUESDAY), MAY 11 (WEDNESDAY), OR MAY 12 (THURSDAY)**. THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED. A \$12 BLUE TAG MUST BE PURCHASED AND ATTACHED TO EACH



APPLIANCE. A \$1.25 PURPLE TAG MUST BE PURCHASED AND ATTACHED TO EACH TIRE (NO RIMS).



IF YOU ALREADY HAVE TAGS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF THE ITEM(S) TO BE COLLECTED. WE PROVIDE A LIST TO THE HAULER WITH ADDRESSES AND ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED. A SEPARATE TRUCK WILL COLLECT THESE ITEMS AND MAY ARRIVE AT A DIFFERENT TIME THAN THE TRASH TRUCK. PLEASE BE SURE TO PLACE ALL ITEMS AT CURBSIDE THE EVENING PRIOR TO COLLECTION. THE HAULERS WILL NOT COLLECT ITEMS THAT ARE NOT AT CURBSIDE. ■

WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS



In 2003 the PA Department of Environmental Protection mandated storm-water management strategies. Public education is one of the requirements. The average homeowner can easily assist in cleaning up Pennsylvania's streams. Here are a few tips:

- ❶ **Never pour used oil or cleaning supplies into the storm-water system.**
- ❷ **Use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers sparingly and properly.**
- ❸ **Install rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm-water and keep it on your property.**
- ❹ **Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.**
- ❺ **Store materials that could pollute in leak-proof containers and keep them indoors.**
- ❻ **Report poorly managed construction sites.**

Let's clean up America and keep it that way for future generations. ■

All About Yard Waste

Lebanon Farms Disposal, Inc. will begin collecting biobags on April 4 on your regular trash pickup day. Biobags will be available for pickup at the Township office beginning March 21. A resident may take up to five (5) biobags at one time. There is no charge to residents, however, you must sign in with your address. Remember, biobags are for soft yard waste only (grass, leaves, sod, weeds, etc.).

Yard waste is collected **every other week** from April 4 to October 3. Residents may also drop off the material at our maintenance facility, 1357 Meadowcreek Lane, between 3:00PM to 6:00PM, Monday through Thursday, April 4 through November 23. Be sure to have ID showing your address. After you have signed, the attendant will direct you to the location to unload yard waste and woody materials.

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

- April 4 & 18
- May 2, 16 & 30
- June 13 & 27
- July 11 & 25
- August 8 & 22
- September 5 & 19
- October 3



Free Mulch

Two kinds of mulch are available to Township residents free of charge! Leaf mulch is the result of fall leaf collection and is perfect for mixing in with soil to nourish and loosen it. Woody mulch is the product of a grinding process and can be used as dressing around your plants and flowers. Mulch can be picked up between 3:00PM and 6:00PM, Monday through Thursday at the Maintenance Facility, 1357 Meadowcreek Lane. ■

2005 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule



There will be a one-day delay for all trash routes on the

following dates:

- MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30
- INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4
- LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 5
- WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25
- WEEK AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1

Monday's pickup will be Tuesday; Tuesday's pickup is Wednesday; Wednesday's pickup is Thursday; and Thursday's pickup will be on Friday.

- THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 24:

Only the Thursday collection is affected and moved to Friday.



Remember, the limit is three (3) bags or containers (32-gallon size, weighing less than 30 pounds each) per week, including holidays. Amounts over the three-bag/container limit must have a yellow extra service tag attached to each container. Plan ahead for extra trash by purchasing yellow extra service tags (\$6.25/5 tags) at the Township office. Tags can also be purchased by mail by sending a check in an amount to cover the order.

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

Planning & Zoning: Updates in the Subdivision & Land Development Department

Elm Avenue Condos, final Subdivision Plan: This subdivision plan is located along Elm Avenue between Atkins and Rider Avenues. It consists of four lots with a total of 2.44 acres. The property is zoned R-2 Residential. The developer anticipates building three single-family homes and one multi-family unit of nine condos. The Board of Supervisors has not yet granted final plan approval.

1305 Marietta Avenue, Lot Add-On Plan: This lot add-on plan consists of two lots with a total of 5.4713 acres. The owners are requesting the addition of 37,977 square feet of open space to their property.

Hawthorne Ridge, Final Subdivision & Land Development Plan: The project is located at Second Lock Road and New

Danville Pike. The Board of Supervisors has given conditional plan approval. The plan consists of 62 single-family houses, 40 semi-detached units, 170 townhouses, 144 apartments, and 44 commercial units on 85.3 acres. Incorporated in the total acreage will be 13.8 acres of open space. The farmhouse currently on the property will remain and be restored into a community building for residents of the development. This property is zoned R-3 Residential, C-2 Commercial, and O/P Office and Professional.

Southern Village, Phase I, Final Subdivision & Land Development Plan: The development is located south of Wabank Road, across from Quaker Hills. Phase I consists of 86 semi-detached houses to be built on 19.44 acres of the total 97.4 acre site.

Common Complaints

More complaints are received during the warm summer months than during the rest of the year. Some of the more common ones are:

- **Property Maintenance:** high grass, weeds, untrimmed trees/bushes, rubbish and trash, exterior hazards, etc.
- **Zoning:** abandoned vehicles, building projects without permits, property uses not in compliance with zoning, and unregistered home occupations
- **Animals:** pets not confined to the owner's property, animal noise or odor, animals not considered to be domestic pets, and not cleaning up after a pet

When a complaint is verified, the Township must follow legal procedures to resolve the matter. These procedures can sometimes take longer than a resident would like. Please be assured it is the Planning & Zoning Department's intention to resolve all issues by following the proper procedures and in as timely a manner as possible.

It is recommended that neighbors try to resolve problems between them before registering a complaint with the Township. Sometimes just politely bringing a matter to the attention of your neighbor will resolve the concern.

Visit our website at www.twp.lancaster.pa.us for other valuable information. ■

School District of Lancaster

The 64th Annual Burrowes Festival at Burrowes Elementary School, 1001 East Orange Street, runs May 18 through May 21. The hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 6:00 to 9:00PM and Friday and Saturday, 5:00 to 11:00PM. Wednesday and Thursday are Family Nights, when you can go on all of the rides for one discounted price per person. Don't miss the fun: Games, Rides, Face Painting, Entertainment, Food, and a great time for the whole family!



2004-05 Student Calendar:

- March 24, 25 Holiday
 - March 28 Student Day Off, Staff Development (Snow Make-up Day)
 - April 21, 22 Spring Break
 - May 30 Holiday
 - June 8 Tentative Last Student Day
- Snow make-up days beyond March 28 will be added to the end of the school calendar. Call 291-6148 with any questions.

SDL Board Meetings, 7PM in J.P. McCaskey High School Concert Hall (3rd Tuesday of each month):

- March 15, 2005
- April 19, 2005
- May 17, 2005
- June 21, 2005
- July 19, 2005

Additional special meetings will be scheduled as needed. ■

ROADS TO BE PAVED 2005

- **Ranck Avenue** - Orange Street to Walnut Street
- **First Street** - Rider Avenue to South West End Avenue
- **Cottage Avenue** - Orange Street to Jamaica Road
- **Elwood Avenue** - Spencer Avenue to Atkins Avenue
- **Wilderness Road** - Bean Hill Road to Rosewood Drive
- **Rosewood Drive** - Wilderness Road to North Pier Drive
- **Passey Lane** - School House Road to Big Bend Road
- **River Drive** - Marietta Avenue to cul-de-sac

Public Works: Warm-Weather Services

- **Spring Leaf Pickup** will be held for **two weeks only**, from April 11 to April 22 following the fall leaf pickup schedule. This is your chance to rake those late-falling leaves to curbside for collection. Remember, this is for leaves only. Please do not add branches or anything else to the leaves that would clog the equipment.
- **Street Sweeping** begins April 12, 2005 for all signed areas. For the first two weeks, warning tickets will be issued. Beginning the week of April 25, the police will issue parking tickets. Please obey all signs and move vehicles on street sweeping day. Streets without restricted parking signs will be inspected regularly and swept when necessary.
- **Grass Clippings** should not be blown into the street while mowing the yard. Lancaster Township Code prohibits this

practice. It not only looks ugly, but it can clog storm drains. Make your first few passes along the street with the chute pointed towards your property. If grass does end up in the street, be a responsible resident and sweep it up. Remember, the very best fertilizer for a lawn is the cut grass. Use a mulching blade on the lawn mower and let the grass decompose into the soil. It nourishes the soil and helps retain moisture during droughts.

- **Woody Materials Drop-Off** has proven to be a very popular program with residents. The program runs from April 4 through November 23. Woody materials from tree and shrub trimmings can again be taken to our maintenance facility at 1357 Meadowcreek Lane between the hours of 3:00PM and 6:00PM, Monday through Thursday. This effort is a major part of the Township's recycling program. Resident participation is very much encouraged for it is what has made the program so successful. ■

Lancaster Recreation Commission (LRC)

525 Fairview Avenue

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

Upcoming Events

Spring Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 19, 2005, 11 a.m. sharp! (Raindate, Sunday, March 20, 1:30 p.m.) Bring your own basket to search for eggs and win great prizes. Sponsored by Ganse Apothecary and Lancaster City Employees Union Local 11896.

Senior Games: Registration deadline is May 13! The \$4 registration fee allows you to compete in any or all of the activities, free lunches Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and a free participant T-shirt. Events include bocce, checkers, pilates, dominoes, weight-lifting, swimming, team volleyball, softball throw, hotshot basketball, football throw, frisbee throw, walking, yoga, horseshoes, table tennis, line dancing, soccer penalty kick, shuffleboard, tennis, billiards, bowling, pitch 'n' putt, 18-hole and 9-hole golf, longest drive, and a super fun celebration dance ... a whole week of fun and games for JUST \$4.

Youth

Music for tots, preschoolers, and school age children. Classes begin the week of April 11. Children learn about music in this active and fun-filled music program. 40 minutes, once a week for 7 weeks for just \$49.

Swimming lessons for ages 1-12: Classes begin March 15, Tuesday nights or Saturday mornings. \$28.

Kidkrazium, LRC's newest program for children is a high-energy tumbling class for toddlers. Class starts March 19, 11-11:45 a.m. at the LRC Gym. \$35.

Lancaster County Field Hockey for girls in grades 3-6: Saturdays, April 2-May 21. Indoor practice at the LRC Gym with play dates at various locations. \$30 plus a required candy fundraiser.

More LRC events on next page

Lancaster Township Tree Policy

Lancaster Township has updated its policy with regard to trees and shrubs. Please become familiar with the policy as it does affect all property owners.



Street/Alley Tree Policy

1. The individual property owner is responsible for all trees and shrubs along any street or alley, whether in or out of the right-of-way. The property owner is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all trees and shrubs that may be hindering visibility at intersections.
2. The property owner must maintain a minimum distance of 14 feet from the road surface to the bottom of the lowest hanging branch. The property owner is responsible for pruning of trees/bushes that are blocking regulatory signs (i.e. stop signs, speed signs, etc.) or the line of sight at intersections. If the property owner fails to prune trees/bushes, the Township reserves the right to do the necessary pruning at the homeowner's expense.
3. When a tree or tree limb blocks a Township roadway and/or Township alley, every effort will be made by the Public Works Department to open the roadway for the safe passage of vehicles. It is the responsibility of the property owner to clean up any debris after the re-opening of the roadway.
4. If a fallen tree or branch is too large for the Public Works Department to handle, the roadway will be closed and the property owner will have 24 hours within which to contact a tree removal contractor and have the tree removed. If the owner does not comply or cannot be contacted, Lancaster Township has the right to hire a tree removal contractor to perform the work and to invoice the property owner for said services.
5. The Zoning Ordinance of Lancaster Township states: Section 1907, Vision Obstruction, "No building, structure, planting or other obstruction shall be permitted on any corner lot that would obscure sight visibility within the clear sight triangle established by measuring one hundred (100) feet along the centerlines of the intersecting streets at a height of three (3) feet above the street surface."

All questions regarding this tree policy should be directed to the Public Works Superintendent at 293-1733 or Township Manager at 291-1213. ■

Lancaster Baseball and Softball Association Joins Lancaster Recreation Commission

In order to take advantage of the Lancaster Recreation Commission's expertise and infrastructure for managing youth sports, Lancaster Baseball and Softball Association (LBSA) has joined the LRC for the baseball and softball programs. Only the American Legion Lancaster Mustangs remain solely under LBSA. To learn more about the LBSA baseball program for boys 16 and under, as well as all fast pitch softball programs, contact the Lancaster Recreation Commission at 392-2115.

The Lancaster Mustangs qualified for the Legion Playoffs last year for the first time in the Mustangs' history. The team



worked hard and it was a great accomplishment. Though they bowed out early in the playoffs, they expect to make a stronger showing this year. American Legion baseball is available to anyone born after Dec 31, 1985. To play on the Mustangs, you must reside in the School District of Lancaster or be released by your home district. The season consists of 18 games. The program begins after the end of the high school baseball season and lasts into the middle of July. For further information on the Lancaster Mustangs, please call David Anderson (872-5769) or send your name and address to LBSA, PO Box 925, Lancaster, PA 17608-0925. ■

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Baseball and Girls' Fast Pitch Softball: openings available. Call 392-2115, ext.142.

Adult Fitness

Aerobics begins March 14. \$30 once a week, \$45 twice a week Mondays and/or Wednesdays 9-10 a.m.

Fitness in Motion begins March 21. \$50 for 8-week session M-Th 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Pilates begins April 9. \$40 for 5 weeks. Saturdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Yoga begins April 18. \$45 for 5 weeks. Mondays 6:30-8 p.m.

Swing Dancing: Mondays, April 18-May 9, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$30/person

Line Dancing: Tuesdays, April 19-May 24, 10-11 a.m. at LRC Gym. Evening classes Thursdays, May 12-June 16, 7-8 p.m. at LRC Gym. \$35.

Summer Coed Softball League begins April 25. Register your team by March 23. \$235/team plus \$15 a game for umpires. Registration forms can be found at www.LancasterRec.org

Summer Volleyball League at Buchanan Park \$180/team. Register by April 18.

Call 392-2115, ext. 6, or log on to www.LancasterRec.org for more information, rain dates, or cancellations. ■

Lancaster County Library Reduces Hours

Recent budget constraints have forced the library to reduce the number of hours it is open to the public. New hours are as follows:

- **Monday, Tuesday:** 10:00AM to 8:00PM
- **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:** 10:00AM to 5:00PM
- **Saturday:** 10:00AM to 5:00PM, Duke Street only
- **Sunday:** Closed ■

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Lancaster Township resident **David R. Chobanoff**. In 2004, he donated to the City the beautiful Christmas tree that was installed in the center square at the intersection of Queen and King Streets. Every year there is a well-attended annual tree-lighting ceremony. Mr. Chobanoff's generosity provided many residents of Lancaster Township and County with a striking example of what the season is all about. ■

What's What in Lancaster Township?

CHECK WWW.TWP.LANCASTER.PA.US FOR THE INFORMATION YOU NEED

Maple Grove Community Building Can Be Yours



Do you have a special event coming up—a birthday or wedding? Do you need a place to hold your next business meeting? Why not rent the Maple Grove Community Building?

The modern building can accommodate up to 150 people and is conveniently located on Columbia Avenue. A wall of sliding glass doors that overlook a grassy park and the Little Conestoga Creek brightens the large meeting space. There is a restaurant-quality kitchen and large restrooms.

Call Faith Kelsey at 291-1213 for availability, reservations, and information. ■

**Lancaster Township Police:
New Sergeant Takes Over**

Sgt. Maurice M. Williams has assumed responsibility for the Lancaster Township-assigned police officers as of February 14, 2005.

Sgt. Williams, a Pennsylvania native, was graduated from Hazleton High School in 1971. After a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy, he

enrolled at East Stroudsburg State College. In 1978

Sgt. Williams was graduated with a BA in Sociology and Anthropology. While in college

he was a member of the ROTC Battalion. Upon graduation he

was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the U.S. Army. After serving in a variety of assignments over the next ten years, Sgt. Williams left active duty in July 1989. He has been serving as a Rotary Wing Instructor Pilot in the PA Army National Guard at Ft. Indiantown Gap since August 1995.

In May 1990, Sgt. Williams joined the Lancaster Bureau of Police as a Patrolman. He was transferred to the Warrant/Fugitive Unit in 1994, the same year he was selected as Patrolman of the Year. On May 5, 1995, Sgt. Williams was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served as a Patrol Division Street Supervisor until his assignment to Lancaster Township.

Sgt. Williams has also served with the Lancaster City (now Lancaster County) Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) in a number of capacities since 1996. After having served as Team Leader, Entry Team Leader, and Sniper Team Leader, he is currently Deputy Commander of the Team and the primary Sniper and Rifle Instructor.

Sgt. Williams is married with one daughter, who is a high school freshman. When he finds time to relax, Sgt. Williams likes to build furniture in his woodworking shop and to do a little fishing after the weather becomes warmer. ■



▲ **SGT. MAURICE M. WILLIAMS**

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.

Tips for Making Our Community a Safe Place to Live

Theft Prevention

To prevent becoming a victim of theft, make sure your car is locked at all times and never leave your keys in your vehicle. Leaving keys in a vehicle is also against the law in Lancaster Township. Most vehicle thefts occur when keys are left in the ignition or elsewhere in the vehicle. This allows a criminal to steal a car and simply drive away virtually undetected. Unlocked vehicles and vehicles with visible valuables are primary targets for theft. Place all valuables out of sight. This includes purses, stereo systems, compact discs, loose change, sports equipment, and expensive sunglasses. It is best to place these items in the trunk. By locking your vehicle and hiding valuables, you take away the opportunity for a criminal to make you a victim of theft. It is also advised to remove all hidden keys, whether inside or outside of the vehicle.



Home Security

If you're going on vacation or just leaving for a weekend, take precautions. An empty house is a welcome mat for a burglar. Take the following steps to safeguard your home and enjoy your vacation. Have good window and door locks, and always use them! Leave a phone number and address with a neighbor so that you can be reached in case of an emergency. NEVER leave a hidden key outside of your home. Stop all deliveries and/or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers, and packages. Don't forget to arrange for someone to mow your lawn or shovel your snow. Leave lights on using timers and add a radio or television to disguise an empty house. Ask a neighbor to park their car in your driveway, and lock all outside garage doors and sheds. Last, but not least, residents can contact the Lancaster Bureau of Police to notify them of a temporarily empty house. Give them the date you are leaving and when you will return. Patrol officers may have an opportunity to stop and check your home.



Neighborhood Safety

Most complaints are related to traffic safety. Officers spend many hours enforcing stop sign and speed limits issuing over 1200 motor violations a year within Lancaster Township. Citizens can help the police by leaving early enough to arrive at their destination on time, allowing for time to find a parking space, and obeying posted speed limits. Drivers are more likely to exceed the speed limit, fail to stop at a stop sign, or be involved in an accident if they are in a hurry or distracted by a busy schedule. Everyone is just trying to get from one location to another safely, so please, slow down, be aware, and be safe! ■



