

Why See Lancaster? Series: Lancaster – A Great Place to Live & Visit

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As we all are becoming aware, Lancaster is growing. Development with our proximity to Charlotte is inevitable, but it can be a positive experience if we are prepared and continue to work with those in leadership. There are two things outsiders are finding out about our community – quality leadership to work with and the low cost of living.

Recently, as you may have read in the Lancaster News, Lancaster was listed on the [money.cnn](http://money.cnn.com) web site as the third least expensive place to live in the United States. It probably is not something we are aware of or appreciate, but the cost to live in Lancaster is why our county is sought out by many to come and visit, shop or perhaps decide to locate here.

From our taxes to our low crime rate we are noticeably lower in comparison to any of the larger counties around us, thus calling attention to our community. But we must find a way to continue such positive facts about Lancaster County and yet accept the challenge that growth is part of the future. We must face up to the fact that Lancaster County is going to be an integral part of the regional growth that is occurring around Charlotte.

How do we keep a positive outlook and maintain our position of being the ideal place to live because of many things including good economics and a healthy atmosphere? We do it by working together in various partnerships with government, private business and civic leaders who are making the decisions and helping to guide us into the future. When a staff member of the Catawba Regional Planning Council was asked what made Lancaster stand out over the other communities, he stated it was noticeable that the local leaders and citizens were “engaged” in positive thinking with visionaries looking into the future.

We encourage everyone to take an active role in what is going on – get to know what issues are being decided on – get involved with the civic groups that are working to make a better community – get “engaged” in positive thinking and action with our coming growth.

We may not all like the fact that Lancaster County is changing and that rural community living may become a thing of the past. However, we can help maintain our community atmosphere by working together to keep our personality as a friendly and small-town place to live and work.

To visit the site that listed Lancaster County as the third least expensive place to live go to:

http://money.cnn.com/2006/03/14/pf/couple_cities_coli/index.htm