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General Hospital to open Suboxone Clinic but...

In planning for several months, Lancaster General Hospital will this month launch a Suboxone Clinic with the assistance of RASE, a regional organization established to facilitate counseling and treatment for heroin addicts.

In response to a *NewsLanc* inquiry, Alice Yoder, RN, Director Community Health, advises: “*We are moving ahead with a one morning a week clinic beginning in July.*”

Suboxone relieves a craving for heroin and enables patients to return to normal lives.

The General Hospital’s one-morning-a-week program will enable about 50 addicts to receive treatment. In response to the question of Lancaster General’s future intention, Yoder responded: “*We plan to make sure our processes are in place at this time and have no current plans to expand the clinic.*”

Visit to Brunswick confirms Fire Department observations

On the morning of July 13, at the invitation of Brunswick Hotel management, retired builder Robert Field, publisher of *NewsLanc*; his son Richard Field, a builder of mid-rise structures in Hungary; and Michael Adubato, a former construction supervisor and for the past decade the head engineer at Days Hotel - Newark Airport, did a walkthrough inspection of the closed hotel.

There clearly were scores of minor violations. By themselves, they would have merited citing with a deadline for correction. Cumulatively, they lent credence to the City’s contention that lack of past progress justified closing the hotel.

Part owner and manager of the Brunswick, Hamid Zahedi, guided the visitors and provided

information. Cliff Lewis, reporter for *NewsLanc*, was also present.

Certainly the seven page memorandum summarizing violations that took the City a full two days to deliver might have better been prepared and delivered at an earlier date.

Zahedi commented that he needs someone with Adubato’s knowledge and experience working for him. Field observed that the problems seemed to be largely a matter of ignorance about the requirements of hotel maintenance.

It was the opinion of both of the builders and the properties engineer that violations could be remedied within a month, provided that funds and a competent contractor are available.

LETTER: Need for later downtown retail hours; CC disappointing

“We have harped about keeping later hours to every retailer on our block repeatedly, citing our own positive experiences. Even though we’re ‘off the beaten path’ we get more weekend foot traffic from 5-9 pm than we do from 11am-5 pm. Often 8-9 pm is the busiest, and we’ve stayed open as late as 11 pm when traffic kept coming in.

“The late hours idea could take root and grow, but the city needs to both prod retailers directly

and persistently, AND promote the late hours of fun and shopping outside the city—magazine, TV and newspaper ads, billboards, etc.

“The first convention was, in the opinion of most merchants in our district, a dismal failure, insofar as proving out that visitors to the center would have any interest in shopping here. The city now needs to stop chanting ‘build it and they will come’ and put forth the effort to draw in the populace that’s already here.”

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Well worth repeating. Well worth pointing out, again and again and again.

No ‘silver bullet’ project of ANY kind can possibly work UNLESS it provides SUSTAINABLE economic growth. Without repeat local business, economic growth cannot possibly be sustainable.

LETTER: An observation and prediction

“It appears that the School Lane Hills Homeowners Association leadership thinks that if it doesn’t oppose F&M on the rail yard issue that the Association will get what it wants: Wilson Drive not being opened up to Harrisburg pike through F&M’s Baker Field.

Editor’s note: It is now contended by the leadership of the School Lane Hills Homeowners Association that its sole purpose is sharing information and facilitating discussion since its By Laws prevent it from being an advocacy

organization.

This is news to many members who attended the 2008 annual meeting and had relied on the organization to represent their interests in negotiations with F&M concerning the Norfolk Southern rail yard relocation.

Attendance at its July 13 annual meeting was about a third of last year’s. Leadership stipulated that what was said must not be reported since it is a private group.

SUNDAY NEWS: Marv Adams in response to reader’s complaint that he forgot to mention Flag Day: *“I can’t think and put out a newspaper at the same time.”*

WATCHDOG: Ditto.

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