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FYI

HOURGLASS PANEL ASKS COMMUNITY OPINIONS

The Hourglass recently launched its latest initiative to better understand the opinions of people throughout Lancaster County. Working with Polk-Lepson Research Group, the Hourglass is recruiting a large, balanced sample of Lancaster County residents who will be asked periodically to complete surveys online via the internet. Surveys will cover a wide range of current and sometimes controversial subjects affecting quality of life in Lancaster County. The Hourglass Panel is an opportunity for people to be heard, and for elected officials to be more responsive to public opinion. We invite you to become an Hourglass Panel member. – [Click here to participate](#). Thank you.

ISSUES PA/PEW POLL: COMMUNITY VITALITY IN PENNSYLVANIA – NOT AS GOOD AS IT USED TO BE? - Remember the ‘good old days?’ Well, so do some Pennsylvanians when it comes to quality of life and the health of their communities. [IssuesPA](#) sought opinions on several **community vitality issues** over which government has some influence – including **managing growth and development, transportation, crime reduction, emergency services and taxation**. [Read the summary](#). As a follow-up to the poll, IssuesPA took a closer look at the key community vitality issues identified by the poll:

[ADDRESSING PLANNING AND LAND USE CHALLENGES - Effective land use planning](#) is among the issues that impact the state’s economic and community vitality. **What is the best way** to address planning and land use challenges?

[WATER – OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE](#) - While PA enjoys an overall adequate supply of water to serve all of us to live and work here, we shouldn’t take this **most precious resource** for granted.

[TRANSPORTATION – GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE](#) - It’s a little **more complicated than just getting from point A to point B**. How efficient and effective are PA’s highway, rail, air and public transportation systems?

Upcoming Events

Density is the Key to Balance
May 31st, 2006 – Full Day
Summit, Lancaster County
Emergency Training Center in
Landisville – Sponsored by the
[Coalition for Smart Growth](#) to
discuss improved efficiency in the
use of land within Designated
Growth Areas as identified as an
essential component to growth
management, during the [Update of
the Lancaster County Growth
Management Element, “Balance”](#)

Interesting Articles/Websites

[new PA News 2006](#)

[Making the Connection: Transit-
Oriented Development and Jobs](#)

[The Two Sides to Historic
Preservation](#)

[Sustainable Planning for Aging in
Place](#)

[Brownfields and Sustainable
Development](#)

[Promoting Public Health through
Smart Growth](#)

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