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David Clouser Begins March 3

Township Welcomes New Manager

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to name David L. Clouser, Middletown, as the Township's next manager.

A native of Central Pennsylvania, Clouser will succeed William L. Adams, who is retiring. Clouser will begin service to the Township on March 3.

Following graduation from Shippensburg University in 1966, Clouser served four years in the U.S. Air Force in Texas, North Dakota, and Guam. In 1972 he was awarded a master's degree in regional planning from the Pennsylvania State University. He subsequently earned a Ph.D. in environmental studies from the University of Tasmania in Hobart, Australia.

Clouser brings a diverse background to Lancaster Township. Past municipal experience includes his current stint as borough manager in Lewisburg, PA and prior service as a township manager in both North Codorus Township, York County, and Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County. Additionally, he

has held positions in urban planning in Anne Arundel County, Annapolis, MD and in codes enforcement in Coatesville, PA.

From 1979 to 1988 Clouser and his family lived in Hobart, Australia, where he had a professorship in the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, at the Tasmanian State Institute of Technology. In 1988, he and his family returned to the family home in Middletown.

Clouser's wife, Hermine, was born in Holland and raised in Australia. A graduate of Sydney University, she is employed by Philhaven as a therapeutic support specialist in Dauphin County. David and Hermine are the parents of four grown children: Janelle, David,



▲ David L. Clouser

Jeremy, and Emma.

Clouser is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the International City Managers' Association.

Widely traveled during his academic and public service career, Clouser looks forward to serving the residents of Lancaster Township. ■

Legislative Update



The following ordinances have been passed since the last newsletter:

► Dates to Remember

March 21 – First Day of Spring
 April 6 – Daylight Saving Time Begins, Spring Forward One Hour

► Office Closings

April 18 – Good Friday
 May 26 – Memorial Day

Meet the New Staff Member

Lancaster Township hired Erica Englehart in June as a temporary employee. After three months of exhibiting excellent skills, she became a permanent office clerk in September. Erica is a native of Lancaster County,

having grown up in the Farmdale area. For her senior year, Erica attended Mount Joy Career and Technology Center for business education and graduated at the top of her class. She graduated from Hempfield High School. Erica enjoys reading, cooking, and movies in her spare time. Welcome!!



◀ Erica Englehart

Lancaster Township

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 Phone: 717-291-1213 Fax: 717-291-6818
 Maintenance Facility: 717-293-1733
 Monday-Friday: 8AM-4PM

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

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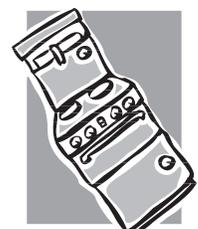
• RRTA bus routes and schedules are available in the Township office?

- To stop junk mail send your name, address, and signature in a letter or postcard to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Assoc., PO Box 282, Carmel, NY 10512. After three months, unwanted mail should decrease by up to 75%. Register online at www.dmaconsumers.org and click on "consumer assistance."



Large appliance and tire pickup

... will be held the week of May 19 on your regular collection day: May 19, 20, 21, or 22. The Township office must be notified of any item to be collected. A \$12 blue tag must be attached to each appliance. A \$1.25 purple tag must be attached to each tire. A separate truck will collect these items and may arrive at a separate time than the trash truck. Please be sure to place all items at curbside the evening prior to collection. The haulers will not collect items that are not at the curb. ■



What is Yard Waste?

Several changes have been made in yard waste collection and recycling. First, one needs a good definition of yard waste. Lancaster Township defines yard waste as grass clippings, bush and shrubbery trimmings, weeds, tree branches (less than two inches in diameter), sod, and dead flowers. Second, one must understand what happens to this material after collection. Instead of dumping this material in landfill sites, all yard waste is taken to the Township's composting site (see more about this on page 5). There, it will be turned into a natural soil enrichment additive or mulch. These valuable materials are recycled back into the earth, thereby reducing the amount sent to landfills. Now to the changes.



March 31 to October 17: Yard waste is collected and recycled. All yard waste **MUST be tied in bundles or placed in biodegradable bags.** Residents may pick up the bags, which are provided by the Township, Monday through Friday 8AM to 4PM, beginning March 3, 2003. Yard waste will be collected on the regular refuse/recycling day, **every other week beginning March 31.** Residents may set out an unlimited amount of yard waste as long as it is bundled and tied or placed in biodegradable bags. If you have an overabundance of yard waste, please call 293-1733 to schedule an appointment for drop-off at the Township maintenance facility. Residents must unload their own vehicles.

A separate truck collects recyclable yard waste at different times during the day. To ensure collection, please have trash, recycling bin, and yard waste at curbside the night before your regularly scheduled pickup day.



October 20 to April 1: No yard waste will be collected separately. During these months, yard waste is to be included with the regular trash and becomes part of the three-bag limit. **Do not use biodegradable bags during this time.** ■

- Recyclable Yard Waste Collection will be on your regular trash day during the following weeks beginning:**
- March 31;
 - April 14 & 28;
 - May 12 & 26 (one-day delay because of holiday);
 - June 9 & 23;
 - July 7 & 21;
 - August 4 & 18;
 - September 1 (one-day delay because of holiday), 15, & 29;
 - October 13

2003 Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

There are four holidays in 2003 that will affect trash collection:

Memorial Day Week, May 26-30
All trash will be collected one day later.

Labor Day Week, September 1-5
All trash will be collected one day later.

Thanksgiving Day, November 27
Only the Thursday collection is affected and moved to Friday.

Christmas Day, December 25
Only the Thursday collection is affected and moved to Friday.

Remember, the limit is three (3) bags or containers per week, including holidays. Plan ahead for extra trash by purchasing extra service tags. Tags may be purchased in person or by mailing a check. ■



DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning & Zoning: Direct water away from homes

Unless you have landscaped your property to accommodate excess water, most water will run off into public drainage systems or nearby streams and rivers. Uncontrolled runoff can create gullies and even deep channels in the yard. Runoff carries environmentally harmful sediment and pollutants into local waterways and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay, already environmentally endangered.

Water is dissipated in three ways: infiltration (filtering through the soil), runoff, and evaporation. Infiltration recharges groundwater with plants using the water as it trickles through the soil along root channels. Encourage infiltration by planting vegetation and maintaining good soil texture by adding organic material such as compost or peat. Clay soil may require a little extra sand.

The key to controlling runoff is to redirect water away from homes, slowly,

through carefully planned vegetation. Take care that the storm water is not directed towards a neighboring property but towards public drainage systems. The use of proper landscaping during dry, hot months encourages water to stay near thirsty grass and gardens.

Spring is upon us and there may be leaves remaining on one's property. Leaves do create some drainage problems for both the homeowner and the Township. Please help to keep the storm water drainage system working properly by removing leaves and debris from storm catchbasins near your home.

The Township staff is always willing to assist with your planning and zoning needs. Please call Lynn or Marti, 291-1213, with any questions or concerns. Use the Township's website (www.twp.lancaster.pa.us) to locate a property on the GIS map or to review zoning district information and the Zoning Ordinance.

Public Works: In case it snows again ...

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. Thus, 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.

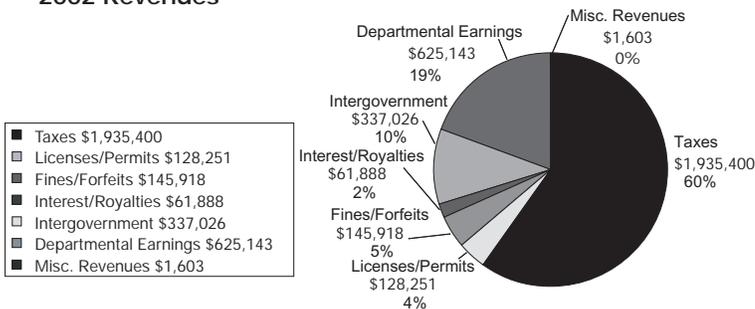
Additionally, be certain the mailbox support post is in good condition and shovel snow away from the area of the mailbox. If a plow hits the mailbox, the Township will repair the damage. **The**



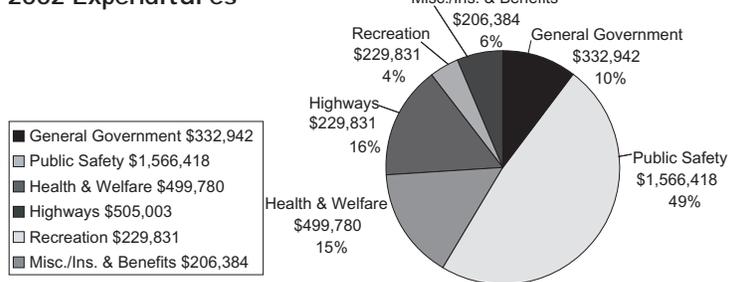
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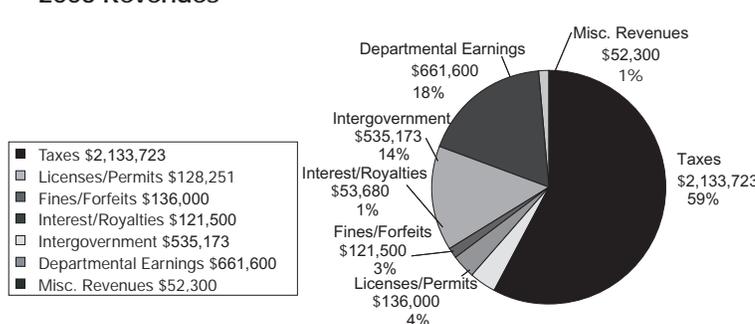


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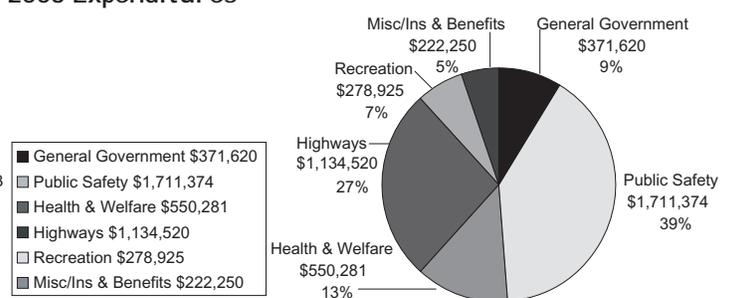


2003 Budget

2003 Revenues



2003 Expenditures



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. This is done to allow access for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances. Don't try to shovel out after this first 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 that snow removal equipment can operate efficiently and safely.

Snow tips...

- Wait for snow plowing to be completed before shoveling driveways.
- Throwing snow on roadways at any time is a violation of Ordinance No. 1987-03; that action 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.

Lancaster Recreation Commission Fights Winter Blues

Winter and spring at the Lancaster Recreation Commission (LRC) provide a wide range of activities for all ages to keep the winter doldrums at bay! Call 392-2115 today to learn about these classes and many others:

- **Swimming Lessons**, ages 1-12; March 4 through May 3 — fee: \$33
- **Make Money Babysitting** — a Red Cross certified course offered at the LRC for \$40
- **Little Hoopers Basketball** — February 4 and just \$25. 6-week program is designed for K5 and grades 1 and 2.
- **Little Volleyball** — ages 6-9 held at the LRC Gym — fee: \$30
- Get in shape with one of the LRC's fitness programs: **Kickboxing, Yoga, Aerobics**
- Looking to do something new and different with your child? Try **Judo**. A class designed to appeal to everyone! 8-week session only \$32/person.
- Dance, Dance, Dance with the LRC — **Swing, Salsa and Line Dancing**
- **Adult Softball and Volleyball Leagues** — Sign up soon! Call 392-2115 for more information on LRC classes, sports, and trips. ■

- 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.

This is your chance!

As you may remember, the first snowfall of the season occurred back during leaf pickup. This resulted in leaf piles' not being collected. Because of this surprise visit from Mother Nature, the Township will provide a one-time leaf pickup in the spring. March 31-April 11, 2003 is the time period set aside for leaf pickup, weather permitting. Resident cooperation is necessary. Please remember, pickup is for *leaves only*. The equipment will become clogged if branches or other debris are included. After April 11, or any time of the year, bagged leaves may be dropped off at our maintenance facility after calling 293-1733 for an appointment.

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

It is suggested that residents continue to bundle branches and place them out with regular trash this winter. In April we will be ready to accept woody material at the Maintenance Facility. ■

School District of Lancaster Updates

April is **Kindergarten Registration Month** in the School District of Lancaster. Test results show that eight out of ten students who attended full-day kindergarten in the School District of Lancaster last year achieved or exceeded the readiness skills needed for a successful first grade experience. These students entered the first grade equipped with the social, emotional, and academic skills needed to begin a lifelong journey of learning, achievement, and success.

The **Turkey Hill Kindergarten Round-Up** is designed to promote the importance of registering kindergarten students on time. To accurately prepare for the upcoming school year, the School District of Lancaster needs your support. Contrary to popular belief, kindergarten is not mandatory. Getting your child in the school of your choice is on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, all you need is your child's birth certificate, social security card, and immunization records, along with proof of residence.

For more information please call, 291-6140.

SDL Board Meetings, 7PM:

- February 18
- March 18
- April 15
- May 20

School Calendar:

- February 17 – no school
- April 14-18 – no school
- May 26 – no school

Together We Can!!

Lancaster County Conservation District Announces 29th Annual Tree Seedling Sale

The annual tree seedling sale of the Lancaster Conservation District is a great source of very affordable seedlings and other plant materials. All plants are carefully selected for longevity, disease and insect resistance, and winter hardiness. Some of the available items are bare-rooted conifers and hardwoods, groundcover, ornamental flowering fruit trees, eleven varieties of apple trees, and a large assortment of native trees and shrubs.



To obtain an order form, please call Carol Harnish, 299-5361, extension 5, or visit the website: www.co.lancaster.pa.us/lccd/site/default.asp

The deadline for placing an order is Friday, March 14, 2003. All orders can be picked up on Friday, April 19, 2003 at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Lancaster County Central Park. Proceeds benefit environmental education activities in the County. ■

Lancaster Baseball and Softball Association News

As this is being written, the ground is snow covered and on-street parking spaces are at a premium. But as you are reading this, major-league baseball is returning to the Citrus and Cactus Leagues down south preparing for another season. Likewise, during the off-season, the Lancaster Baseball and Softball board and volunteers have been busy preparing for the upcoming 2003 season.

Registration has begun. Please call David Anderson, president, at 872-5769 for information. Baseball registration fees are \$20 to \$40, depending on the age of the child. Softball fees are \$30 for all ages. These fees reflect the comparative cost to equip a team. Fundraising is a mandatory membership activity, although you may opt to pay an additional \$40 instead.

This year's fundraiser will be the sale of pizza kits and specialty desserts (such as cheesecakes).

In a big change this year, LBSA will offer only Girls Fast Pitch Softball. This change allows for concentration of our limited resources to a sport that girls can continue to play in high school and college.

The LBSA board would like to thank Lancaster Township for its continued support. Because of the Township's efforts, we have a great facility for watching and playing ball games. We receive many compliments on the park throughout the season. LBSA extends a special thanks to Lancaster Township's Public Works employees!

LBSA's next general membership meeting is March 3, 2003, 7PM at the Lancaster Recreation Commission, 525 Fairview Avenue. Come out and get involved! ■



Hamilton Park Playground Association Prepares for Spring: Get Involved!



The Hamilton Park Board will continue to meet at the Township Building, 1240 Maple Avenue, every third Thursday of the month beginning in January. Interested neighbors are encouraged to attend the February 20 and March 20 meetings, at which the feasibility of organizing a June festival and planning for the future of the park will be agenda items. Please show your support by attending these meetings that will help to keep our park and neighborhood traditions alive. If you cannot attend but would like to help in planning park events or with park maintenance, please call Deb Frailey at 392-2794.

Springtime at Hamilton Park

April 6, 1:00PM, Park Clean-up: Turn on the water, clean the restrooms, clear downed tree limbs and debris, and perform minor painting or repairs that are needed. Additional mulch will be purchased for the play equipment area and people are needed to help spread mulch. ■

LIMC Elects Officers and Makes Plans for 2003

The Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee is a council of twelve municipalities that have joined together to encourage and facilitate intergovernmental cooperation among member municipalities. The membership is composed of East Hempfield, East Lampeter, Lancaster, Manheim, Manor, Pequea, West Hempfield, and West Lampeter Townships; East Petersburg, Millersville, and Mountville Boroughs; and Lancaster City.

Congratulations to the newly elected Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee officers for 2003: Chair Karl Ottolini (West Lampeter Township Supervisor), Vice Chair Julianne Dickson (Lancaster City Council), and Secretary/Treasurer Susan Bernhardt (East Hempfield Township Supervisor). These are the representatives who will lead the group in its effort to develop a regional comprehensive plan for the area.

A major project for 2003, the regional comprehensive plan will provide a current, cost-efficient plan that meets all new requirements of the PA Municipalities Planning Code and give a regional perspective within which municipalities can make planning decisions. Additionally, it will facilitate innovative planning techniques (e.g. multi-municipal transfer of development rights) and provide an advantage to municipalities when applying for grant programs that reward intergovernmental cooperation.

Representatives from each participating municipality and the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) are part of a steering committee that will oversee the development of the plan. The committee will select a consultant whose fees will be paid by the LCPC and a grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. Preparation of the plan is expected to take two years. During this time there will be several opportunities for public participation.

Other LIMC activities have included publication of a summary *Conestoga Greenways: A River Corridor Conservation Plan*, two more issues of the newsletter *Greenpoints*, a series of safety training workshops for public

Lancaster Township Police

Meet Your Officers

Get to know the police officers who serve Lancaster Township: **Officer J. D. Shaeffer** is a 13-year veteran of the police force. In addition to his regular duties for the citizens of Lancaster Township, he maintains police equipment, attends to vehicle maintenance, and is responsible for the certification of speed timing devices used in the Township. Officer Shaeffer is one of two assistant emergency management coordinators for Lancaster Township.

Officer Shaeffer is married and has one child. His idea of relaxation is to go camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting.

Officer Modesto Rodriguez (Moe) has been a police officer since 1986 and a Township-assigned officer for eight years. He serves mainly on the east side of the Township and encourages residents to contact him with any problems in the area. Officer Rodriguez will be helping to form a Citizen Crime Watch group in this area. To reach him, call 291-4784, extension 9058, and leave a message on his voicemail.

Officer Rodriguez enjoys all sports, but his favorite pastime is fishing. ■



▲ Officer J. D. Shaeffer



▲ Officer Modesto Rodriguez

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.

works personnel, a presentation on regional planning at the LIMC annual meeting, and discourse on community issues such as recycling and library funding.

Please call 397-7313 for more

information about the LIMC, or you may write to: LIMC, PO Box 8347, Lancaster, PA 17604-8347.

There is a wealth of printed information available for use at meetings, classes, and other gatherings. ■

Lancaster Township Officials

Supervisors

Anthony J. Allen, Chair
 Thomas H. Schaller, vice-chair
 Helen S. Adams, Treasurer

Planning Commission

Harold H. Bowers, Jr., chair
 Melissa A. Kelly, vice-chair
 Edwina H. Coder, secretary
 Benjamin H. Bamford
 Robert R. Desmarais, Jr.
 Kenneth D. Hammel
 Gordon B. Reed

Zoning Hearing Board

John W. Metzger, chair
 Elizabeth W. Bamford, vice-chair
 Peggy D. Hall, secretary
 Joe LoCurto, alternate

Building Code Board of Appeals

Dale J. Cagwin, chair
 Craig H. Walton, vice-chair
 M. Melanie LeFever, secretary
 Patrick M. Egan
 Paul W. Kaseman
 Ron Comfort, Jr., alternate

Public Safety Committee

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 Doris R. James
 Kenneth C. Notturmo
 Michael F. Pickard

Board of Auditors

J. Andrew Charles, chair
 James A. Humphreville, secretary
 Harry R. Frey

Historical Commission

Ginny Gibbs, chair
 Alice Humphreville, vice-chair
 Scott Shonk, secretary
 Elizabeth A. Hine
 James Jolly
 John Loose
 Cathy Lynne Taylor
 Gordon B. Reed, ex-officio

Vacancy Board

William R. Worley, chair

LASA Representative

Alex Henderson III

SLSA Representative

Richard B. Nissley

Library Representative

Peggie O. Miller

LRC Representatives

Roberta Bruns
 Suzanne B. Teske

LIMC Greenway Representative

Suzanne B. Teske

Fire Chiefs

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

Emergency Management Coordinator

Michael F. Pickard

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Thanks to Featured Artist

Many thanks to Jennifer Grace Strassenburgh, the featured artist in the Township Building's lobby and offices. Her paintings have greatly enhanced these public areas.

Jennifer grew up in Lancaster Township. Upon graduation from McCaskey High School, she attended the Savannah College of Art and Design. Jennifer completed her education at the University of Colorado, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Her award-winning paintings hang in permanent collections throughout the United States and she has exhibited widely. Jennifer, her husband, and



daughter have resettled in Lancaster after living for a number of years in Denver, Colorado. Stop by to view these works of art. As with all previously exhibited artists, the paintings are available for purchase. ■

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		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.		

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

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