

Elizabethtown

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ELIZABETHTOWN TRAIN STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE

Construction has begun!

Lobar, Inc. of Dillsburg PA, general contractor, set up their construction trailers and fencing on September 1st for this long-anticipated project. Construction is estimated to take approximately eighteen months. The project encompasses several phases as the contractor moves from one area to another while maintaining the ability for riders to access and use both platform areas during construction. The Borough, Amtrak, Lobar, Inc. and the construction management firm, Michael Baker, Inc. of Harrisburg, are working closely to ensure a safe and timely project.

We understand that parking is in high demand at the station and we will do our best to provide as many parking spaces as possible during the construction period. However, there will be occasions when parking in sections of the main parking lot will be restricted to provide the contractor with access for tree removal, utility work and parking lot improvements. The Borough is currently exploring options for temporary off-site parking within walking distance of the station. The contractor will be as sensitive as possible to the riders during the construction period, but passengers must understand that this is a construction site and work must be completed in a safe and expeditious manner.

For the passengers that signed up for regular updates on the project at the open houses held in August, we plan to provide monthly updates via email. The Borough website will provide monthly updates as well. More frequent notifications may be forwarded if the contractor determines that portions



Left to right: PA Dot Deputy Sec. of Transportation Toby Fauver, Mayor Robert Brain, Borough Manager Pete Whipple, US Senator Arlen Specter, PA Rep. Dave Hickernell, US Transportation Sec. Ray LaHood, Michael Checket of Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., Richard Ayers of Lobar, Inc. and Marilyn Jamison of Amtrak

of the site need to be closed to the public for safety or logistical reasons. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated as we move forward toward completion of this significant improvement.

U.S. Senator Arlen Specter visited the Elizabethtown Train Station on Monday, August 24th for a groundbreaking ceremony to kick-off the construction project. Senator Specter, accompanied by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, spoke of the significance of the planned improvements. "Reconstruction of the Elizabethtown rail station will benefit Amtrak riders and help sustain increasing ridership along the Keystone Corridor," acknowledged Specter. He referred to the project as "an illustration of the effectiveness of the stimulus package."

The eighteen month project includes raising the height and extending the length of both platforms for full level boarding and ADA compliance, installing elevators from the tunnel to both platforms, constructing new canopies for shelter, improving the parking lot, adding a bus shelter for regional public transportation, and preserving the historic train station building.



Elizabethtown Train Station
Restoration and Improvements

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POLICE OFFICERS AWARDED LIFE SAVING COMMENDATIONS



Pictured left to right: Nicholas Finicle, Mayor Bob Brain, Shirley Nauman and Richard Regel.

Officer Nicholas Finicle and Officer Richard Regel were awarded Life Saving Commendations by Mayor Robert Brain and Elizabethtown Borough Council at the July 16th Council Meeting. Present to assist in the presentation of the awards was the individual whose life the officers helped to save, Shirley Nauman.

On the evening of May 29, 2009, Officers Finicle and Regel were dispatched to a local residence for an unconscious person. Upon arriving to the scene, Officer Finicle found a woman who was not breathing and without a pulse. The police were the first emergency responders to arrive to the scene. With the assistance of Officer Regel, Officer Finicle utilized the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to assess the patient's condition. The officers utilized the AED to deliver three shocks to the patient and initiated Cardiopulmo-

nary Resuscitation (CPR). The immediate actions by Officer Finicle and Regel of initiating the use of the AED and CPR procedures were instrumental in saving the life of the patient. A few minutes after the arrival of the police, the Northwest Emergency Medical Service (NWEMS) arrived at the scene and patient care was transferred. Treatment of the patient continued at the scene and during transport until she was resuscitated. The patient, Shirley Nauman, has since been released from medical care and made a full recovery. The immediate actions of Officer Nicholas Finicle and Richard Regel have helped save the life of another human being and reflect great credit upon the officers and the Elizabethtown Police Department.

Chief of Police Jack Mentzer added that this event epitomizes the quality of our community's emergency services and their effectiveness when they work together. This event started with the 911 caller contacting a Lancaster County Wide Communications dispatcher, the dispatcher dispatched the police; the police immediately responded and started CPR, attached the AED and administered three shocks. The BLS (Basic Life Support) ambulance unit arrived and care was transferred to them, the ALS (Advanced Life Support) unit arrived and patient care was transferred to them. Their treatment included intubation, IV, meds & defibrillation. The Fire Department assisted with medical care and equipment as well as removing obstacles from the residence so the patient could be relocated to the ambulance. The ALS care continued on the way to the hospital. This was just an outstanding job by everyone involved.

ROBERT GRUBER RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Robert Gruber is retiring after 20 years of service as a crossing guard for our community. Bob started as a crossing guard in September of 1989 and has been a loyal and reliable member of our public safety team since that time. He has worked every school crossing post and has also taken on the additional responsibility of directing traffic to allow for the buses to exit from the high school and middle school campus.

In his 20 years of service, Bob has become more than a crossing guard to the children and their parents; he has become a friend and mentor. In the past few years he started crossing the children of the children he helped safely cross the streets early in his career. He quite often runs into "his kids" as he goes about his business in Elizabethtown. During his career, he has helped more than 4000 elementary students safely across various streets.

In addition to being a crossing guard, Bob joined the Elizabethtown Fire Department as a Fire Policeman in 1977 and the Rheems Fire Department as a Fire Policeman in 1985.

We wish Bob the very best in his well deserved retirement.



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IN PLACE

In the wake of the boil water advisory issue that occurred during the week of August 24th, the Elizabethtown Area Water Authority (EAWA) implemented a "reverse 911" system for their water customers. EAWA has contracted with Swiftreach Networks to provide an emergency notification system via the telephone to alert its customers of any water-related issues that require immediate action. This notification sends a brief message over the telephone and can reach the entire customer base within fifteen minutes. The system allows for voice mail messages via an answering machine. EAWA was able to notify their customers that the boil water advisory was lifted by using the Swiftreach system.

Residents or customers that no longer have a land line or businesses that have "phone trees" are encouraged to contact EAWA at 367-7448 in order to have an alternate number registered for these emergency notifications. EAWA staff will input your cell phone number into the system for any future notifications. It is likely that future notifications will increase in frequency as new state regulations are implemented regarding mandatory notices whenever water main, service line, valve or hydrant repair work is undertaken.

Both EAWA and the Borough acknowledge that the initial communications regarding the events of August 24th were not acceptable. New procedures have been developed that will alert customers in a more efficient and effective manner. In addition to the Swiftreach Networks emergency notification system detailed above, timely information will be forwarded to the Borough Office so that our staff is informed and up-to-date regarding any emergency conditions impacting the water system. Borough Office staff received some positive feedback and constructive criticism during the boil water advisory, and we are working closely with EAWA to implement several of these suggestions.

Borough Council is currently exploring the possibility of implementing its own "reverse 911" emergency notification system. Council member Dale Treese stated that, "I can see the notification system being used for street repair work, sewer main breaks and police emergencies to name a few instances. It certainly would have been useful to have such a system in place for the East and West High Street paving project". Council will be exploring the costs in the upcoming months and ascertaining whether any savings can be realized by joining the system that has been implemented by EAWA.

2009 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

WOODY WASTE / BRANCHES

Curbside collection the second Saturday of every month. Tie with string in bundles less than 4 feet in length or place in can or other container. Please keep bundles or containers less than 40 pounds in weight. Bundles of branches up to 20" in diameter will be accepted.

Saturday, September 12

Saturday, October 10

Saturday, November 14

Saturday, December 12

WHITE GOODS & TIRES

Curbside Collection

Extra Service Tag required for each item - \$12.00 for white good /appliance and \$2.00 for tire.

Tags sold at the Borough Office only.

Saturday, November 7

LEAF COLLECTIONS - {LEAVES ONLY}

Curbside Collection

Place leaves in biodegradable kraft leaf bags available free to residents. Please put ONLY leaves in the bags, NO sticks, acorns, pinecones or other yard waste. Please do not tape bags closed, instead roll the tops closed.

Same day as regular trash collection.

Week of October 21, 22 & 23

Week of November 4, 5 & 6

Week of November 18, 19 & 20

Week of December 2, 3 & 4

KRAFT (BIODEGRADABLE LEAF)

BAG DISTRIBUTION

Kraft bags are available free to residents while supplies last on the following dates at the parks office in Community Park on Verdant Alley. Bags are distributed on an honor system. The Borough purchases 46,000 bags through a joint purchasing program with the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority. Residents are encouraged to take only the number of bags required for collection of their leaves and to limit the number of bags they take each time to 25 bags.

Wednesdays (7 AM - 6 PM)

September 30

October 7, 14, 21

November 4, 11, 18, 25

Saturdays (8 AM - Noon)

October 3, 10, 17 & 24

November 7, 14, 21 & 28



Trick or Treat
October 30, 2009
6-8 pm

EAWA ADJUSTS WATER RATES



The Elizabethtown Area Water Authority (EAWA) approved implementation of the third of three planned annual adjustments to its water rates on June 8, 2009. These adjustments are needed to meet the Authority's debt obligations and have been implemented in a phased approach to ease the burden on customers. Each of the three adjustments was designed to increase revenues by about ten percent. They will become effective with the 2009 third quarter bills that will be mailed to customers at the end of September.

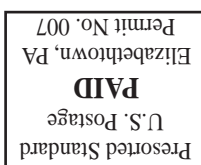
In 2007, the Authority assumed \$9.8 million of new debt for several much needed infrastructure improvements. The financing was timed to take advantage of low interest rates available for municipal projects. The obligation will be paid off over twenty-five years with interest rates ranging from 3.75% to 4.55% over the life of the bond issue. The funds are being used to construct a modern, expanded water treatment plant with state-of-the-art filtration technology and administrative offices; to construct a new water storage tank on West

Ridge Road; and to paint EAWA's two existing water storage tanks.

Construction on the new water treatment plant and office space began in August 2009 and will take about one year to complete. Construction of the new water storage tank began earlier this year and is expected to be completed in September. Painting of the two existing storage tanks was completed in May of this year.

Another item the Authority wishes to inform you about is manganese. During the past year the Water Authority received some inquiries about discolored water and the resultant staining of plumbing fixtures. An investigation determined the cause to be manganese, which is a naturally occurring element in rocks, soil and groundwater. Manganese is also an essential nutrient for humans and animals. While it has the potential to be aesthetically displeasing in water, it does not present health risks in low concentrations. As such, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers manganese a secondary contaminant. It does not enforce any standards on manganese but provides a practical guideline for dealing with the discolored water. To mitigate the aesthetic effects, the Water Authority uses a sequestering agent to suspend the element in the water so it does not precipitate from solution. Those who wish to reduce the concentration of manganese further may do so by installing an in-home water treatment system.

For additional information about these topics please call the Authority at 717-367-7448. The Authority meets on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the West Donegal Township Municipal Building.



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