

# THE COLLEGE NEIGHBOR

*A newsletter from the Campus Community Coalition*

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**Spring events are already filling our calendars and local schools are in full spring swing.** Franklin & Marshall students are back from their mid-March spring break for the remainder of the semester, which ends at the end of April. Commencement at Franklin & Marshall this year will be on Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m.

**Wharton Elementary school held its 5th annual music recital at Franklin & Marshall's Barshinger Center on the evening of March 7.** Twenty-three talented young musicians from Wharton performed solos and duets on Barshinger's grand stage, playing piano, violin, flute, viola, cello, saxophone, trumpet, and trombone. They were accompanied by Wharton's phenomenal music and orchestra teachers Molly Kirchoff and Leon Hillard. It is a wonderful opportunity for all involved having the recital in a state-of-the-art concert hall and the children should be proud of their impressive performances. Don't miss the games, food, prizes, and international flair at **Wharton's Spring Festival** on Friday March 30 from 5–8 p.m. in Franklin & Marshall College's Mayser gymnasium (adjacent to the F&M football stadium/track).

**Reynolds Middle School celebrates the induction of 65 of its 6–8th graders into the National Junior Honor Society with a keynote speech by Franklin & Marshall President John Fry on Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.** In order to become members of the National Honor Society, students must maintain an 85% or better grade point average as well as participate in community service projects throughout the year. Kudos to the NJHA students at Reynolds. You can help support Reynolds Middle School by renting space at the annual Huge Yard Sale at Reynolds on Saturday, May 19 from 7 a.m.–noon. The \$10 space rental fee goes to the Reynolds PTO and any profit you make you can either keep or donate to the PTO. Come sell your stuff, shop, and support your community. Call 392-2115 ext. 129 for more information.

**Music lovers, mark your calendars for several free concerts at Franklin & Marshall's Barshinger Center the weekend of April 13–15.** On Friday at 8 p.m., the Franklin & Marshall Jazz Ensemble will perform; on Saturday at 8 p.m., the Franklin & Marshall Orchestra will perform Saint-Saëns' Organ Symphony; on Sunday at 3 p.m., the Franklin & Marshall Chamber Singers with orchestra will perform Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, and that evening, at 7 p.m., the Chamber Music Society will present *An Evening of Chamber Music*.

**The annual Chi Phi Fraternity 5K Fun Run/Walk for Cancer Research will be held rain or shine on Sunday, April 15.** Come walk, run, or just cheer on the racers with a donation and moral support. Registration for participants is at 10:30 a.m. at the F&M football stadium on College Avenue and the run/walk begins at 11:15 a.m. There is a suggested \$10 registration fee/donation that gets you a T-shirt. Refreshments will be available after the race.

**The Franklin & Marshall Annual TeamWork spring cleanup will take place on Sunday April 15 from 1–4 p.m.** The *TeamWork* initiative is in its fifth year and collaborates with Keep Lancaster Beautiful and the James Street Improvement District to organize more than 500 participants yearly into teams that are assigned cleanup and improvement projects in the community. If, due to age, illness, or

disability, you or a neighbor would like to request assistance with yard work or a minor improvement project, maybe *TeamWork* can help. Call F&M Athletics at 291-4250 by April 6 to apply for the *TeamWork* program or to sign up to participate in the cleanup. And look for the *TeamWork* troops in their bright yellow T-shirts on the April 15.

**Celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by helping to make our planet a healthier place to live.** The early jump start on Daylight Savings time this year is one attempt the government has made to conserve energy. While it may seem insignificant, it is part of growing efforts to conserve energy and resources, as well as lessen our negative impacts on the planet. This year, choose to make a difference by making as many changes in your energy consumption and carbon output as you can. Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (replacing a traditional 75 watt bulb with a 20 watt compact fluorescent bulb will save you \$55 in electricity consumption over the course of the life of the bulb); use cold water rather than hot water for laundry; recycle with a vengeance and reduce your trash output significantly; pick up any litter that on your block (bored kids can be great at this); walk, bike, and use public transportation more and drive less. It's easy to be part of the solution.

**We live in one of the greatest farming communities in the country so it makes a lot of sense to buy locally produced, fresh food.** The *Buy Fresh, Buy Local* campaign is part of a statewide effort to improve and strengthen marketing opportunities for farmers and strengthen local economies. One great source of locally produced food is Central Market. A walk to Central Market can save you money, provide great health benefits, support the local economy, put a new and/or healthier dinner on your table, conserve fossil fuel, lessen your carbon output, and provide you with a delightful sensory experience. Central Market is open year round Tuesdays and Fridays from 6 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 6 a.m.–2 p.m. (get a free hour of parking at the Prince Street garage with \$2 purchase). And extend the *Buy Local* idea to frequenting neighborhood and city businesses of all kinds. Why drive to an ugly strip mall when you can get it right down the street and strengthen your own neighborhood?

**For more information about local food producers as well as all kinds of other green businesses, consult the Lancaster-York green business directory. *The Green Pages*** is a unique booklet published yearly in November by the Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network in cooperation with a number of Franklin & Marshall College organizations and departments as well as various local organizations. You can download a copy of the *2007 Green Pages* ([www.fandm.edu/greenpages.xml](http://www.fandm.edu/greenpages.xml)) or pick up a hard copy from various stands at Central Market and downtown shops. In it you will find listings of all kinds of businesses—from farms to diesel car conversion specialists to restaurants—that are dedicated to supporting the local economy and reducing negative impacts on the environment.

**The Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network and Franklin & Marshall College will sponsor a lecture, “Local First: Practical Strategies for Renewing Economy and Community” by economist and author Michael H. Shuman.** Shuman is the author of *The Small-Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses Are Beating the Global Competition* (2006) and *Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age* (2000). The event is open to the public and will be presented in F&M's Stahr Auditorium in Stager Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18.

**We are fortunate to live in a city rich in trees.** This year our fair city, with its 6,000 street-side trees, is celebrating 30 years of being awarded the *Tree City USA* designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The city has a fantastic street tree-planting program that offers an inexpensive way to help purify the air, cool your house, beautify your block and increase your property value by as much as 20%. Lancaster City Arborist Jim Bower (291-4846) will answer your questions, study your specific

needs and desires, and recommend species of trees that would do best on your street. For bargain prices (\$135–185) you can have an 8 to 10-foot-tall, professionally-grown, healthy tree planted by the city parks department. The department will prepare the site, remove sidewalk, grind out any old stumps, remove an ailing or dead tree if necessary, prepare the soil, and plant, mulch, and stake the tree.

**Speaking of trees, did you know that in February 2007, the entire Franklin & Marshall campus was officially designated an arboretum?** The Caroline Steinman Nunan Arboretum at Franklin & Marshall College is home to more than 140 species and varieties of trees, including *Franklinia* (named after the College's namesake, Benjamin Franklin), a species that is now extinct in the wild. College President John Fry has included the maintenance of the arboretum in the College's master plan, so that generations to come will be able to enjoy and learn about the collection of trees. Trees will continue to be selected and tagged for identification. Eventually there will be walking tours and educational programs that will visit the campus arboretum.

**Also located on the Franklin & Marshall campus are a planetarium and an observatory that welcome the public.** Both will offer free programs to celebrate National Astronomy Day, on Saturday, April 21. The North Museum is offering free planetarium programs at 11:30 a.m. (*Astro Tots*, for 3–4 year-olds), 1 p.m. (*Mystery of the Missing Seasons*, appropriate for Grades 3–5), 2:30 p.m. (*Explorers of Mauna Kea*, Grades 4 and up), and 3:30 p.m. (*Night Sky Tour*, Grade 5 and up) for anyone visiting the museum with a regular paid admission. If you've never been to the North Museum or its planetarium (the largest in central Pennsylvania), consider a visit—and bring the kids. For more information call 291-3941 or visit: [www.northmuseum.org](http://www.northmuseum.org). Astronomy Day will conclude under the stars at Franklin & Marshall's Grundy Observatory from 8:30–10:30 p.m. This sky-gazing event is weather dependent (call 291-4315 that night for a recorded message about weather conditions). The Grundy Observatory is located at the end of Wilson Drive (parking lot) on F&M's Baker Campus off Harrisburg Pike. Public observing sessions are held at the Grundy Observatory the third Monday evening of every month (weather permitting) in conjunction with the Astronomy Enthusiasts of Lancaster County (AELC). For questions about public night at the observatory, call Lynn Krantz at 291-4136 or visit the observatory's web link at: [www.fandm.edu/x11609.xml](http://www.fandm.edu/x11609.xml).

**The weekend of April 20–22 is Franklin & Marshall's Spring Arts weekend and many of the events are open to the community.** The kickoff is on Friday from 4–6 p.m. with the **Spring Arts Block Party** on West James Street between College Avenue and Pine Street. College student groups will provide free and fun activities for children and vendors will sell food. Franklin & Marshall's **Annual Student Art Exhibit** will open Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Dana Gallery of the Phillips Museum of Art in Steinman College Center and will be open through May 12 (museum hours are Tuesdays–Fridays 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Saturdays–Sundays 12:30–4:30 p.m.). Also part of the Spring Arts weekend, the F&M Dance Company's **Spring Dance Concert** will be presented at the Roschel Performing Arts Center on Friday at 8 p.m., as well as on Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. (tickets \$10, call 358-4858). On Saturday from 2–4 p.m. join F&M students for festivities outside on the Hartman Green behind the Steinman College Center. You are invited to bring children for activities, games, music by college bands, and a celebration of spring. Call the Steinman College Center (291-3911) for rain information for Friday's block party and Saturday's Hartman Green events.

**Thanks for reading The College Neighbor! Look for our next issue in May...**

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