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**Forum Announced for Tuesday, March 20, 2001, 6:00 p.m. Woods Room**

Our speaker will be Mr. Joseph P. Riley, Jr., the Mayor of Charleston, South Carolina. Mayor Riley is widely considered one of the most visionary and highly effective governmental leaders in America. He will share with us the story of Charleston’s revitalization. Innovations in public safety, housing, arts and culture, children’s issues, the creation of park and other public spaces, and economic revitalization and development have all led to the City of Charleston being recognized as one of the most livable and progressive cities in the United States.

Mayor Riley’s vision, leadership and impressive list of accomplishments have brought him and the City of Charleston national and international acclaim. Through his lifetime of experiences in Charleston, Mayor Riley has become a leading expert on urban design and livability issues. He is a founder of the Mayor’s Institute for City Design (MICD) and has provided critical urban design support to over two hundred fifty mayors across America.

We sincerely hope you will attend. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 295-0755.

**Upcoming ‘Growing Smarter’ conference explores sound land-use practices**

The first-ever *Pennsylvania Growing Smarter: Land Use in PA* conference will be held March 18-20 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

The conference, hosted by the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services and the Department of Community and Economic Development, will serve as a forum for local officials, businesses, non-profits, government agencies, and concerned citizens to learn about and discuss land-use issues. Conference highlights include speakers, exhibits, and more than 50 discussion sessions.

Through an open exchange of information, attendees will explore sound land-use practices and hear first-hand how municipalities, counties, and government agencies are working together.

Keynote addresses will be presented by: David W. Crockett, Councilman, Chattanooga, Tennessee (“Chattanooga: Urban Revitalization Success Story”); Edward T. McMahon, The Conservation Fund (“The Dollars & Sense of Growing Smarter”); and Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor of Charleston, South Carolina (“The Revitalization of a City: Charleston, South Carolina”).

Session tracks will include: farmland and agriculture; green communities (sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection); greenways and open space conservation; historic preservation; housing and community development; infrastructure and growth; perspectives on land-use policies, and zoning techniques.

Anyone interested in receiving a conference brochure and registration form may contact the event coordinator at 1-800-822-3063, visit the Department of Community and Economic Development through the PA PowerPort at [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us), or visit the DCED directly at [www.decd.state.pa.us](http://www.decd.state.pa.us).



### William E. Seachrist 1930-2001

Lancaster County and the Hourglass Foundation has lost a good friend. Bill had great ability as a thinker, a leader and as an entrepreneur. A look at his long list of honors and achievements attests to this, but he was far more than that for those who were privileged to know him.

We, of the Hourglass Foundation, will always remember him for the depth of his concern for the needs of the children and youth of this community. He was particularly interested in the way children grew up and were cared for. He was a proponent of the need to give all young people the opportunity to develop their talents and the ability to take control of their own lives. His long association with his alma mater, Franklin and Marshall College, and his pivotal role in creating links between the community of Lancaster and the Faculty and students will long endure.

As President of the Hourglass Foundation for all too short a time, he led us with great grace. He was always positive, thoughtful and generous with his praise for others. Bill will be sorely missed. His ability, the dept of his compassion for others and his modesty make him an example for all of us.

### “Looking Into the Future”

For the fourth year the “Looking Into the Future” course sponsored by Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., Lancaster County and Lebanon County’s Planning Commission, Lancaster-Lebanon I.U. 13, Citizens for Responsible Growth, Historic Preservation Trust, the Hourglass Foundation and members of the teaching profession will be held for three exciting days.

Day 1— Thursday, March 8, 2001 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Participants will assemble in the Lancaster County courthouse and meet the County Commissioners and County Planners and local and state experts on water, air and solid waste. Lunch is provided.

Day 2— Wednesday, March 21, 2001, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Participants travel to see where we obtain our water, dispose of our garbage and sewage. Picnic lunch provided.

Day 3— Tuesday, April 10, 2001, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Participants meet in the conference room of Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. to hear from leaders of community organizations and learn what they can do to help. Banquet at the Pressroom.

Complete price - \$60.00. For information on how you can register call 291-8701 or 394-6671. There is still time to register. Call today.



*“The key to the future of Lancaster County is really our water. It is not often talked about. We just assume it is always going to be there, but we are using our streams as open sewers.”*

## Hourglass Foundation Scholars Named

The Hourglass Foundation has established a scholarship opportunity for eight high school juniors to attend the “Looking Into the Future” course.

To be considered for the scholarship the students had to have an interest in the environment, social issues and political perspectives. The applicants had to be recommended by a school official or teacher.

The Hourglass Foundation Scholars for 2001 are: John Ackerman, Conestoga Valley High School; Alexis Beaman, Linden Hall School for Girls; Courtney Anne Boehme, Ephrata Senior High School; Joshua Day, Elizabethtown Area High School; Ashley Fink, Garden Spot High School; Corie Patterson, Lancaster Country Day; Lindsey Sloat, Hempfield High School; and Melissa Whitcomb, Cocalico High School.

In addition, eight scholars have been named from the “Water Quality Volunteer Coalition”. The Scholars for 2001 are: Herbert and Jackie Long, Frank and Norene Regland, Luke Shank, Bill Robb, John Palic and Bill Ebel.

Congratulations to the Hourglass 2001 Scholars!



## Livable Community Proposed for Manor Township

In January it was announced that, Fairsted, a new “traditional neighborhood development” was planned for 440 acres in Manor Township by Arcadia Land Co. Some people refer to this type of development as a “Livable Community”.

For those unfamiliar with the term, livable community is not a new concept. Livable communities are people-oriented places in which to live, work, shop, and recreate, a small town atmosphere. They have compact neighborhoods with a blend of different houses that vary in size and type, and a mix of shops, residences, civic buildings and open spaces. Walking is encouraged and streets are interconnected. Perhaps the closest example of this type of community can be currently found in Lititz Borough. After nearly a decade of promoting the concept of Livable Communities as presented in the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan adopted in April, 1999, Lancaster County is beginning to see the fruits of its efforts.

The Advisory Committee was invited by the Lancaster County Planning Commission to attend a presentation on February 16th of the proposed mixed-use village development of Fairsted. A slide show described some of the background planning which preceded the proposal and developer, Joe Duckworth and the lead designer, Jim Constantine fielded questions from the attendees. The presentation concluded with a trip to the site of the proposed development.

If you would like more information on the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan please contact our office. If you would like to find out more about the livable community concept visit this website, <http://www.lgc.org/clc/>.



**While growth is inevitable,  
the way in which we grow  
is not.**



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## Be a Lancaster County Champion

*Thank you to everyone who renewed their annual Hourglass Foundation membership and to new members for joining us.*

*If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a Lancaster County Champion.*

*The Hourglass Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to provide information, facilitate discussion and champion the intelligent management of Lancaster County resources. It is our hope to make local citizens, organizations and governments more aware and better informed. And, to help them find solutions to the immediate and long-term, growth related problems impacting our quality of life.*

*There is much work to be done. Please help us continue our efforts to make a difference in impacting the quality of life for future generations in Lancaster County.*

*If you have any questions, please contact us at (717)295-0755.*

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