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Thomas H. Schaller assumes Board position

Welcome to a New Township Supervisor

Thomas H. Schaller was elected last November to the position of Lancaster Township supervisor. He began serving a six-year term at the January 7, 2002 Reorganization Meeting, where he was sworn in by District Magistrate Mary Mongiovi Sponaugle.

Tom is well-known to many residents because of his very active volunteer life in the township. He has volunteered with the Lancaster Township Fire Department for 41 years. He is currently serving as assistant chief, but he has also held the positions of chief and deputy chief. Most recently he served on the Township's Building Code Board of Appeals and was the chair of the Vacancy Board. Tom worked with the Y2K committee in 1999, and he continues his service as a deputy emergency management coordinator.

Tom was born in Bausman and is a lifelong resident of Lancaster Township. Tom and Dorothy, his wife of 36 years, count their four children and five grandchildren

among their many blessings. When he has free time, Tom enjoys hunting and crossword puzzles. He considers himself somewhat of an American history buff and a John Wayne expert!■



▲ Tom Schaller: Familiar face joins Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors

Farewell and Thanks

by Michael F. Pickard

For the past six years I have had the privilege and honor to serve you, the residents, as a Lancaster Township supervisor. Serving you has been an exciting and wonderful experience and offered me a unique perspective on our township. I have seen our township up close and in doing so I have met many great and interesting people. I have always had a strong interest in public service. Over 17 years ago I became a fire fighter with the township's fire department. This gave me my first experience serving the public and doing anything possible to make the lives of the residents safer and to lend a helping hand in a time of need.

Over six years ago when I was approached and asked if I would have interest in running for office as a Township supervisor, I couldn't think of a better way to reach out to as many people as I have and do my best to protect their safety, health, and welfare. Serving as a supervisor did indeed afford me the opportunity to do so. Although my background and interest was in public safety, I learned and participated in

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Legislative Update

The following ordinances have been passed since the last newsletter:

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Ordinance No. 2001-05 Updates the LIMC Sample Sign Regulations
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Ordinance No. 2001-06 Authorizes a funding agreement with Lancaster County for Regional Act 537 (Sewers)
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All ordinances are available for public inspection at the Township office, 1240 Maple Avenue. ■

► Dates to Remember:

February 18 – President’s Day

March 20 – First Day of Spring!

April 7 – Daylight Saving Time Begins

Office Closings:

► March 29 — Good Friday

► Lifesaver!

Officer J. Donald Shaeffer responded to a call that there was an unconscious man in a vehicle at the Lancaster Racquetball and Health Club. Upon arrival, Officer Shaeffer found the man unresponsive and not breathing. He removed the man from his car and checked for a pulse, but none was found. The officer removed an AED (automatic external defibrillator) from his patrol car, attached it to the proper area and administered shock to the man. Officer Michael Dean arrived and assisted Officer Shaeffer with rescue breathing.

LEMSA personnel arrived and took over the care of the patient, transporting him to Lancaster Regional Medical Center where he was admitted to Cardiac Care ICU for further treatment. On January 8, 2002, Officer Shaeffer was publicly thanked for saving a life.



▲ Officer J. Donald Shaeffer



Did you know?

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RRTA bus routes and schedules are available in the Township office.

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many other important activities and issues that affect our daily lives such as education, planning and zoning, BOCA building codes, public works, parks and open space, and the development of a multi-year strategic comprehensive plan, to name just a few.

I have many mixed emotions about no longer serving you as a supervisor. There are many aspects of the position and the people that I have worked with that I will miss. However, the Supervisors have given me the opportunity to continue to serve you. Several years ago former Governor Tom Ridge appointed me as the Township’s emergency management coordinator after being nominated by the Board of Supervisors. I have been asked to continue to serve in this capacity and I have gratefully accepted. I will also serve on the Township’s Public Safety Committee. I thank the Board of Supervisors for the confidence they have shown in me.

Please join me in welcoming my successor on the Board of Supervisors, Thomas H. Schaller. I have known Tom for over 15 years. He is a man of honesty and integrity who will represent all of us very well. I wish Tom the very best as he begins his term in office.

I want to thank you, the residents, the staff at Lancaster Township office, and my colleagues, Supervisors Tony Allen and Helen Adams, for a fantastic and rewarding six years. I especially want to thank my wife Jayne, our children, and my mom and dad for their undivided support and patience over the past six years. Serving you as a supervisor has been the greatest privilege of my professional life. I am still humbled by the confidence and trust you placed in me. I wish you the very best in the future and I hope our paths will cross again. ■



▲ Michael F. Pickard



The Tag Game

Yellow Tags: extra bags of trash only; \$6.25/strip of 5 tags

Red Tags: oversized items; \$4/each tag

Green Tags: grass, leaves, and sod only; \$6.25/strip of 5 tags

Blue Tags: large appliances; \$12/each tag (collected only in May and December)

Tags may be purchased in person or by mailing your request and a check in the appropriate amount to the Township office. ■

Free Leaf Mulch

Leaves picked up in the fall are taken to and processed at the Township's leaf composting site. The resulting mulch is available free to Township residents. It's an excellent source of nourishment and aids in keeping the soil loose. Call 293-1733 to arrange leaf mulch pickup. Give your garden a free, ecologically friendly start for the spring.



Large Appliance Pickup Dates

- Tuesday, May 7
- Wednesday, May 8

Remember to purchase \$12 Blue Tags and inform the office what item is to be picked up.



Saving Water

Even with some recent rainfall, we are still in a drought. Here are some tips for reducing water usage:

- Install water-saving fixtures such as low-flow showerheads.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads.
- Take shorter showers.
- Do not let water run, when you're cutting vegetables, brushing your teeth, etc.



2002 Holidays

when Township trash pickup will be affected:

Memorial Day, May 27:

Tuesday pickup will be Wednesday; Wednesday pickup will be Thursday

Labor Day, September 2:

Tuesday pickup will be Wednesday; Wednesday pickup will be Thursday

Christmas Day, December 25:

Tuesday pickup remains the same; Wednesday pickup will be Thursday



These are the only holidays in 2002 that are affected by schedule changes. **Remember**, the limit is three (3) bags or containers per week, including holidays. Plan ahead for extra trash by purchasing extra service tags.

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Rubbish Rangers

Many thanks to the Rubbish Rangers volunteers for a job well done on roadsides:

- Chop Cop & Son/ Bowers Tree Service,
- Knights of Columbus Council 867,
- Pat Keener Landscaping & Tree Service, and
- Lancaster Young Professionals.

Their dedication and contribution of time to keep Township roadsides looking clean and green is greatly appreciated. ■

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning & Zoning: Strategic Comprehensive Plan Update

Public participation meetings to update the Lancaster Township Strategic Comprehensive Plan (SCP) were held November 29 at Lancaster Community Hospital and December 4 at Maple Grove Community Building. The public had the opportunity to inspect plan exhibits and discuss them with members of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. After the informal session, Rettew Associates, Inc., Township engineer, provided a summary of the current status of the plan update and results compiled from the citizen survey mailed last fall.

Attendees were then divided into work groups to discuss and offer their suggestions as guidance on future directions for the Township. Comments were solicited for each of four primary topics: recreation and open space, transportation, quality of life, and municipal services. Some of the results are outlined below.

Discussions at these meetings generated many more comments, which will be used to develop future goals and objectives for Lancaster Township and the updated SCP. Results from the citizen survey and meetings show that the Township has come a long way toward accomplishing the goals set in

1996. Participation and information from residents ensures improvement well into the future. ■

Public Works: When it snows ...

The road crew makes every effort to stay on the road surface when plowing. It can be difficult, however, to determine where the road surface ends and a lawn begins. It is recommended to mark property lines with posts or small flags at least three feet high. **The Township is not responsible for repairing damage in the public right-of-way**, which extends five to ten feet beyond the paved surface. Be certain the mailbox support post is in good condition and shovel snow away from the mailbox. If a plow hits the mailbox, the Township will repair the damage. The Township will not repair damage that results from snow coming off the plow blade.

While it is snowing, the snowplow will make one pass on each street. A single pass is made to allow access for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances. Don't try to shovel out after this pass as it will be necessary to

shovel again! The plow will return to clear both sides of the street.

Snow emergencies ...

Tune the radio to WLAN-AM, FM97, or WARM103 for announced emergencies. If a snow emergency is declared, your vehicle must be removed from the street so snow removal equipment can operate efficiently and safely.



Snow tips ...

- Wait for snow plows to finish their job before shoveling driveways.
- Throwing snow on roadways at any time is a violation of Ordinance No. 1987-03; it creates hazardous driving conditions.
- Eliminate high snow piles that obstruct vision at a driveway entrance.
- Remove parked vehicles from streets to allow plows to reach the curb line; it's easier to move a car before it's plowed in.
- Trim branches and shrubs; snow and ice make branches hang lower than usual resulting in blocked roads and tree damage.
- Fire hydrants and storm drains must be kept clear; please lend a hand by shoveling and clearing debris from them. ■

Discussion Area	November 29	December 4
Recreation and Open Space	Park needed in East End	Create linking bike paths along creeks and rivers throughout the Township
Transportation	Improve pedestrian crossing locations and functions on E. King St.; relocate bus stops to pedestrian crossings	Do not extend Wabank Road into Millersville Borough
Quality of Life and Development	Maintain/preserve the rural flavor of Township	Focus more on single-family home development
Municipal Services	Present newsletter articles on topics from the citizen survey with a high number of "unaware of subject" responses; enforce property maintenance code.	Enforce property maintenance laws, especially on Columbia Ave.

School District of Lancaster Updates

<p>SDL Board Meetings, 7PM: February 7 & 19 March 7 & 19 April 4 & 16 May 9 & 21</p>	<p>School Calendar: February 18 - No School March 28-29 - No School April 1-2 - No School May 27 - No school</p>
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Together We Can!

The Lancaster Township Fire Department has a new Web address:
www.lafd.org



**Historical Commission
Working to Preserve
Township Character**

by Ginny Gible, Chair

"I'm proud of my home! There are some things that I'd like to change and some things I'm working on, but basically I like it. I like the neighborhood. I've tried to keep my house looking good. I have invested time and money in it. My house is not a special house—except to my family." If these words could be your own, then you'll be interested in the Lancaster Township Historical Commission (LTHC) and its activities.

The LTHC was recommended by the Lancaster Township Planning Commission and appointed by the Board of Supervisors to "preserve and enhance the Township's historic character and resources."

To accomplish this task, LTHC needs to know what sites and structures presently exist in the Township. Have you driven or walked down Atkins or Spencer Avenues in the spring? Did you ever ride a bike on Conestoga Drive? Have you attended the annual Hamilton Park Corn Roast? Have you visited Wheatland or Conestoga House and Gardens? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you're glad to have them around and would miss them if they disappeared. The LTHC wants to identify all of our historical, architectural, cultural or archaeologically significant components.

Residents of Atkins and Spencer Avenues have worked over the years to produce the unmatched springtime joy their homes collectively give to us all. The natural beauty of the historic Conestoga River flowing along Conestoga Drive imparts a peaceful curiosity, and a cyclist's thoughts turn to Lancaster's early history, transportation, and industry. The sense of community one feels at a Hamilton Park

Association event states that this is as ideal a place to live as Beaver Cleaver's neighborhood. Wheatland is already designated as an historically significant place and will remain special for future generations. Conestoga House and Gardens' rose or boxwood gardens beg visitors to "come, sit awhile."

Your house is also special. "Special" means significant to Lancaster Township. The LTHC wants to identify all of the special characteristics of the Township so they can be retained or enhanced as appropriate to each site.

The first step in preserving and enhancing these historic resources is to identify them. The LTHC has begun a survey of locations and residents can help by identifying their home's unique architectural makeup and share its history. Knowing what is here and sharing pride in our community is an effective approach to preserving the Township's historic resources. ■

LBSA News

It may be February and cold outside but spring and the baseball and softball season are right around the corner. The Lancaster Baseball and Softball Association has been busy this winter warming up for another exciting season.

We are proud and excited about our new relationship with the Lancaster Recreation Commission. The Rec Commission is assisting us with many of our administrative needs. It also is providing expert resources for our baseball and softball needs.

Registration for the spring season will be held in February and skills assessments for the baseball players ages 9 and up will be in March. Please check the Lancaster Scene section in the *Sunday News*, the LRC Winter Recreation Guide, the LBSA newsletter, or call our registrar, Jennifer Wilson, 871-6240, or the LRC at 392-2115 for more information about registration, clinics and skills assessment dates and times.

The Lancaster Baseball and Softball Association would like to thank Lancaster Township for their continued support of LBSA and our children. **PLAY BALL! ■**

Lancaster Township

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- Helen S. Adams Elected Supervisor
- Anthony J. Allen Elected Supervisor
- Thomas H. Schaller Elected Supervisor
- William L. Adams Township Manager
- J. Robert Eckenrode Superintendent of Public Works
- Earl A. Groff Road Foreman
- Marti Heim Planning & Zoning Assistant
- Stacy Honer Administrative Coordinator
- Lori K. Jacoby Office Administrator
- Deb Jones Receptionist
- Lynn M. Stauffer Director of Planning & Zoning
- Suzanne B. Teske Administrative Assistant
- Web Site www.twp.lancaster.pa.us

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Annual Township Review

Year 2001

- A new reception area to better serve residents was opened.
- The new Lancaster Township Historical Commission was appointed.
- The first phase of the Maple Grove Riparian Restoration project was completed and large educational and information signs were installed.
- The Planning and Zoning Department issued 360 building and zoning permits. Of those permits, 4 were commercial zoning, 22 commercial building, 18 temporary use, 14 sign permits, 10 blasting permits, 5 home occupation, 155 residential zoning, and 132 residential building permits. Of the 132 residential building permits, 12 were multi-family townhouse rentals totaling 64 rental units.
- The Zoning Hearing Board reviewed 13 cases within which there were requests for 6 special exceptions, 6 variances, and 1 extension of time.
- The Planning Commission reviewed 4 subdivision and land development plans for both residential and commercial.

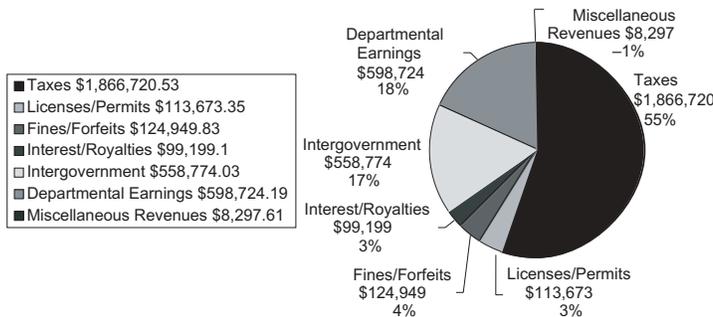
- The Building Code Board of Appeals heard one appeal.
- Lancaster Township joined with the county, LASA, and all user municipalities (East and West Hempfield Townships, East Petersburg Borough, Manheim Township, Manor Township, Mountville Borough) in a joint Act 537 Plan.
- A \$35,000 Growing Greener Grant was received for Maple Grove Park walking path extensions.
- The first Citizen Budget Review Committee was formed to review the 2002 budget prior to adoption.
- There are now four groups who have joined the Rubbish Rangers (Adopt-A-Highway).
- The Public Works Department purchased a new asphalt roller and pickup truck.
- Phase I of the storm water project at Atkins, Spencer, and Elwood Avenues was completed.
- There have been several cooperative public works projects undertaken with assistance to and from other

municipalities saving time and money for all.

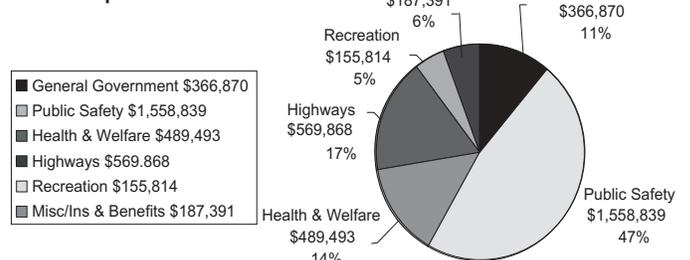
- A flashing warning light system was installed at one of the Township's most dangerous intersections, New Danville Pike at Hoover Road.
- Playground equipment was purchased for Windolph Landing Park and will be installed Spring 2002.
- The memorial brick project was completed at Lancaster Community Park.
- Paved pathways (first phase) were installed at Lancaster Community Park.
- The third annual Community Day was a great success with residents.
- It was a busy year for Township fire, police and emergency management service providers. Emergency responses were:
 - Lancaster Township Fire Department - 498
 - Lafayette Fire Company - 91
 - Police - 7,935
 - LEMSA - 1,196
- Total: 9,720 emergency calls for the year.** ■

2001 Actual

2001 Revenues

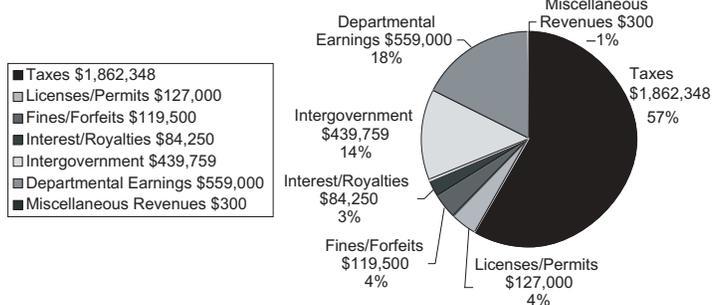


2001 Expenditures

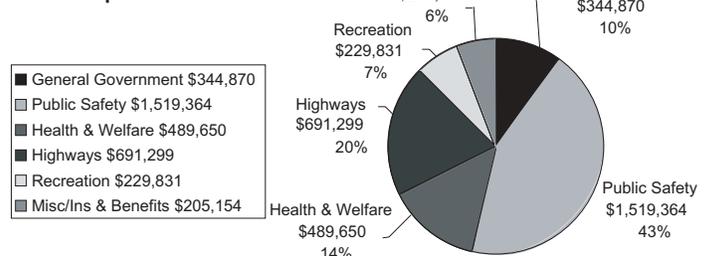


2002 Budget

2002 Revenues



2002 Expenditures



Lancaster City Bureau of Police

New Police Liaison: Stephen A. Skiles



Platoon Lieutenant Stephen A. Skiles is the newly appointed liaison between the Lancaster City Bureau of Police and Lancaster Township. As the Township liaison and the community policing coordinator, Lt. Skiles is the person with overall responsibility for supervising officers who are assigned to the community policing positions. He also supervises two sergeants who provide supervision to these officers and the Crime Prevention Office. He oversees all bicycle patrol operations, including the selection and training of officers assigned to these positions.

As Lancaster Township liaison, Lt. Skiles takes on the additional duties of handling specific problems and complaints. It is his job to determine manpower and deployment issues. The most important aspect of his work is to meet with Township officials to ensure that the Police Bureau abides by its contractual obligations with the Township and that all policing needs are met for the residents of Lancaster Township.

Lt. Skiles is 37 and has been with the Police Bureau for 16 years. He began in 1986 as a patrolman, advancing to detective in 1991, patrol supervisor sergeant in 1997, and platoon lieutenant in 2001. Then in November 2001 he was appointed as the community policing officer.

The Lieutenant is a graduate of

Hempfield High School and York College with a B.S. in police science/sociology. He and his wife have three children. His favorite relaxation activity is spending time with his family, but he also enjoys hiking, biking, and weight training. ■

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.

Winter Driving Tips

by Officer J. Donald Shaeffer

The leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. Everyone needs to prepare for a safe winter season.

Have a mechanic check that all mechanical systems in your car are functioning properly. Use snow tires or all-weather radials for good traction and remember to maintain a half tank of gas to avoid condensation in the fuel lines. Be sure to check the radio or highway patrol for the latest road conditions.

Prepare and keep an emergency car kit with you. Items should include:

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Blankets
- Small sack of sand for wheel traction
- Small shovel, pliers, wrench, screwdriver, jack, booster cables
- Bottled water and snacks

If you are trapped, **stay in the car unless help is visible within 100**

yards. Display a trouble sign and/or hang a colored cloth on the antenna. Run the engine for approximately ten minutes every hour to keep warm. Turn on the heater and the interior dome light only when the car is running. Keep the exhaust pipe free of snow and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Winter collisions can occur when your vehicle skids. A skid usually occurs when driving too fast for road conditions, especially at curves and turns. Slow down, anticipate lane changes and turns, maintain safe distances between vehicles, and stay alert to other drivers.

If you find yourself in a skid, go to neutral and apply steady even pressure. Stay calm and do not slam on the brakes. As soon as you feel the wheels grip the road again, gently steer in the desired direction. ■



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LIMC Greenway Representative

Suzanne B. Teske

Fire Chiefs

Gl en Usdin (west end)
 Lancaster Township Fire Department
 Ron Nolt (east end)
 Lafayette Fire Company

Emergency Management Coordinator

Michael F. Pickard

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

**Board of Supervisors:
 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Building Code Board of Appeals:
 Meets as needed**

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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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

No Stopping or Parking!

You will be ticketed if you violate Pennsylvania State Vehicular Code #S3353 (a), (3), (ii), which prohibits parking at any place where official signs are posted.

There are reasons for laws and road signs.

They let you know what you may and may not do.

Manor Shopping Center and Stonemill Plaza have fire lane restrictions. Drivers are not allowed to stop or park in these fire lanes, which includes drop-offs, pick-ups, and deliveries. There are plenty of signs warning drivers of the restrictions and there is adequate parking available. One may have to do a little walking, but isn't that better than a parking fine? Please, keep in mind the safety of others when driving and parking. ■



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