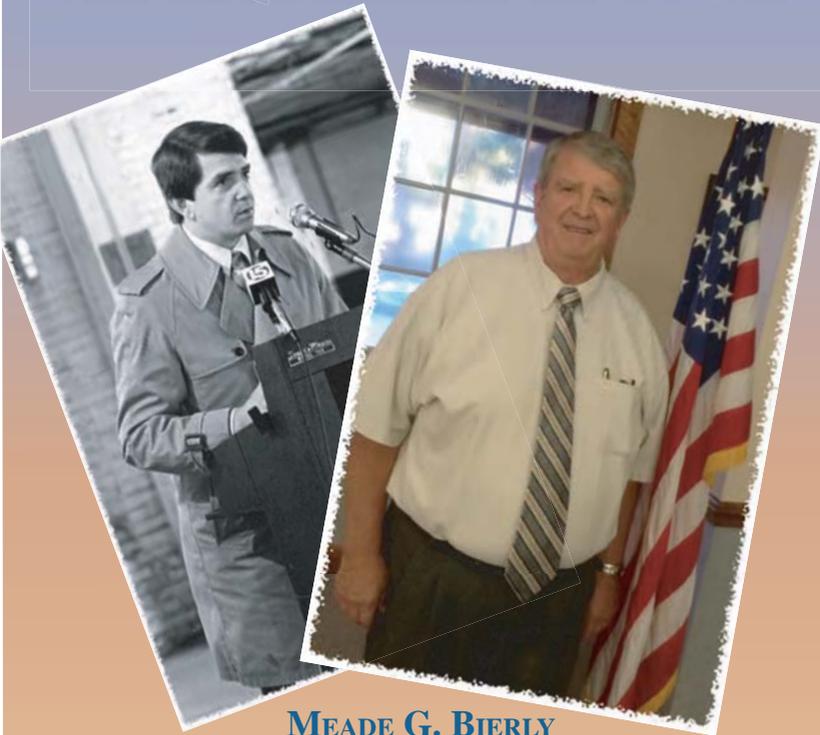


# Elizabethtown

## BOROUGH BULLETIN



**MEADE G. BIERLY**

### RETIRES FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meade G. Bierly will step down from Borough Council at the end of 2013 following 40 years of service to Elizabethtown. Bierly was appointed in January of 1973 to fill the last year of an unexpired term and was elected to his first four-year term on Council in 1974. He began his tenure with a promise to his town, his family, and himself to use his engineering background to promote responsive, cost-effective local government. Bierly credits his father, Meade S. Bierly, and Vincent W. O'Conner, his co-Councilmember of many years, for instilling a philosophy of giving back to the community, and he expresses gratitude for the ongoing support from his wife, Melissa, and the trust placed in him by Third Ward voters.

During his 40 plus years of service Bierly has been a part of the hiring process for every current Borough employee and has guided many important projects and initiatives. He was instrumental in the partnership with the School District in 1976 that led to the creation of the Greater Elizabethtown Area Recreation & Community Services (GEARS) and subsequent creation of the Poplar Street Park, construction of the Fun Fort, and the ongoing installation of pedestrian and bicycle pathways throughout the Borough. Bierly saw several capital projects come to fruition, including the Borough Office and Police Station on South Hanover Street in 1980, expansions at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in 1978 and 2002, conversion of several vacant factories into housing stock, construction of the new Elizabethtown Fire Department and the Community Center, several major downtown revitalizations, and the dramatic improvements at the Amtrak Train Station. During his tenure, relationships were built and enhanced with Elizabethtown College, the School District, Masonic Village, Mars Chocolate, and the Borough's Sister City, Letterkenny Ireland. Bierly was

present for the purchase of the Elizabethtown Water Company, establishment of the annual paving program to upgrade all Borough streets and public alleys, and institution of the School Resource Officer program at the Elizabethtown Area School District.

When speaking of his time on Council, Bierly fondly notes that in 40 years he has disagreed with most of his fellow Councilmembers from time to time, but that he always felt Council was doing what it thought was best for Elizabethtown. He is proud of what Council and the Borough employees have accomplished by working together toward goals set by the majority of Council. Bierly reminisces that he's had a few regrets, as the song goes, "But only one I'll even mention. I really wanted to get fluoride in the water. We came close on several occasions."

Bierly is commended for his service, guidance, and dedication to the residents of Elizabethtown. His ever optimistic outlook and treasure-trove of institutional knowledge will be sorely missed. We congratulate Meade and wish him only the very best as he retires from public service.

### SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITTING

In an effort to enhance public safety, Borough Council adopted a Special Event Permitting process for groups and/or citizens wishing to close public streets for special events, such as hosting block parties and using public facilities. The new format is intended to assist community groups with planning special events, in particular with any traffic control, emergency services, or special facilities that may be required for a safe and successful event. Call the Elizabethtown Police Department at 367-6540 or visit the Borough's website for forms and more information.



### TRAIN STATION RENOVATIONS

Construction of the Long-Term and Overflow Parking Lot at the Train Station has been completed and is now open for use by train riders.

## INFLOW & INFILTRATION

In 1997 the Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) crew began its ongoing practice of identifying and reducing Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) entering the sanitary sewer collection system. Infiltration is groundwater leaking through cracks in sewer mains or manholes, and Inflow is groundwater, or rainfall, that flows directly into the collection system. Its source is often from downspouts or sump pumps connected directly to a sewer lateral emptying into the system, a practice that is prohibited by Borough Ordinance. Over the years the WWTP crew has drastically reduced the amount of I&I entering the collection system, but we need your help to continue to make improvements. We ask that residents check discharge points from downspouts and sump pumps and remove any direct connections to lateral lines. If you would like the Borough's assistance in determining if your Inflow is discharging properly, please call 367-1585 to schedule an inspection.



Pictured from left to right: Mark Bronson, Jay Jenkins and David Hershey.

## ELIZABETHTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

### SMOKE DETECTOR LIFE SAFETY INITIATIVE

A generous donation from the Rotary Club of Elizabethtown, combined with grant money from FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security and a community partnership with B&G Lumber Co., have enabled the Elizabethtown Fire Department to continue its Smoke Detector Life Safety Initiative. This program supplies life-saving smoke detectors to residents in the greater Elizabethtown area who would otherwise be unable to afford them. If you are in need of smoke detectors (or new working batteries) and cannot afford to purchase them or are physically unable to install them, stop by the Fire Department at 171 N. Mount Joy Street, or call 717-367-5300.

## CHECK THE WEBSITE,

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

*Be sure to check the website ([www.etonnonline.com](http://www.etonnonline.com)) and follow us on Facebook for the latest information and updates of interest to Borough residents.*

## BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will hold a Blood Drive at the Elizabethtown Borough Office on Monday, December 2nd from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Help us meet the need by donating blood. Call the Borough Office at 367-1700 for questions or more information.

## BOROUGH NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS & E-CHECKS

Credit cards and e-checks are now being accepted online and in person at the Borough Office for utility payments. Call the Office at 367-1700 for more information.

## ELIZABETHTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

### COLLECTS UNUSED/EXPIRED PILLS

Place your unused or expired pills in a clear plastic bag and drop them off at the Elizabethtown Police Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Protect our wildlife, our water supply, and our most valuable resource—our children—by turning in your unused/expired medication for safe disposal, no questions asked.

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

### HOLIDAY PARADE - THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

This year's Annual Holiday Parade, themed The 12 Days of Christmas, will be held on Saturday, December 14th and will start at the intersection of West Bainbridge Street, East College Avenue and South Market Street, travel north on Market Street, and end at Hummelstown Street. The parade, featuring a special guest from the North Pole, will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Borough is pleased to announce that Market Street! Improving Business (MSIB) will be working closely with the Borough on the Holiday Parade this year with the goal of transferring ownership of the event to MSIB in 2014. For more information, or to enter the parade this year, contact the Borough Office at 367-1700.

### LET E-TOWN RING

The annual New Year's Eve celebration will be organized and hosted solely by MSIB in 2013. MSIB is committed to building a healthy downtown and business environment, and the Borough looks forward to its success with these traditional community events. For more information visit the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/LetEtownRing](http://www.facebook.com/LetEtownRing).

## FALL BACK!

Daylight-Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3, 2013. 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.

## CURBSIDE TRASH & RECYCLING

Residents may put out one 32-gallon container weighing less than 40 pounds each week on their designated collection day, one large item that does not fit into a 32-gallon container, and recycling (all glass and plastic bottles, jugs, and jars, aluminum and steel cans, newspapers, paper, phonebooks, magazines, paperboard and flattened cardboard). When placing recyclables curbside for collection, be sure to put some weight on top of newspapers to keep them from blowing away and rinse out containers before placing in the bin. Free recycling stickers, available at the Borough Office, can be adhered to a bin/can of your choice. Please note that plastic bags are not recyclable under the Borough's program; DO NOT put recyclables out for collection in plastic bags.

Tags for additional garbage containers/bags may be purchased at a cost of \$2 each at the Borough Office, local grocery stores, or at Turkey Hill convenience stores. To best affix a tag to a bag, be sure to fold it over at some point so the tag sticks to itself. When using an extra container, affix the tag to the top item inside the container.

As of January 2013, *Covered devices* (televisions, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, etc.) are no longer being collected curbside. The County offers free disposal of household hazardous waste. Visit their website at [www.lcswma.org/lcswma\\_facilities\\_hhw.html](http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma_facilities_hhw.html).

## 2013 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. As a reminder, woody waste and branches should not be placed in Kraft leaf bags.

October 12

November 9

December 14

### WHITE GOODS & TIRES

Curbside Collection on **November 2nd**.

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 23, 24 & 25

November 20, 21 & 22

November 6, 7 & 8

December 4, 5 & 6

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

Each year the Borough purchases 46,000 biodegradable Kraft leaf bags through a joint purchasing arrangement with the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority for approximately \$0.28 each. While supplies last, Kraft leaf bags are provided free of charge to residents for yard waste and leaf collections. Residents are urged to take only the number of bags they expect to need for their individual property; there is a 25-bag limit each time you pick up bags. 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 9

November 6

October 16

November 13

October 23

November 20

October 30

December 4

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

October 12

November 9

October 19

November 16

October 26

November 23

November 2

November 30



### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Remove all tinsel, decorations and bags from the tree before placing it at the curb. **January 11, 2014**

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**Trick or Treat**  
**October 31, 2013**  
**6 PM to 8 PM**

## 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.

