

# TOWNSHIP

newsletter

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 (NOT PICTURED: ED HAUCK) ▶

## SENIORS IN LANCASTER TOWNSHIP ENJOY A GOOD LIFE



### Survey results can guide ways to make it better.

**O**n April 12, 1999 the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors appointed five residents to the Lancaster Township Senior Citizen Committee: Rev. John W. Anderson, Edward B. Hauck, Merrill C. Horine, Judith A. Monticchio, and Constance G. Zima. This ad hoc committee was formed in accordance with the Strategic Comprehensive plan and charged with assessing currently available senior programs and determining any unmet needs.

The members responded immediately, holding their first meeting on April 29. They developed a comprehensive survey to gather information in five areas of service and programming which affect the quality of life of seniors in our community. Questions focused on education, health care,

recreation, transportation, and volunteerism. The survey was sent to every household in the Township as an insert in the July Newsletter. The returned surveys represented an even distribution of responses in different age categories.

The committee also reviewed the variety and scope of countywide resources, which benefit Lancaster Township residents. This study resulted in the following conclusions:

- Overall, there are adequate services and programs available.
- Transportation concerns should be addressed with information on current services more accessible.
- Information of special interest to seniors should be more widely disseminated.

Based on this information, the committee made the following recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

1. Develop a *Senior Information Packet* to be available at the Township office.
2. Communicate transportation concerns of Lancaster Township residents in a letter to Red Rose Transit Authority.
3. Introduce a *Senior Corner* column in the Township Newsletter to bring information on topics identified in the survey.

The committee sincerely thanks all residents who took the time to complete the surveys. It is through your interest and commitment to Lancaster Township that together we've made this a great place to live! ■

# A FUN FALL DAY IN THE COMMUNITY

Lancaster Township's first Community Day was held October 24 at Maple Grove. Here's a sampling of the various good times of the day. You say you missed it? Mark your 2000 calendar now for next year's Community Day, September 16!



## Legislative Update

The following ordinances have been passed since the last newsletter:

*Ordinance No. 07 of 1999:* Amends certain sections of the Lancaster Township Zoning Ordinance

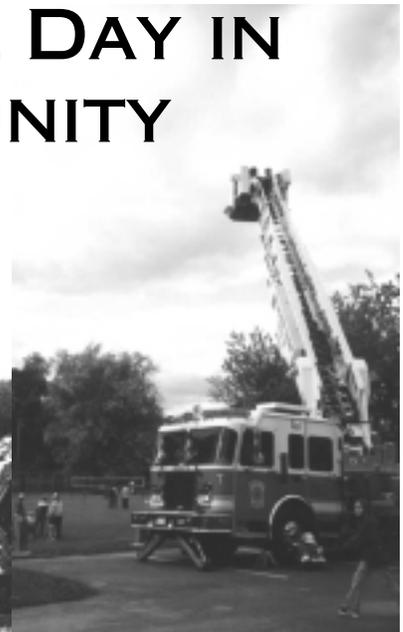
*Ordinance No. 08 of 1999:* Restates and Amends a resolution imposing tax on earned income and net profits of individual residents

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

## Meet the New Staff



Lloyd Sload is the newest member of the Lancaster Township Highway Department. "Butch", as everyone calls him, is a road crew member. He has been married 24 years to Margie, has two grown children, Denise and Chad, and a grandson, Cody. For relaxation Butch enjoys fishing and the game of bocce, which is similar to lawn bowling. ■



**Trees Go Out  
January 22**

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2000. TREES AND WREATHS MUST BE AT CURBSIDE FRIDAY EVENING WITH THE TREE LYING ON ITS SIDE. REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS AND STANDS. PLEASE DO NOT PUT OUT ANY ARTIFICIAL TREES, WREATHS, DECORATIONS, OR PLASTIC TREE BAGS.

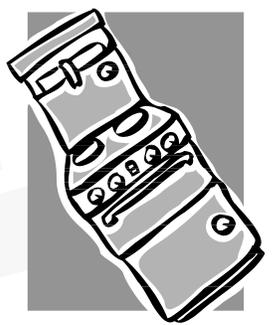


**WINTRY WEATHER TIPS**

-  To prevent trash blowing around your neighborhood on windy days, put it in a 32-gallon heavy weight trash can. It keeps the animals out too.
-  Newspapers and magazines must be bundled either by tying or placing in a paper bag. If the package is not very heavy, save it for next week and add to it.
-  Try to avoid using white trash bags when snow is on the ground.
-  Listen to WLAN-AM or FM97 for trash pick-up cancellations. If pick-up is cancelled, trash will be collected the following Saturday. Be sure everything is out at the curb Friday night.

**Large Appliances (Again)**

Did you miss the large appliance and tire pick-up in December? If so, mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 2 or Wednesday, May 3. The necessary blue tickets are available at \$12 each.



**Trash Max is 3**

The maximum number of trash bags or containers per pick-up is three. The maximum weight for each is 30 pounds or a 32-gallon container. If you have more than three, a yellow extra trash tag must be affixed to each container over the limit. The tags may be purchased in strips of five for \$6.25 at the Township office.



**Park Requires Planning All Year 'Round**

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

**DID YOU KNOW RRTA BUS ROUTES AND SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE? (THEY ARE. STOP BY AND GET YOURS.)**

**When Your Bin Bites the Dust**

IF YOUR RECYCLING BIN IS CRACKED AND FALLING APART, RETURN IT TO THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE WHERE IT WILL BE REPLACED FOR FREE. FOR ONLY \$5 WE WILL REPLACE LOST BINS.



**Planning & Zoning Has an HMO\* Plan**

\* Home Maintenance Operation

Don't let Old Man Winter get you down! Save energy and money by bundling up your house for the winter months.

**Basement:**

- Wrap basement water pipes with electrical heat tape, fiberglass insulation secured with duct tape, or foam pipe jackets.
- Seal and waterproof basement and foundation walls.
- Wrap water heaters in vinyl-face water heater blankets being very careful not to cover any vents or valves.
- Have your furnace serviced annually by a professional.

**Attic:**

- Add insulation. Make sure the depth of insulation is right for your home. Leave vents uncovered to allow proper airflow and prevent moisture buildup.

- Insulate the attic door and weather strip the frame.

**Windows & Doors:**

- Install insulated exterior doors. Block drafts under entry doors with flexible vinyl door sweeps or thresholds with built-in weather stripping.
- Apply weather stripping to tops and bottoms of windows; fasten weather stripping where sashes and frames make contact.
- When replacing old windows, choose energy-efficient ones. North-facing windows should always be insulated.

**Chimneys:**

- Inspect the fireplace chimney whether it's wood burning, gas-fired, masonry, or prefabricated. Open the damper and look up; nothing should obstruct a clear view of the sky. No branches or bird nests should block your view. If you do not have a straight chimney, or you suspect anything, have a professional check it before use.
- Scrape the wall of the smoke chamber (area above the damper)

with something sharp to determine how much soot has accumulated. Soot thicker than 1/4 inch means it should be professionally cleaned.

- Call a professional if you notice cracks or other unusual signs.

**Exteriors:**

- Turn off water supplies to outside faucets and drain hoses.
- Caulk and seal gaps to help waterproof and block cold airflow into the house where different materials meet (i.e. siding and windows, along roof or foundation lines, where pipes enter home).
- Cover window air conditioners and secure with weatherproof tape.
- Clear gutters of leaves, twigs, and debris to allow free flow of rain and melting snow.
- Replace any crimped or damaged gutters or downspouts.

Call Debbi or Lynn in the Planning & Zoning Department with any questions or concerns. Remember, it is the homeowner's responsibility to obtain any necessary permits.

Use our Web site ([www.twp.lancaster.pa.us](http://www.twp.lancaster.pa.us)) to locate you property on the GIS to check your zoning district and review the Township's zoning ordinance as it applies to you. ■

**School District of Lancaster Updates**

The Lancaster Foundation for Educational Enrichment will begin its campaign to raise \$1 million by the year 2005 as a basis for an endowment fund. The endowment fund will benefit SDL students by encouraging the use of recent technology in teaching, learning, staff development, and helping to increase community and parental involvement.

The Lancaster Foundation for Educational Enrichment was established to strengthen community participation in school programs and provide support for projects and activities not funded by current tax revenues. The Foundation aims to ensure educational excellence in the School District of Lancaster. The Foundation operates independently from the SDL for the sole benefit of its students. The Trustees are corporate and community leaders, most of whom are not affiliated with the SDL. The Lancaster Foundation for Educational Excellence is committed to building a substantial endowment to support strong teaching and learning. Call Laura Olin at 399-6418 for more information.

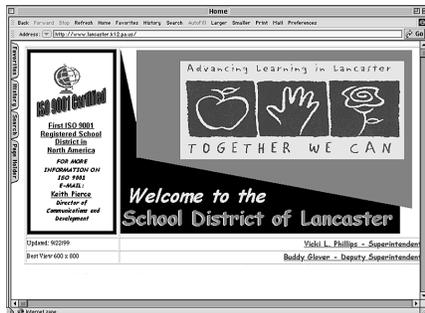
**CALENDAR**

SDL Board Meetings, 7PM:

- Jan. 6 and 18
- Feb. 3 and 15
- Mar. 9 and 21

School Calendar:

- Jan. 3-4 - No Classes
- Jan. 17, M. L. King Jr. Day - No Classes
- Feb. 21, Presidents' Day - No Classes
- Mar. 20 - No Classes



**VISIT THE SDL WEB SITE AT  
WWW.LANCASTER.K12.PA.US.**

**Public Works: The Trees and the Sidewalks Are Yours**

Sidewalks and trees growing next to a street or alley are the responsibility of the property owner. One must be certain to maintain both in order to avoid safety hazards that could result in injury.

All trees should be kept pruned so they hang no lower than ten feet above the street or alley surface. Remove any unhealthy portions of trees and entirely remove dead trees. When a fallen tree blocks a road, the highway crew will assist only so far as re-opening the roadway. When power lines are involved, the road is simply closed until the electric company and fire department determine safety.

Sidewalks in front or alongside of your property are your maintenance responsibility. Check your sidewalks regularly for uneven panels, cracks, and gaps. Have the damaged areas repaired as soon as possible. If you need to replace your sidewalk, please call the

Township Zoning Department for a free sidewalk replacement permit. Don't forget to clear ice and snow from your sidewalks as stated in Section PM-303.3 of the Lancaster Township Property Maintenance Code and Ordinance No. 1992-03.

**Winter Has Arrived**

The Public Works Department employees ask your assistance in helping to keep the storm inlets clear of leaves and other debris. The road crew performs this task regularly, but with winter weather here, a blockage could occur before the road crew arrives. Resident clearing of inlets will help prevent puddling and flooding. Please remove this debris and place behind the curb where the crew will collect it.

**Snow emergencies** will be announced on WLAN-AM, FM97, or WARM 103. Be sure to tune in and listen for any announced emergencies and procedures. When a Snow Emergency is declared, remember cars must be moved off the streets for snow removal.

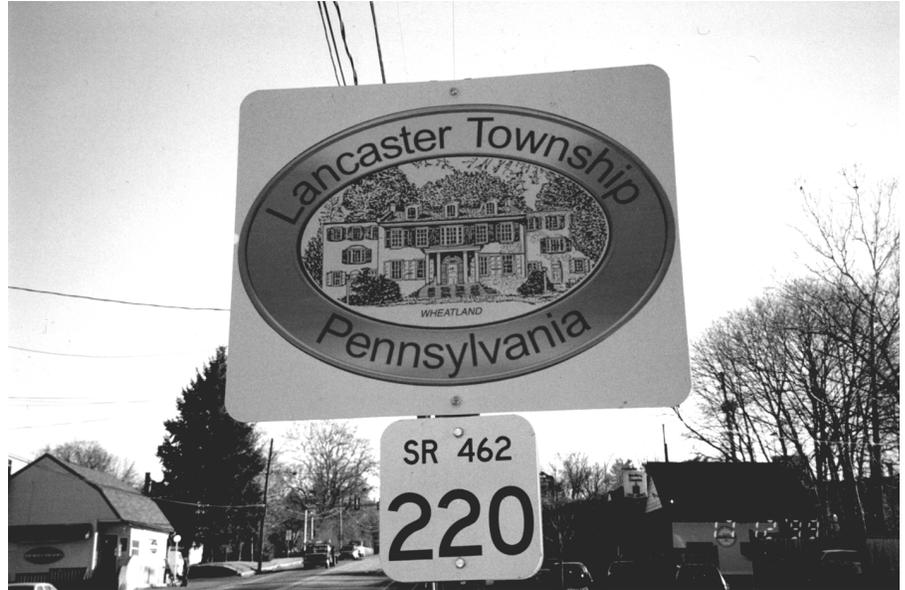
**Snow Removal Tips**

We may have a mild winter like last year with very little snow, or we could have a bone-chilling, traffic-snarling blizzard. In the latter case the plows

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

will be busy clearing the roadways. The road crew makes every effort to stay on the road surface itself, but sometimes it's impossible to determine exactly where the road ends and a lawn begins. It is recommended that property lines be marked with posts or small flags at least three feet high. The Township is not responsible for repairing damage in the public right-of-way that extends five to ten feet beyond the paved surface.

Occasionally there is damage to a mailbox. Check the support post of your mailbox to ensure it is in good shape. If a plow hits the mailbox, the Township will repair the damage. We



**Welcome to Lancaster Township!**

**NOW, YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU'RE WITHIN TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES BY THE NEW SIGNS CROPPING UP ALONG TOWNSHIP LINES.**

are not, however, able to control the snow coming off the plow blade and will not repair this type of damage. Always shovel snow away from the mailbox.

The following "Collector Roads" are plowed and maintained by PennDOT: Millersville Pike, Millersville Road, Marietta Avenue, Columbia Avenue, New Danville Pike, and East King Street.

The Township's first priorities for snow removal are roads with emergency services (fire departments, hospitals, nursing

homes, etc.) as well as other Collector Roads: East Orange Street, Riverside Avenue from East Orange to East King, Wabank Road from the city line to Millersville Road, North President Avenue, West End Avenue, School House Road, Wilson Drive between Columbia and Marietta, Atkins Avenue, Spencer Avenue, Abbeyville Road, Gable Park Road from Cold Stream to the Township line, and Charles Road. Local Access Road maintenance will occur after the major and minor collector roads are plowed.

It takes quite a while to plow every road in the Township. Your patience and assistance are requested in following some simple guidelines:

- ❄️ Wait to clear your driveway until the street has been plowed. Depending on snowfall, the minimum number of passes for a plow to clear the road is two. At the driveway entrance, eliminate high snow piles that can obstruct vision when exiting.
- ❄️ Please do not throw snow onto roadways at any time. **This practice creates hazardous driving conditions and violates Ordinance No. 3 of 1987.**
- ❄️ Park all vehicles in driveways so plows can reach to the curb line.
- ❄️ Trim branches and shrubs. Snow and ice makes them hang lower resulting in blocked roadways and damage to your trees.
- ❄️ Fire hydrants and storm drains must be kept clear. Please lend your assistance by shoveling and clearing debris from both. ■

**SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER**

# Computers and You

The Lancaster County Library has a training room with a dozen computers available. After the first of the year the library expects to have a trainer on staff who will help first time users as well as individuals with some computer skills. Call Bill Hudson at the Library (394-2651) for more information.

As we learned from replies to last summer's survey, many of you want some help with computers—ranging from basic “how to” to Internet use and Web sites. It has been found that there is an abundance of help available from strictly commercial classes to college

offerings and availability at the Lancaster Public Library.

PC Focus, a for-profit company in Greenfield Business Center, will provide on-site training for \$30-\$50 per person per session depending upon number attending. Off-site training can also be arranged for an additional fee. Their instructors and classroom equipment are definitely *top-drawer*. Call 396-9881 for brochures and information.

Penn State (located in Greenfield Office Center) and Millersville University offer computer training courses with new sessions beginning in Spring. There is a charge but senior citizen discounts are available. Program

brochures are available at the Township Office or by calling Penn State (771-4015) and MU (872-3030).

Harrisburg Area Community College (293-5050), currently located at the Burle Industries site on New Holland Avenue, also offers all levels of computer training. Call the college or pick up brochures in the Township office.

Another possibility being investigated is one-on-one training. Both MU and Franklin & Marshall College encourage their students to get involved in community volunteerism. There is the possibility of tutoring from both of these schools. Contact Suzanne Teske at the Township office to learn more.

We will continue to investigate other training approaches. Please check future newsletters for the latest updates. ■

## Lancaster Township Directory

**Lancaster Township Office**

1240 Maple Ave.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
717-291-1213, Fax: 717-291-6818  
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00AM-4:00PM

**Maintenance Facility**

1357 Meadowcreek Lane ..... 293-1733

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

**Web Site: [www.twp.lancaster.pa.us](http://www.twp.lancaster.pa.us)**

**District Magistrates:**

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

**Police, Nonemergency** ..... 664-1180

**Emergency Calls: Fire or Police** ..... 911

**Lancaster City Water** ..... 291-4816

**City of Lancaster** ..... 291-4837

**Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority** ..... 291-4805

**Lancaster Area Sewer Authority** ..... 299-4843

**Tax Collections:**

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

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** Dale L. High ..... 768-3119

**State Dog Warden:** Bill Birmingham ..... 445-9155

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

**Lancaster Recreation Commission** ..... 392-2115

## Census 2000 is Here!

On December 13, 1999 the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 1999-18 to show support and cooperation with the U.S. Census Bureau for the Decennial Census. Lancaster County received over \$200 million in 1998 from federal grant and loan programs that require Census data as part of their funding formulas for distribution.

The Census data is used for investment job development and marketing guidance, and determines the impact on educational, health and social programs. Census information from individuals and families is held completely confidential by laws supported by court rulings at all levels. It is never released even to other units of local, state, or federal governments except in large statistical totals.

To insure that everyone residing in Lancaster Township is accurately counted, please cooperate with census-takers by answering all questions and filling out forms completely. It is in everyone's best interest to support the U.S. Census Bureau. The information you provide comes back to residents in the form of programs and funding which directly affect our lives. ■



CLIP & SAVE ✂

**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.

# HOW TO MAKE CRIME MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH

by Officer Kathy Speitel

Everyone knows crime is a serious problem yet many of us actually assist a mugger or burglar by not taking some simple precautions and measures. By using common sense techniques, you can substantially reduce your chances of becoming a crime victim.

Always lock your doors and windows. There are three things a burglar worries about: 1. delay in getting into your home, 2. being forced to work where he can be observed, and 3. having to make noise. **1. Delay him. 2. Deter him. 3. Detect him.**

- Locks only work when they are locked! A deadbolt is one of the safer types.
- Never leave a key under your doormat.
- Install and turn on outside lights.

- Never leave ladders where they are accessible.
- Make your home look occupied. Keep lights, radio, or TV on when not there; install timers on lights; have a friend pick up mail or newspapers if you'll be gone for more than a day.
- Plan an escape route and go over it with your family.
- Place a metal or wooden rod in the bottom track of a sliding door.
- Keep bushes trimmed away from doors and windows and close your drapes or shades at night. When you are out and about, always be aware of your surroundings. Don't get out of your vehicle until you have surveyed the area. When returning to your vehicle have your key ready. Don't venture into dark, unlit alleys or other



places where someone could easily hide. When grocery shopping, don't leave your purse or wallet unattended. Using good common sense and precautions will help keep you from being a crime statistic.

Your local police department is happy to provide more information. ■

# GEARING UP FOR CELEBRATION 2000

Celebration 2000 is fast approaching! The Lancaster County Fireman's Association Annual Fireman's Convention is coming to Lancaster Township. The Lancaster Township Fire Department has the honor of hosting the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. This event has always brought together in mutual esteem fire departments and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, not just from Lancaster County, but also from neighboring counties and states.

The event will begin Friday night, June 2, with a memorial service at Hamilton Park United Church of Christ to honor the fallen firefighters of the past year. Saturday morning is the delegates' meeting followed by the highlight of the Convention: a fantastic parade! This parade displays all of the departments, companies, EMS, and various other fire organizations. They'll

be showing off their apparatus and equipment and competing for honors in many classifications.

To help defray the costs of this important event, the Lancaster Township Fire Department commissioned *Our Hometown* collectibles. These replicas of the North and South Fire Stations would make a delightful gift for someone. The cost is \$15. each or \$25. for a set of two. They are available for purchase at the Township office or by contacting the following committee members: Marie or Lou Kosmela (293-8973), James or Vicki Roop (397-0547), Edward Slaymaker (299-2986), Glenn Usdin (299-3112), Richard Walker (390-7290), Timothy Zimmerman (687-3942), or Ron or Sally Comfort (299-1177). Tim Zimmerman, Chair of the Celebration 2000 Committee, would also like to inform residents that the fire department has contracted with Smith-

Freeman Associates to ask for your support of Celebration 2000. The company will be contacting Township residents by mail or phone.

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



Don't forget to change batteries in smoke detectors, flashlights, and carbon monoxide detectors.

## Lancaster Township Officials

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 LANCASTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 ROBERT SLOYER (EAST END)  
 LAFAYETTE FIRE COMPANY

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

MICHAEL F. PICKARD

## LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

## COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHERS

Community Get-Togethers will continue in the new year. These informal sessions focus on particular neighborhoods and areas in the Township. All residents are invited to attend any of these neighborhood meetings, but the focus of each meeting will be on that particular neighborhood in which the meeting is held. The next get-together will be held at Martin Elementary School, 1990 Wabank Road on January 24, 2000. This meeting is for the Millrace/Honeysuckle/Wedgewood/Windolph Landing communities. On March 27, the Gable Park/Bausman/Chadwick communities are invited to a meeting at Manor House Apartments, 1415 Spencer Avenue. Please join us! ■

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