

## Speaker: Zoning codes have killed towns

**► URBAN PROJECTS:** Charles Marohn of Strong Towns talked in York City about how such policies hurt American cities.

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Four dozen pairs of eyes fixed on the 1894 photograph of a bustling town cut in half by a horse-

and-buggy parade.

This is Brainerd, Minn., Charles Marohn explained, before he began peppering his York City audience with questions.

"How thick was their zoning code?" he asked. "How many engineers did they employ?"

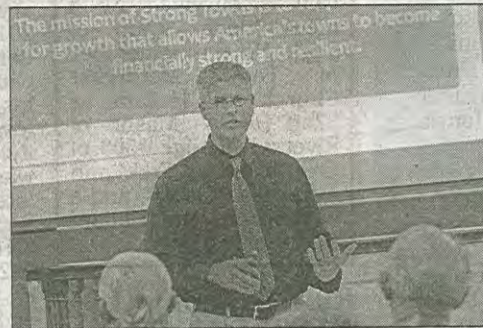
Heads nodded in acknowledgment of the obvious. At the turn of the 20th Century, Brainerd

surely had few laws governing economic development. And yet, here was a photograph of big, beautiful buildings built side by side.

Marohn clicked to the next photo. This is that same street today, he said.

The grand architecture was gone. In its place was a waste-

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**Chuck Marohn** of Strong Towns speaks during a Curb-side Chat at the York County Heritage Trust on Wednesday.

## YTI expands into vet medicine

**► SCHOOL:** The facility will now train veterinary technicians with help from the SPCA and local farms.

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After three decades of teaching, Cathy Jones didn't know what else to do with her life.

She retired in 2010 from the Lebanon School District and just started work this year with the Harrisburg Humane Society, sweeping the floor and cleaning the animals and kennels.

Jones, 53, of Grantville, Dauphin County, said she has found the answer to her future in York.

"This has always been my dream, to work with animals," she said. "Now I have an opportunity to learn more so I can do more for them."

Next month, Jones will be one of 24 students to start the new 21-month veterinary technician training program at YTI Career Institute-York, 1405 Williams Road in Springettsbury Township.

YTI held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday for the program's new 3,000-square-foot area, constructed by Kinsley Construction. The project cost more than \$600,000, said Carla Horn, YTI's campus president.

**SPCA:** During the event, SPCA of York County volunteers ran a pre-adoption program to encourage the public to consider adopting animals from its shelter.

YTI and the SPCA are considering developing a partnership that would allow veterinary technician students to work with animals at the SPCA, said Peggy Buchanan, an SPCA volunteer ambassador.

"I'm excited about (YTI's) program and how it could be beneficial to our animals and their students," she said.

**Program:** YTI officials planned for two years to offer a veterinary technician training program, with construction beginning nine months ago, Horn said. The program is the only one of its kind within a 50-mile radius of the school, she said.



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**Lucy, a golden-doodle owned by Tim Foster, chairman and CEO, watches as the YTI Career Institute York Campus holds a ribbon cutting Wednesday to officially open the new veterinary technician program facilities. For more photos from the facility, visit [yorkdispatch.com's photo/media gallery](http://yorkdispatch.com's/photo/media/gallery).**



**Jan Lawson, YTI director of student services, plays with Jackson, a pug mix, left, and Rommel, a schipperke, during the YTI Career Institute York Campus veterinary technician event. Both dogs are available for adoption at the York County SPCA.**

The area includes classroom/lab spaces, a surgery suite, a surgery preparation area, and dog, cat and laboratory animal kennels, said Kari Herchelroth, the veterinary technician program director.

Herchelroth said she and a veterinarian will teach classes, with plans to bring in more veterinarians to teach later this year.

Herchelroth said study subjects include animal anatomy and physiology, nutrition, husbandry and breeding, sanitation, behavior, handling, nursing, and spaying and neutering.

Students will practice

what they learn on cows and horses at Leg Up Farm in Mount Wolf and at White Oak Farm in York. They also will do surgical nursing externships, Herchelroth said.

YTI also will provide career education and review career opportunities with students, Horn said.

Herchelroth said students who complete the course will receive an associate's degree in specialized sciences/veterinarian technician.

**'Just beginning':** Jones said being part of the training program confirms to her that she is going in the right

**► YTI Career Institute-York is accepting applications for May and August classes of its veterinary technician training program. For information, call 757-1100 or 1-800-795-0971.**

direction in her post-retirement life.

"I'm just beginning right now," she said. "I have three grown children and I'm a grandma and I'm going back to school. I didn't know what I was going to do, but now I know I can be a veterinary technician."

The program will add two more 21-month classes in May and August, Horn said. There will be room for 48 students in each of those classes, said Herchelroth, who previously worked at Donegal Animal Hospital in Mount Joy, Lancaster County.

"It is amazing the amount of interest people have in this program," Herchelroth said. "It's overwhelming in a good way. We're telling people to start signing up for May and August. (The seats are) filling up fast."

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## County alters rules

**► CONDUCT:** The changes now exclude row officers.

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York County Commissioners have changed the language of the county's first code of conduct, apparently assuaging the concerns of row officers who took exception to a previous version that failed to note their independent control of their offices.

The eight-page code contains guidance on proper conduct in areas such as conflicts of interest, misuse of authority, use of public resources, avoiding personal comments that could offend others, and fidelity in office.

It had been intended to apply to all elected and appointed officials, though the commissioners don't oversee all those officials.

The county's 10 row offices are filled by nine elected officials who, under state law, can operate their offices however they wish. That section of state law is numbered "1620," and it's oft-cited by officials to summon row officers' authority and independence from county boards.

While the row officers said they didn't object to the "common sense" conduct outlined in the code, some did object to the implicit oversight by the commissioners.

**Concerns:** Clerk of Courts Don O'Shell said he didn't think the code was necessary for row officers and he didn't think the commissioners had the authority to impose it on them.

Row officer Brad Jacobs, who's register of wills and clerk of orphans court, led a group of row officers who objected. Though the code was adopted by ordinance last month, Jacobs requested last week that the language be changed to reflect the "1620" officials.

"We're independently elected by the voters, and really the only jurisdiction the county commissioners have over us

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## Makeover master coming to Pullo Center

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