

Hats off to...



In PCA&D's transformed portico are Tracy Cutler (Lancaster County Community Foundation), Kerry Wright (Writers House at Franklin & Marshall College and founder of Poetry Paths), Mary Szybist (poet), Mary Colleen Heil (PCA&D president), and Root 222 members Deric Hettinger, Schon Wanner and Anthony Mark.

Photo Credit: Pennsylvania College of Art & Design

• Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, in conjunction with Poetry Paths, a public art project led by the Philadelphia Alumni Writers House of Franklin & Marshall College, for making its portico at the corner of Prince and Chestnut Streets a greater showpiece of creativity through the installation of a unique mural created by Root 222 and poem by Mary Szybist.

• Penn Square area restaurants for forming the On the Square Restaurant Alliance and organizing a great Restaurant Week, September 27th through October 1st, with proceeds benefitting Music for Everyone.

• To District residents Sharon Gable, Jim Kopf, Bonita Reed, Marlene Sanders and Steve Verkouw for their spirited effort volunteering at the JSID offices, getting our massive Annual Report mailing out to over 2500 residents, businesses and stakeholders.

• Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOOSE) for bringing Movies in the Park to City neighborhoods this year, including Linear Park on August 10th, where more than 100 district residents enjoyed the feature film, *Despicable Me*. Special thanks to District resident Lisa Colon for leading efforts to spread the word.

• Auntie Anne's for once again choosing Downtown Lancaster as the location of their Bi-Annual "Homecoming Conference" in September, bringing over 1,000 franchisees here from all over the world.

• NW neighborhoods that recognized National Night Out with block party events on August 2nd, including Walnut-Pine Concerned Neighbors (who enjoyed the Turkey Hill giant cow as part of the celebration); Community Mennonite Church, 300 West Orange Street; Neighbors United, representing the areas near Shippen and Frederick Streets; and the Moose Lodge located in the 100 block of North Water Street.



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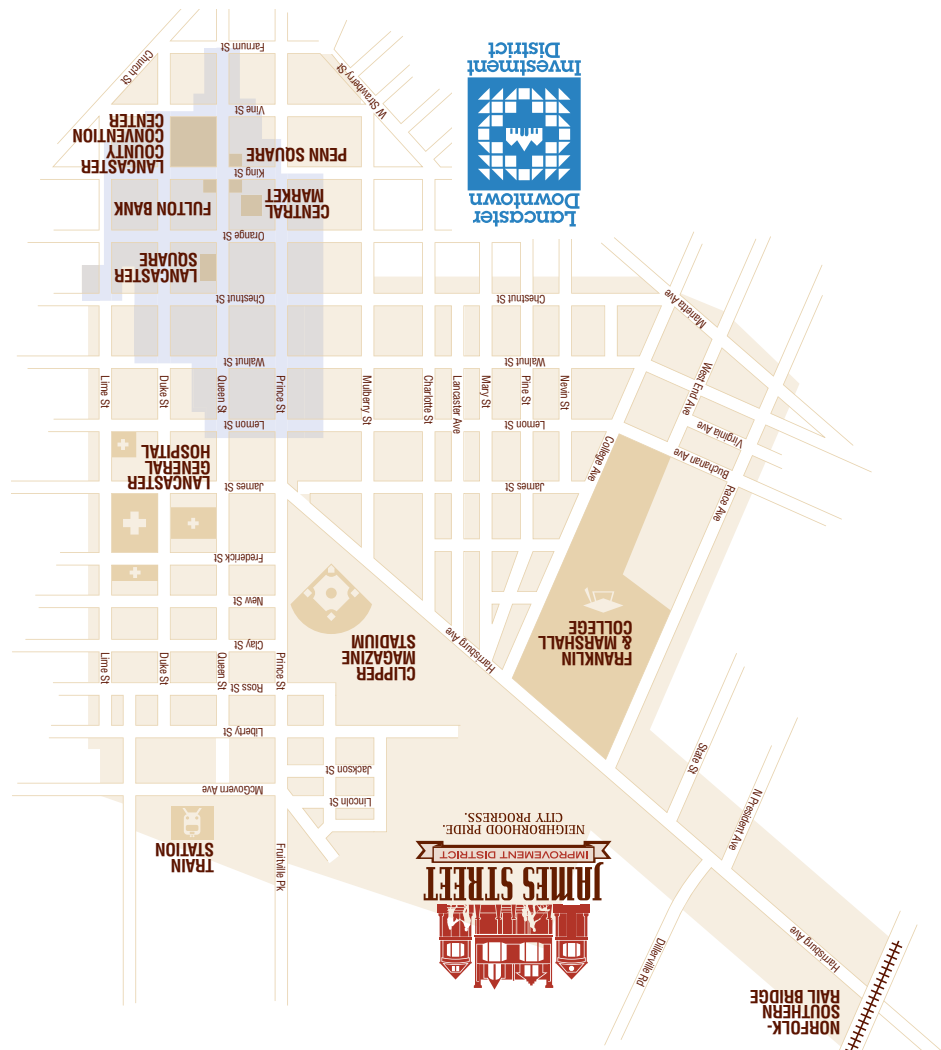


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Underutilized NW Properties See New, Exciting Lives

A slew of projects in the general area of Prince, Lemon & Mulberry Streets will combine to strengthen and enhance the City's northwest neighborhood, adding jobs, increasing amenities to residents and restoring architecturally significant properties. Just south of Harrisburg Avenue and west of Prince Street, this three-block area is supporting the expansion of existing businesses and the introduction of new office, retail, restaurant and residential projects. A few highlights include:

- The new corporate home of counseling agency T.W. Ponessa and Associates, now under construction at 400 N. Prince Street, the former Rainmakers site. When completed in spring of 2012, this 33,000-square-foot signature building will feature a two-story corner café and will be the home of over 200 new jobs to the City and District.
- The opening of the much-anticipated craft beer and flatbread pizza shop, The Fridge, at 534 N. Mulberry Street, transforming a non-descript storage garage to one of the City's newest hotspots.



RENDERING - Future Home of T.W. Ponessa and Associates at 400 N. Prince Street

- The further restoration and renaming of the James Street Elevator Building at 202-206 W. James Street, now home to Mula Architects, which relocated from Prince Street.
- Still in the planning stages are:

- Potential market-rate studio and one-bedroom apartments at 405 N. Mulberry Street being proposed by Shadow Lawn Enterprises. This vacant, 3-story brick warehouse was purchased from the Boys & Girls Club earlier this year and has already received Zoning and Historical Commission approval.
- The conversion of the Lancaster Press Building at 401 N. Prince Street by Lancaster Press Partners for use by Garden Spot Village. The project continues to move closer to reality as a sales office opened in June at 237 N. Prince Street and the City secured permission to demolish a structure on North Queen Street, allowing plans for a parking garage to advance.

Photo Credit: Dave Alchele



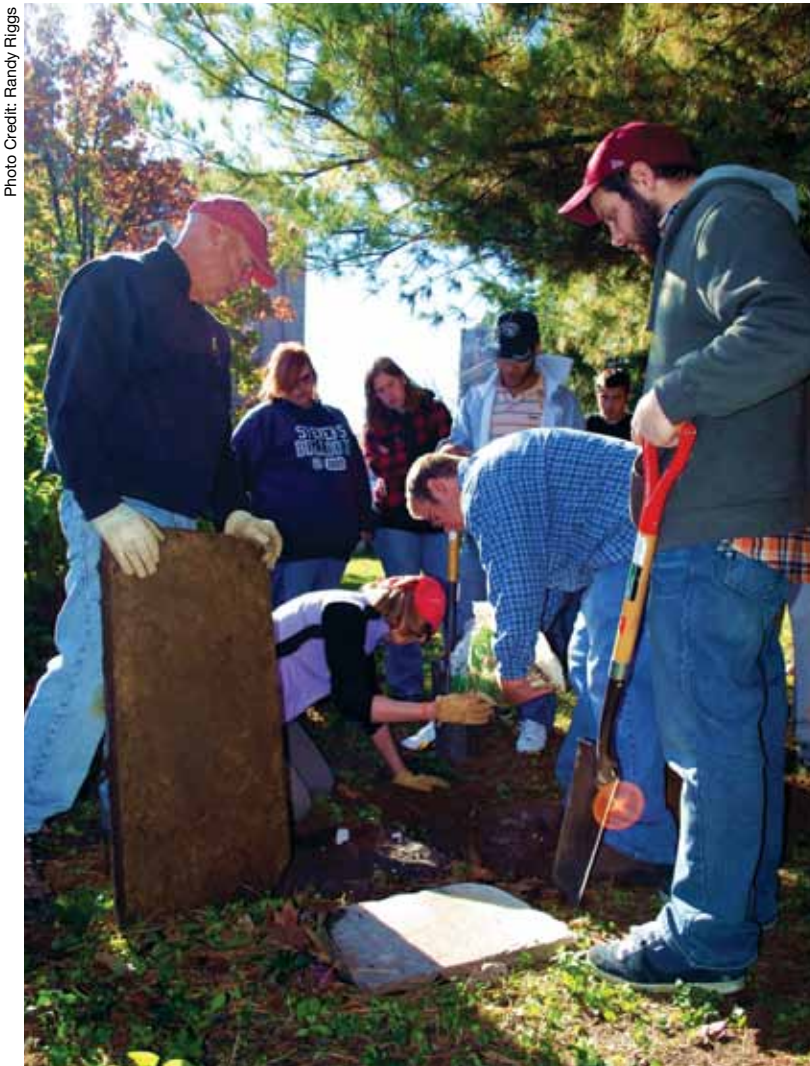
Lemon Street Market opened in September.

- A new neighborhood green grocer and café, Lemon Street Market, located at 237 W. Lemon Street, adjacent to the Boys & Girls Club. The Market offers local fare with a focus on healthy food and a small café.



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Shreiner-Concord Cemetery Completes a Monumental Task



Monument repairs were recently completed at the historic Shreiner-Concord Cemetery located at Chestnut and Mulberry Streets. The Cemetery's Board contracted with Mosko Cemetery Monument Services out of Hanover, PA to service the majority of over 200 headstones and monuments located at the site, most of which are over 100 years old. The repairs ranged from resetting leaning headstones to more intricate efforts such as piecing together broken headstones using special tools and materials specific to cemeteries. More than 40 volunteers gave over 300 hours of their time, including a core group of neighbors to the Cemetery who received training by the Conservator to assist with some of the work. Also, instructors and students from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology volunteered time and labor to rebuild two brick box tombs on site which were in need of critical repair.

The JSID supported this ambitious preservation and public space project with considerable technical assistance in the areas of contract management, adhering to public funding requirements, administering a competitive bid process and coordinating communication among contractors, municipal officials and others. For more information on this historic site, visit the Shreiner-Concord Cemetery website at www.shreinerconcordcemetery.org.

District resident and volunteer Mike Peck assists Thaddeus Stevens College students with repairs at the Shreiner-Concord Cemetery.

JSID Awarded Community Impact Grant from Lancaster County Community Foundation



In July, the JSID was awarded a grant through the second round of the Lancaster County Community Foundation's competitive application process. The JSID's grant, in the amount of \$9,093, will support the organization's ongoing effort to collect and analyze vital baseline data. An important component of the grant work is to translate this data to maps, utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. Data sets include

demographics, building permit data, property uses, real estate sales and business openings and expansions - much of which are collected locally or are being assembled by the JSID team. This information will support the JSID's goal of tracking the economic health and trends of the District and will allow us to better support current and future economic and community strategies.



Lisa Riggs

Letter from the President

The James Street Improvement District, now in our ninth year, is a non-profit organization reliant on generous contributions from the community to fund much of our budget. Given the economic conditions over the past several years, raising funds is even more challenging as many generous local businesses are not able to give — or to give as much — yet needs and the number of requests for support grows. As evidenced in this newsletter and in our 2010-2011 Annual Report (available at JSIDLancaster.org), JSID continues to play a significant role in ensuring an improved quality of life and economic growth for Downtown and the Northwest areas of Lancaster City.

If you have contributed to JSID in the past, we thank you for your generosity and hope we can count on your support again this year. If you have not, please consider making a tax-deductible donation during our current campaign for support.

Here are just a few reasons to make a 2011 contribution:

- **We are the lead non-profit organization building confidence in the future of the community and resolving day-to-day quality-of-life concerns.** Every day, the JSID staff and Bike Ambassadors are working with residents, small and large businesses and property owners with a focus on improving the community, making it even more vibrant.
- **We produce tangible results.** We're the ones installing trash receptacles, driving façade improvements, tracking and abating quality-of-life concerns, consistently sending out e-mails and other communications with current information and assisting new and existing businesses to expand and grow here.
- **We are well run and managed.** We have an engaged Board that supports us strategically and financially. We manage our funds prudently and set high standards for accountability. Your investment in us will go directly toward supporting our mission and strengthening the community.
- **It is a great return on investment.** Over the last 5 years, every \$1 raised through the generosity of our District residents and businesses was leveraged by an additional \$1 through grants and donated goods/services secured by JSID for our community work – including facade grants, lighting and safety improvements. These are funds that otherwise would go elsewhere.

Funding for the type of work we do – community and economic development – is even more scarce today, as many past sources, particularly state and other public sector funds, are gone. Yet, the opportunity to continue to make progress is now, as the District and City of Lancaster have momentum.

Making a contribution to JSID is a clear signal that you value the work we do and that we're making a difference in the community. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Lisa Riggs
President

JSID Team Members Certified in Environmental Crime Prevention



Two JSID staff members have completed an intensive 24-hour, 3-day certification course in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) offered by the National Institute of Crime Prevention. Shelby Nauman, Programs Director, and David Aichele, Operations Director, attended the course, which was convened locally by the Lancaster Community Safety Coalition, and attracted law enforcement professionals from the East Coast and Canada.

CPTED is based on the principle that proper design and effective use of buildings and public spaces in neighborhoods can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life.

The goals of CPTED are consistent with the JSID's long-standing community development efforts, engaging residents and property owners to tackle nuisance crimes while strengthening the foundation for stable and growing neighborhoods. As a result of the certification, JSID's staff is now better equipped to evaluate public safety concerns in neighborhoods, not just by responding to a current complaint but also in having an eye toward longer-term solutions. For example, if a property has experienced vandalism, JSID team members may suggest a lighting solution, the pruning of trees or other steps a property owner can take to reduce the chances of being targeted in the future. For more information, contact Shelby or David at 717-394-0783.

2010-2011 JSID Annual Report Now Available



Please visit JSIDLancaster.org or call 394-0783 for your copy!

Purchase Downtown Dollars

In addition to doing all of your holiday shopping at local merchants this year, consider purchasing Downtown Dollars as stocking stuffers, gifts for co-workers and for visiting friends and relatives. Available in \$5 and \$10 increments, the certificates are accepted at most retailers in Downtown and Northwest Lancaster. For more information, visit DowntownLancaster.com or contact the JSID office at 394-0783.

