



## Townships work together

They should use today's meeting to expand cooperation even more.

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Nov 8, 2007 — Assorted thoughts on assorted subjects:

**Sharing ideas:** Cheers to YCAT for a meeting it plans to hold today.

If you're thinking, wait a minute, YCAT - York Cable Access Television - is now called White Rose TV, you're right. But there's a new YCAT in town - or at least a different one.

It's called the York County Association of Townships of the Second Class.

The group, made up of supervisors, managers, secretary/treasurers, auditors and tax collectors from 32 county communities, is meeting today at the York Expo Center.

The session is to discuss the latest in township news, equipment and initiatives.

It's a great idea - exactly the kind of regional cooperation and sharing that many have been promoting in our county for more than a

decade.

Here's hoping some of the talk today will focus on how our townships can take regional cooperation to an even higher level - especially as the Metro-York contingent of YorkCounts prepares to unveil major regional cooperation proposals next week.

**Keep Thackston Park:** The Lincoln Charter School would like to open a middle school in the city. The school is currently limited to elementary grades, so students must choose a city or private school when they reach the middle grades.

If the middle school is opened - and that's a big "if," as city school board members say it would have a major financial impact on the district - charter school organizers are looking at four sites:

- Helen Thackston Park.
- 700 Linden Ave.: The former site of the York Casket factory.
- The Northwest Triangle.
- 235 N. Beaver St.: The site of the Smyser-Royer building.

Each site comes with specific challenges. But we think the park site should be taken off the table. The city needs the open recreational space - and Helen Thackston's name is too precious to many in the community to pave over a park dedicated in her memory. It would be better to

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rehab an older building to boost the city's renaissance.

**Night court?** Speaking of expansions, York County Common Pleas Court President Judge Richard Renn has suggested to county leaders that the two vacant top floors of the courthouse ought to be finished for new courtroom space and offices - several years ahead of schedule.

New judges are likely to be added in the not-too-distant future, and the court wants to be prepared.

Such preparation is laudable - and there's little doubt those floors will eventually serve the court as intended. But perhaps, to save county tax dollars, the court ought to explore some other options as well.

For instance: How about a night court? Could some of the same courtrooms be put to use both day and evening? That might work well for some family court functions, allowing working mothers and fathers to attend hearings without leaving their jobs.

Granted, there might be some hurdles - evening security in the building, resistance from employees to working second shift, etc. But why not at least put it on the table for discussion?

Also, why not do the same thing with some of the magnificent new district justice offices?

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