

TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZES

On January 7, 2008 the Board of Supervisors held its annual reorganization meeting. Kathy Wasong was elected chair, Tony Allen was elected vice chair, and Tom Schaller was elected treasurer.

Kathy Wasong just completed her second year on the board. She has been very involved with community activities for many years and brings that enthusiasm to township affairs. Kathy is a freelance book indexer who has been a township resident since 1987. She and her husband, Tony, are the parents of an adult son.

Tony Allen is serving his third term as a supervisor and has been actively involved in community affairs for over 25 years. As a former member of the Lancaster Township Planning Commission, Tony brings a wealth of experience to the board. He has been a resident of the eastern section of the township for more than 35 years.

Tom Schaller is beginning his second term on the board of supervisors, having been re-elected in 2007. He also has been quite active in the community. Tom has a deep commitment to the Lancaster Township Fire Department where he has volunteered for more than 44 years. Tom and his wife, Dottie, have four children and eight grandchildren. ■

Tour the East Side on May 18

GOING TO THE POORHOUSE IN A TROLLEY

The architectural beauty and history of the east side of Lancaster Township will be highlighted in a 30-minute Red Rose Trolley tour on Sunday afternoon, May 18.

The Historical Commission has devised a safe way to see some of the historic buildings on the busy and diverse east side of Lancaster Township. Come to the almshouse, or "old county home" building, located at 900 East King Street, between 1:00 and 3:30PM. A guide will greet everyone as they look around that building while waiting for the trolley. A trolley will leave the front of the almshouse every 15 minutes on the hour. A Lancaster Township guide will be on each trolley to talk about the area and some of the historic places on this half-hour loop around the east side of our lovely township. The township's own fire police will insure that the trolley can access the places on the tour brochure without compromising anyone's safety.

There is no cost to this tour; however, donations will be accepted gratefully at the almshouse. Donations will benefit the Lancaster Township Fire Department, which is graciously providing the fire police for traffic safety.

Circle this date, and then mark your calendar for the East Side Tour on **Sunday, May 18**. You will enjoy seeing and learning so much about our special history. ■



▲ THE OLD COUNTY HOME OR ALMHOUSE

2007 Ordinances Approved Since Last Newsletter



Ordinance No. 2007-05: This ordinance prohibits parking in certain locations of Sterling Place development.

► Dates to Remember:

- MARCH 9: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
- MARCH 31: BIOBAGS AVAILABLE AT TOWNSHIP OFFICE
- APRIL 7: BIOBAG COLLECTION BEGINS
- APRIL 8: STREET CLEANING BEGINS
- APRIL 22: PRIMARY ELECTION
GO TO THE POLLS AND TAKE A NEIGHBOR; EVERY VOTE IS IMPORTANT!
- MAY 12-15: LARGE APPLIANCE PICKUP

► Office Closings:

- MARCH 21: GOOD FRIDAY
- MAY 26: MEMORIAL DAY
- JULY 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY
- SEPTEMBER 1: LABOR DAY



Recycling Containers ...

... ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE. EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, THE COST OF A RECYCLING CONTAINER WILL BE \$7.00. RESIDENTS MAY USE ANY OPEN-FACED CONTAINER AS A RECYCLING BIN AS LONG AS IT HAS "RECYCLING" CLEARLY WRITTEN ON THE SIDE. RECYCLABLES INCLUDE #2 (HDPE) AND #1 (PETE) 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. ■

Intern in Planning & Zoning: Paul Heller

Paul Heller, a student at Harrisburg Area Community College in Lancaster, has joined the township office as an intern in the Planning & Zoning Department. He will be with us until sometime in June when he finishes his final semester. From there he will attend a local college to finish the requirements of a bachelor's degree. Paul grew up in Lancaster County, lives in Marietta and enjoys photography and bicycling in his spare time. He states that he is happy to have the "opportunity to gain hands-on experience, while allowing me to watch the future of the township from within." ■



▲ PAUL HELLER

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP STAFF DIRECTORY

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

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

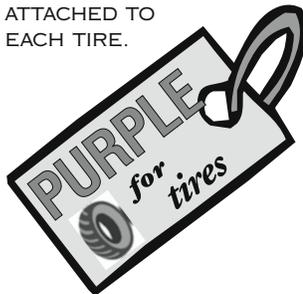


Large Appliance and Tire Collection: May 12-15

LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE PICKUP WILL OCCUR ON YOUR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY: MONDAY, MAY 12, TUESDAY, MAY 13, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, OR THURSDAY, MAY 15. 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. 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. ■

What You Need to Know

WITH SPRING COMES YARD WASTE

Yard and woody waste collection begins the week of April 7 and ends the week of October 20. Yard waste includes leaves and garden residue, brush, shrubbery trimmings and small branches less than 2 inches in diameter. Branches larger than 2 inches may also be bundled in lengths no longer than 4 feet and placed next to your yard waste bags. Grass clippings may not be included in the biobags. Let them mulch back into the lawn or drop them off at the township maintenance facility, 1357 Meadowcreek Lane. Yard waste bags are to be put at curbside the same day as trash collection. Fill the biobags only to the line indicated and then fold the top over. This makes it easier and safer to handle for both the residents and the haulers. Over-filled bags might be left behind.

Yard waste biobags are available at the township office beginning March 31, Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. They are also available at the maintenance facility. There is a limit of five (5) biobags per visit to the office or maintenance facility. ■

Yard Waste Pick-Up Weeks

The shaded weeks are collection dates. Yard waste biobags are available at the township. There is a 5-bag limit. ■

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2008 Holiday Refuse Collection
 (REMEMBER, THERE IS A 3-CONTAINER LIMIT)

- MAY 26, MEMORIAL DAY:** ONE-DAY DELAY FOR ENTIRE TOWNSHIP
- JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY:** NO CHANGES
- SEPTEMBER 1, LABOR DAY:** ONE-DAY DELAY FOR ENTIRE TOWNSHIP
- NOVEMBER 27, THANKSGIVING:** THURSDAY COLLECTION ONLY MOVES TO FRIDAY
- DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS:** THURSDAY COLLECTION ONLY MOVES TO FRIDAY

Planning & Zoning: Commercial & Miscellaneous Projects Update

Stone Mill Plaza

You may have noticed that Stone Mill Plaza, located along Columbia Avenue, has been undergoing major renovations. Some of the stores once located along the east side of the plaza have moved to the west side, including a Chinese restaurant, the Great Framery, and Subway. The Bank of Lancaster County (soon to be PNC Bank) will move into a new 2,600-square-foot office building closer to Columbia Avenue. Then the entire east side of Stone Mill Plaza will be demolished to make room for a new driveway allowing for a more efficient and safer traffic pattern throughout the plaza. The project includes street improvements both at Elm Avenue and Columbia Avenue with the realignment of the access roads. Sidewalks will be added along both roads and the timing of the traffic signal at the main entrance will be improved. Thus, the plaza will become more pedestrian friendly.

The next phase of the project includes partial demolition of the Giant

store on the property. The store will remain open for business during the demolition and reconstruction. When rebuilt and remodeled, the store will offer a new 75,647-square-foot facility with new amenities including a wide variety of prepared foods, a natural and organic food section, specialty food shopping, and an expanded health and beauty care products area.

Manor Shopping Center

Manor Shopping Center is also undergoing some major changes. The old modular McDonald's restaurant has been demolished and a new 3,398-square-foot brick restaurant stands in its place. The parking, drive-through, and entranceway have all been reconfigured to give it a new, more efficient look. Weis Markets is being expanded by 5,576 square feet and the remaining 46,466-square-foot market is being remodeled and renovated.

This Weis Markets is one of the busiest in Lancaster County and has been located at Manor Shopping Center for decades. It will offer more specialty items, an expanded produce section, and a larger selection of prepared foods. Over the past few years, some stores in

the center have closed and many new ones have opened, including a Dollar Deluxe store, Ginmiya Chinese & Japanese Restaurant, Mo Bay Café, the Guitar Center, Cold Stone Creamery, and Ruby Tuesday. Others that have remodeled or updated their signage include CVS, Sally's Beauty Supplies, Rent-A-Center, Hair Express, and Royal Nail Salon. The Manor Shopping Center sign along Millersville Pike also has been updated, giving it a new look. With the addition of a movie theatre several years ago and all of the new restaurants and shops, this shopping center has become a very busy and vibrant place. ■

Library Offering Programs for All Ages

THE LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
125 N. DUKE STREET, LANCASTER
717-394-2651

The Lancaster Public Library is pleased to offer programs to children and adults throughout spring. Our preschool story-times will continue every Thursday at 10:30AM through mid-May.

Adult book discussions will be held the second Thursday of every month at 10:00AM with the book selections to be determined. Check our website at www.lancaster.lib.pa.us and click on "Calendar of Events" to find many more programs!

Duke Street Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 9:00AM to 9:00PM
Friday–Saturday: 9:00AM to 5:30PM
Sunday: Closed

Call 394-2651 for programs and other information. ■

School District of Lancaster

2008 Student Calendar:

- March 20, 21, 24 No classes
- April 18 No classes
- May 26 No classes
- June 5 Last student day (tentative)

SDL Board Meetings,

7:00PM at J.P. McCaskey High School:

- March 18, 2008
- April 15, 2008
- May 20, 2008
- June 17, 2008
- July 15, 2008
- August 19, 2008

Advancing Learning in Lancaster



TOGETHER WE CAN

Call 291-6148 with any questions.

Public Works Department

Street Cleaning

Street cleaning begins Tuesday, April 8 for all areas posted with signs. Warning tickets will be issued for the first two weeks. Beginning the week of April 21, the police will start to issue tickets to vehicles in violation of the street signs. Remember to heed the signs and move all vehicles on street sweeping days.

Those streets without restricted parking signs will be inspected regularly and swept when necessary.

Road Maintenance 2008

Lancaster Township makes every effort to keep our roads and streets



in good repair. They are inspected frequently and based on those inspections, the roads to be repaved are chosen. The following will be repaved in late summer 2008:

- Hamilton Road—from Marietta Avenue to Wilson Drive
- Judie Lane—from the end of Lancaster Greens Apartments to Wabank Road
- School House Road—entire length

New Street Signs

Residents will soon be seeing new

replacement signs around the township. A new PennDOT mandate requires all municipalities to replace street signs in the next few years with high-reflectivity signs. Along with this change the township has opted to increase the size of the lettering. The higher-reflectivity signs make nighttime driving safer and the larger lettering on street signs helps with reading signs more quickly while driving.

Woody Waste Drop-off at the Maintenance Facility

Yard/woody waste drop-off will begin Monday, March 31 and continue through November 26. The days and hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 3:00PM to 6:00PM

only. 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 five bags). Some types of mulch will also be available for pickup, free of charge. Residents must bring their own containers and load the mulch themselves. ■

Lancaster Recreation Commission

There are many activities available at the LRC for all age groups and skills. Here are a few of the fun events:

- Spring Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 15, 11:00AM Lancaster County Central Park Pavilion. The rain date is Sunday, March 16 at 1:30PM.
- Giant Yard Sale: Saturday, May 10 at the old Hamilton Watch parking lot behind Turkey Hill and Valentino's Restaurant.
- Arbor Day Celebration: Friday, April 25
- Senior Games registration deadline: Friday, May 9
- Conestoga Pines Pool opens Memorial Day— just \$130 for a family season pass
- Three summer day camps will be available this year.



Youth Scholarships Offered

Youth programs are being offered with all new scholarship opportunities for up to 75% off the cost of many programs including Little League and ASA softball, Red Rose track, tennis, cheerleading, football conditioning camp, NFL flag football, Iddy Biddy sports for children ages 3–5, swimming lessons, fencing, judo and Jung Sim Do, chess, dance, music, and piano lessons.

Calling All Artists

Be the Countdown Lancaster button design artist for the next New Year's Eve celebration. Go to www.lancasterrec.org for more information.



Stay Fit!

There are numerous adult fitness and sports programs from which to choose. Call 392-2115 for dates and more details. ■

HAMMEL RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEER WORK



◀
KEN HAMMEL, SECOND FROM LEFT, RECEIVED RECOGNITION FROM LANCASTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS TONY ALLEN, KATHY WASONG, AND TOM SCHALLER.

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors recently awarded a certificate of appreciation to Kenneth D. Hammel, a well-known local architect. Ken is leaving the Lancaster Township Planning Commission, on which he has served since 1994. As a member of the commission he was recognized for his dedicated commitment to the future course of development in the township.

Ken and his wife, Barbara, are renovating a building in Lancaster City, which will house his architectural business with one entire floor being renovated as their new home. They are excited about this next stage of their lives.

We will miss Ken's expertise, knowledge, and advice and wish him all the best in future endeavors. ■

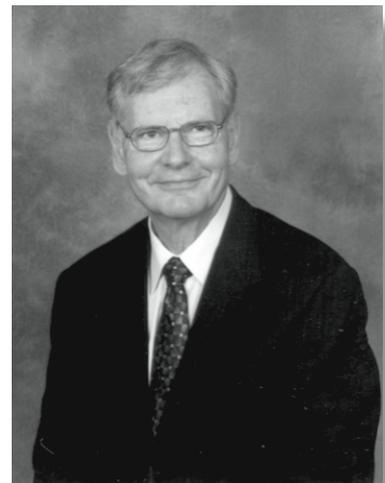
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Jolly Retiring from Historical Commission

Lancaster Township wishes to express sincere appreciation to James A. Jolly for his service on the Lancaster Township Historical Commission. Jim, a retired Millersville University professor, was one of the original commission members, shaping its role in our township. We thank him for his considerable contribution to the work of preserving the unique character of our community during his two full terms on the commission. Jim will continue to support historic preservation as a member of the Historic Resource Council.

Seeking donation: attractive, secure bookcase

The Lancaster Township Historical Commission is looking for the donation of a bookcase that can be placed in the municipal building lobby to hold the growing collection of books related to Lancaster Township history and the preservation of township resources. When an appropriate bookcase is found, residents will be able to borrow the books they see in the case. It is hoped that a resident who is redecorating or downsizing will donate an attractive bookcase with glass doors to the township. If you have such a bookcase to donate, please speak to Lynn Stauffer in the township office at 291-1213. ■



▲
JAMES A. JOLLY

Lancaster Township Fire Department

Amkus Star Award

The Lancaster Township Fire Department (LTFD) was presented the Amkus Star Award on February 5, 2008 in recognition of heroic actions by personnel involved in outstanding rescue efforts using the Amkus rescue system. The award is given to worthy rescue personnel on a world-wide basis.

LTFD personnel earned this award because of their extraordinary rescue of a woman heavily entrapped in her car after a violent head-on collision. The Amkus Star Award exemplifies bravery and courage and is the pinnacle of achievement for rescue personnel.

Volunteers Needed!

The LTFD is always looking for people to join the active crew. Volunteers are also needed to help with other duties such as administrative tasks, building and apparatus maintenance, or performing miscellaneous errands.

Chief Ron Comfort, Jr. leads approximately 50 volunteer firefighters housed in two fire stations. 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 fire-fighting equipment and facilities.

Whatever your individual talents may be, the department can benefit from the donation of time and talent. Visit the website at www.LTFD.org for additional information on the Lancaster Township Fire Department. Join us today!

Safety Signs

The Lancaster Township Fire Department is offering green reflective house number signs for sale. These

highly visible signs list the resident's house number. It allows emergency personnel, whether fire, police or ambulance service, to locate an address quickly during an emergency. This is especially important if a property is set back from the street or not well illuminated. It can save precious seconds and moments that are critical during any emergency situation.

Signs can be oriented horizontally or vertically, cost \$20 each and are



delivered free. Please contact LTFD by email (greensigns@ltdf.org) or by phone (587-4329). Remember, if we can't find you, we can't help you! ■

• How to Build a Basic Emergency Supply Kit •

Through its Ready Campaign the U.S. Department of Homeland Security educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. Ready asks individuals to do three things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

All Americans should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Following is a list of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet those needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.

Recommended items to include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- ✓ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ✓ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ✓ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ First-aid kit
- ✓ Whistle to signal for help
- ✓ Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ✓ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ✓ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ✓ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ✓ Local maps

There might be additional items to include such as medications, infant formula/diapers, important documents, sleeping bag/blanket, matches in a waterproof container, paper and pencil, and books, games, etc. for children. ■



