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CHOICES FOR A PLACE TO CALL HOME – The Lancaster Board of Commissioners and the Lancaster County Planning Commission currently are updating the Housing Element of the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. A Steering Committee has been appointed with the charge to prepare a plan that ensures housing needs will be met for all Lancaster County residents through the year 2030. The County will be conducting **six public meetings during the month of November 2004** and invites all residents to attend at least one of these meetings. For more information, contact Patricia Kadel (717) 299-8333 or kadelp@co.lancaster.pa.us.

Public Meetings

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Bright Side Opportunities Center
515 Hershey Avenue, Lancaster

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Solanco High School
585 Solanco Road, Quarryville

Thursday, November 11, 2004

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Centerville Middle School
865 Centerville Road, Lancaster

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Elizabethtown Area High School
600 East High Street,
Elizabethtown

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Manheim Township High School
School Road, Lancaster

Thursday, November 18, 2004

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Ephrata Senior High School
803 Oak Boulevard, Ephrata

GOVERNOR'S GREEN RIBBON APPOINTEES STRESS NEEDS FACING PENNSYLVANIA'S COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT -(10/13/04)

Governor Edward G. Rendell's three appointees to the state's Green Ribbon Commission today highlighted some of the critical environmental challenges and community needs facing Pennsylvania and outlined the investments necessary to rescue key environmental programs from financial turmoil, enhance residents' quality of life and help the state win the competition to attract new business to the Commonwealth. At the commission's first meeting on the Governor's Growing Greener II initiative, Environmental Protection Secretary Kathleen McGinty, Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Michael DiBerardinis and Rendell administration Deputy Chief of Staff Roy Kienitz reiterated and underscored the serious challenges facing some of the states key environmental programs. Read the complete [press release](#). *“These are critical needs that must be addressed to make our state a better place to live, work and do business.”*

PROGRESS IN PENNSYLVANIA DOWNTOWNS – A July 2004 statewide survey by [The Center for Rural Pennsylvania](#), a legislative agency of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, indicates that Pennsylvania downtowns are improving. The survey results were compared to a similar survey conducted in 1999. Overall, there has been an increase in business and employment in downtowns. However, some of these downtown revitalization programs suffer from organizational difficulties, including the lack of board participation, a lack of strong leadership and financial concerns. Read the full [report](#). *“As economic conditions and consumer preferences change, so must the downtown.”*

Upcoming Events

The Lancaster Economy Forum: Toward a Research Agenda – Saturday, **October 30, 2004**. Sponsored by The Lancaster County Planning Commission, The Economic Development Company of Lancaster County, The Franklin and Marshall Center for Liberal Arts and Society, Seachrist Public Entrepreneurship Fund and The Franklin and Marshall Public Affairs Fund. Registration due by Friday, October 22nd. To register call Jordan Humphrey at 358-7180. Seating is limited.

Food for thought... Healthy and Sustainable Community Design Options – Tuesday, **December 14, 2004** – 6:30-9:30 p.m. - Lancaster Host Resort. Sponsored by the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, PSATS (Pennsylvania State Assoc. of Township Supervisors and the Pennsylvania State Assoc. of Boroughs. This interactive 3-hour session will provide attendees with the ingredients and tools available to implement healthy and sustainable community design. For more information contact PSATS (717) 763-0930, Ext. 166.

Interesting Websites/Reports/Books:

[Vacant Properties and Smart Growth](#)

[Place Matters](#)

[The Planning and Development Network](#)

[Population Reference Bureau](#)

[New Urban News](#)

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