

### What's new with RAFR?

RAFR is a group of citizens opposed to

Frankford/Aria's proposal to build a hospital and 2 other buildings at Route 332 and Stony Hill Road, next to the Shady Brook Farm. We oppose the SPECIAL EXCEPTION they seek from the Lower Makefield Township's (LMT) Zoning Hearing Board to build the new hospital.

### What have we been up to lately?

#### June 10 RAFR.org Meeting

- **RAFR.org Slides** A slide show was presented that provides information about RAFR.org and reviews our reasons for opposing the Frankford/Aria move.
- **RAFR.org Future Plans** Regardless of the traffic and tax issues and objections by the LMT Supervisors, objections from the LMT Police Chief, and objections from many LMT citizens, the Zoning Board seems likely to grant Aria/Frankford the special exception.
- **Court Appeals** There will be appeals to the Common Pleas Court, then to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Land use and environmental impact studies will also be required and will require several years to complete. RAFR.org will be there as long as it takes.

#### June 16 Zoning Board Meeting

Several people testified at the meeting:

- **Roy Powell**, CEO of Aria/Frankford, testified that he did not think the traffic at the site was bad, much to the surprise of those in attendance. He also claimed to have counted traffic at the intersection but could not remember how he made the count and did not have any data to support his claim. Certified Traffic Engineers have rated this as a failed intersection even without the added traffic that the new hospital would bring.
- **Sharon Kimmel**, who runs the horse farm at Broadmeadows Farm across the street from the proposed hospital location, discussed the impact of traffic on her business. An increase in emergency sirens and helicopters at the hospital could spook the animals and endanger the 80 students she teaches.
- **Ken Coluzzi**, Lower Makefield Chief of Police voiced concern about traffic and emergency vehicles being unable to get through the traffic. Traffic and security requirements for the hospital would require at least 4 more police officers, adding about \$440,000 a year to the LMT budget.
- **Tom Jirele**, chairman of the Supervisors in Newtown Township, stated that Newtown Township also objects to the Aria/Frankford project.

**NOTE:** Frankford Hospital has changed their name to ARIA Health. Only the name has changed—the issues remain the same.



### What else?

- **Signs**—Be on the lookout for new RAFR.ORG banner in opposition to the hospital move. **WE NEED HELP TO BUY THE BANNER!! SEE BELOW TO DONATE!!**
- **Legal Help**—We have hired an attorney to represent RAFR at Zoning Board hearings.
- **Fundraising**—We continue to have events to raise funds to oppose the move.

#### RAFR Fundraising Drive—THANK YOU!!

Thanks to the many, many LMT residents who responded to our recent fundraising drive which was very successful. This money is used to let LMT residents know about the Frankford Hospital issue, for signs, mailings, and for legal assistance in this effort. However, we still need additional financial support and cannot do this without your help.

### Where do the Supervisors stand?

The LMT Board of Supervisors are **UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST** the hospital relocation because of increased traffic and increased taxes it will bring to LMT residents.

### What's next?

- **NEXT ZONING BOARD** public meeting to hear hospital comments is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM.** **RAFR.org and LMT residents will testify.**
- **Please attend to show your support!!**

### What can you do to help?

- **NAMES**—Add your name and email to the over 1,100 LMT residents who are opposed to the move. Email us at [info@rafr.org](mailto:info@rafr.org).
- **ATTEND** the Zoning Board and Supervisors Meetings at the LMT Building, 1100 Edgewood Road in Yardley.
- **SEND LETTERS AND EMAILS** to David Malinowski, Chairman, LMT Zoning Hearing Board, 100 Edgewood Rd, Yardley, PA 19067. Emails: [admin@LMT.org](mailto:admin@LMT.org). Copy the Bucks County Courier Times & Yardley News.
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