

FALL/WINTER 2011

## NOTICE:

Regardless of whether the street sweeper is running or not, residents are required to move their cars during the times posted on the signs. You may be ticketed if you do not move your car during the posted hours.

# Columbia Borough

FALL/WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER

## THANK YOU FOR MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY!

The Borough receives many complaints each year relating to various issues, such as high grass, abandoned vehicles, dog waste, maintenance of buildings, disposal of garbage/rubbish, un-kept yards, unused and/or stagnant swimming pools, etc. By keeping your property in good order, you save the Borough in inspections, mailings and court filings. Thank you to all those who continue to keep their property in great shape, thereby making Columbia Borough a better community.

## Creative Recycling in Columbia



Please stop by the Borough Hall at 308 Locust Street to check out our display of recycled items.

## ZONING /CODE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Dates to Remember

#### 23rd Annual Bridge Bust

Saturday 10/1/11

9am-3pm

#### Yard Waste Curbside

##### Pickup Ends

Monday 10/10/11

#### Leaf Pickup Begins

Monday 10/17/11

(follows street sweeper route)

#### Annual Diabetes Walk

Sunday 10/23/11

1:30pm-4pm

#### Mardi Gras Parade

Thursday 10/27/11

7:00pm

#### Trick or Treat

Monday 10/31/11 6pm-8pm

#### 2nd Annual

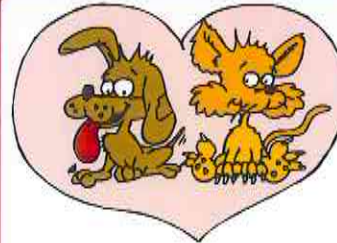
##### Melissa Glenn 5K

Saturday 11/5/11 7am-10am

### Snow Removal Notes:

Tenants, owners or persons in charge of any property fronting on or adjoining any street in the Borough of Columbia are required to clear a pathway of at least three feet in width on the sidewalk in front of or adjoining property within eight hours after the snow has ceased to fall. If the snow has ceased to fall between dusk and dawn, the pathway shall be cleared before 10:00 a.m. the following day. Snow cleaned from the pathway shall not be deposited in the street after the street has been plowed. The penalty for non-

compliance could result in a fine of not more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution.



### Animal Nuisances

It is unlawful for any owner, keeper or custodian of any dog or cat to permit his or her dog or cat to discharge such animal's excreta upon any public or private property, other than the property of the owner of such dog or cat. It is also unlawful if the owner, keeper or custodian does not immediately remove and clean up such animal's excreta from the public or private property.

Any owner, keeper or custodian shall have on their person a device which will be capable of removing any feces or excreta of any dog or cat while

under their control or custody in any public or private sidewalk, parkway, walkway, street, public park, public way, public grassy area or any other public areas, or upon private premises owned by any person, firm, or corporation other than the owner. Such device shall not include the hands or feet of the owner, keeper or custodian.

It is unlawful for any owner to fail to exercise proper care and control of his/her animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive, continuous or untimely barking or noise making, smell, mischief, molesting of passersby, chasing of vehicles, habitual attacks on other domestic animals or trespassing upon private property in such manner as to damage property shall be deemed a nuisance.

# Recycle...Recycle...Recycle



Columbia Borough Code, in accordance with Act 101, specifies that all commercial establishments must have a recycling program.

When Act 101 was passed in 1988, it mandated communities with a population greater than 5,000 residents, with a population density of 300 per square mile, to implement commercial and residential recycling programs. Having a population of approximately 10,311 residents, Columbia Borough is well within the limitations of this requirement.

Chapter 18, Article II, Section 9 of the Columbia Borough code specifies that "all persons [commercial & residential] within the borough shall source separate designated recyclable materials."

Additionally, this Chapter outlines the violations and penalties that can be issued for non-compliance. Establishing a recycling program may seem like a large task for some businesses, so the borough has designated a Recycling Coordinator to help walk individuals through this process. Please contact Ron Miller at 717-684-2654 x29.

### **The following items are required to be recycled:**

Clear Glass, Colored Glass, Aluminum, Steel Cans, Newsprint, Yard Waste, Plastics, Tires, White Goods (large appliances), High Grade Office Paper and Corrugated Cardboard

### **How?**

Article III, Section 11 specifies that "each person who owns a non-residential or multifamily dwelling unit shall contract with a licensed hauler for the collection, transportation, and disposal of regulated municipal waste and designated recyclables produced at such unit to a facility and to accomplish the same shall:

- Provide recycling containers at easily accessible locations for source separation of recyclables.
- Provide written instructions to all persons occupying each unit.
- Arrange, through a contract with a licensed hauler, for the collection and transportation of the recyclable material.

### **Biodegradable Bags and Recycle Bins**

Brown biodegradable (paper) bags are available for purchase at the Borough Office which is located at 308 Locust Street for \$.75 each or 3 for \$2.00.

Recycle bins are also available for \$7.00

### **DID YOU KNOW???**

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17604 opened a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site in 2006.

Residents of Lancaster county can drop off household hazardous waste including but not limited to: Computers, Pesticides, Paint, Adhesives, Household Cleaners and Propane Tanks. For more information visit their website at [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) or call 717-397-9968

### **TORNADO SAFETY** **WHAT TO DO**

#### **Know the Signs of a tornado.**

Strong, persistent rotation in the cloud base, and whirling dust or debris on the ground under a cloud base. Hail or heavy rain followed by dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift. A loud, continuous roar or rumble that doesn't fade like thunder.

**In a house with a basement** - get to the basement, avoid windows, get under a sturdy object but not under heavy objects on the floor above.

**In an apartment** - get to the lowest floor, avoid windows, get under a stairwell or interior hallway and crouch, covering your head.

**In a mobile home** - get out, even if your home is tied down, seek shelter in a sturdy permanent building, lay face down, cover head.

**At school** - orderly follow the drill, go to interior hall or room, crouch and cover head and neck, stay away from auditoriums.

**In a truck or car** - drive away from the path of the tornado if you can, if not, park quickly and seek shelter in a sturdy building or if out in the

open, run to low ground away from cars, lie down, cover head.

**In the open outdoors** - seek shelter in a sturdy building or lie flat face down on low ground, protect head with arms, keep away from trees.

**In a church or theater** - do not panic, move quickly and orderly to an interior bathroom, keep away from windows, crouch and protect head or get under seats or pews and protect head with arms.

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**After the tornado** - Keep your family together and wait for emergency personnel to arrive. Carefully render aid to those who are injured. Stay away from downed power lines and puddles with wires in them. Stay out of heavily damaged houses or buildings that could collapse at any time. Do not use matches/lighters. Remain calm and listen to emergency instructions.

### **EARTHQUAKE SAFETY**

#### **WHAT TO DO**

Take cover under a sturdy desk, table, or bench or against an inside wall, and hold

on. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.

Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.

Stay in bed - if you are there when the earthquake strikes - hold on and protect your head with a pillow, unless you are under a heavy light fixture that could fall. In that case, move to the nearest safe place. Use a doorway for shelter only if it is in close proximity to you and if you know it is a strongly supported, load

bearing doorway.

Stay inside until shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. If you are outside...stay there.

Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires

If you are trapped in debris do not light a match. Do not move about or kick up dust. Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing. Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if one is available. Shout only as a last resort - shouting can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.



# RAIN

**RAIN** is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats but can become a problem when pollutants like pesticides, organic impurities, asbestos, chlorine and animal feces get into water supplies. The following are ways you can help prevent storm water pollution:

- Dispose of hazardous substances such as oil, cleaning supplies and paint; never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system, and report any one who does.
- Dispose of trash in the proper receptacles.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess - in the backyard or at the park - storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather which is a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.

## POLICE NOTES



### **\*\*Confidential Drug Tips\*\***

Any resident wishing to provide the Columbia Borough Police Department information on drug dealing or drug use can do so confidentially at 684-7735 or [Columbiaboroughpolice@yahoo.com](mailto:Columbiaboroughpolice@yahoo.com).

- Dog Law—pet owners are required to walk their dogs on a leash and to pick up any feces deposited by their pets.

- Parents are reminded to refrain from double parking when dropping off their children at Park and Taylor Schools. In addition, children must be dropped off curbside and not expected to cross opposing traffic.

- High School Parents are reminded to drop off students at the designated "drop-off" point in the area of the cafeteria. No student shall be dropped off in front of the school or on any of the hills. As in past years, a crossing guard at the top of the hill will direct cars.

- Columbia Borough Curfew Ordinance—Any person under the age of 18 may not enter or remain in or upon any establishment or public place within the Borough of Columbia during the curfew hours. Curfew hours are defined as 10:00pm to 6:00am on Sunday through Thursday or 11:00pm to 6:00am on Friday and Saturday. Curfew hours **do not** change during Holidays or Summer months.



## HISTORIC MARKET HOUSE

### NEWS

### OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday October 27, 2011 from 10am-3pm**

Please come help us celebrate with light refreshments, special discounts and a silent auction.

### Market House Trust

In February 2011 Borough Council approved Ordinance No. 811 which signifies Columbia Boroughs Intention to designate a not-for-profit Trust to be responsible for the operation, management, promotion, and preservation for the Columbia Historic Market House as a public market.

At the April 2011 Borough Council Meeting, Council appointed Don Haines, Ed Schopf, Dave Rupp, Elaine Beckley, Ann Grubb, Nancy Jo Lutz and Rebecca Murphy to serve on the initial Columbia Historic Market House Trust Board. The Trust meets in the Borough Council Chambers on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Public is welcome to attend.

## PROJECT UPDATES

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### PAVING:

Crews recently paved 5th Street between Chestnut and Maple Streets and Market Street between Avenue I and Cherry Streets.

#### Downtown Trees and Lights:

Beginning in September, crews will be constructing new electric conduits and placing new LED Street lights in place of the existing light fixtures on Locust Street, 3rd Street and Fourth Street. New street trees will be planted as well.

#### New School Zone Flashers:

New School Zone Flashers will be installed during the months of September and October.

## Information on Lancaster County Home Repair Program

The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority offers 0% interest loans to low to moderate income homeowners who reside in Lancaster County outside the Lancaster City Limits. Loans are for addressing hazardous situations within the home. Loans are not for cosmetic work. Applicants can receive up to \$24,999 in home repairs made by a qualified contractor. A lien is placed on the homeowner's property and no monthly payments are required. Loans are not due until the home is sold, or the deed is transferred. Interested homeowners may call the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority at 717-394-0793, Ex. 226. Applications may also be found at [www.lchra.com](http://www.lchra.com).

## PHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

### Emergency

911

### Columbia Borough Police

717-684-7735

### Comcast Cable

1-800-266-2278

### Columbia Public Library

717-684-2255

### Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce

717-684-5249

### District Magistrate

717-684-2761

### Susquehanna Valley EMS

717-684-2400

### Columbia Borough ORS

717-449-5027

**Columbia Borough Office - 308 Locust Street, Columbia, PA 17512 - 717-684-2467**

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