

TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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Manheim Township Police in Place

On January 1, 2010, the Manheim Township Police Department began providing law enforcement services to Lancaster Township. The MTPD has 63 sworn officers, which includes K-9, detectives, crash reconstruction, forensics, park patrol, and school resource officers. The police department modified an existing patrol sector to include Lancaster Township in the east and another to include the northern portion of the west township. Two other sectors were created in the central and southern portions on the west side. All of the sectors are staffed 24/7 by patrol officers who are assigned to those sectors on a regular basis. An MTPD officer is also assigned to Wheatland Middle School. Lieutenant Wayne Wagner is the overall commander of the Patrol Division. Sergeant Thomas Rudzinski has been assigned to identify crime trends within the township and to develop strategies to reduce crime.

Crime trends in Lancaster Township have already been identified by the

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▶ **Reminder:**

EMERGENCY 911

Non-Emergency 664-1180

Police Administration 569-6401

Anonymous Crime Tip Line 569-2816

Benjamin H. Bamford

TOWNSHIP BOARD WELCOMES NEW SUPERVISOR

Benjamin H. Bamford, a 36-year resident of Lancaster Township, was elected supervisor in the November 2009 election. He began serving a six-year term in January.

As the Senior Development Manager for High® Real Estate Group LLC, Ben develops real estate for the various business units of the High companies. He has over 20 years of development experience and an extensive background in local, state, and federal funding avenues.

Ben is a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) candidate and certified as a Master Planner by the Lancaster County Planning Commission. Further, as a former member of the Lancaster Township Planning Commission, Ben brings a good measure of experience to this new position.

Other involvements include: current chair of the board of the Lancaster Industrial Development

Authority (LIDA), Thomas H. Bamford Campership Fund committee, treasurer of the Lancaster Mayor's Office of Special Events, Lancaster Family YMCA board of directors vice-chair, and co-chair of the YMCA \$10,000,000 capital campaign. Ben also has authored articles for various magazines and journals in his profession.

Ben is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and a member of the college's Alumni Scholarship Committee.

He lives on Woods Avenue with his family—wife

Lisa,
daughter
Grace,
and son
Nate.
The
family
includes
one
large dog,
Moby. ■



**BEN
BAMFORD** ▶

► 2010 Dates to Remember:

- MARCH 14:** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (SPRING FORWARD!)
- MAY 18:** PRIMARY ELECTION—VOTE!
- APRIL 3:** MAINTENANCE FACILITY OPENS FOR YARD WASTE DROP-OFF AND BIO-BAG PICK-UP

► 2010 Office Closings:

- APRIL 2:** GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
- MAY 31:** MEMORIAL DAY
- JULY 5:** INDEPENDENCE DAY
- SEPTEMBER 6:** LABOR DAY

Police in Place, from page 1

police. Thefts from vehicles have been occurring in the evenings at Planet Fitness on Millersville Pike and at the houses of worship along Columbia Avenue. It is important for people to remember to remove all valuables, including GPS units, from the vehicle. Thefts also have been occurring at the businesses in Manor Shopping Center. Residential burglaries have occurred on Abbeyville Road and Woods Avenue. On the east side, there have been reports of ongoing drug activity in the area of East Orange Street.

The police are working diligently to solve the thefts and burglaries and to stop the drug activity, but they need the help of residents. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you need a police officer for a non-emergency, call 664-1180. To reach the Manheim Township Police administration, call 569-6401. Sergeant Rudzinski can be reached by email at rudzinst@police.co.lancaster.pa.us or by using extension 462. The police department also has an anonymous crime tip line where you can report who the criminals or drug dealers are. The number is 569-2816; this number is not for incidents that are in progress.

By working together, we can make our community safer! ■



Approved Since Last Newsletter

Ordinance No. 2009-02: Authorizes Manheim Township Police Department services in Lancaster Township.



ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors held its annual reorganization meeting, as prescribed by law, on January 4, 2010, at which time new officers were elected. The new chair is Thomas H. Schaller, vice chair is Kathy Wasong, and treasurer is Benjamin H. Bamford.

Several appointments also were made at this meeting:

- Melissa A. Kelly and Nicholas Jabbour were reappointed to the Planning Commission.
- Richard S. Hendricks, a welcome new volunteer, was appointed to the Planning Commission.
- Dale J. Cagwin was reappointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals.
- Elizabeth B. Miller and Steven M. Wise were reappointed to the Historical Commission and Gordon B. Reed was reappointed as the liaison from the Planning Commission.
- Peggie L. Miller was reappointed as Vacancy Board chair.
- Alex Henderson III was reappointed as township representative to the Lancaster Area Sewer Authority.

The township owes a great debt of gratitude to these and other volunteers who generously give of their time and talents for the good of all township residents. Thank you! ■

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP STAFF DIRECTORY

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

- Supervisors Benjamin H. Bamford, Thomas H. Schaller, Kathy Wasong
- Township Manager William M. Laudien
- Assistant Township Manager Suzanne B. Teske
- Public Works Superintendent J. Robert Eckenrode
- Finance Officer Diana Hess
- Receptionist Faith S. Kelsey
- Planning & Zoning Director Lynn M. Stauffer
- Planning & Zoning Assistant Rebecca French
- Office Assistant/Recycling Coordinator Joanne Yost

How to recycle magazines



Residents can now recycle magazines, with the proceeds going to the benefit of Ronald McDonald House of Hershey.

Green magazine containers are located at Penn Cinema, 541 Airport Road, Lititz; Darrenkamps Market, 191 Ridge Road South, Elizabethtown; and VFW Post #5956, 149 Rear South Charlotte Street, Manheim. Ronald McDonald House offers temporary free housing to out-of-town families with seriously ill children being treated at Penn State Children's Hospital. This is possible because of the generosity of others, including those who recycle their magazines at the locations above. Visit the website www.ronaldshousehershey.org for further information. ■

What about hazardous waste?

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) accepts hazardous waste such as floor/furniture polish, household cleaners, paint, insecticides, etc. They also accept computers, cell phones, fluorescent/compact light bulbs, TVs, and items containing mercury. Take these items to LCSWMA, 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-4:00PM and Saturday, 8:00AM-Noon. Visit their website at www.lcswma.org for additional information. ■



Remember ...

Recycle #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, jars, and newspapers. Please refer to the Lancaster Township website (www.twp.lancaster.pa.us) for additional information on trash and recycling.

Don't forget those plastic grocery bags from the grocery store. The average household uses 900 a year! Recycle them at all Giant stores; they turn them into park benches.

► 2010 Holiday Refuse Collection

WEEKS OF:

MAY 31, MEMORIAL DAY:
ALL COLLECTION DATES MOVE TO THE FOLLOWING DAY.

JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY: NO CHANGES THIS WEEK.

SEPTEMBER 6, LABOR DAY: ALL COLLECTION DATES MOVE TO THE FOLLOWING DAY.

NOVEMBER 25, THANKSGIVING:
THURSDAY COLLECTION ONLY MOVES TO FRIDAY.

DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS: NO CHANGES THIS WEEK.

2010 YARD WASTE PICK-UP WEEKS

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Yard waste is collected every other week from April 5 to October 21 and must be placed in the brown kraft bags. They are to be used only for the collection of small branches (under two-inch diameter) that break away from your trees and shrubs, dead flowers, prunings from the garden/yard, and leaves that remain after the winter months. Branches larger than two inches in diameter can be tied in bundles no longer than three feet.

Yard waste bio-bags can be picked up, free of charge, from the maintenance facility at 1357 Meadowcreek Lane, Monday-Thursday, 3:00-6:00PM and the first Saturday of each month (April 3-October 2), 9:00AM-12:00 noon. You may also deposit the filled bags here at the same times. Please remember, do not put grass clippings in with yard waste. Try mulching it back into the ground as you mow. ■



CLIP 'N' SAVE



ABOUT COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

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

Large Appliance & Tire Collection

NEED TO GET RID OF TIRES, DEHUMIDIFIERS, CLOTHES WASHERS/ DRYERS, REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, STOVES, WATER HEATERS, AIR CONDITIONERS, ETC.?



LARGE APPLIANCE AND TIRE PICK-UP WILL OCCUR ON YOUR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY: MONDAY, MAY 10; TUESDAY, MAY 11; WEDNESDAY, MAY 12; OR THURSDAY, MAY 13. THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE MUST BE NOTIFIED AHEAD OF TIME OF ANY ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED. A \$12 BLUE TAG MUST BE ATTACHED TO EACH APPLIANCE AND A \$1.25 PURPLE TAG ATTACHED TO EACH TIRE. ■



Storm Water Management

One of the mandated requirements of the storm water management program is public education on what the average homeowner can do to keep Pennsylvania's streams cleaner. Here's how you can help:

- Never put oil or cleaning fluids into the storm water drain system.
- Use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers sparingly and properly.
- Report poorly managed construction sites to the township.
- Install rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm water and keep it on your land instead of running into a storm sewer.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.
- Store materials that could pollute indoors in leak-proof containers. ■



ILLEGAL DUMPING: DON'T DO IT!

Please note that, according to township ordinance, no person shall store, process, or dispose of any regulated municipal waste or designated recyclable materials except at a proper facility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, yard waste may be composted (in accordance with township guidelines) on the property on which it was generated. No yard waste is to be dumped on neighboring properties, roadsides, creekside, etc. ■



10%

Lancaster Township's 10% senior discount on trash collection bills continues to be a bonus for homeowners aged 60+. Proof of age is required. Simply bring in a photo ID to the receptionist. It's that easy!

Thanks to all who are recycling cardboard!

A dumpster was placed at the maintenance facility last year. To date, more than five tons of cardboard has been dropped off!

The facility is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30AM to 6PM, Friday until 3:30PM, and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00AM-Noon until November 6. ■



**Planning & Zoning:
Common Summer Complaints**

The Planning & Zoning Department receives numerous complaints during the summer. Following are the most common complaints received.

- **Property maintenance:** high grass, weeds, untrimmed trees/bushes, rubbish/trash, poor condition of buildings, exterior hazards.
- **Zoning:** vehicles abandoned or without current state inspection/license plate, renovations or construction without permits, unregistered home occupations or other non-complying uses.
- **Animal:** pets not confined to the owner's property, animal noise or odor, not cleaning up after a pet, keeping a non-domestic pet. Don't forget to clean up after walking your dog.

When a complaint is founded, the Planning & Zoning Department must follow legal procedures to resolve the matter. These procedures can take time for investigation and may involve other administrative duties. It is the township's intention to resolve issues in the proper and legal manner, which entails additional time. Occasionally, the problem may involve more than one township department, which also requires extra time.

Talking with your neighbors before calling the township just might solve some issues quickly. Many people are more comfortable with a neighbor approaching them about a concern than an official letter from the township.

Garage and Yard Sales

Garage and yard sales are a popular way to dispose of many years of accumulated stuff. It's a great way to recycle those items! There are, however, conditions that apply to all of these types of sales.

- The period of sale shall not exceed a total of four days during two consecutive weeks.



- Times shall be between the hours of 8:00AM and 6:00PM.
- Only goods and property of the person(s) holding the sale shall be sold. Goods and property shall not have been purchased or obtained for the purpose of resale.
- No person shall hold more than two sales per calendar year.
- Signs erected on the property of the sale shall be displayed for no more than 48 hours prior to the sale and removed at the end of the day of the sale.
- No off-premise signs are permitted.

If there are questions of any kind, you can find valuable information on our website, www.twp.lancaster.pa.us or call 291-1213 and ask for Lynn or Rebecca.

Reminder to all residents and contractors: The 2009 IRC and IBC codes (governing all types of construction) have been adopted by the township. Please use them for all new building permit applications. ■

Public Works Department

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping on sign-posted streets will resume Tuesday, April 13. Warning tickets will be issued during the first two weeks. Tickets with fines will be issued beginning April 27. The township wants to clean and maintain the entire street. A vehicle parked illegally prevents completion of the job.

Non-signed streets will be inspected regularly and swept when necessary.

Street/Alley Tree Policy

The property owner is responsible for the care and pruning of all trees and shrubs along any street or alley, whether in or out of the right-of-way.

A minimum distance of 14 feet must be maintained between the road surface and the lowest overhanging branch. Smaller trees and shrubs should be pruned to allow street signs to be clearly seen as well as visibility around a corner.

The township reserves the right to do

any necessary pruning if the property owner fails to maintain trees, bushes, or other plantings.

If a tree or limb falls and blocks the street, it is the responsibility of the property owner to clean up and remove any debris after the reopening of the roadway.

2009 Street Paving

The following streets will be repaved in 2010:

- Spencer Avenue—Maple Avenue to Hamilton Park Drive
- Chadwick Circle—entire length

Paving projects usually start in mid-August. Residents will be notified as soon as a start date has been established. Residents are asked to complete any planned curb improvements/upgrades before repaving begins. Please note that some street trees may be trimmed to allow for the safe operation of equipment and to minimize damage to trees.

Woody Waste Drop-off

Yard/woody waste drop-off begins April 3 and will continue through November 24 at 1357 Meadowcreek Lane. The days and hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 3:00–6:00PM until October 29 (2:00–5:00PM as of November 1). Please have ID ready for the gate attendant, who will inspect your load for contaminants and point out the proper place to unload.

Once-a-month Saturday drop-off begins April 3. The facility will be open the first Saturday of each month through November 6, 9AM–Noon.

Remember, lawn grass must be processed independently and may not be mixed with other woody material. Please separate all grass from other woody materials. An area has been established just for lawn grass drop-off.

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.

Bio-bags are available from the attendant, up to a maximum of ten bags per visit, until October 15. ■

2010 Census: Be Counted!

Every ten years a national census is conducted to count every person in the United States. An accurate census count is very important because census figures are used in planning for transportation, community facilities and land use, to distribute federal funding, and to determine our representation in Congress.

In March, every household in the United States will receive a census questionnaire in the mail. The 2010 census form will contain only ten questions and take less than ten minutes to complete. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all data provided on your census form. It cannot be shared with anyone, including federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Please help your community and protect your political representation. Fill out and return your census form by April 15, 2010.

If you have questions or concerns about the 2010 Census visit www.2010.census.gov or contact the Lancaster Local Census Office at 717-666-2130.

Call toll-free 866-861-2010 to learn about employment opportunities with the Census Bureau. ■

Little League Baseball is the Best!



During these difficult economic times, there is no better use of public funds than support of adult-directed activities for youth. In the spotlight is the Little League and ASA baseball and softball programs run by the Lancaster Recreation Commission (LRC). Over the course of the last year, approximately 400 youth from Lancaster Township and Lancaster City participated in this program.

One of the teams, composed of 13- and 14-year-olds, has spent hundreds of hours honing their baseball skills at Lancaster Community Park. The LRC All-Star Team won the 2009 PA District 23 Little League Championship as the best team in Lancaster County. All those who helped these youths along should

▲ **MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: BILLY HELM, RODNEY RODRIGUEZ, BRENDON CAPLINGER, MATT MILLOSTAN, DANNY FALCON, JIMMY DOUGHERTY, BRIAN REYES, LAZARO DUVERGEL, JORDAN FINNIE, COACH DOUG PERRY, MANAGER JIM DOUGHERTY**

be proud of the discipline and skills they demonstrated on the field. The same traits and determination will serve them well as they enter young adulthood.

The LRC recently obtained a grant from Major League Baseball to renovate the Lancaster Community Park ballfields and other fields within the School District of Lancaster.

A special thank-you goes to the township's Rob Eckenrode and his crew for the upkeep of the park and its facilities.

The LRC is always looking for youth participants and adult coaches for a variety of sports. Call 392-2115 to sign up for the 2010 Little League Baseball.

Lancaster Township is a partner with the LRC along with the City of Lancaster and the School District of Lancaster. There is a wide variety of activities and sports for youngsters to seniors.

Contact the LRC at www.lancasterrec.org or 392-2115, extension 121. ■

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY: 9:00AM TO 5:30PM
SUNDAY: CLOSED

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT (LTFD)

On February 7, 2010, the lives of a Lancaster Township family were saved by a smoke alarm. In the early morning hours while they were sleeping, the smoke alarms went off and alerted them that



their house was on fire. Their home on Southport Drive literally burned to the ground. "The smoke detectors definitely saved their lives. They probably wouldn't have made it out without them," said Lancaster Township Fire Department Chief Ron Comfort, Jr.

A smoke alarm is critical for early detection and warning of a fire in your home. It can mean the difference between life and death. There should be at least one smoke detector on each floor of the house, including the basement.

Just as important is making certain the devices are maintained annually and kept in good working order. Test the system frequently to be certain it is functioning. Use daylight saving time as your annual reminder to check the system and change batteries. Detectors should be replaced after ten years.

Volunteers Needed

The LTFD is seeking volunteers to join them in serving the local community. Firefighters, fire police, auxiliary support, and clerical assistance are needed. If you can spare a few hours a month, it will make a big difference. Your payment is the knowledge that you are making a difference in your community. Call Lt. Paul Castline at 278-9478 or send an email to pcastline@lftd.org. ■

**Lancaster Township
Historical Commission**

*Mark your calendar for the
Bausman Neighborhood Tour!*

Bausman will be on display this Father's Day, Sunday, June 20, 2010. The Lancaster Township Historical Commission will feature Bausman in its annual Neighborhood Tour this year. Many of the good folks of Bausman are preparing now to show off their special neighborhood.

The Tour Center will be the Bausman Fire Hall, 125 Fairview Avenue, where present-day displays, including posters of architectural styles particular to Bausman and pictures or lists of homes that contain those structural characteristics, can be viewed. Parking and the Bausman Tour brochure will be at the Fire Hall.

Bausman residents' enthusiasm for



their special history will be on display in the John and Jennifer Owens' 1836 brick barn. Tour-goers will see old photographs, maps, and collected items that residents want to share from Bausman's past. While Lancaster Township Fire Police will be on Millersville Pike to assist walkers and the traffic, Dennis Stephen has consented to allow a demarked path through his property from Springhouse Road over the Owens' lawn and continuing to the "Museum of Bausman" in their barn. Research is under way on Scheid Produce, Saint Joseph Cemetery, Faith Calvary Church, and the Bausman School, which will celebrate its centennial with a special bell ringing. Watch for more information on the Bausman happenings as this proud neighborhood continues to pull together to plan a very special celebration. ■



**Volunteer
Spotlight**

We thank Mark and Judith Chin and the Knights of Columbus Council 867 for their continuing service as Rubbish Rangers. Several times a year, these thoughtful volunteers don gloves and vests and then head out to pick up trash along the township roadways.

We welcome and also thank our newest Rubbish Rangers, Harvest Bible Church, for adopting Bean Hill Road.

A big thank-you goes to Richard Khuu. He took on the renewal of the softball/kickball field at Hamilton Park. Richard also installed a new flag pole and landscaping. The work was completed as part of his Boy Scouts of America Eagle Project.

To all of our volunteers, thank you! ■

◀ **THE RECONSTRUCTED 1755 HOME OF ANDREAS BAUSMAN, THE OLDEST HOME IN BAUSMAN AND IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP, WILL BE ON THE BAUSMAN NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR, JUNE 20.**

School District of Lancaster

2010 Student Calendar:
 April 1-5—No School
 May 18—No School
 May 31—No School
 June 10—Tentative Last Student Day
SDL Board Meetings, 7:00PM at J.P. McCaskey High School:
 March 16 June 15
 April 20 July 20
 May 18 August 17
 Call 291-6148 with any questions.
 Advancing Learning in Lancaster

TOGETHER WE CAN

