



Lansdowne News

Winter 2012

Mayor's Column

By Jayne Young

Let's really go GREEN on St. Patrick's Day

Just as Governor Ed Rendell was leaving office he signed into law House Bill 708. This law mandates responsible recycling of all electronic waste. "E-waste", as it is commonly known, includes computers, monitors, printers, tv's, game consoles, scanners, key boards etc, etc. Pretty much anything with a cord is considered e-waste.

In October of 2011 we held our first ever E-waste collection partnering with Pennsylvania Resources Council, the states oldest non-profit environmental organization. At that collection almost 15,000 pounds of E-waste was collected and saved from a land fill.

The success of our first collection inspired the Environment Committee to ask for a total of three collections to be scheduled in 2012.

The first one will be Saturday March 17th. Mark your calendars now but if you should miss it we are planning a collection in June and another in October. Dates will be in future newsletters.

Everything collected at these events is 100% recycled. Nothing goes to a landfill. Collected materials go through a disassembly process that crushes, shreds or retrieves everything of value. You can have confidence that your hard drive is going to be destroyed as part of the off loading process.

So clean out your garage and basement, tell your friends and family, bring us all the electronic waste and we will make sure it is responsibly recycled.



And this year's Helms Award winner is..... Fran Wayne. Pictured here with fellow Helms Winners and the Mayor, from left, Joe Furia, Tony Campuzano, Charlene Hennessy, Matt Schultz, Fran and Mary Kay Bowden.

Lansdowne's most prestigious award is given each year to a resident that offers "Service beyond all recompense". Fran's resume includes positions on local boards and with civic organizations including the Human Relations Commission, the Greater Lansdowne Civic Association, The Lansdowne Business and Professional Association, Animal Friends of Lansdowne, No Place For Hate and the local election board. Congratulations for this well deserved recognition.

Please join us in welcoming our newly elected officials:

Marianne Saylor and Robert Radich to Council and our new

Auditor, William T. Smith.

Thank you so much to Billy Smith and Barbara Silzle for time well spent on Council.

Steve Wagner and Jennifer Hoff are returning to their positions on Council and School Board.

Congratulations all!

Borough News via E-Mail

If you would like to receive regular information on all things Lansdowne via e-mail, go to the Borough website

www.lansdowneborough.com

click on "NEWS VIA EMAIL" at the top of the page and complete the very short form.

Overnight Parking Permits

2012 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 prorates 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



Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra

All performances at the Upper Darby Performing Arts Center

Valentine's Day Concert

Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 3PM

Herold Klein: Violin Soloist

Featuring: Berlioz, Beethoven and Brahms

Spring Concert

Sunday, March 18, 2012, at 3PM

Featuring: Wagner, Faure, Ravel and Franck

Season Finale

Sunday, April 22, 2012, at 3PM

Michael Ludwig, Violin Soloist

Featuring: Goldmark and Beethoven

<http://www.lansdowneso.org>



From the Main Street Manager

The Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) is the organization behind many of the community events that make Lansdowne a great place to live, work and play: the Lansdowne Farmers Market, Celebration Theater, the Lansdowne Arts Festival, and the Holiday Arts Fair - just to name a few. The LEDC also works on efforts to create a vibrant central business district. Here is some recent news from Lansdowne's downtown:

The new art deco signage along the west side of Lansdowne Avenue was made possible by a facade grant administered by the LEDC.

A few new businesses have arrived in town: Kelly Virtual Services (located on the 2nd floor of 2 N. Lansdowne Ave.), a small business services company and Thigpen's Professionals (located at 55 N. Lansdowne Ave.), an employment services company. Be on the look-out for the much-anticipated arrival of Sycamore's Stephen and Jennifer Wagner's new BYOB, which will be located at 24 N. Lansdowne Avenue.

Our Retail Opportunity Guide is hot off the presses. This striking 16-page full color booklet provides demographic and other information useful to entrepreneurs who are considering bringing their business to Lansdowne. Do you know any small businesses looking to open a second location? The guide is available online at www.lansdownefutures.org. Hard copies are available at the LEDC office, 23 South Lansdowne Avenue.

Last month the LEDC hosted a very successful seminar on social media for small businesses at Cinema 16:9. Due to popular demand, we will continue to provide small business seminars in 2012 on topics ranging from MWBE certification and e-marketing. Have an idea for a seminar? Contact us at

MainsStreet@LansdownesFuture.org

Look for all upcoming events on the Lansdowne Borough web site. There is always something happening in our little borough.
www.lansdowneborough.com

News From Your Borough Offices

The Results are In!!!!

Residents have adjusted well to the change in trash recycling schedules. Success is measured by our diversion rate. This is the percentage of trash diverted from the trash stream and entering the recycling stream instead. Diversion percentage has been increasing steadily since we changed the pick up schedule. We want to thank Lansdowne residents for their commitment to recycling. Most importantly, close to \$35,000 has been earned on recycling tonnage in 2011.

Lansdowne's average diversion rate is 15.2%.

If we do better, we save \$\$ and the environment.

If you have any questions about trash or recycling please call the borough yard at 610-622-6318. Whether you're a regular recycler or a first-timer, keep this new information handy:

Recycling Materials Include:

Metal: Tin and aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans

Glass: Jars and bottles all colors.

Mixed Paper: Newspaper, magazines, mail (junk and personal), phone books, paperboard (cereal boxes, beer cartons), computer paper, flyers, soda and beer cartons (no food-soiled paper, please!)

Plastic Containers: Recycle #1, 2, 4, 5, 7 plastics ***ONLY*** Look for one of these numbers on the bottom of the container to see if it's acceptable.

Cardboard: Empty and flattened

And now for the Don'ts:

Don't bag material. , **No** food waste, **No** windows, mirrors, light bulbs or glass ware, **No** foam or Styrofoam.

We will continue to pick up, curbside, properly packaged yard waste in the new year.

Waste must be tied in 4 foot bundles, placed directly into your trash cans or disposed of in brown paper bags.

The borough crew will not pick up yard waste in plastic bags.

Snow and Ice

The Borough of Lansdowne Property Maintenance Code sets forth the requirements of snow and ice removal from public sidewalks. Property and business owners are required to remove all accumulations of snow and ice from the entire width of the sidewalks in the Borough. The sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of the storm ending. Please be sure not to throw snow into streets, or alleys, doing such may hinder the travel of emergency vehicles, and create a hazard for motorists. The Code Officers patrol the Borough after a storm, and will issue Violation Notices as well as citations as needed. The fine and court cost for a citation issued for failure to remove snow and/or ice in 2011 exceeds \$300. One of the first signs of a vacant property is when the snow and ice are not being removed; please feel free to contact the Code Department at 610-623-7300 X210, to report properties needing attention after a storm. Please be patient and allow 24 hours after the snow stops to make the report. The Code Department encourages all residents and business owners to be neighborly, and courteous when removing snow and ice. For more in-

formation regarding property maintenance, or to make a report of a property in need of attention, please contact Senior Code Officer John Gould at 610-623-7300 X212 or gouldj@borough.lansdowne.pa.us

Storm water and Sanitary Sewer Reminders for Residents

This is just a winter reminder for residents regarding the use of salt as a deicing agent. Since most "runoff" will not percolate into the soil due to frost, please use the minimum amounts, or about a handful per square yard (rock salt) as an application rate. For calcium chloride pellets, a handful for every 3 square yards is adequate. Doing this helps reduce polluted runoff to our waterways, and makes for a healthier habitat for aquatic life.

Lately the borough has seen an increase in sewer blockage's caused by grease. We cannot stress enough to all residents and business that this is a preventable problem. The best way to dispose of grease is to pour it, while hot, into disposable container and toss it in the trash. Another option would be to let the grease harden and wipe clean with a paper towel. Washing grease down the drain with hot water does not work, this only allows the grease to travel a little farther into the system and begin to solidify the moment it hits the colder water in the mains. Not only does this cause a problem in the mains but blockages and backups in the lateral as well. Remember, in Lansdowne Borough, the property owner is responsible for maintaining the entire length of the lateral from the property to the connection at the main. Properly maintaining the laterals serves the residents, the borough and the environment.

Did You Know? Lansdowne Code Department is Here to Help

Lansdowne Code Department offers advice about common property code violations that deteriorate our neighborhoods: vehicles; planning home improvements; home based businesses; trash, debris and outside storage; overcrowding; and tall grass and weeds. We also have tips for building relationships in your neighborhood and improving the way it looks. If you feel a code violation may exist, talk to your neighbor. It may be difficult, but your neighbor will appreciate that you respectfully brought the matter to their attention before involving the borough. If a tactful, neighbor-to-neighbor conversation doesn't work and you want to file a complaint, please call our office at 610-623-7300 x 210. We can help resolve the issues.

Below are the more common violations found in Lansdowne neighborhoods. Learn about them and pass the word to your neighbors. Help your neighbors know what is allowed and what contributes to deterioration in our neighborhoods.

DID YOU KNOW? Vehicles

Inoperable vehicles really hurt the appearance of the neighborhood. All vehicles must have current state registration tags, county sticker and inspection sticker. Vehicles that are missing any one of these are considered inoperable vehicles, and cannot be parked outside a garage or carport on private property.

All vehicles on private property must be parked on an asphalt, concrete surface or gravel. No parking on grass.

DID YOU KNOW? Planning home improvements? Zoning approval is always required:

Decks, Fences, Additions, Swimming pools, Garages, Storage Sheds and Accessory Buildings, Carports, Driveway expansions, Exterior renovations

Building Permits are always required:

Porches or decks, Additions, Garages or carports, Finishing your basement, Sheds, Fences, All retaining walls, Swimming pools or spas, Alterations to house systems, Removing or changing structural supports, Lawn irrigation systems, Prefabricated fireplace/woodstove inserts, Installing or replacing doors or windows, Replacing oil or gas furnaces or gas logs, New appliances in new locations, Installing new electrical systems

DID YOU KNOW?

Trash, Recycling and Outside Storage

Trash and Debris

All trash must be placed in a container with a lid. Trash or garbage containers may be stored in the rear or side yards only, or may be effectively blocked from view by vegetation.

Recycling

You must recycle as IT IS THE LAW! Recycle all recyclable materials, It you need a recycle bin

contact Bill Johnson at the Borough yard at 610-622-6318.

Outside Storage

Items cannot be stored outside, including such items as building materials, tires, furniture, equipment, etc.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tall Grass and Weeds

Tall grass and weeds are unsightly, can lead to rodent populations and reflect that the property isn't cared for - a potential invitation to crime. Owners of residential property must keep grass and weeds cut to a maximum height of 10 inches. Property owners who do not comply may have their property mowed, by the borough, at the expense of the owner.

QUESTIONS?

Call The Code Department at 610-623-7300 ext 210

PERMITS AND APPROVAL

Building permits and zoning approval are not that hard! Visit the customer-friendly "early assistance desk" at Lansdowne Borough Hall, 2nd Floor, Code Department, 12 E Baltimore Ave, Lansdowne, Pa 19050. Or call the appropriate office:
Property Code Enforcement - 610-623-7300 Ext 210
Zoning Office - 610-623-7300 Ext 232
Permits - 610-623-7300 Ext 210

*Thank you for doing your part
to keep Lansdowne Borough a beautiful place to live*

Neighborhood Watch is a Year Round Activity by Michael Schleigh

I was very proud to have Lansdowne host a joint National Night Out program this summer with the assistance of Lansdowne and SEPTA Police Departments. We enjoyed fun and games, great food, and wonderful public outreach by the aforementioned officers in blue as well as our Volunteer Firefighters and other local public safety organizations. We look forward to expanding this annual event next year. Save the date for August 14th, 2012.

As I consider what else we can do to make Lansdowne a safer and friendlier neighborhood for our residents and visitors, it occurs to me that we must convey that Neighborhood Watch activities need to happen year round. Over the past two years we have conducted Neighborhood Watch trainings at Borough Hall, the Twentieth Century Club, Pepper's Pharmacy and the Lansdowne Buddhist Temple. We have provided speakers for such organizations as the Union AA and the Gladstone Manor Civic Association. We have created a website and e-blast list-serve (I resolve to use

the e-blast more in 2012 as I will now be on the Public Outreach Committee).

<http://lansdowneborough.com/neighborhood-watch/>

The Lansdowne PD would be happy to conduct a training for you and your neighbors and provide free materials so that you can become a block captain and neighborhood watch leader. A training would be a great addition at your neighborhood block party in 2012, so please contact us early so we can try to be involved.

Lansdowne Neighborhood Watch is sponsored by the Lansdowne Police Department and the Lansdowne Borough Public Safety Committee. For more information, please contact: Chief Daniel Kortan, Lansdowne Police Department 610-623-0700 or Michael Schleigh, Chair, Borough Council Public Safety Committee, councilmanmchaelschleigh@verizon.net



Sump-pump effects on Sanitary Sewer Fees by Kevin Lafferty

With rainfall totals 31.25% higher for the first 11 months of 2011 over last year, I think it is worth mentioning how this directly increases the sanitary sewer treatment cost. In Lansdowne, as with most municipalities, it is a violation of our ordinances to connect sump-pumps to your properties sewer line/lateral. The reason for this is that it overwhelms an already aging system during peak rain events and causes our daily flow totals to increase significantly. When speaking to the code enforcement department regarding this subject, it was mentioned that on average, about 20 properties a year are found to be in violation of this ordinance (rental inspections and re-sale inspections included). When these illegal connections are found they are to be disconnected and redirected as a condition of sale or rental.

Starting in 2012, all municipalities that are serviced by DELCORA (our treatment provider) are going to be charged based on 100% of sewage meter readings. This has been phased in

over a 5 year period, where we went from a 100% EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) to 100% metered billing. One of the easiest ways to reduce our flow would be for all property owners to disconnect any sump-pumps that are connected to their sanitary lateral and discharge them to a grassy area or a stormwater management system.

I will provide you an example of the numbers to drive home the point. These numbers are an example only but, are based on average sump pumps, their outputs, and the estimated amount of rain events that require a sump-pump to operate in a given year.

1/3 horse power sump is capable of pumping 3150 gallons per hour or 52 gallons a minute.

Since pumps typically cycle versus a constant flow we will assume they pump 1 minute per 15 minutes, or 4 times per hour for a total of 208 gallons per hour.

Sump pumps often typically do not pump when the rain starts but, also do not stop pumping when the rain ends, we will just use 4 hours per event as a baseline.

Since we are using 4 hours of pump operation per event we will estimate conservatively on the amount of events

per year. We will use 6 events per year for our example. We will use 10 sump-pumps output for our example.

- 52 gallons per minute x 4 cycles per hour = 208 gallons per hour
- 208 gallons per hour x 4 hours per event = 832 gallons per event
- 832 gallons per event x 6 events per year = 4992 gallons per year per pump
- 4992 gallons per year per pump x 10 pumps = 49,920 gallons per year for 10 pumps

If we were to use the PA DEP base number of 262.5 gallons per day for an average household sewage output, you will see that these 10 pumps alone added 190 days worth of one properties sewage treatment cost to our annual bill. That is now money that can no longer go to capital improvement projects that further reduce our sewage treatment cost.

Hopefully those that still have a sump tied into their sewer lateral will now realize the true strain that is put on our sewer system both physically and financially during rain events, and will disconnect them as soon as possible.

Warm your lap and your heart!

Sara Burns

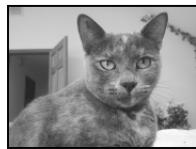
With the cold weather upon us it is a good time to consider adopting a pet in need of a loving forever home. If you already have pets, is there a chance you have room for another? Do you know of someone who is considering adoption?

AFL takes pride in the TLC we give our foster pets. OK, we downright spoil them with love so they tend to be really social and cuddly. Most of them get along well with other pets too. Currently there are 11 cats up for adoption and 2 guinea pigs. All of our foster pets are up to date on shots and spayed or neutered.



Julius (male) is a little shy but likes affection when he gets to know you. He was possibly abandoned and was a little timid at first but will most definitely sit on your lap and love every minute of it. He's between 2-3 years old and enjoys bird watching.

Lollipop (female) is a beautiful darling who is as sweet as candy. She is a 3-4 year old muted tortie who loves to play in the bathtub (minus the water). Her favorite toy is a stuffed mouse she tosses in the air and bats around the house. She has been in foster care for over a year and deserves a permanent home.



Gilligan (male): aka Mr. Mushroom. Gill is a little over a year old and despite being a big handsome boy now, will still curl up on your lap. He has been in foster care with his sisters (**Ginger and Mary Ann**) for a year now. It's a fact: Black cats are last to be adopted. This is a shame because "The Castaways" are such beautiful and affectionate pets. Please visit our website to see Mary Ann and Ginger.

Eugenie (Female) and her remaining "Royal Kittens" siblings **Beatrice and Will** are just precious. Rescued from a window well on Balfour circle, these babies are ready for adoption. Eugenie



is a pretty "tuxedo", Will is a handsome gray tabby and Beatrice is a sleek black beauty. Check out our website for more adorable pictures.



Diamond (female) is a petite cutie who is a little over 1 year old and loves to snuggle. She is somewhat shy, but with a sweet disposition. She is easy going and would be fine with other pets and children.

Dinah and Ella are sister kittens who are bonded and should be adopted together. Dinah (white with gray "bangs") is cautious and serious but if relaxed can be very funny and playful. She acts as caretaker to her foster sister, Ella who is the more outgoing and social one of the pair.



For a complete list and more info, please visit www.animalfriendsoflansdowne.org/adopt If you aren't able to adopt there are several ways you can still help. AFL always welcomes volunteers and foster homes. Keep in mind that financial donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to the address below. We also have a box at borough hall for unopened food donations, kitty litter or toys. Thank you for helping AFL help animals in need in Lansdowne.

Wishing you and your furry friends a warm and cozy winter.

Animal Friends of Lansdowne
PO Box 869 Lansdowne, PA 19050
484.463.1277
info@animalfriendsoflansdowne.com
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The Lansdowne Human Relations Commission: Why Do We Have One?

By Fran Wayne

Those of us who proudly serve on Lansdowne's Human Relations Commission occasionally hear from residents who aren't quite sure why a commission such as ours is necessary. Most Lansdowne residents see our community as neighborly and welcoming, not someplace where discrimination might occur. For many of us, this is an attribute that attracted us to live and work here.

The simple answer is: we want to keep it that way. As history has shown repeatedly, discrimination can happen anywhere; our government established the LHRC in order to preserve this community as a safe and comfortable haven for all people. The Commission was created in 2006 when our Borough Council enacted Ordinance 1215. The ordinance was enacted to fill gaps in Pennsylvania's statute so that Lansdowne would continue to welcome and protect all residents,

employees, and visitors from discrimination here. You can find the ordinance and more information on the commission on the Borough website at www.lansdowneborough.com/hrc.

The LHRC is non-partisan, non-profit, and there is no charge for its services. Commissioners are appointed by Borough Council and serve on a volunteer basis. In addition to handling any complaints through investigation, mediation, and appropriate remedies, our commissioners are also involved in community outreach and education. They are available to speak to groups to explain the services of the LHRC and Lansdowne's anti-discrimination law, and to assist with creative programming to help prevent discrimination through heightened awareness.

Our Commission meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of most months and meetings are open to the public. There are volunteer opportunities for those who are passionate about human rights and who might have time and talents to contribute. For further information or to confirm future meeting dates, please contact the LHRC at hrc@lansdowneborough.com, or call the Borough Manager's office at (610) 623-7300.

IF YOU MISSED THE GATHERING IN OCTOBER-

The Lansdowne Arts Board, serving on behalf of Lansdowne Borough, is very pleased to announce the coming of **20*20 House**, an arts center on the grounds adjacent to The Twentieth Century Club.

Focusing on Print Making, Creative Writing, and Music Composition, the Center is scheduled to open in September of 2012.

With professional residencies in all 3 fields, classes for all skill levels, monthly arts salons, professional arts development seminars and an end of year presentation from our residencies for the lasting benefit of our community- if you can dream, Lansdowne is the place to be.



Print. Write. Compose.

20*20 HOUSE

20 Lansdowne Court Lansdowne, PA 19050

2011 Year in Review

Here it is your annual year in review.

Our Borough Council President, Sharon Coleman, compiled this review of our six committees: Finance and Administration, Public Health and Safety, Environment, Economic Development and Code Enforcement, Infrastructure and Public Works and Community Relations.

In addition to Borough Council and its committees, the Mayor and Borough staff are important partners in carrying out the vision of these committees.

As we come to the end of 2011, here are some of the accomplishments of your Borough Government.

Finance and Administration - To ensure fiscal responsibility and stewardship of tax dollars through budget management and increasing alternative revenue streams. To ensure the appropriate staffing and management of borough employees.

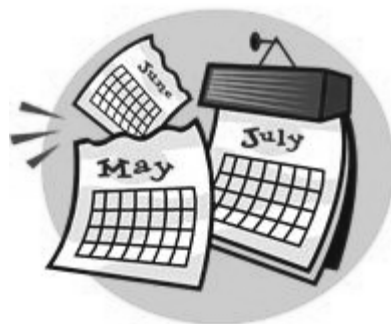
- Improved borough cash flow by working with the tax collector and an outside vendor on changes to the collection process, and reviewing vendor contracts, including the borough's insurance coverage, realizing a reduction in rates.
- Collaborated with State Representative Micozzie, State Senator Williams and a number of organizations to secure grant funding for special projects such as street lighting throughout the borough, police cars, and upgrades to borough buildings, such as the Library and the 20th Century Club, that are used by our residents.
- Continued to monitor borough expenditures and pursue cost cutting measures.
- Continued to be fiscally responsible as evidenced by the 2011 budget which included a modest 2.5% tax increase,
- No trash fee increase and 4.5% increase sewer fee, an average annual increase of \$42.01 per household.
- Secured a \$1,000,000 Redevelopment

Capital Assistance Program (RCAP) grant through the sponsorship of State Senator Williams and State Representative Micozzie, as well as the collaboration with the Historic Lansdowne Theater Corporation. This funding will be used to prepare the 20 Lansdowne Court property for various borough-sponsored programs and events.

- Obtained a \$92,000 Community Block Grant to be used for a sewer project on Shapert Terrace.

Public Health and Safety - To develop and implement strategies to monitor police protection and health and safety activities for our residents.

- Implemented a Neighborhood Watch Program that includes a liaison from the Police Department.
- Collaborated with a variety of community organizations and boards to provide activities such as child safety seat checks, crime prevention seminars, and cross walk and traffic control support during events such as the Farmer's Market.
- Facilitated debrief discussions aimed at continuing to enhance our emergency response activities which was tested with a few events in 2010 and 2011.
- Co-hosted a National Night Out event with Septa which provided crime prevention and community service information to our residents.



Environment - To develop and implement environmental systems, services, goals and measures, including waste, energy, green spaces and trees.

- Took a positive position on the importance of the environment by: joining Local Governments for Sustainability, passing a clean energy resolution and the Mayor signing onto the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.
- Secured a state grant to conduct a comprehensive waste program study which led to the change to waste collection for 2011.
- Realized savings for borough by increasing recycling and yard waste disposal efforts through increased communication, collaboration with organizations throughout the borough and the expansion of types of products accepted by our vendor. This resulted in an increase in our diversion rate and revenue from the sale of recycled product.
- Continued to execute the multi municipal Baltimore Avenue Plan by planting trees along the Baltimore Corridor.
- Hosted our 2nd annual "Keep Lansdowne Beautiful Day" which inspired volunteerism from local students preschool to high school.

Economic Development and Code Enforcement - To implement strategies that lead to the economic growth of Lansdowne making it a destination for residents and tourism. To monitor the efforts of our codes department, which helps to increase property values within the borough.

- Established an Arts Board that has been charged with making recommendations for an artist residence program, as well as promote art events and activities that will make Lansdowne an arts destination.
- Worked with the Historical Architecture Review Board, Planning Commission and other Borough organizations to facilitate the approval process for façade improvement applications and provide a "blueprint" on how to work with developers that want to come to our Borough.
- Established a "local" Redevelopment Development Authority which will provide alternative solutions for the handling of "blighted" and vacant properties.
- Entered into an agreement with Yeadon Borough and the Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation to implement the state funded Elm Street program which will allow us to continue our neighborhood revitalization efforts.
- Completed a Streetscape plan for the downtown which includes the installation of benches, bike racks, recycling and trash bins and trees.

- Approved a Bike Loop plan which will show our support as a "bike friendly" community.

Infrastructure and Public Works - To develop and execute sewer and road maintenance priorities, utilizing in-house personnel for public works projects to realize cost savings.

- Continued the road program that identifies and prioritizes roads requiring paving.
- Coordinated with utility companies on road paving programs in order to maximize efficiencies and reduce borough costs.
- Supported several in house sewer repairs and maintenance projects leading to savings in engineering and other outsourcing fees.

Community Relations - To develop and implement programs that leverage and maximize borough resources. Develop strategies that highlight and positively position what Lansdowne has to offer.

- Developed a policy for the borough's web site content.
- Redesigned the website to make it more resident friendly offering communication about borough services and events.
- Finalizing the design of a resident packet or new and existing residents which will highlight borough services and other items of interest.

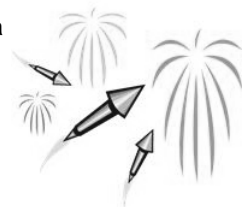
We are looking forward to

2012....

The Union Athletic Association is Preparing NOW for Another Fantastic July Fourth Event!

A home-town parade down Lansdowne Avenue starts the day....and a "blast-you-outta-your-seat" fireworks display ends a wonderful day of family fun. All this happens due to the efforts of a group of dedicated volunteers - residents, just like you! Please join us this year and be a part of our nation's birthday celebration. Call Mary Kay Bowden, UAA Vice President 610-733-4863, to find out how you can help, as a supporter, a volunteer or a parade participant. The challenge is out to build the winning 4th of July parade float. Cash prizes will be awarded. There is no parade entry fee.

Save the date: Mark your calendar so you'll be sure to get your tickets to a popular springtime event - the Union AA Red White & Bluesy Fundraising event. It's scheduled for May 5th and held right here in town. Look for more details as we get closer to the event.



It's a Wonderful Time of the New Year at the Lansdowne Public Library

The Lansdowne Public Library houses great books, DVDs, and free computers with Wi-Fi. But that's only the beginning. Let's face it...a library is more than bricks, books and mortar. In other words, the library is about community. According to Director Sandra Giannella, there is a real need in this community that the library can fill. The Lansdowne Public Library set a new record with over 100,000 people visiting in 2011. Our Public computers with Free WiFi internet access in 2011 skyrocketed to over 40,000 sessions, whereas in 2010 public computer usage was 25,419. We are growing and meeting the needs of our changing world and more specifically; the needs of our Lansdowne Community.



If you see a friendly new face working at the Lansdowne Public Library, that's our new librarian Abbe Klebanoff, Head of Public Services. Her role at the Library is to help teens and adults enhance their computer literacy skills

through both research and entertainment. Don't be surprised when the Teen Room, soon to be re-named The Ronnie Hawkins Memorial Room, looks different. Evolving through the winter months, this new service area and room will transition from being a quiet place for tutoring adults to improve computer skills, work on job searching or resume writing, to an afterschool instructional center helping teens and college students with homework. As a result of our "Help design our new multi-purpose room at the Lansdowne Public Library" contest, local resident and artist Megan Geilman, with community input will be creating an original tile mosaic for one wall. If you have an artistic bent, lend us a hand!

Thanks to the Friends of Lansdowne Library, the library now has a wall mounted HD TV, as well as an Xbox Kinect and a Wii console. These are game systems that do not discriminate with age.

For teens there will be Gaming Days, Movie Marathons, Graphic and Comic Book Novel Clubs, Red Carpet Review, Teen Book Clubs, and a Teen Blog.

For Adults, get ready to start your New Year's resolutions off right by joining our Friday Fitness classes or partaking in career advancement workshops, including Business Seminars and Job Searching from Soup to Nuts. We will also help you into the 21st century with Wii fitness games and Blogging workshops just for adults. And if that's not your cup of tea, join our new Cook Book Talk group or find out "How-to-Can and preserve" your own food. Maybe a crocheting club is more your style -- it's all here at the Library.



Still looking for a good book to read this winter? Just ask our Book Club moderator, Margie Hunter, or better yet drop into one of her legendary book clubs at the library.

For the Children of Lansdowne, always ready with a smile and encouragement, is our fabulous Youth Coordinator Rachee Fagg. Miss Rachee holds 'Rock Star' status among her young readers and soon-to-be readers. Children's programming at the Lansdowne Public Library presents educational and entertaining programs such as regular storytimes, monthly "Lansdowne Lab" science programs, manga club, iPad discovery lab, weekly book discussions and craft programs. Miss Rachee also regularly travels to day care centers and schools for stories and book talks.

Please consider volunteering your time as well as your dollars to the library. If you have any program suggestions please pass it along to Abbe Klebanoff, our Head of Public Services. Check our website to find all our great programs at



Save the Date

Free* Electronic Waste Recycling

Saturday March 17, 2012
10-3 pm

Highland Ave. Parking Lot Next to the Lansdowne Firehouse
Parking Lot

Bring your old computers, printers, peripherals, tvs,
remote controls, game consoles,
cables, audio equipment etc. etc

* \$8 fee for console TVs

appliances (small only)

audio equipment

cable & satellite receivers

cameras

camcorders

CDs & DVDs (including cases)

cell phones

coffee makers

commercial printers (free standing)

computers

computer peripherals (keyboards, mice, cords)

CRT tubes

digital photo frames

digital converter boxes

DVD players

DVRs & Tivos

electric can openers

eReaders

fax machines

GPS/navigation systems

gaming consoles

hand-held audio & video devices

iPads

iPods

iPhones

microwaves

monitors (CRT & flat screen)

MP3 players

notebooks (laptops)

PDAs

printers

servers (small only)

satellite dishes

telephones

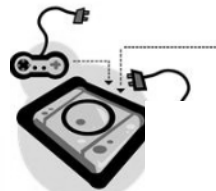
toasters

TVs (CRT & flat screen)

VCRs

wires & cords from listed items

zip drives



Borough Information Meeting Dates 2012

January

Tuesday January 3, 2012–
Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 18 2012–
Borough Council General Meeting
7:30 PM

February

Wednesday, February 1 2012–
Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 15, 2012–
Borough Council General Meeting
7:30 PM

March

Wednesday, March 7, 2012–
Borough Council Business Meeting
7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 21, 2012–
Borough Council General Meeting
7:30 PM

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(Fax): 610-623-5533
Overnight Parking– 610-623-7677
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