

## Baseball, Movies and Concerts in our Backyard



Opening Night, May 11th, at Clipper Magazine Stadium. Credit: Economic Development Company.

From its opening on May 11th through June 30th, Clipper Magazine Stadium has hosted 31 games and events and over 160,000 fans. Residents are flocking from all over the County into the City's northwest to enjoy affordable, family entertainment and the reviews so far have been incredibly positive.

While, in general, traffic, parking and noise have not been overly problematic, some residents have expressed concerns to the team, the JSID and City Hall. In the upcoming weeks, the JSID will be coordinating with General Manager Joe Pinto to host a neighborhood meeting at the stadium for residents to be held either in late July or in August.

For more information on the Barnstormers schedule or on Clipper Magazine Stadium, visit [www.lancasterbarnstormers.com](http://www.lancasterbarnstormers.com).

## Elm Street Program Update

Earlier this year, the JSID was awarded program management responsibilities to oversee a targeted neighborhood revitalization strategy as part of a statewide effort entitled Elm Street. The target area for the JSID's Elm Street program is generally bounded by Prince, Clay, Christian and Lemon Streets.

An Elm Street Advisory Council was formed in January, with founding members acknowledged in the last issue of this newsletter. Recently, five new members have joined the Council, which is charged with giving guidance on the use of grant funds as well as taking a leadership role in building a sustainable neighborhood infrastructure. New members include:

- Tyrik Jackson, owner of the newly-opened Sharper Image Barber Shop
- Tom and Kerri Lepp, Elm Street residents
- Nelson Peters, owner of several rental properties within the target area
- Carmalena Stoltzfus, Elm Street resident

Within the next few weeks, an urban design consultant is expected to be hired to work with the Council and the whole Elm Street neighborhood to develop a five year vision plan for the community. Residents and businesses in the target area will be notified with more information about this important effort.

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## Volunteers Clean Up Trash

In early May, twenty-four additional trash receptacles were installed throughout the District, bringing the total number to thirty-two. The JSID's receptacle program is dependent on District residents and employees who "sponsor" a trash can and become responsible for the regular removal of the trash.

To date, the response has been overwhelming. The JSID has heard from many residents who have volunteered to take on weekly trash collection duties. And, in some cases, where the JSID has identified a need for a receptacle, finding a sponsor has usually only required knocking on one door. Since the recent installation, several individuals have contacted the JSID for receptacles in new locations. A third round of receptacles likely will be installed within the next six months.

In total, the JSID has spent about \$28,000 on purchasing the heavy-duty receptacles. For the May installation, Wohlsen Construction donated time, labor and equipment to deliver and anchor the latest 24 cans.

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Trash receptacle sponsor, Sam Dodson, Old Guard Mortgage, on North Duke Street.

## Beautification Projects Spread Throughout the District



**Market Street Pocket Park** - In April, students from Lancaster Country Day School spent several hours cleaning up the Market Street pocket park behind Ross Elementary School. The service project was performed by students from the Upper School Student Council. They planted flowers, weeded, painted and spread mulch transforming the park back to health. Country Day also contributed funds that paid for camera surveillance equipment for the park.



**Reynold's Middle School Garden** - In April, 6th grade students from Mrs. Piersol's science class planted a butterfly garden on the grounds of the Reynolds Middle School. Students and families will care for the garden through out the summer and Mrs. Peirsol hopes to add plots to the garden each year. Special thanks to Tomlinson and Bomberger, Manheim Township and Stauffer's of Kissel Hill for donating materials for this project.



**The Wall on Cherry Street, 400 Block of N. Cherry behind Beverly Manor**- Congratulations to neighbors of the Fifth Square Association for their spectacular effort to beautify the neighborhood. Residents in the 400 block of N. Cherry Street contributed money to fill over a dozen window boxes with flowers that now sit on the wall across from their homes on Cherry Street.



**Linear Park** - In May, 16 teachers and students from the Lancaster Country Day School landscaped the Betty Finney House AIDS/HIV Garden in Linear Park. They pulled weeds, mulched and planted flowers in the Garden located just off the Lemon Street entrance to the park.

## JSID Receives Lancaster County Community Foundation Grant

The JSID was one of 15 organizations selected to receive a grant from the Lancaster County Community Foundation in its spring funding cycle. The JSID had applied for \$20,000 to support a terrific collaboration between the School District of Lancaster, administrators at Wharton Elementary School and the Wharton PTO. This partnership had raised funds to re-orient the play area at the school and to install much-needed, new playground equipment.

Funds received by the JSID will pay for additional enhancements to the school grounds. They will make the play area more accessible to the community when not in use by the school, and will provide some additional landscaping elements to beautify the area. Upgrades by the School District of Lancaster and the JSID are anticipated to be completed by this fall.

### Seeking Business Listings for JSID Web Page

The JSID is updating its current web page. As part of the new design, we would like to include a searchable database of businesses located within the JSID. To be included on the JSID website, please contact Leah Pearlman-Storch by August 12th at 394-0783 during business hours or e-mail us at [jsidlancaster@comcast.net](mailto:jsidlancaster@comcast.net).

Include your business name, address, contact person, title, phone number and web address, if applicable.

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Thanks is also given to Penn Stone who received the shipment and stored the receptacles, saving the JSID additional money. Ten trash cans have been located in the designated Elm Street community, using funds from the PA Department of Community & Economic Development.

Please join us in thanking the following generous individuals and businesses for volunteering to sponsor the receptacles throughout the neighborhoods.

Boys and Girls Club, North End  
Clubhouse  
Congregation Shaarai Shomayim  
Fillings Clothing  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Matthew D. Freedman, DMD  
Gallagher Construction  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Herman's Daycare Center  
In the Light Ministries  
J.C. Snavelly & Sons  
Lancaster General Hospital  
Lancaster Theological Seminary  
Lopez Salon  
Mandros Imported Foods  
Miller Optical

Mulberry Corners  
Old Guard Mortgage & Financial Services  
Otterbein United Methodist Church  
PA Army National Guard, Stahr Armory  
Pemberley Tea Shop  
Ross Elementary School  
Sharper Image Barber Shop  
Sluggers Pizzeria  
Mickey Smith  
The Steak Out  
Weber Advertising & Marketing  
Wharton Elementary School  
Lancaster Family YMCA  
Mike and Barry Winterstein  
Maureen Yoder

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## New Businesses Find Homes in the JSID



Auntie Anne's on Harrisburg Avenue.



C.S. Davidson on West James Street.

More than 150 new jobs are being located in the JSID thanks to several businesses opening doors or moving into the City. Realty Select, a real estate and title company, will be relocating to 1000 North Prince Street, currently the home of Lancaster Office Essentials. Premier Companies LLC, a broker and supporter of telecom/datacom services and communications equipment, currently located near the Lancaster Airport, will shift its employees to the two floors above the Brickyard Sports Bar at 415 North Prince Street. C.S. Davidson, a structural engineering firm, has opened a Lancaster office in the Raub Supply Building in the 300 block of West James Street.

Several retailers also have opened, offering District residents a range of new options. Dosie Dough, a Lititz-based bakery, is now open in the former Fred & Mary's space in the 300 block of West Lemon Street. The Home Plate Pizzeria opened at the base of the Fruitville Pike Bridge. Sharper Image Barber Shop has occupied the former Sun Diner space at 50 West James. Finally, Auntie Anne's Café and Rosa Rosa Italian Restaurant are now both open at the Champion Center at Harrisburg Avenue and Charlotte Street.

## Meet Bike Squad Ambassador Justo Munoz

Justo has been a valuable member of the JSID's Bike Squad since November 2004. As a JSID squad member, Justo has received several commendations for his work from Allied-Barton Security and City Police Chief Heim.

Justo is a member of the PA Army National Guard. He is certified in CPR, First Aid and is a combat lifesaver. Justo also plans to become a member of the Lancaster City Bureau of Police.

When not on duty, Justo enjoys working on cars and playing sports. He is also an avid Philadelphia sports fan!



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Beyond the vision planning that will occur, another primary component of the Elm Street program is a Façade Improvement Grant Initiative, which provides property owners in the target area up to \$3,000 for exterior improvements to their properties visible from the street. Five pilot projects have been approved by a Façade Improvement Sub-committee, with renovation work expected to begin this summer. New projects will be reviewed monthly. Contact Shelby Nauman at 394-1772 for more details or for a grant application.

The final component of the Elm Street initiative includes funds for streetscape enhancements. To date, these funds have been used for ten trash receptacles in the target area and the brick band in the sidewalk that runs on the Prince Street side of Clipper Magazine Stadium. This summer funds will also be used for painting and "tiger striping" crosswalks and ADA accessible curb cuts.

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## Mission Statement

*The James Street Improvement District builds effective partnerships to maintain a clean and safe environment and to promote, plan and advocate for a growing, diverse, urban community in Northwest Lancaster.*

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The JSID area is generally defined as Race Avenue on the west, Chestnut Street on the south, Lime Street on the east and the Amtrak train/transit station and railroad tracks on the north.

To receive the JSID newsletter and periodic updates please call or e-mail Toby Vargas with your name, company name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail address.