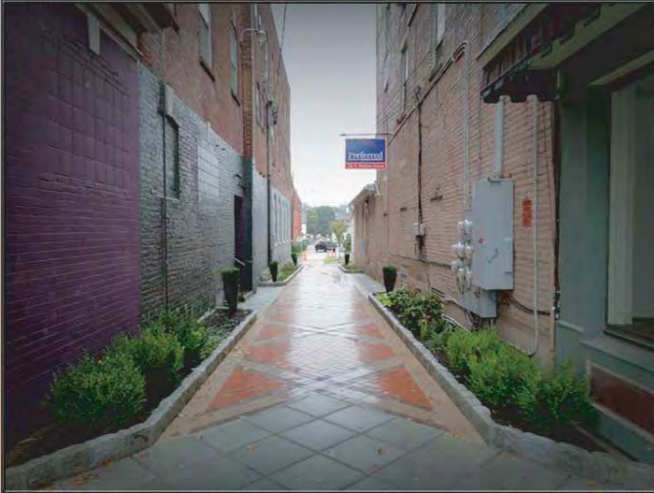


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BOROUGH BULLETIN



BOROUGH CAPITAL PROJECTS REMAIN ON TRACK

There are a variety of capital improvement projects currently underway in the Borough. The following is a rundown of the more visible projects, all financed through County, State, or Federal grant programs:

TRAIN STATION OVERFLOW PARKING LOT

Bids are being solicited for the construction of a parking lot at the end of South Wilson Avenue to accommodate overflow and long-term train travelers. The Pennsylvania Historic & Museum Commission has granted approval to move the old freight station building currently on that lot to a new location on West High Street which will allow the building to be situated in an appropriate setting while still providing an opportunity to maximize parking spaces on Wilson Avenue. It is anticipated that the project will begin in early November with the lot open for parking next spring.

WEST COLLEGE AVENUE PHASE II

The former garage on the corner of West College Avenue and Market Street has been demolished, and work continues on the road and bridge construction. The working goal for the construction team, weather permitting, is to have the new road and bridge open to traffic before the end of the year. Final paving of the two road phases is expected to occur in the spring upon the start of the paving season. Patience and cooperation exhibited by residents throughout this long and somewhat complicated project has been much appreciated.

PATHWAY PROJECTS

The first major link in the Borough's pedestrian and bicycle pathway projects is nearing completion. Pavers, macadam, lighting, landscaping and benches are being installed on Rose Alley from Market Street to Peace Alley and continuing along the ball fields at the Community Center to Conoy Creek. The second phase of the project will cross the creek and continue to the Train Station on Wilson Avenue. The upgrade and installation of stormwater facilities is also planned in these areas. It is expected that the second phase will be bid in late 2011 or early 2012 with construction commencing as soon as possible after bid award.

CENTER SQUARE RENOVATION

The Center Square project will be complete by the end of October with installation of the remaining tables and umbrellas and planting of bulbs in anticipation of a spring bloom. **Warburton's Greenhouses** and **Along the Garden Path** have played an instrumental role in the project by donating plants and overseeing the planting of the oval planters on each corner. The generosity of Ed Warburton and Nancy Hoffman for their donations of time and materials is most appreciated.



TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT

The regional traffic signal synchronization project, addressing traffic lights in three municipalities – Elizabethtown Borough, Mount Joy Township, and West Donegal Township – is nearing completion. The project includes synchronization of the traffic signals from the Rt. 743 / Holly Street intersection, through downtown Elizabethtown, and continuing on to Cloverleaf Road. The goals of the project include improving the flow of traffic, installation of ADA ramps in some locations, adding emergency preemption devices to certain signals, updating traffic signals to LED lighting for increased efficiency, and installation of left turn lanes at Center Square.



JACK MENTZER RECOGNIZED FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Police Chief Jack Mentzer was recognized by Borough Council on Thursday, September 1st for 30 years of service with the Elizabethtown Police Department. Chief Mentzer began his career on August 16, 1981 as a Patrol Officer, and worked his way up through the ranks. He was promoted to Chief in 2005. "Chief Mentzer has proven to be a dedicated administrator deeply concerned with the safety and welfare of the officers and residents alike", praised Mayor Chuck Mummert. We congratulate Chief Mentzer on achieving this milestone and extend our deepest gratitude for his many years of service and devotion to the Borough and its citizens.



Chief Jack Mentzer and Officer Michael Lyons

POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL LYONS RECEIVES LIFE SAVING COMMENDATION

On May 19th, Borough Council recognized Officer Michael Lyons for earning a Life Saving Commendation. Officer Lyons was the first emergency responder to arrive at a call for assistance of a cardiac arrest victim. Upon his arrival he retrieved and deployed the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), administering two shocks to the victim. Officer Lyons continued to care for and monitor the victim until the arrival of the fire department and advanced life support unit. The immediate use of the AED by Officer Lyons was instrumental in the care and recovery of the victim.

POLICE OFFICERS BARBOUR, PICKEL & WHEALE RETIRE IN 2011

On April 21st Borough Council recognized Corporal Steven Barbour and Corporal David Pickel upon their retirement from the Elizabethtown Police Department. Pennsylvania State Representative David Hickernell and Elizabethtown Borough Mayor Chuck Mummert presented the men with proclamations. Officer Timothy Wheale also retired from the Department but was not present at the meeting. We wish the very best for all three officers as they embark upon this new phase of their lives.



Corporal Pickel, Chief Mentzer and Corporal Barbour

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

This year's theme is Protect Your Family From Fire! The Elizabethtown Fire Company suggests everyone have an emergency plan for evacuation in the event of fire or other disaster. Smoke detectors should be tested and batteries replaced as necessary to ensure the units are in operating condition should they be needed.

LEARN CPR - SAVE LIVES

Northwest EMS reports that the chances for survival for cardiac arrest patients are greatly increased when early CPR by a bystander is quickly followed by defibrillation with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). CPR techniques no longer include rescue breaths but rely on compressions only and have proven to be just as successful since more members of the public are willing to do CPR when it doesn't involve breathing into a stranger's mouth. Schools, employers, leaders of churches or civic organizations, and even private citizens interested in learning CPR training can contact Northwest EMS at 361-8220, ext. 3, for more information and to schedule classes.

FALL BACK!

Daylight-Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6, 2011. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before going to bed!

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

According to Borough ordinance, upon declaration of a snow emergency and at any time during the continuance of the emergency, it shall be unlawful for vehicles to travel (unless equipped with snow tires or chains) or park on a snow emergency route. These restrictions assist Borough crews and emergency personnel in combating the hazards of snow and ice and facilitate the movement of traffic on the snow emergency routes.

The following streets are designated as snow emergency routes in Elizabethtown Borough:

- High Street - the entire length
- Market Street - the entire length
- College Avenue - Market Street to Spruce Street
- Spruce Street - College Avenue to Willow Street
- Willow Street - Spruce Street to Market Street

If a snow emergency for Elizabethtown Borough is declared, information on its implementation and duration will be announced through local media outlets, a SWIFT911 call, and postings on the Borough's website and FaceBook page.

EAWA

In January 2012, the Elizabethtown Area Water Authority will be merging with Mount Joy Township Authority for the convenient and efficient integration of these two systems. EAWA's growing service area brings 1,500 new customers, two existing wells, and one storage tank. According to Mike Skelly, EAWA Authority Manager, this merger underscores regional cooperation among the area municipalities and will provide better coordination of a finite and precious regional resource. Customers in the Borough, Mount Joy and West Donegal Townships should also look forward to more convenient drop-off boxes for payment at their local offices.

FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

The US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) have opened a Disaster Recovery Center at the M&T Bank Building, 2270 Erin Court, Lancaster to assist residents and business owners with recovery following recent storms and flooding. Disaster officials recommend registration at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362 prior to visiting the Center. Residents will have 60 days from the date of the incident to file claims. It is also important for residents to be aware many insurance agencies offer low-cost riders on homeowner's and commercial policies that could provide protection in the event of sewer or water backups.

2011 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. Branches in bundles up to 20" in diameter will be accepted.

November 12

December 10

WHITE GOODS & TIRES

Curbside Collection on November 5th.

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

Tags sold at the Borough Office only-

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



LEAF COLLECTIONS - {LEAVES ONLY}

Curbside Collection of leaves placed in biodegradable kraft leaf bags (available free to residents) occurs on the same day as regular trash collection during the following weeks:

October 19, 20 & 21

November 2, 3 & 4

November 16, 17 & 18

November 30, December 1 & 2

Please put ONLY leaves in the bags, NO sticks, acorns, pinecones or other yard waste. Tops of Kraft leaf bags should be rolled closed; please do NOT use tape to seal the bags.

KRAFT LEAF BAG DISTRIBUTION

Kraft leaf bags are available at the Scout House in Community Park on Verdant Alley on the following dates:

WEDNESDAYS, 7 A.M. - 6 P.M.

October 12

November 2

October 19

November 9

October 26

November 16

SATURDAYS, 8 A.M. - 10 A.M.

October 15

November 5

October 22

November 12

October 29

November 19



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Remove all tinsel, decorations and bags from the tree before placing it at the curb.

January 7, 2012

CHECK THE WEBSITE, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Be sure to check the website (www.etononline.com) and follow us on FaceBook for the latest information and updates of interest to Borough residents.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

The Borough's Public Works crews perform snow removal and de-icing operations whenever road conditions call for these services. Please remember that snow removal operations are being performed under emergency conditions. Our drivers often endure extended work hours to provide safe and effective snow removal from our streets.



Here are a few tips that may help you avoid shoveling headaches....

- * If possible, wait to shovel the last six (6) feet of your driveway until we have completed curb to curb plowing on your street. This will help prevent our plows from pushing snow back into your driveway.
- * If you must shovel the last six (6) feet of your driveway prior to completion of plowing operations on your street, place the snow to the right of your driveway (standing in the direction with your back facing your house). This will reduce the amount of snow plowed back onto the drive area. Please understand that proper plowing operations cannot prevent the redeposit of snow in driveway areas.
- * If at all possible, please park all vehicles in driveways and off the street so our crews can plow back to the curb. Once plowing is complete you will once again be able to park safely on the street.
- * Please do not throw or place snow or ice onto the Borough streets or immediately next to a fire hydrant. Borough ordinance prohibits this activity.
- * Please be mindful of pedestrians following a snow event. Borough ordinance requires that snow and ice be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours after the end of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain.
- * Vehicles parked in any lot owned, operated or managed by the Borough, or on any Borough street for a continuous period of time greater than 72 hours is prohibited. This ordinance applies anytime, and is particularly important during the snow removal process.
- * Cul-de-sacs are particularly difficult to plow. Borough crews will place the snow accumulation in the most practical area.
- * Portable basketball nets projecting into the roadway are prohibited and can be dangerous during snow plowing. Borough ordinance prohibits the placing of these items in the public right-of-way.
- * Please do not be misled if you see trucks running with their plows raised. They may be returning for fuel or headed for another area in the Borough.

Above all, please be patient and allow our employees time to do their jobs when plowing streets. Safe streets are a primary concern for the Borough during the winter months. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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