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# New Daycare/Eldercare Facility Opens Soon



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Work is nearly complete at the new College Hill Children's Center and the LIFE Center, an Albright Care Services eldercare facility, at 417 W. Frederick Street, just off Harrisburg Avenue between Lancaster Avenue and Charlotte Street. The \$7.4 million project is being developed by Radnor Property Group and Silverang Hallowell Development Company in collaboration with Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster General and Albright Care Services. The project required the demolition of a 30,000-sq.-ft., 4-story property and the rehabilitation of a 100-year-old tobacco warehouse. Both the childcare and eldercare facilities are scheduled to open in mid-August.

The warehouse will be shared by the two tenants. The College Hill Children's Center will be operated by Hildebrandt Learning Centers and will be able to accommodate up to 199 children. Franklin & Marshall College and Lancaster General employees will have

first priority for childcare; however, any remaining openings will be available to the community. The Children's Center will also offer before- and after-school services. For more information, please contact Bill Grant, CEO, 570-675-8860, email: wgrant@hildebrandtlc.com

The LIFE Center, operated by Albright Care Services, is the hub of a unique community-based long-term care program designed for frail elders. The Center, from which up to 150 participants will be served, provides on-site physicians and other medical services, transportation, adult day services, home care and more. Participants (nursing home eligible seniors) are enabled to live in their own home through comprehensive, integrated care and service coordination by the LIFE Interdisciplinary Team. For more information, please call Zoe Bracci or Betsey Hartranft at 717-509-1455, or visit [www.albrightlife.org](http://www.albrightlife.org).

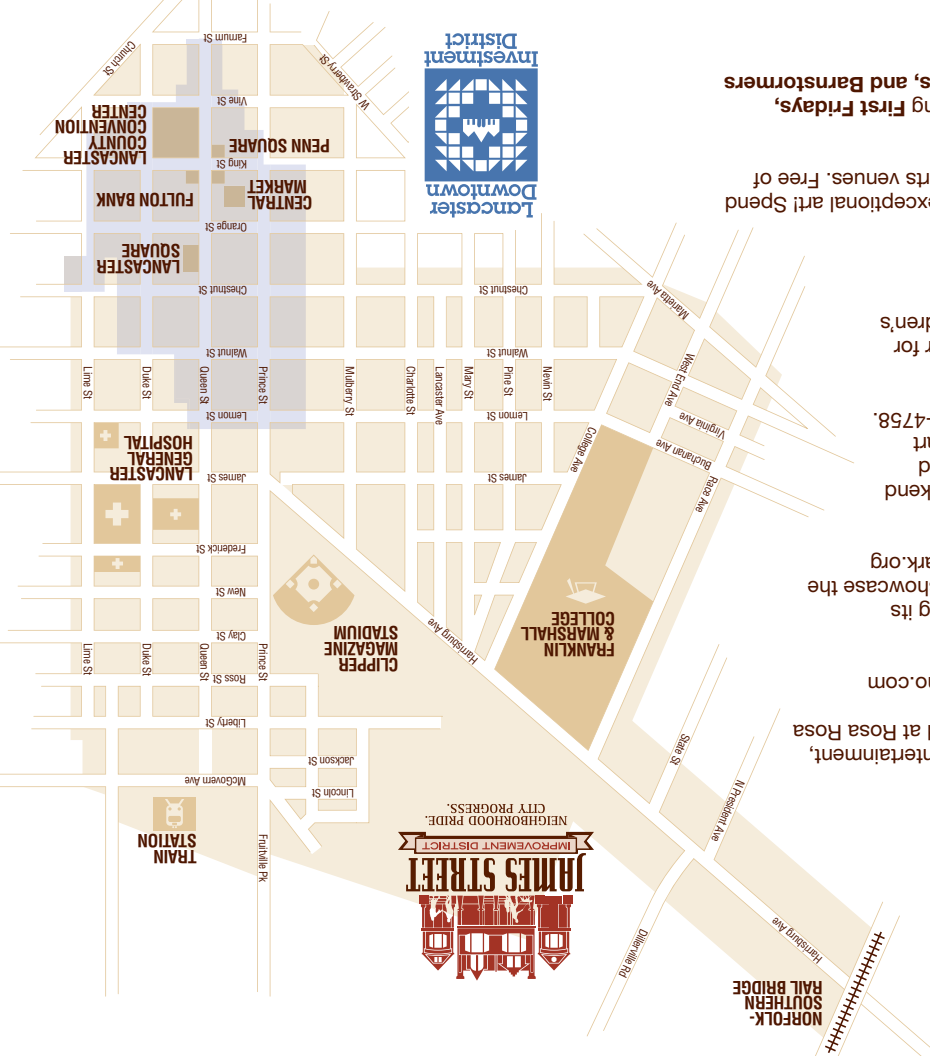
## Tree Planting Ahead

More than 20 new trees will be planted this fall in the 400-700 blocks of North Queen and Prince Streets and on the cross streets of James, Frederick, New and Clay, utilizing Elm Street funding from the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. As part of the "clean, safe and green" goal, the JSID partnered with the City of Lancaster's Shade Tree Commission and the City Arborist for technical assistance. New tree locations have been selected based on a wide range of site conditions, including the location of driveways, existing light fixtures and surveillance camera sight lines. The JSID is in the process of contacting property owners, who will be responsible for maintaining the trees. The JSID will use approximately \$20,000 of Elm Street funds, which will go toward purchasing, sidewalk work for tree wells and installing the trees.

## JSID Moves Its Offices

After five good years in its current location in the 200 block of West James Street, the JSID will be moving its offices just one block south around mid-August. The JSID will occupy about 2,700 square feet of space at 354 North Prince Street, also known as City Crossings, home to Isaac's corporate offices and Robson Forensic.

The JSID will send out a formal notification when the move is complete and plans to host a Community Open House in late September.



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Saturday 10am-5pm // Sunday Noon-5pm // A weekend of exceptional art! Spend two days visiting 50 studios, galleries, museums and other arts venues. Free of charge. Details: [www.lancasterarts.org](http://www.lancasterarts.org)

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8am-1pm // Come to Central Market in Downtown Lancaster for a celebration of Lancaster County's harvest with music, children's activities, cooking demonstrations, and food tastings. Free of charge, Lancaster Central Market.

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Join us Downtown as we celebrate everything Wheels. Weekend activities include entertainment, sidewalk sales, car show and Lancaster Museum of Art's Barnstorm motorcycle tour and art exhibit. Details: Mayor's Office of Special Events at 717-291-4758.

**AUG 29-SEPT 1—LONG'S PARK ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**  
Friday-Sunday 10am-6pm, Monday 10am-5pm // Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the Long's Park Arts & Crafts Festival will showcase the country's top artists and crafts people. Details: [www.longspark.org](http://www.longspark.org)

**AUG 24—ITALIAN FESTIVAL**  
11am-1pm // Celebrate all things Italian - food and wine, entertainment, pasta-eating contest and much more. The event will be held at Rosa Rosa Ristorante Italiano, 398 Harrisburg Avenue. Details: (717) 509-3970 or visit [www.rosarosaristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.rosarosaristoranteitaliano.com)

**AUG 16—ART IN THE PARK**  
10am-2pm // A celebration of art featuring tree hands-on projects for all ages. Held in Musser Park. Free admission. Details: Lancaster Museum of Art at 717-394-3497.

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**For more information or to view the full list of events, including First Fridays, Music Fridays, Long's Park Summer Entertainment Series, and Barnstormers Games and events, please visit [www.jsidlancaster.org](http://www.jsidlancaster.org).**

## Special Events

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Co-chair Dwight Hess addresses the DID Retail Committee.

## Linking the Retail Community

Every month, the DID's Retail Committee, co-chaired by DID Board member and Space to Grow owner Dwight Hess and the JSID/DID's Marshall Snively, convenes at Southern Market Center. Over the past year, attendance at the meeting has grown from about 15 to 50-60, a sign that the community's retailers are getting important and helpful information. Each month, attendees hear updates on the progress at the Convention Center and Marriott Hotel, are exposed to new media and marketing opportunities and discuss issues impacting the local retail sector. Several sub-committees have been formed to give local retailers a greater level of participation in special events and cooperative marketing efforts. Meetings are open to all City retailers. For more information about the meetings or for other opportunities specific to retailers, please contact Marshall Snively at 394-0783 or [mwsnively@comcast.net](mailto:mwsnively@comcast.net).

### What's Up Downtown?

Check out the new Downtown Investment District website at [www.DowntownLancaster.com](http://www.DowntownLancaster.com) for a complete list of Downtown Special Events and a directory of Downtown and Northwest Lancaster businesses.

### What's New in Northwest?

Visit [www.jsidlanaster.org](http://www.jsidlanaster.org) for current community news and to register to receive a free copy of JSID's quarterly *Neighborhood Notes*.

## Hats Off To...

- The law firm of Kegel, Kelin, Almy & Grimm LLP for its extraordinary demonstration of community support by corralling employees, family and friends to assist with a day-long effort to mulch the more than 400+ tree wells in Downtown Lancaster.
- Sam Beiler and Auntie Anne's for bringing nearly 200 new jobs into Downtown Lancaster in May and bringing a fantastic building back to its glory at Chestnut and Prince Streets.
- Department of Public Works employee Matt Metzler and Bureau of Police Sgt. Gary Metzger for their zealous efforts to coordinate the myriad of lane restrictions and street closures, balancing construction demands with public safety.
- Wharton Elementary parent and volunteer Ethan Deane for coordinating an after-school Garden Club this past spring, which took advantage of a somewhat dormant garden site and capital improvements made to enhance the Wharton campus.
- LEADS for its awesome hanging flower baskets that instantly beautify our Downtown streets.
- The 300 Block of North Queen Street for yet another successful Block Party held in June and for the merchants' creativity and leadership with Music Fridays and a new Sunday Market.



Music Friday performance at BUILDING CHARACTER.

- North Pine Street resident Mara Anderson for her leadership role in coordinating information with her neighbors and Franklin & Marshall College for work on the Center for Jewish Life.
- Paul and Cynthia Kettering for their exciting renovations at the long-vacant property at Pine and Frederick Streets, future home of their new restaurant, Sean's.
- PA Dutch CVB and the Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOOSE) for their work, in partnership with the JSID/DID, Penn Square Partners and Interstate Hotels and Resorts to host more than 40 meeting planners in May and June on "familiarization tours" and to the many local retailers and restaurants for providing welcome gifts and hosting receptions and dinners showcasing Downtown Lancaster's diverse amenities.

# Shreiner-Concord Cemetery Plans Advance



Gravesite of Thaddeus Stevens.

Thanks to a group of committed neighbors and civic leaders, a plan is taking shape to make long-desired improvements to the small cemetery located at the corner of Chestnut and Mulberry Streets. The Shreiner-Concord Cemetery, named in part after its original owner Martin Shreiner Sr., was established in 1836 and houses 396 gravesites, including its most famous occupant, Thaddeus Stevens. For more

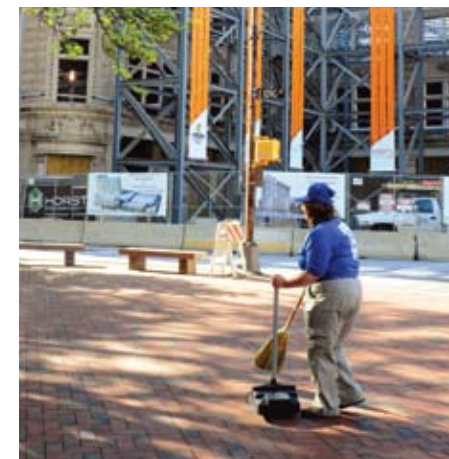
than ten years, maintenance of this historically significant site has been managed in part by the City, which regularly mows the grass, and by groups of volunteers, often led by Representative Mike Sturla and City Councilwoman Pat Collier. Neighbors David and Carmen Garcia Hommel, Ray Manlove and Carol Bauer share the responsibility for unlocking the fence daily so visitors can enter the cemetery.

Last spring, the JSID began working more closely with the cemetery's Board of Directors, chaired at that time by the leadership of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. With the assistance of Rep. Sturla, a \$75,000 grant was secured from the PA Department of Community & Economic Development to aid in the cemetery's renovations.

Since early 2008, several neighbors have joined the Board, which is now chaired by Chestnut Street resident Mike Peck. Current priorities include utilizing the state funds to replace the sidewalk around the property and to plant trees that will replace the four hazardous Bradford pear trees that were removed in February. These enhancements are scheduled to be implemented this fall. The Board is also performing research on restoring historic monuments, given the age and poor condition of many of the tombstones.

Long-term goals for the site include elevating the historic significance of the Thaddeus Stevens gravesite and making further improvements so that the cemetery functions as a wonderful neighborhood green space. To get more information or to volunteer to support the cemetery, please contact Shelby Nauman, JSID Project Manager at 394-0783 or send an email to [shelbynauman@comcast.net](mailto:shelbynauman@comcast.net).

## New Sidewalk Sweeping Vendor Debuts in Downtown



Downtown Clean Team member, Donna Hopper, maintains a tidy Penn Square.

The Downtown Investment District Authority (DID) hired Service Group Inc. (SGI) as a result of a competitive bid process to perform supplemental sidewalk sweeping work throughout Downtown. SGI, which is based out of Malvern, PA, has a presence across the country providing downtown clean and safe services. In Lancaster, SGI will have two employees working Monday through Saturday from 6:00AM to 3:00PM. The employees, who wear blue shirts and baseball caps, will operate mechanical sweeping equipment as well as utilize a dustpan and broom. At the request of Mayor Gray and members of

City Council, the DID encouraged SGI to focus on hiring City residents. The current team of two full-time and one part-time employees includes two City residents.

The DID has provided supplemental sidewalk sweeping services for more than a decade, given the high volume of foot traffic in Downtown and the concentration of public spaces, bus shelters and other locations that can accumulate trash on a daily basis. The sidewalk sweeping program is a core part of the DID's 6-year City Council-approved Operating Plan.