

Elizabethtown

BOROUGH BULLETIN

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY PARK MEMORIAL AREA



The development of the Community Park Memorial Area, located on South Mount Joy Street and Ken Lane in Community Park, has been made possible by generous contributions from the community. A significant contribution by the Elizabethtown Rotary Club supported the recent additions of a pergola and pavers, steps and railing, retaining wall, and plantings. Volunteers from PPL assisted with the construction of the retaining wall during their community volunteer day.

The design of the Community Park Memorial Area creates an area in the park where residents can make contributions in memory of someone else such as a friend, family member or co-worker. The Borough commissioned Landscape Impressions in 2005 to design a space that could grow and develop over time. The plan includes the gazebo and pergola among trees and other plantings to create a welcoming entrance into Community Park. Bronze plaques are placed near the plantings as they are installed and are inscribed with the names of the individuals being remembered. Residents that wish to make contributions to the Community Park Memorial Area can view the design and choose a particular tree or planting they wish to contribute. Please contact the Borough Office at 367-1700 for more information.

INTERNS COMPLETE A DOWNTOWN MURAL

A mural depicting the history of the Elizabethtown Train Station is a new artistic addition to the downtown. The mural, located in center square on the West High Street side of the building occupied by Barry's Train Shop, was a community project made possible through a Pennsylvania Downtown Summer Internship Program. Working out of the Elizabethtown Chamber / Main Street office, interns Jenny Walters of Virginia Commonwealth University, Kim-Thao Do Nguyen of University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and Kristin Irace, a 2008 graduate of Lafayette College, conducted research, designed and painted the mural with help from members of the community.

The 2008 summer internship program partners included, the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and the Department of Environmental Protection. Local partners for the project included

Elizabethtown College, Joe Ulrich, Patsy Reed, Elizabethtown Historical Society, B&G Lumber, Giant Markets, Danny Carlson, Big Brothers / Big Sisters, Lift Inc., Karen Carlson, Barry Keener, David Carlson, Carpet Den Decorating Center, Craig Coble, and all other volunteers.



EAWA PROJECTS

The Elizabethtown Area Water Authority (EAWA) has been moving forward on two projects that will add to the water infrastructure available to the community. The first project involves the installation of 6,600 feet of new 12 inch diameter pipe on Mill Road. This water main will be used to transport raw untreated water from the Conewago Creek to the new, expanded water treatment plant. The new main will replace an existing 8 inch line, enabling the Authority to increase the flow of raw water to the new plant and double the maximum production of treated water from 800,000 to 1,600,000 gallons per day. Authority personnel began this project during the summer and will continue the work until its scheduled completion in 2009.

The second project is the refurbishing and repainting of the Authority's two water standpipes located on Buckingham Boulevard and Ridge Road. Both will be inspected inside and out, repairs will be made as needed and each tank will be repainted. The bid for this project was awarded in September and the work is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year.

EAWA would also like to remind customers, as stated in the last newsletter, that an adjustment to water rates is being implemented with the 2008 third quarter bills. These bills will be mailed to customers at the end of September. For additional information about the infrastructure improvements or the water rate schedule, 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.



RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to Linda Loser on her retirement August 1, 2008! Linda was hired by the Borough in 1978 as Bookkeeper and later appointed as Office Manager in 1986. "We greatly appreciated Linda Loser's dedication and thank her for the valuable service she provided to the Borough Office and the Elizabethtown community over the years," expressed Borough Council President Meade Bierly. Borough Council recognized Linda for her years of service at their March 20, 2008 public meeting, pictured above.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Glow sticks will be distributed to students in grades K-5 of the Elizabethtown Area School District for use on Halloween Trick or Treat night. Approximately 3,000 glow sticks will be distributed to increase visibility of children and promote safety on Halloween. The program is sponsored by the local VFW, American Legion, Elizabethtown Moose, and Elizabethtown Area School District. Trick or Treat will be on Friday, October 31 from 6 - 8 PM.



TRASH & RECYCLING FAQ

2008 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Question:

How can I get a new recycle bin? Is there a charge?

Answer:

Recycle bins are available at the Borough Office for \$5.00 each. The Borough purchases bins through a bid program with the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) at a cost of approximately \$6.25 each. The LCSWMA buys the bins in bulk for municipalities at a competitive price, which in turn assists municipalities in offering bins to their residents at a better price.

Question:

Can I place cardboard out at the curb for collection?

Answer:

Yes. Cardboard may now be placed at the curb for collection with your other recyclables. All cardboard must be flattened and placed either in the recycle bin or next to the recycle bin. The drop-off cardboard recycling held the second Saturday of the month at the lot across from the fire department on S. Mount Joy Street remains available until the end of the year.



Question:

What do I do if my trash and/or recyclables are missed on collection day?

Answer:

If your trash and/or recyclables are missed at the curb on collection day, please contact the Borough Office immediately. We will notify the hauler of the mistake and make arrangements to have your missed trash and/or recyclables collected. Please place trash and recyclables at the curb the night before collection as the hauler's timing on collection days can vary.

Question:

Can you tell me more about the leaf bag program?

Answer:

Biodegradable kraft leaf bags are available free to residents while supplies last (on the dates listed to the right) 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 they take each time to 25 bags.

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 ID

Saturday, October 11

Saturday, November 8

Saturday, December 13

Cardboard is also now accepted for curbside collection, see the FAQ article to the left for details.

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, October 11

Saturday, November 8

Saturday, December 13

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}

This is not a yard waste collection - it is a collection of 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

KRAFT BAG DISTRIBUTION

Biodegradable kraft leaf bags are available free to residents while supplies last on the following dates.

Wednesdays (7AM - 6 PM)

October 1, 8 & 15

November 5, 12 & 26

December 3

Saturdays (8 AM - Noon)

October 4, 11 & 18

November 1, 8, 15 & 22

December 6



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



SRO Rick Farnsler (right) chats with students in the halls of the Elizabethtown Area High School. Pictured are (left to right) students Kenny Homer, Anthony Rivera, and Kirsten Hayes.

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program was implemented at the Elizabethtown Area School District during the 2007-2008 school year. Officer Rick Farnsler, a police officer with the Elizabethtown Police Department, was appointed to the SRO position in August 2007. The role of the SRO is a combination of teacher, counselor, and law enforcement officer in the schools.

The goals of the SRO program for the 2007-08 school year, the first year of the program, were to: 1) provide direct law enforcement services to the school district, 2) establish a close partnership with school administration in order to provide for a safe school environment, and 3) be visible within the school community and build working relationships with the school's staff as well as with the student and parent groups. Elizabethtown Police Department Chief Jack Mentzer is pleased with the initial success of the program. "Officer Farnsler has exceeded our expectations in his first year role as the School Resource Officer. He has built relationships with the faculty, staff and students and continues to integrate into school district programs and processes while maintaining a law enforcement perspective."

Farnsler, a police officer of twenty-two years, seventeen years with the Elizabethtown Police Department, received more than 110 hours of training to become an SRO. He refers to the SRO program as a "team effort" and credits the program's success to multiple factors. "I was given the right tools to get started and everyone at the school has really accepted me. Everyone has been really great."

High School Social Studies Teacher Christine Dubosky summed up her appreciation of the SRO following two occasions during which Officer Farnsler spoke to her Social Studies classes studying career pathways. She said that Officer Farnsler's "sense of humor, honest reactions, extensive and varied knowledge, and relaxed demeanor really made both presentations excellent educational opportunities for my students and myself. I believe that Officer Farnsler has been a great and welcome addition to the staff of the Elizabethtown High School and look forward to continuing to work with him." Chief Mentzer adds, "Our entire community, but specifically our school children, benefit from this program."

