

Lancaster **PARKING** Authority **News**

Summer 2016

NEWS ALERT: On - Street Parking Enforcement & Residential Permit Program to be Managed by the Parking Authority Starting on January 1, 2017.

This is an exciting time for growth within the parking authority as we will assume management of the parking enforcement and residential permit programs from the City starting on January 1, 2017. This change will result in the biggest expansion to the LPA since its inception in the 1960's.

With these new responsibilities, the LPA mission will be to enhance the customer experience by providing a "one stop shop" for "everything parking" in our city. Currently, the process is fractured because the police write tickets, the treasury department handles payments, the District Justices' handle the appeals and the LPA maintains and collects from the meters. Simply, when someone has a parking related issue, folks call us anyhow because they aren't sure "who to go to for what".

So we will work to provide a consistent and more seamless process for the community, whether in on-street enforcement or managing the residential parking permit program. Over the next six months, we will seek input on what works and what can be done better as we go through the implementation phase. The LPA will invest financially in the program, with new "green" vehicles, new enforcement hardware and software and put in place an on-line payment and an appeal process with on-line and in-office photo verification for customer convenience and clarification.

With an increasing staff, we explored many options on how best to accommodate our growth. The outcome is that we have purchased the current Community First building, located around the corner from our offices at 30 West Orange Street. This building will provide us the space needed to handle current and future operational and enforcement needs. The use of our existing office will be determined once we finalize our use of space plan.

There is a lot of work between now and January 1st, but at this point, I want to thank Mayor Gray, City Council, Patrick Hopkins, Pat Brogan and the LPA Board for their trust and confidence in having the Parking Authority assume this responsibility which we believe will serve in the best interest of our City and residents. I also want to thank everyone on the LPA team, including Susan Graver; without their efforts every day, we would not have been in a position to take on this initiative. I look forward to working with stakeholders as we will all have a role in the success of the program. I'll keep everyone posted as we move forward with our implementation plan. Until then, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to let me know.

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Juror Dates: (Impacting Prince Street Garage) Water St. Garage—Changes to Pay Upon Exit

AUG - 1,3,8,10,15

AUG- 17,22,24,29,31

SEPT - 12,19,21,26,28

OCT - 3,5,11,13,17

OCT - 19,24,26,31

NOV - 2,7,9,14,16,28,30

DEC - 5,7,12,14



Starting August 8th, the Water Street Garage will change to "payment upon exit" with posted hourly rates. This change will make the garage consistent with all the other LPA garages in the city.

Penn Square Garage - Roof Closed for Repairs

Summer rehab repairs is underway in many of our garages. The largest project is the roof of the Penn Square Garage. It will be closed through Friday, August 12 for waterproofing. Due to less space in the garage from this work, it may impact where daily event parkers can park during this time. If needed, we will direct customers to other garages in the city. Thank you for your patience during this project.

Feel free to contact our Executive Director, Larry J. Cohen, with any suggestions or comments. He can be reached at (717) 299-0907 or via e-mail at: lcohen@lancasterparkingauthority.com. Thank you for your business and support of Lancaster City.

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