



Neighborhood Notes

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Projects Advance at Franklin & Marshall College

Franklin & Marshall College has a full plate of real estate activities underway or planned for the near future. Under construction in the middle of campus is the College's new Ann & Richard Barshinger Life Science and Philosophy building, the largest investment in an academic structure in the College's history. The \$45 million, 100,000 s.f. building will house the Biology, Psychology and Philosophy departments and is expected to be completed in Fall 2007. The Life Science and Philosophy building site used to be home to the College's tennis courts, which are now being rebuilt across Harrisburg Avenue where the Kimmel scrapyard used to be located.



Rendering of Franklin & Marshall College's Barshinger Life Science and Philosophy Building currently under construction.

Plans for the site located on the north side of Harrisburg Avenue at College Avenue are advancing. Last fall, Franklin & Marshall announced its intentions to partner with a private developer to build a property that includes 50,000 s.f. of first floor retail with residential above to be used for the College's upperclassmen. The current timetable for the \$35 million project is for a groundbreaking in Spring 2006. The project, which will be on the tax rolls, is being led by Philadelphia-based Campus Apartments, who has partnered with the national leasing firm of Metro Commercial.

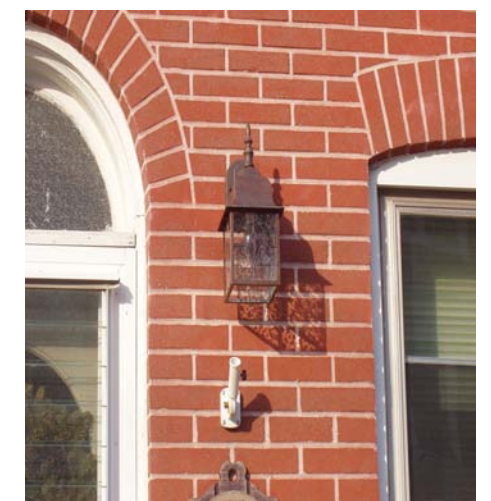
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Porch Light Program

The first new porch lights have been installed in the areas of North Mulberry and West Lemon Streets. In an effort to enhance safety, the JSID has created a program to assist in funding the installation of new porch lights or upgrading existing fixtures. The initial phase of this program is limited to properties in the 200 and 300 blocks of West Lemon, the 300 and 400 blocks of North Mulberry and the 400 block of North Concord. The JSID is offering to pay 50% of the cost of a new porch light installation or fixture upgrade up to \$300. Multi-unit properties are required to install a photocell to ensure porch lights function overnight.

As part of its efforts to coordinate and promote the program, the JSID is working with neighborhood based Earl-B Electrical Services to make certain installation is handled by a licensed and insured professional. The JSID also has partnered with Penn State Fixtures at 211 West James Street where pre-selected fixtures are offered at a 40% discount.

Later in 2006, the JSID intends to offer this program in other targeted neighborhoods throughout the District.



Plan Completed for Elm Street Area

A vision plan outlining physical improvements and other neighborhood activities for the North-Central Elm Street area is now available on the JSID website at www.jsidlancaster.org in the publications section. In August, the JSID retained Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects to develop the plan for the target neighborhood, bounded by Lemon, Christian, Clay and Prince Streets. The plan fulfills a requirement of the Elm Street program, which is a Commonwealth sponsored initiative.

The planning process involved about 60 people through two public meetings, four focus groups and ten individual interviews. The consultants conducted fieldwork, reviewed existing data and gathered input from residents and stakeholders. The final document includes a series of ten recommendations that are expected to be implemented by residents, property owners and businesses in the neighborhood.

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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.

Renovations at Grace Lutheran Church



Congratulations to Grace Lutheran Church located at the corner of Queen and James Street for their recent renovation work. The Church, designed by famous Lancaster architect C. Emlen Urban, undertook a wide range of improvements that included a considerable investment in the exterior of their property. They replaced their old wooden doors and deteriorated stain glass transoms with clear glass doors and windows. Part of the project also involved structural changes inside the doors which allow passers-by to look

through the new entry area. The project was completed on time and within the \$750,000 budget, which the congregation has pledged to repay over the next three years.

New Members Join the JSID Board

At its September meeting, the JSID Board of Directors elected three new members and recognized the contributions of three departing members. Joining the Board for terms that began January 1, 2006 are:

Thomas Beeman, Lancaster General
Joe Pinto, Lancaster Barnstormers
James Warner, Lancaster Co. Solid Waste Authority

These three new members replace three members whose terms ended December 31, 2005. The JSID Board is grateful for the strong contributions made by all of its departing members.

Don Gallagher, Gallagher Construction
Andre Renna, Lancaster General
Mike Winterstein, Winterstein Brothers *

Nineteen members are continuing their service on the Board of Directors.

John Fry, JSID Chairman, Franklin & Marshall College
Bob Macina, JSID President, Lancaster General
Rob Bowman, Charter Homes
Jennifer Craighead, Barley Snyder
Mary Colleen Heil, PA College of Art & Design *
Tracy Horst, PPM Real Estate
Peter Kears, Kears Restaurant Group
Tom Kingston, Franklin & Marshall College
J. Gary Langmuir, Wohlsen Construction Co.
Lou Lombardi, Fulton Bank
John McGrann, Penn Stone *
Michael Mersky, Lancaster Country Day School
Nancy Neff, S. Clyde Weaver *
Kathleen Peck, Kathleen's Fine Women's Clothing *
Riess Potterveld, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Sherry Qualls, White Good & Company *
Ian Ruzow, Clipper Magazine
Aaron Shiley, Aaron's Studio Hair Care
Stephen Verkouw, Grace Lutheran Church *

*JSID Resident

F&M Projects

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On College Avenue at the intersection of West New Street, Franklin & Marshall is moving forward with its plans to build an International Center. The existing building will be demolished and replaced with a new 3,400 s.f. structure. The John Joseph International Center will house International Studies and International Programs and is expected to be completed by August 2006.

The Ware College House will also be under construction beginning the end of May and completed January 2007. This will be the first of four "Commons" to be constructed to support the new College House system implemented by the College in the Fall of 2005. The "Commons" will be 3,200 s.f. of new construction and approximately 2,000 s.f. of renovated space. The "Commons" will include a multipurpose space, living room, seminar room and administrative offices.

For more information about any of these projects, contact Franklin & Marshall College's Communication Office at 291-3981.

JSID Bike Squad Welcomes New Members



Over the last couple of months the JSID has added some new faces to its Bike Squad. Please make a note of your Bike Ambassadors names and stop them to say hello. They are, starting from the left in the front: Jennifer Kilgore, Emily West, Tyrone Blume and from the left in the back: Jose Irizarry, Justo Munoz, John Sage, Travis Martin, Matthew Martin, and Martin LaPlante.

Merchants Working Together

The merchant community on the 300 block of North Queen Street is one of the City's gems. Property and business owners provide a terrific example of working together to promote the block's stores and the neighborhood. The most recent demonstration of their collaboration is a new brochure promoting their eclectic mix of shops and services, available at www.uptownlanaster.com.

Merchants also have been working with Lancaster DisAbled for Change and Justice to make stores accessible to disabled people. Businesses on the block have purchased four ramps that are portable and that promote accessibility without significantly altering the front facades of the buildings. Stores that are currently accessible are Art and Glassworks, J.A. Sharp Custom Jeweler, Remember This... and Zap & Co. Vintage Clothing.

The community is already gearing up for its annual Uptown 300 Block Party. Mark your calendars for the celebrations which kick off at Noon on Saturday, June 4, 2006. The event includes live music, food, arts and crafts, and antiques.



300 block of North Queen Street

JSID Hires Operations Manager

In January, the JSID hired David Aichele as its Operations Manager. His primary areas of focus will be on the JSID's priorities of 'clean and safe', with specific emphasis on working with the bike squad, expanding the trash receptacle initiative, and developing other programs to respond to quality of life concerns. Previously, David was employed as a police officer, for both Lancaster City and West Lampeter Township, for a combined total of 16 years.

Additionally, he has spent time as an armed security guard at the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Station, immediately following the September 11 terrorist attacks. Most recently, David was the Site Commander and Area Supervisor for Security Services of America, with an assignment location of the Armstrong Corporate Campus in Lancaster, PA.

David is an active member of the Board of Directors for the Musser Park Civic Association.

He enjoys riding his motorcycle, home improvement projects, and spending time with his family and pets.



David Aichele, Operations Manager

Neighborhood Notes, Dates and Needs

Barnstormers Gearing Up for Opening Day



The Barnstormers will hold a Free Funfest on Saturday, April 8th from Noon - 3 p.m. at Clipper Magazine Stadium. Individual tickets will be on sale and auditions will be held for the National Anthem. The team's 2006 season begins on Friday, April 28th at 7:05 p.m. in its home opener against the Road Warriors. For more information about the team, the 2006 schedule (including fireworks dates), go to <http://lanasterbarnstormers.com>

TeamWorks IV Set for April 9th, 2006

The Franklin and Marshall Student Athlete Advisory Committee presents Team Work IV on Sunday, April 9, 2006 from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Once again, the F&M students want to help those that are hampered by medical or physical restraints with their outdoor projects and to give the James Street Improvement District a spring cleaning. If you need assistance with your yard maintenance or if you have an outdoor job to do, please contact Keep Lancaster Beautiful by March 24th at 391-9534. Help will be provided on a first come first serve basis for those who qualify.

JSID Expanding Trash Receptacle Program



Already, the JSID has installed more than 30 trash receptacles throughout the District. This program is made possible because of the many property owners, residents and small business interests who volunteer to care for a receptacle. This spring, the JSID wants to install more receptacles and needs new volunteers/sponsors. Sponsors are asked to empty receptacles no less than once a week, discard the trash and replace the black trash bag inside the receptacle. Please contact David Aichele, JSID Operations Manager, at 394-6992 to participate.

Additional On-Street Parking Considered for Prince Street

The Mayor's office and the City's Department of Public Works are evaluating options to add on-street parking along several blocks of North Prince Street. In the spring, the City will be scheduling a public meeting to discuss this issue. When available, meeting information will be posted on the JSID website. Contact Toby Vargas at JSID (394-0783) to be added to a meeting notification list.