



# Lansdowne News

Winter 2010

## Mayor's Column

By Jayne Young

I'm a resolution person. They are not always kept but my intentions are good. This year it's to eat less carbs or do more stomach crunches, which ever gets me closer to pinching just an inch.

For any Lansdowne resident resolving to make a difference I want to offer another more productive suggestion.

We have a number of borough boards and commissions. All of these are well served by committed, volunteer residents. We do from time to time have openings on these boards and I want to share some information about them just in case a few of you have resolved to get more involved in your borough government.

Our Civil Service Commission needs one new member. This Commission is charged with overseeing the process by which the borough hires and promotes police officers. It meets only as needed but has huge impact on the quality of police officer in Lansdowne.

The Codes Appeal Board has a vacancy. This board hears from contractors who dispute Code Enforcement rulings. For this Board we need members with a contractor's resume. They only meet as needed.

Our Park and Recreation Board has an opening. Charged with tracking maintenance in all our parks and public spaces as well as providing input in our Recreation programs. This board oversees a parks improvement budget and meets monthly.

For any of these boards the Council requests a letter of interest and or a resume from interested residents. If you have any questions about these and other borough boards, please feel free to contact any member of Council or the Borough Manager. We would love to welcome you aboard.

## Meet the Newest Member of the LPD



Leo Doyle was sworn in as our newest, part time police officer by Mayor Jayne Young. His father is holding the bible.

## Overnight Parking Permits

2010 Parking permits are available at borough hall. The fee is \$40.00 for the year if you purchase your permit January– March. From April on the cost pro-rates to \$4.00 per month.

Parking permit stickers are required for overnight street parking. Any vehicle, without a permit, parked on borough streets overnight will be ticketed. Guests cars can be called into the police department. For complete rules visit [www.lansdownepolice.com](http://www.lansdownepolice.com)



## Save the Dates

“Spruce Up Lansdowne Day”– Lansdowne Celebrates the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day Saturday April 17, 2010 9:30 am—2:00 pm

We set the date for the Lansdowne “Town Wide Yard Sale”.

Get ready to clean up and sell out on Saturday May 8th, 2010.

If you get hungry while you are out buying, don't forget to pick up a fresh hoagie from the Lansdowne Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. All funds they raise go directly to our volunteer fire company.

## *Full Stops Free !!!!*

By now most of Lansdowne's drivers have seen the addition to some of our stop signs. The notice that informs drivers that full stops are free but rolling stops have an additional cost \$109.50.

Every one knows a problem intersection, where vehicle operators some times forget the rules of the road. Share your favorite location by E-mailing: mayorjayne@aol.com or call the police department @ 610-623-0700 and leave a message for the Chief.



## **Are You a Cyclist in Search of a Trail?**

The Lansdowne Planning Commission is currently working on a plan for a marked bike path in the Borough.

Interested in learning more? A high level overview of the plans will take place at 7:00 PM during the February 9<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting, join us in borough hall. We will review a suggested “Lansdowne Loop” map and targeted bike rack locations.

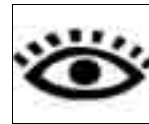
If you are interested in attending or would simply like to share route or other suggestions, please send an email by 2/7/09 to [lansdownebikepath@gmail.com](mailto:lansdownebikepath@gmail.com).

## **Neighborhood Watch**

**The Public Safety Committee is working hard to organize neighbors for the Neighborhood Watch program.**

**This is a great way to create neighborhood partnerships and reduce crime at the same time. For more information contact the chair of the committee, Michael Schleigh at :**

**councilmanmichaelschleigh@verizon.net**



## **Christmas Tree Pick Up**

Christmas trees will be picked up from your **CURB** between Wednesday, Jan 13 and Friday January 15. This is for trees **ONLY**. All ornaments and stands must be off the tree, please.



## **Snow and Ice Removal**

Please remember that ice and snow **MUST** be removed from the full width of your sidewalk within 24 hours of the end of the snowfall. Cleaning your walk will help prevent slips and falls, and is just the right thing to do. Non compliance with removal can result in citations being issued. Don't forget to help out those who need help, such as the elderly or those who live alone. Thanks.





## Recycling/Environmental Services 2010

For more info go to [www.lansdowneborough.com](http://www.lansdowneborough.com)

### **Recycling:** Curb-side every 2 weeks

Single-stream: paper, aluminum and bi-metal cans, glass and # 1 and # 2 plastics, co-mingled together  
No plastic bags.

If you need a container, call the Borough @ 610-623-7300

Utilize the bins throughout the business district and at the train stations.

Look for portable recycling units at the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club and at Lansdowne's public events such as the Farmer' Market and Arts Festival.

All apartments, condominiums and businesses are *required* to recycle!

Recycle every 2 weeks and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

### **Bulk Trash:** Contact the Borough to schedule a pick-up at your curb

610-623-7300 ext. 211 or online [www.lansdowneborough.com/site/pages/bulk.php](http://www.lansdowneborough.com/site/pages/bulk.php)

*TIP: Consider donating your good condition items to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County. They're always in need of furniture and household items that can be given to their clients in emergency shelters, or families who are leaving a shelter and setting up a new apartment. They also help victims of domestic abuse, fire and other disasters by partnering with more than 25 local service agencies. If you feel that your gently used items can help someone else, please call them at 610-522-9611.*

### **Yard Debris:** Tree trimmings, shrubbery, clippings, etc., go to an organic waste site, not into a landfill.

Twice a month (most months), always on a Wednesday March – December. Schedule will be on the 2010 Recycling Magnet.

No plastic, please. It goes to an organic site, after all. (No plastic bags in recycling, either.)

Do not put dirt or stones in with the yard waste.

Bundle and tie branches/twigs.

Put debris directly in a trash can or in large brown paper lawn bags.

### **Leaves:** Picked up loose by the curb, October 19 through December 1

### **Cell phone/Rechargeable batteries:** Drop-off box on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Borough Hall

#### **Talking Trash**

We should all be diverting at least 30% of our trash to the recycling bin. By doing so we can:  
Reduce the trash fees Delaware County Council now charges us based on trash tonnage  
Increase the Borough's recycling grant income from the state  
Provide additional income to the Borough when the commodities markets pick back up  
Do the right thing for the environment and our pocketbooks

Lansdowne's average diversion rate is 15.2%. If we do better, we save \$\$ and the environment.

# **LANSDOWNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

## ***Valentine's Day Concert***

**Sunday, February 14, 2010, at 3PM**

- F. MENDELSSOHN: Wedding March from  
*Midsummer Night's Dream*  
C. SAINT-SAËNS: Cello Concerto in A minor  
(Soloist: Audition Winner)  
F.A. HOFFMEISTER: Concerto for Viola in D  
major (Soloist: Audition Winner)  
E. ELGAR: Wand of Youth Suite No. 1, Op. 1a  
J. SIBELIUS: Valse Triste, Op. 44, No. 1  
J. SIBELIUS: Finlandia, Op. 26

## ***Spring Concert***

**Sunday, March 21 2010, at 3PM**

- F. SCHUBERT: *Rosamunde* Overture, Op. 26  
A. DVORÁK: Slavonic Dances, Op. 72  
F. MENDELSSOHN: Symphony No. 3 in  
A minor, Op. 56

## ***All Russian Program***

**Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 3PM**

## ***Featuring Michael Ludwig, Violin Solist***

- P.I. TCHAIKOVSKY: Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 3  
P.I. TCHAIKOVSKY: Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64

All performances are held at the Upper Darby Performing  
Arts Center. Go to **[www.lansdowneso.org](http://www.lansdowneso.org)** for more  
information



**Jan. 28 -**

Stephen DiJoseph &  
Deidre Flint

**Feb. 25 -**

Lipbone Redding Or-  
chestra w/ special  
guest Christie Lenee

**Mar. 20 -**

Beef & Beer Fundraiser

**Apr. 22 -**

Buskin & Batteau

**May 20 -**

Malcolm Holcombe

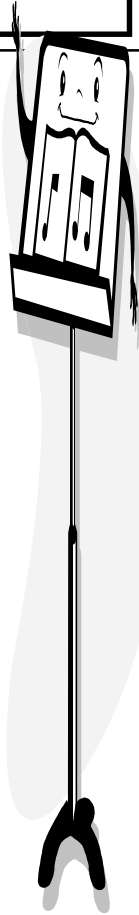
**June 3 -**

Kim & Reggie Harris

Doors open at 7:00 PM, show  
time is 7:30 PM. Tickets  
prices are \$15 in advance and  
\$18 at door.

For information or advance  
reservations call  
610-622-7250,  
email at  
[lfc.org@rcn.com](mailto:lfc.org@rcn.com)

All shows at the historic  
Twentieth Century Club



## *Communities Join Together, in a Successful Grant Application.*

In August of this year, the Borough of Lansdowne worked with four other municipalities to apply for a state grant. Our goal was the upgrade of local street light and traffic lights. The partnering municipalities include the borough's of Colwyn, Darby, East Lansdowne, and Yeadon.

In November of 2009, the state notified us that our application was accepted. Lansdowne is pleased to announce that this \$500,000 project will modernize 610 street and 1,144 traffic lights across the participating municipalities.

By replacing street lights and traffic signals with lights that require less power to operate the environment will also benefit (think LED Holiday lights). Across all the boroughs the energy reduction will be 41% less. The cost savings, as a result of the reduced power consumption, alone is \$30,000 per year, every year. An additional \$16,500 in savings will come from reduced maintenance cost to support replacement of old fixtures.

The residents of Lansdowne and the surrounding boroughs will also notice an increase in the amount of light each new street light casts because many of the existing lights are dimming unable to provide the amount of light they were initially intended to project. The expected date of completion for this project is August 2010.

### Baltimore Avenue Treevitalize Project Phase Two



Dozens of volunteers join Lansdowne borough staff to plant trees along Baltimore Ave. This multi-municipal project, funded by Pennsylvania's TreeVitalize Program, provided free trees to be planted along the Avenue from Lansdowne into East Lansdowne. Come Spring we can enjoy the shade of their labor when we find the area more pedestrian friendly and environmentally pleasing.

## News From The Human Relations Commission

### ***Know Your Rights and Responsibilities***

The Lansdowne Human Relations Commission, a branch of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, wants to remind all who live, work or do business in Lansdowne that by law we have certain rights and responsibilities regarding unlawful discrimination.

For example, landlords cannot refuse to rent to families with children. Employers, with the exemption of certain religious-based organizations, cannot discriminate in hiring, promotion, or freedom from harassment. Schools, stores, financial institutions and government facilities that serve the public may not deny anyone full enjoyment of their services for discriminatory reasons.

Want to find out who is covered and what your rights and responsibilities are here in Lansdowne? They may differ from protections offered in neighboring communities.

Go to the Lansdowne Human Relations Commission's web site [www.lansdowneborough.com/hrc](http://www.lansdowneborough.com/hrc) or pick up a copy of our brochure at Borough Hall. Read about the ordinance that protects you and your family, find links to the Regional Office of the PA Human Relations Commission, and learn about the Commission's services. The Commission, a non-partisan, non-profit group of appointed Lansdowne residents, was established in 2006 to help us keep Lansdowne a neighborly and welcoming community. If you would like to plan a free program about the HRC for your faith community or organization, please contact us.

## Lansdowne No Place for Hate Winter Events:

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, January 18, 2010, there will be a Breakfast Celebration hosted by the Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County. It will be held at the Corporate Events Center at Drexelbrook. Guest speaker is author Lorene Cary. The breakfast will conclude at 9:30 a.m., in plenty of time for participants to go to which ever location they chose for their volunteer Day of Service, such as at Penn Wood High School. For more information, and to register for this event go to the Y's website at <[www.cyedc.org](http://www.cyedc.org)>

In Feb., NPFH will join the Lansdowne Library's History Forum for their lecture on the KKK, on Thurs. the 25th. There will be a film shown the next evening at the Library consistent with the theme of the lecture.

All Lansdowne residents are encouraged to participate in these events that further the goals espoused by the No Place for Hate program.

For more information on these events and the NPFH program contact Don Verlunden at

[dpverlenden@mac.com](mailto:dpverlenden@mac.com)

## ***Water Infrastructure Improvement***

Beginning in January and through much of 2010 the water company, Aqua PA, will be replacing the water mains that lie beneath streets to the North and East of Marlyn Park. This work includes a significant amount of trenching and you can expect large vehicles, increased noise and much disruption in these neighborhoods. In the end you will have improved water quality and better flow. The streets affected include:

- West Essex between Mansfield and Owen
- West Greenwood between Windermere and Shadeland
- Bryn Mawr Between Eldon and Owen
- Stewart from Lansdowne Avenue to the dead end
- Stratford between Wycombe and Windermere
- Lacrosse between Owen and Wycombe
- Willowbrook Avenue
- Ardmore between Greenwood and Baltimore
- Windermere and Runnemedede between Baltimore and Stratford
- Martin Drive and Marlyn Road

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the borough offices at 610-623-7300.

# February is "Love Your Pets Month"

February is "Love Your Pets Month" in the borough and Animal Friends of Lansdowne will celebrate all month long at the Lansdowne Public Library. Be sure to check out their display windows at the entrance to the library.

This year promises to be the best yet, jam-packed with fabulous, free events and educational opportunities. As we go to press, some are still in the works, so please check the web site, [www.animalfriendsoflansdowne.com](http://www.animalfriendsoflansdowne.com) and visit the library for information on any late additions.

Thursday, Feb 4, 7 pm:

**The Spayed Club**, Delaware County's own low-cost spay/neuter clinic joins us. **Tabatha Gordon**, Operations Manager, will tell us about the wonderful services and savings offered by this new resource to our community.

Sunday, Feb. 7, 1:30-3:30 pm  
(Weather date: February 21):

**Carol Erickson**, book reading and signing! CBS3/CW Philly meteorologist and animal activist has published a children's book about adopting a shelter pet, **Not a Used Dog, At All**. The book is targeted to children ages 4 to 8, and all profits benefit animal rescues and shelters.

Friday, Feb. 19, 4 pm:

**101 Dalmatians**  
A free showing of the Glenn Close movie.  
Refreshments will be served!

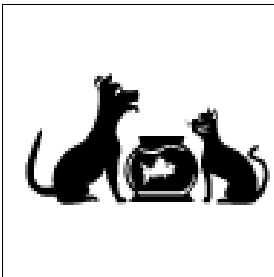
Friday, Feb. 26, 7 pm:

**Movie Night**  
Selection to be announced

Sunday, Feb. 28, 1:30-3:30 pm:

**The Ferret Man**  
**Dale Nupp** is a devoted animal lover and expert on ferrets? Join us as Dale and some of his own beloved ferrets teach us about these interesting pets. Adults and kids over 8, please.

December-February:



## Children's Essay Contest

Kids 12 and under are asked to participate in an essay contest on the subject, **"Why I Love My Pet."** Just print or type no more than a page and submit to Rachee Fagg, children's librarian, by January 23. Prizes will be awarded and the winning entries will be published in the AFL newsletter.

# Borough Information Meeting Dates 2010

## January

Wednesday, January 4, 2010–  
Borough Council Business Meeting  
7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 13, 2010–  
Borough Council General Meeting  
7:30 PM

## February

Wednesday, February 3, 2010–  
Borough Council Business Meeting  
7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 17, 2010–  
Borough Council General Meeting  
7:30 PM

## March

Wednesday, March 3, 2010–  
Borough Council Business Meeting  
7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 17, 2010–  
Borough Council General Meeting  
7:30 PM

### Important Phone Numbers

#### Emergency 911

**Police Department**– 610-623-0700

**Borough Office**– 610-623-7300

(Fax): 610-623-5533

**Overnight Parking**– 610-623-7677

**Tax Collector**– 610-623-2357

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