



Village Updates

From Melissa Ressler, Executive Director

Thank you for participating in the Annual Involvement Survey! We had a great response rate and are in the process of aligning interests, skills, and needs throughout the village.

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There are a few **dates to add to your calendar** — on Sunday, **June 19th** from 10am-3pm Lancaster Downtowners will participate in Open Streets in front of our office. Water Street will be shut down to vehicles throughout the event and Lancaster will come out to explore, connect and play. We look forward to having a presence and will have opportunities to volunteer at our tent throughout the day. Thank you to LancasterREC for bringing back this

We are also eagerly anticipating the 2022 Annual Meeting! On Wednesday, **September 21st** from 6-8pm we will gather together *in-person* for the State of the Village at Clipper Stadium (650 N. Prince Street). We will have hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, with plenty of time to chat, meet our sponsors, and hear organizational updates from the board, staff, and leadership.

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Collecting Demographics: Previously Downtowners have not included questions about race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or languages spoken on applications. This information is important in understanding equity and risk factors in regards to the social determinants of health, and increasingly funders are requiring information about the population served. We are starting to implement this best practice of collecting demographic information, and new questions have been added to all members' accounts on our website. New members will complete this information upon enrollment. Current members can add this information at renewal, or log-in at any time to update your profile.

This information is not visible on your public profile. Only the Executive Director and website administrator will have access to this information. Your responses will be kept private and secure. This information will not be used for a discriminatory purpose. You can change your answers in the future by logging into your member profile and updating your answer; on each question "Prefer not to answer" is an option. Thank you in advance for helping us collect accurate data and information!

If you would like to stay on top of Lancaster Downtowners and Village to Village Network news, you can follow both organizations on Facebook.

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Program Highlights



Kitchen Tour

20 Downtowners took advantage of the backstage pass to tour Meals on Wheels Lancaster's new building, learn about their operations, and see the equipment and space that provides well over 200,000 meals a year to neighbors throughout the county.

[Register* Here for all Events.](#)

***Members must log-in**

One last chance

Members have one more opportunity on April 21st to see scenes from Queen Victoria, and chat with beloved playwright and actor Candace O'Donnell about the artistic process and bringing the this Queen to life on the stage.



Coming up in April & May

Monthly Ongoing:

Pedacycle rides, Yoga, Walking Group, Koffee Klatch, Book Club, and Mystery Book Club

Limited Edition:

4/19 -Health & Wellness: Palliative Care

4/26 - Cones & Coffee Crawl

4/28 & 5/5 -Online Financial Safety Series

5/3 - City of Lancaster's "Vision Zero" Plan

5/12 - Barnstormers Game

5/20 - Rocky Springs Carousel Book Talk

5/24 - Happy Hour at the Imperial

Vision Zero

The City of Lancaster is joining cities across the world in the **Vision Zero movement to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries.** To achieve this ambitious goal in Lancaster by 2030, we are working with our community and partners to develop and implement a Vision Zero Action Plan to make our streets safe for all people in Lancaster.

Karl Graybill, environmental planner, and Cindy McCormick deputy director and city engineer, both of Lancaster's Department of Public Works will present on **May 3rd.**

Resource Committee Corner

Resource Directory

Visit the [Resource Directory](#) to find Downtowners best recommendations.

If you have a review or recommendation, let us [know by completing the form here!](#)

COVID-19 Booster Clinic:

In light of the approval by the FDA/CDC of a 4th dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for individuals at least 4 months after their last booster dose, Landis Communities is hosting vaccine clinics by appointment on the Landis Homes campus for residents, clients, and Downtowners.

There are still time slots on Wednesday, May 4th. Between 1-6:45pm, Thursday, May 19th between 1:30-3:30pm, and then continuing every 1st and 3rd Thursday between 1:30 and 3:30pm

Where: Landis Homes Campus (1001 E. Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543) in the High Foundation Auditorium in Crossings

How to Register: Please call Jenny Sheckells at 717-381-3573 to schedule your appointment. Please be patient and leave a message if she is on another call or unavailable.

Upcoming Financial Safety Series

Join us on Zoom at 7pm on Thursday, April 28th and Thursday, May 5th for a virtual series on **Digital Finance & Online Banking Safety**

4/28: Andrew Mayers joins us again to teach about: password management, encryptions, phishing, scams, how to identify trusted websites, mobile payment options such as Apple Pay, secure online shopping and general safety guidelines.

5/5: Reps from Everence Credit Union and Fulton Bank will discuss the ins and outs of digital banking security, as well as newer services like digital wallets, card controls (for added security) and video banking.

Home Care in the News

[Many of us want to age at home, but that Option is Fading Fast](#)

NYTimes on a shortage of home care workers, and legislation that could help

[Home Care Shortage in PA is a Crisis](#)

An in depth look at the home care landscape in PA from a variety of perspective, and possible solutions

[Home Care Cooperatives](#)

Keystone Development Center has worked to develop and strengthen the home care cooperative model in PA. Learn more about the model by watching this 2020 session targeted towards informing and engaging caregivers.

LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

By Ezetta Walter

Have you thought about what you want your legacy to be? Every life leaves a legacy and here are some ideas for your consideration.

1.

Keep track of your story. When you consider all the activities of your lifetime you surely will want to share your life story with children and grandchildren.

2. Consider your daily activities. What are the truly meaningful ways in which you can share your time and talents with children and close friends, Quite often it's the simplest acts that make the most impact.

3. Research assets and investments to decide what the value and purpose of your assets may be. Would certain investments provide ease in transferring their value tax-free to an heir? Are you aware of how the asset such as an IRA can pass to a relative? Speaking with a financial advisor can be a sound way to invest so that assets are passed tax-free.

4. Name children or other relatives as beneficiaries on life insurance. Consider owning valuable assets such as real estate in joint tenancy with right of survivorship whereby the asset passes directly to the surviving owner on her death.

5. Write a legacy letter. Even if you don't consider yourself an accomplished writer, you can write a simple one page stating some of your life's values or how you wish to be remembered. A legacy letter is a way to speak directly to loved ones and say all the things you wish you had told them earlier.

6. Experts see the value in considering the possibility of leaving a portion of your estate to charitable organizations that are important to you and express your values.

SPECIAL NOTE: In future newsletters and gatherings Lancaster Downtowners plan to talk about how you may want to consider Planned Giving as a part of your legacy. Stay tuned.

24 Years Running!
ywca **race**
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RACISM
April 30, 2022

This year the 5k Run/Walk is back in addition to the Self-Guided Historic Walk. The adult registration fee \$35 (4/7-4/29) supports the continued work of the YWCA in our community.

If you are planning to participate in either option, register through the link below to join the Lancaster Downtowners Team! Those who wish to will meet-up at the start of the 5k, or will coordinate times to complete the Self-Guided Historic Walk together.

[Register Here](#)

Click Solo Aging Image to Register for this event hosted by the Positive Aging Community



Live & Interactive Discussion on **Solo Aging**

Join us for a discussion with the author of *Solo and Smart*, *The Roadmap for a Supportive and Secure Future*

Thurs, April 21 @ Noon EST

Carol Marak
When author Carol Marak was helping to care for her aging parents, she got a wake-up call. Who, she wondered, would help to care for her when she grew older?



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On March 24, 2022 over 40 Downtowners and friends toured the Bryn Athyn Cathedral (below) and the Michener Museum. (Above) Downtowner Tanis Garber Shaw describes a portrait of her grandmother, painted by her grandfather, Daniel Garber. Photos courtesy of Allan Eustis

Happy Birthday to these Downtowners in May!

Nancy Shenk
John Kanagy
Charity Welch
Tom Santosusso
Cynda Valle
Eva Hochberg
Cheryl DeMarco
Jon Walker
Monica Tuininga
Alyce Barone
Marga Lane
Anne McGrann
Bill Stephan
Dick Murphy



There will be a **Continuing Care at Home In-Person Seminar** held at the Calvin G and Janet C High Learning and Wellness Center at Landis Homes on Tuesday, **May 10 at 11:00 am**. Registration is required and can be completed by contacting Joy at 717-381-3599 or [FriendsLifeCare.org/Landis/](https://www.friendslifecare.org/Landis/) Pre-recorded webinars are also available by registering at <https://www.friendslifecare.org/landis/>

The **No Longer Alone Family Support Group** will be held in the **High Foundation Auditorium of the Calvin G. and Janet C. High Learning and Wellness Center at Landis Communities (1001 E. Oregon Road, Lititz)** from 3-5pm on **April 24, 2022**.

Topic: "My Story and Ministry to Others"

Presenter: Loice Byler, Pastor, Inspirational Speaker and former NLAM Board member

75th Anniversary of Charles F. Snyder Crematory

The original Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, located at 414 East King Street in downtown Lancaster, PA was founded in November 1947 by Charles F. "Charlie" Snyder, Sr. Charles operated the Funeral Home and lived in a residence above the funeral home with his wife, Rita, six children and a sister Florence Snyder. Serving all walks of life and taking care of the families were two very important tenants of the business and they served Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home well as he quickly made a name for himself.

In 1975, the second generation of Snyder, Charles F. "Chip" Snyder, Jr. entered full time into the family business after he completed college and mortuary school. He learned how to serve families under his father's supervision and guidance. Chip added a great deal of the "Snyder" enthusiasm to the business. He possessed his father's desire to serve the community well with high standards and with an interest expand to other areas of the county.



Two important milestones were achieved in 1985. First, the expansion of the King Street Funeral Home which added much needed space that allowed the Snyder family to serve more families. Chip and his wife, Doreen (Vlassis), along with their two children moved upstairs of the Funeral Home as well in 1985.

Chip became President and took over the day-to-day operations of the funeral home in 1988 after Charlie retired. Shortly thereafter, in 1989, Chip expanded to a new location at 441 N. George St., Millersville, PA which was the former Richard A. Bair and Barry Funeral Home.

In 1994, Chip and Doreen moved out of the downtown Funeral Home to allow additional office space for the growing business.

In 2000, a new modern facility was built north of downtown Lancaster on Rt. 501 (Lititz Pike) in the growing area of Manheim Township across from Brethren Village. This became the third location and allowed the Snyder's to serve an even larger footprint of Lancaster County.



In 2004, Chip would be joined by his son, the third generation Snyder to enter the family business, Charles "Chad" Snyder III. Chad aimed to continue the legacy that his father and grandfather had started. He immediately went to work to serve the community as his father and grandfather did.

Two of Chad's early initiatives was creating a dedicated Preplanning Team and Program which now has become nationally recognized and awarded. The second was the construction and addition of the on-site crematory in 2010. This made the Lititz Pike location the only facility in Lancaster County to offer an on-site crematory, cremation witness room and chapel all under one roof.

Expansion came again in 2015 with the Snyder's purchasing the Spacht Funeral Home in the Boro of Lititz. This acquisition brought together two great Lancaster County families under one roof with the formation of the Spacht-Snyder Funeral Home.

In 2017, Chip and Chad acquired Preneed Family Associates and created Cremation Services of Pennsylvania, Inc. This company in addition to the Snyder brand funeral homes provides cremation services with a different platform.

75th Anniversary of Charles F. Snyder Crematory continued

In 2019, Chip and Chad Snyder were approached by the 8th Generation John Bachman who owned the historic Bachman Funeral Home Strasburg, PA. The Snyder's acquired Bachman Funeral Home in June of 2019. The Bachman Funeral Home is known to be the Oldest Family Owned Funeral Home in the United States. The Snyder's wanted to continue the tradition of the Bachman Funeral Home, which has been continuously run since 1769, alive. It also added a much needed service to the Strasburg community.

In 2020, the Snyder's had a family death, Chip's younger sister, Sue Snyder Bleacher died. She owned Heritage Monuments. Prior to Sue's death, she sold the monument company back to Chip & Chad to continue her legacy and grow the business. Now, two of Chip's other sisters, Kathy Snyder Guidos and Chris Snyder Cunha represent Heritage Monuments, LLC.

2022, the 75th year for the Funeral Home, will once again be a historic year. Early in the year, the Snyder family acquired the two Funeral Homes which were previously owned and operated by Andrew T. Scheid. The Snyder's purchased these properties with one objective to "heal the community" as well as the Funeral Service Profession in general.

In the summer of 2022, Charles F. Snyder Funeral Homes will welcome another location in Willow Street, PA south of the Lancaster City. This brand-new facility will serve an area that currently has no Funeral Home and expands the Snyder Family further into Southern Lancaster County. This location will sit on 3 beautiful acres and will have a 150 car parking lot, a crematory, a gathering patio, and beautiful vaulted ceilings in the two chapels. It will have a similar footprint to their Lititz Pike location.

As we reflect on the first 75 years, we want to express our gratitude to Lancaster County for allowing us to serve the community. We trust that the county will allow us to continue to serve for the next 75 years!

-Chip and Chad Snyder

The **Center for Creative Exploration at PCA&D** offers creative experiences for adults, high school students, and children in grades 1-9. Its goal is to provide community education for enthusiastic beginners and aspiring professionals, as well as both credit-bearing and non-credit class options occurring throughout the year on evenings and weekends, both online and in person. Current class listings can be found at pcad.edu/cce.

Some upcoming spring CCE classes meeting in April and May include:

- [Demystifying Oil Painting](#) with painter Leah Limpert Walt
- [Culturally Competent Creatives](#) with Chyatee Boutique owner and Cultured Workshop founder Timbrel Chyatee
- [Theater Games for Basic Spanish](#) with Teatro Paloma company and board member Jade Cintrón Báez
- [Intergenerational Bilingual Mindful Painting](#) for ages 9-Adult with Teatro Paloma company member Zuleika Miranda
- [Botanical Printmaking with Gallery Grow](#) with artist and printmaker Gabby Shelley

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