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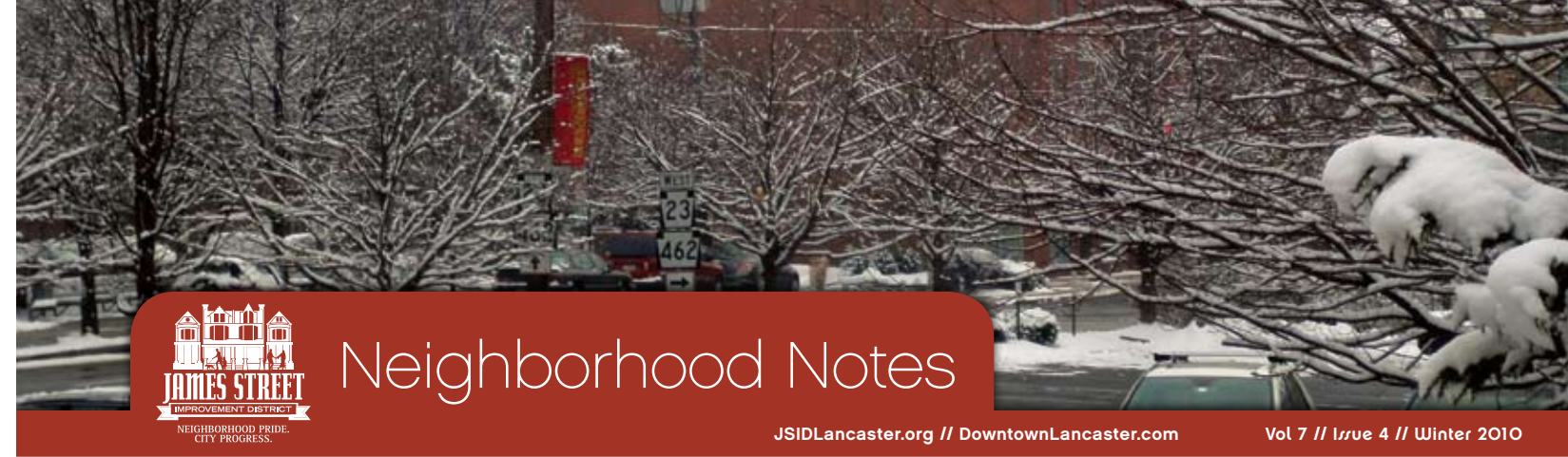
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## Neighborhood Notes

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# JSID's "Elm Street" Program Heads into Final Year

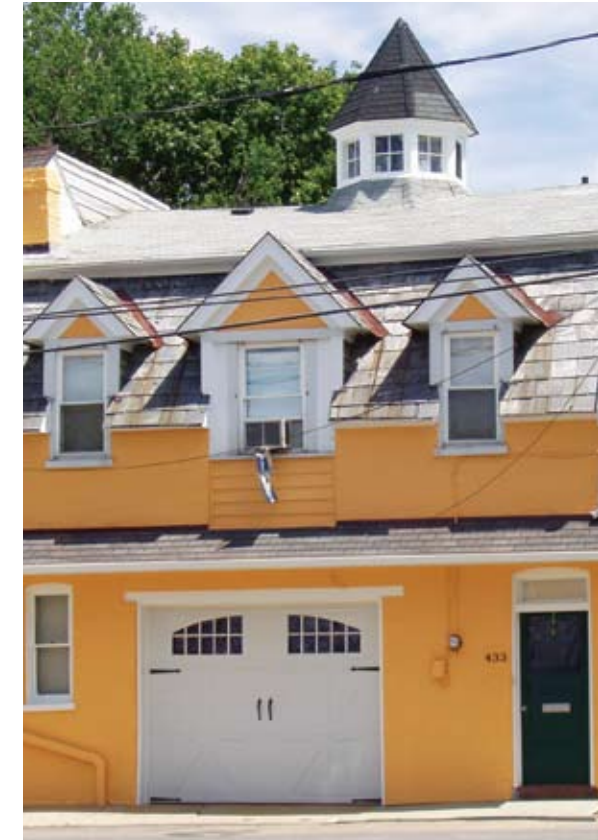
Since 2005, the JSID has led a targeted neighborhood initiative called "Elm Street" created by the Commonwealth of PA. The program, which is the state's companion to the nationally recognized Main Street program, focuses resources on neighborhoods adjacent to downtown. The City of Lancaster was one of the first to have two Elm Street areas designated, one in the southeast part of the City and the other in the 400-700 blocks of North Prince and Queen Streets.

The JSID is now entering its final year of funding for the program, which has resulted in considerable enhancements to the target area. One of the highlights of the JSID's efforts has been the implementation of an aggressive façade improvement grant program. To date, 109 properties have participated in the program, leveraging \$370,000 in state grant funds with nearly \$275,000 in private property owner investments. With the remaining funds, an additional 12 facades are projected to be completed by this summer, totaling about \$100,000 of additional combined public and private investments.

The JSID also utilized the Elm Street capital funds to install 13 surveillance cameras through the Lancaster Community Safety Coalition, following extensive neighborhood engagement, 89 pedestrian light fixtures done collaboratively with PPL Electric Utilities and the City of Lancaster, 25 trees, and a brick band along Prince Street. In addition, the JSID was able to tap additional funds made available to Elm Street areas through the Pennsylvania Downtown Center to install 19 grocer alley gates and 43 light fixtures primarily focused along the 400-700 blocks of Queen and Market Streets. These investments required extensive involvement by property owners and residents over the course of the last nearly five years.



Before



After

## Hospitality Starts at Home

In January, the JSID, in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Special Events, coordinated several familiarization, or "FAM," tours for front-line employees of the Lancaster Marriott, the Lancaster Arts Hotel, Avis Rent-A-Car and the PA Dutch CVB's Visitors Centers. The four-hour tours showcased the diverse offerings of Downtown concentrating on several portions of Queen Street, Gallery Row and Central Market – and included stops at over 30 retailers, art galleries and attractions, all while historic sites and points of interests were discussed. More than 30 staff representatives participated on the first two tours. JSID Vice President Marshall Snively, who helped lead the tours, said more tours are being scheduled for this spring. Plans include extending the reach of the tours to other parts of the City, such as Harrisburg Avenue, so tour participants can venture into more businesses. The spring tours will also be offered to hospitality staff at hotels and attractions throughout the County.



## JSID Night at the Barnstormers Save the Date!

Saturday, July 31, 2010



Show your support of the James Street Improvement District by attending **JSID Night at the Barnstormers!**

In partnership with the Lancaster Barnstormers, join

your neighbors and the JSID Bike Squad for an evening of fun and excitement. \$4.00 of every ticket sold will be donated to support JSID programming.

To order your tickets — simply go to [www.LancasterBarnstormers.com](http://www.LancasterBarnstormers.com) and click on "Fundraising! Sign-in." Scroll down to the JSID logo and follow the directions.

## Hats Off To...

- The City of Lancaster's snow removal team – and all residents, property owners and tenants – who dug out streets and sidewalks following this winter's record snowfall.
  - Lancaster General for its selection as a finalist for the 2009 Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service and for its Security Department's recognition among the top 500 nationally and for placing 50th in the healthcare sector by *Security Magazine*.
  - The Lancaster Recreation Commission for ringing in 2010 in style through the annual Countdown Lancaster event, with special recognition to brothers Pete and Patrick Egan, who provided much-needed funding for the fireworks display.
  - Local manufacturer Burnham Holdings for its contribution to Lancaster's Central Market of a new high-efficiency boiler as part of the Market's planned renovations (see related story, front page).
- ◀◀ Mayor's Office of Special Events and Interstate Hotels for bringing Santa back to the former Watt & Shand Department Store during the Mayor's Tree Lighting on November 27th at the Lancaster Marriott.



◀◀ JSID bike ambassador Alex Borten for his direct role in the apprehension of an individual vandalizing parking meter stations throughout Downtown. Borten exemplified the role of ambassador by alertly witnessing the crime, contacting police and maintaining a safe distance until police arrived.

- Fulton Theatre, Bonbonniere and Building Character for winning the sixth annual Holiday Window Display contest, organized by the Mayor's Office of Special Events and the JSID/DID.

- The DID's Clean Team, which recorded an impressive 38,000 pounds of leaves collected in October and November 2009.

## Support the JSID!

The James Street Improvement District is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is funded primarily through charitable contributions by local businesses, philanthropic organizations, property owners and residents who reside in the City's Northwest and Downtown. With a mission to enhance the community's quality of life, the JSID provides a range of programs and services – from our bike ambassador patrols and trash receptacles to neighborhood outreach, economic development and community marketing – all based on your support. Please consider making a contribution to the JSID. Visit our website at [www.jsidlancaster.org](http://www.jsidlancaster.org) for more information on our programs and to make a secure online donation.

## Investing in Critical Infrastructure

Coming up this spring, summer and fall, the City of Lancaster will again be home to active construction equipment as investment in the community continues. And while there's always a chance construction projects may be temporarily disruptive, the long-term impact is positive and shows the City's continued growth.

- Major renovation work will occur at Lancaster's nationally acclaimed Central Market. Importantly, the Market will remain open during the construction. Elements of the project are focused around three important goals: (1) restoring and protecting the historic building, by replacing bricks, restoring and rehabilitating historic windows, accentuating the ceiling and maintaining the roof; (2) enhancing its functionality with a new electrical grid, access to water, enhancing natural ventilation and security, and modernizing public restrooms; and (3) making the building "greener," by installing high-efficiency lighting, a new boiler, hot water and expanding recycling options.

- The Lancaster Parking Authority has announced its plans to invest in excess of \$2 million to replace and upgrade eight elevators in the Prince, Duke and Penn Square garages. Work is scheduled to begin in May and will take through November 2010 to complete.

- The City of Lancaster and the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) will be implementing the second phase of streetscape enhancements on portions of Prince Street from Vine to Chestnut, Vine Street from Duke to Prince, Queen Street from Orange to Chestnut and Duke Street from King to Vine. Primary elements in this phase include the standardized four-foot brick band on the curb line, curb extensions to accommodate ADA ramps, lighting and street furniture elements.



- Major improvements are also scheduled to occur on Prince Street, from Vine to the City's northern boundary, and the entire length of Queen. PennDOT added milling and repaving of these critical streets to its 2010 schedule, reflecting an investment of \$3-4 million. In advance of that work, due to EPA requirements, lead water line service in these corridors will be replaced, and to comply with ADA requirements, curbs

and sidewalks along these streets will also need to meet Federal standards. This project will be led by PennDOT and the City of Lancaster.

These public infrastructure projects, in addition to the \$12 million renovation to Lancaster's historic Amtrak Station and the \$17 million RRTA garage and bus station project at Queen and Chestnut, are essential investments in the community's future.



RRTA Transit Station expansion and garage.