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FYI

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION FOR HOME RULE CHARTER COMMUNITY MEETINGS – (LCCI) The Commission is in the **process of drafting a home rule charter for voter referendum in 2008**. The [Lancaster County Government Study Commission](#) invites the community to join them for community **meetings centered on the topic of the legislative and executive role within County government**. The group will hold meetings on December 15 at 9 a.m. at the Quarryville Borough Office; January 15 at 7 p.m. at the Providence Township Office; February 16 at 9 a.m. at the Mount Joy Township Office; and March 22 at 9 a.m. at Ephrata Library. Regular meetings held at the Lancaster County Courthouse are also scheduled and open to the public.

2007 GROWTH AND TRANSPORTATION SURVEY RESULTS - A new [survey](#) shows Americans prefer to spend more on mass transit and highway maintenance than new roads. **Three-fourths of Americans believe that being smarter about development and improving public transportation are better long-term solutions for reducing traffic congestion than building new roads**, according to a survey released today by the National Association of Realtors and [Smart Growth America](#). The 2007 Growth and Transportation Survey details what Americans think about how development affects their immediate community.

EDUCATION ADVOCATES APPLAUD COSTING-OUT STUDY; – Press release from [Good Schools Pennsylvania](#). After years of theories, guesses and estimates, Pennsylvanians finally have an answer to the question of what it takes to provide a high quality education to every student, as today the [State Board of Education](#) unveiled the results of a [statewide costing-out study](#) on Pennsylvania's public education system. The costing-out analysis **found that \$12,057 is the average level of funding required** to ensure that every student reaches state standards of academic achievement. [Read the summary of the findings.](#)

INVESTING IN AMERICA'S URBAN REBIRTH – An [article](#) from [InmanNews](#) - After decades of decline, **many U.S. cities are showing signs of rebirth**. This [article](#) is part two of three-part series examining a little of what happened to pull people and development away from cities, what's attracting them back, how shrewd private investors are spotting trends, and **what institutional investment and redevelopment projects have done to bring some cities back to life.**

UPCOMING EVENTS HOURGLASS TRANSPORTATION FORUM –

Traffic. What's the Delay?
January 31, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Franklin and Marshall College –Hear what experts say about living with ever-increasing traffic. Can we build our way out of congestion? How will it affect the future of Pennsylvania and Lancaster County? Featured speakers are [Walter Kulash](#), Traffic Engineer and Community-Planning Consultant and [Allen Biehler](#), Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation. For more information.

[7th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities](#) – February 7-9, 2008 – Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. Presented by the [Local Government Commission](#)

HOURGLASS CITY REVITALIZATION FORUM - JOSEPH P. RILEY, Jr. Mayor of Charleston, SC

March 6, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
Liberty Place Theater –Mark your calendar – More information to follow soon.

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