

# Elizabethtown

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL RECOGNIZES RODNEY FINK WITH VINCENT W. O'CONNOR AWARD



Council President Meade Bierly presents the 2008 VWO Public Service Award to Rodney Fink.

Rodney Fink is the son of the late Clyde E. and Elva W. Fink of Conoy Township. After graduation from Elizabethtown Area High School in 1950, Fink was employed as a carpenter until entering the US Army for two years during the Korean War. Upon his discharge, he attended Stevens Trade School.

In 1965, Fink formed his own business, Builders Services, in Harrisburg, PA. He later moved the business to Elizabethtown. In 1989, the business was incorporated and became Builders Specialty Service, Inc. where Fink served as president until his retirement in 1998.

Fink is a member and past president of Elizabethtown Rotary, a member of the Abraham C. Treichler Lodge 682 F & AM, Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and Valley of Harrisburg Consistory. He served as a Mount Joy Township Supervisor for six years, was a member of the Farmers First Bank Board of Directors in Elizabethtown, and on the board of the Winter's Heritage House/Elizabethtown Preservation Associates. Fink is a 30-year member of the First

Church of God in Elizabethtown where he serves on the Finance Committee and is Chairman of the Property Commission. Fink is a member of the board of directors for Northwest EMS. He volunteered his time to serve as Project Manager of the \$1.1 million Northwest EMS building expansion project. He was at the building site almost every day and was instrumental in controlling costs during construction of the new ambulance bays and training room. Northwest EMS presented Fink with the President's Award for his significant contribution to the project.

Fink enjoys golf, working in the yard, traveling, volunteering, and especially hunting in Maryland with his grandson and son-in-law, and spending time with his friends and family. He and his wife, Lois Burkholder Fink, have a daughter, Lori, who is married to P. J. Kolaric. He has two grandsons, Garvin and Westin Kolaric.

The award is named for the late Vincent W. O'Connor, a former councilman with a lifelong record of service to others. The son of the late Joseph and Blanche O'Connor, he was born in 1920 in Bainbridge. He was a 1936 graduate of Bainbridge High School and attended Maytown High School. Among various positions in his life, he spent 24 years as one of the top insurance underwriters for Prudential Life Insurance Company, retiring in 1982.

O'Connor had a long tradition of public service. He served a six-year term on the Conoy Township School Board, was a member of the Elizabethtown Area School Board, and served as mayor of Elizabethtown for six years. A Borough Council member for more than 20 years, he received the 1994 Thomas Chrostwaite Award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. He served on Council until his death in 1997.

He also served on the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority Region I Advisory Committee, was a member of the Elizabethtown United Council of Churches, coordinating a program for economically disadvantaged people, previously volunteered his time with both the local Senior Center and the State Department of Aging, working with the Apprise program, and also volunteered his time at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster, helping senior citizens with their health insurance forms. He was a member of the Rotary Club and in 1995 was named Citizen of the Year by Elizabethtown Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 596.

## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



New playground equipment was installed in Community Park with the assistance of a more than \$9,000 grant awarded through a Conserving Public Land Through Play Grant by Game Time.

## VOLUNTEERS ON EARTH DAY

PPL employees and their equipment volunteered on Friday, April 25th, to perform earth day projects in our community. PPL provided nearly thirty employees plus equipment to work on significant projects that day including a major stream bank cleanup project at the Willowood parkland (a thank you to Greiner Industries too for donating the crane), a retaining wall built in the Community Park Memorial Area, frames for three community billboards painted to assist the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club project, playground equipment repaired, a pavilion and picnic tables painted, and park lighting repaired.



Elizabethtown Rotary Club members volunteered their time for Rotary Work Day on April 26th to perform projects in Community Park including repairs to the amphitheater, installing benches, and other tasks.



## SISTER CITY VISITORS



Letterkenny, Ireland Mayor Jean Crossan (left) and her husband, Michael (right), along with Town Engineer John McCarron visited Elizabethtown on March 11, 2008. Upon their arrival at the Elizabethtown Train Station, the visitors were greeted by Elizabethtown Mayor Robert Brain (not pictured) and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Beth Bergman and received a tour of Elizabethtown. Later that evening, they dined with other members of the community.

## RECYCLING JUST GOT EASIER

Penn Waste, the contracted hauler with Elizabethtown Borough for trash and recycling collection, has constructed a new single-stream recycling facility and purchased a new fleet of recycling trucks. This means that recycling for Borough residents has just become easier and more convenient. Beginning in June 2008, more items are collected during the weekly curbside recycling collection.

Paper products may be put in the recycling bins with the plastics, glass and metal cans. Please be sure paper is covered by heavier material so it doesn't blow away.



Cardboard, of any size, is also now collected curbside if it is flattened. The drop-off cardboard collection the second Saturday of the month in the lot across from the fire department is still available, but will eventually be phased out at the end of the year.

In addition to the green recycle bins available to residents, other containers may be used for curbside recycling as long as the container is clearly marked "Recycle" and when full weighs less than 40 pounds.

# WHAT CAN WE RECYCLE?

## 2008 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

### Recycle these items in your recycle bin:

#### **Paper, Paperboard & Cardboard**

Remove all packaging (Styrofoam, peanuts, plastic, bubble wrap, plastic liners, etc.) Flatten ALL boxes. Cover loose paper with heavier containers to prevent it from blowing away.

Cardboard boxes (must be flattened if collected curbside)

Pizza boxes

Food boxes (ex: cereal & jello boxes)

Paper towel & toilet paper rolls

Paperboard packaging (ex: tissue boxes)

Office paper (any color)

Shredded paper

Newspaper & inserts

Magazines & catalogs

Junk mail & envelopes

Paper bags

Phone books



#### **Containers**

Remove caps & lids and rinse thoroughly. It is okay to leave on labels & neck rings.

Plastics #1-#7 containers & bottles with necks smaller than their bases

Glass – clear, brown & green glass food and beverage containers

Metal cans – aluminum beverage cans, steel food and beverage cans, aerosol cans



#### **Unacceptable**

Plastic bags

Food soiled material

Plastic tubs, cups & trays

Broken glass

Windows, mirrors, ceramics, & light bulbs

Drinking glasses

Aluminum foil

Scrap metal

### DROP-OFF CARDBOARD SCHEDULE

Second Saturday of every month / 8 AM- Noon

Lot across from the fire department at 171 N. Mount Joy Street. Borough residents only – please bring identification.

Saturday, July 12

Saturday, August 9

Saturday, September 13

Saturday, October 11

Saturday, November 8

Saturday, December 13

### 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 up to 20" in diameter will be accepted.

Saturday, July 12

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### 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 1

### 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 22, 23 & 24

Week of November 5, 6 & 7

Week of November 19, 20 & 21

Week of December 10, 11 & 12

Please do not use the biodegradable kraft leaf bags for woody waste collection. Woody waste should be bundled or placed in a can or other container for collection.



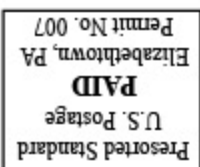
## EAWA WATER RATES TO BE ADJUSTED

The Elizabethtown Area Water Authority (EAWA) will be implementing the second of three planned adjustments to its water rates effective with the 2008 third quarter bills, which will be mailed to customers at the end of September. Last year, the Authority assumed \$9.8 million of new debt that will be used to construct a modern, expanded water treatment plant with state-of-the-art technology. The new water treatment plant will also provide space for administrative offices for Authority personnel. The borrowing also includes funds to make several other much needed infrastructure improvements including an additional water storage tank, new raw water transmission mains, clear well modifications and the painting of two existing water storage tanks, among other system improvements.

After careful consideration about the revenue requirements to meet the current obligations, the Authority decided upon a phased approach of rate adjustments to ease the burden on its customers. The first of three annual rate adjustments, with each designed to increase revenues by about 10%, was previously implemented with the 2007 third quarter billing. The second rate adjustment was approved on May 12, 2008 and will be implemented with the 2008 third quarter billing. The third rate adjustment is targeted for 2009. 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.



For additional information about the water rate schedule or the various capital improvement projects planned for the water distribution and treatment system, please call EAWA 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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