

Elizabethtown

BOROUGH BULLETIN

AMERICAN LEGION DONATES SPEED TRAILER

Commander Ken Stahl of American Legion Post 329 and Commander Mark Klepping of the VFW Post 5667 were present at Council's July 15th meeting to present certificates of appreciation to Council, the Elizabethtown Police Department and the Mayor for participating as VIP's in the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. The Commanders noted that there is no greater honor than to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation.

At Council's August 19th meeting the American Legion Post 329 presented a check for \$4,982 to the Police Department for purchase of a Decatur On-Site 300 Speed Trailer. The speed trailer uses a mounted radar device to measure and display the speed of approaching vehicles. It will not be used for enforcement but,



rather as an educational tool to raise public awareness reminding drivers to pay attention to their speed. Initially the trailer will be used in school zones, but look to see it in other areas of the Borough. The Police Department extends its utmost appreciation to American Legion Post 329 for this generous donation.



Front Row: Mayor Chuck Mummert, American Legion Post 329 Commander - Ken Stark, Tony Frey, Chief Jack Mentzer
Back Row: Danielle Clough, Tara Heisey, Gerald Freeman, Andy Shank, Barry Cover, Chad Enck

POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMER INTERN

Brett DeGroat, a college intern serving with the Police Department from May 24th until August 13th, was

recognized at the August 5th Council Work

Session by Chief Mentzer and Mayor Mummert with a Certificate of Appreciation. Brett, a life-long resident of the Borough and 2007 graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School, is currently a senior at Lock Haven University where he studies Criminal Justice and Psychology. He is the son of Rodney DeGroat and Billie Jo Gainer, both of Elizabethtown. During the school year Brett and his wife, Danielle, reside in State College where Danielle attends Penn State University. During his twelve-week internship, Brett performed tasks that included code enforcement, scheduling special details, developing a training module for new equipment, conducting patrol activities and completing initial complaint reports. The Borough extends congratulations and thanks to Brett for a job well done.

THANK YOU

TOM MCLAUGHLIN RECOGNIZED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Tom McLaughlin was recognized by Borough Council on Thursday, June 17th for reaching 20 years of service with the Borough. Tom began his career in the Parks Department in July 1990 and has proven to be a valuable member of the team ever since. When not working in the parks, at the train station, or plowing snow, you will often find him downtown where he takes great care to make sure the town is looking its best. We congratulate Tom on achieving this milestone and extend our deepest gratitude for his many years of service and devotion to the Borough and its citizens.



Pictured above: Thomas McLaughlin and Borough Council President Phillip Clark

Pictured left to right: Chief Jack Mentzer, Brett DeGroat and Mayor Chuck Mummert.

ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WATER AUTHORITY IS MOVING



On September 27th the Elizabethtown Area Water Authority will be moving into its new facility located on West Hummlestown Street in the Borough. The Authority will be closed from September 27-29th in order to accommodate the move and will officially reopen on September 30th. As of September 30th, all payment drop-offs and bills should be returned to the Authority's new address at 211 West Hummlestown Street, Elizabethtown PA 17022. Any questions may be directed to the Authority office at 717-367-7448 (M-F 7:30am-4:00pm).

SOUTH POPLAR BRIDGE REPAIR

The Borough has been working diligently to ensure its bridges continue to meet Penn DOT requirements. This year the South Poplar Street bridge will be getting a face lift. Work is expected to begin in September and will require the street to be closed during renovation. Look for signage directing to an alternate route.

TRAIN STATION PROJECT UPDATE

Construction continues on the Elizabethtown Train Station project. To monitor the progress, visit the Borough's website at www.ETOWNONLINE.COM for monthly updates.



OFFICERS AWARDED DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATIONS

Lieutenant Joseph Ditzler, Corporal Gordon Berlin and Detective Clair Martin, along with Officers Timothy Wheale, Michael Lyons, Matthew Shuey and Luann Pearson were presented with Distinguished Unit Citations by the Mayor at the June 17th meeting.



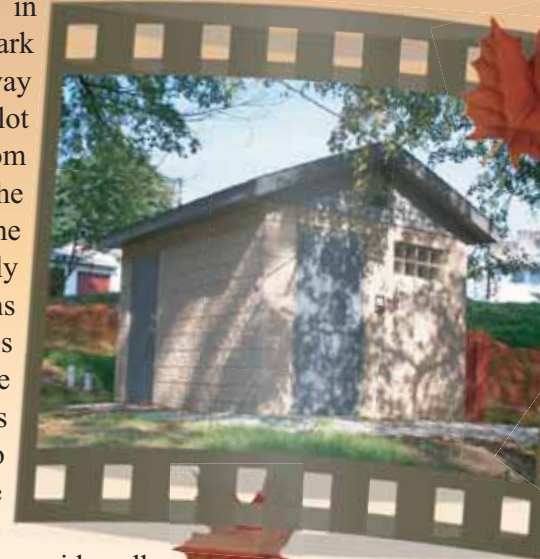
This recognition followed an incident in May involving a barricaded gunman.



Mayor Chuck Mummert, Officer Matthew Shuey, Officer Michael Lyons, Detective Clair Martin, Corporal Gordon Berlin and Chief Jack Mentzer pictured above.

COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The new restroom in Area 5 of Community Park is completed and open to the public during activities and events that occur in that area of the park and the walkway from the parking lot to the new bathroom is in place. Both the walkway and the restroom comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The final phase of this project will be to reconstruct the bridge over the creek and install new sidewalk connecting the bathroom to the bridge. In addition the alley will be signed for pedestrian and bicycle use and a guide rail or other barrier between the alley and play equipment will be installed. The entire project should be completed sometime this fall. It is important to note that this project was made possible in part with funding from a grant through Lancaster County's Urban Enhancement Fund program.



SEWER FLUSHING



Each year the Borough's Public Works crews flush sewer lines in selected areas of town in preparation for the annual paving project. Once flushing is complete, sewer lines are examined via camera to identify areas requiring repairs. While back-ups during the flushing process are not the norm, they occasionally do occur. With the possible exception of an emergency, residents will be notified prior to the flushing exercise, and it is recommended residents take extra precautions such as closing the toilet bowl lid and placing a towel or plastic wrap over the bowl. It is also important for residents to be aware that under the Pennsylvania Governmental Immunity Statute, the Borough has limited legal responsibility for sewer backups. Residents are advised to contact their homeowners or commercial insurance agent to determine if their policy includes sewer or water backups.

PLEASE KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR FOR PEDESTRIANS

Residents are reminded to keep trees and bushes from encroaching on sidewalks and streets adjacent to the property line. Low-hanging branches and shrubs overflowing onto sidewalks and streets can make walking very difficult for pedestrians, especially for those pushing strollers or using wheelchairs. To make sure our streets and sidewalks are safe and walkable, trees and shrubs should be trimmed to a minimum of seven feet above sidewalks and a minimum of 14 feet above roadways. Keeping vegetation under control ensures that sidewalks and streets are safe for everyone.



FALL BACK

On November 7th at 2 A.M. Daylight Savings Time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

2010 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

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

Saturday, January 8, 2011



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, October 9

Saturday, November 13

Saturday, December 11



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 6



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 20, 21 & 22

Week of November 3, 4 & 5

Week of November 17, 18 & 19

Week of December 1, 2 & 3



KRAFT LEAF BAG DISTRIBUTION

Wednesdays, 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

October 6

November 3

December 1

October 13

November 10

October 20

November 17

October 27

November 24

Saturdays, 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

October 9

November 6

October 16

November 13

October 23

November 20

October 30

November 27

For more information check on the Borough's website at www.ETOWNONLINE.COM or call the office at 717-367-1700.

ELIZABETHTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES INVALUABLE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Local fire companies are valuable community assets, and the Elizabethtown Fire Department is no exception. The Department is staffed by over 60 professionally trained volunteer firefighters and fire police members who devote approximately 17,000 man hours every year to training and emergency services. In 2009 the Department responded to over 700 calls making the fire company the second busiest volunteer department in the County. The station is staffed completely by volunteers who willingly give up time with family, friends, and jobs to help protect the residents and businesses they serve.

The Department responds to every type of emergency—structure fires, vehicle accidents, and rescues of people and animals. In addition to covering the entire Borough, its primary service area includes portions of Conewago, Mount Joy and West Donegal Townships. Emergency services are also provided beyond the primary area when necessary under a county-wide mutual aid agreement. In order to provide the quickest response possible (average response time of 4 minutes in the Borough, 6 minutes in the Townships), volunteer members are at the station 24 hours a day, seven days a week with some members living at the station.

The public is always welcome to visit the station to learn more about who the Elizabethtown Fire Department is and what they do, to meet the firefighters, and to see the equipment. The Fire Department also offers free fire prevention and safety training upon request.

The Elizabethtown Fire Department operations and service level depend on the generous donations of residents and businesses. In fact, over 56% of the Department's funding comes from donations and fundraisers. The annual donation and fundraising goal is \$110,000 and support from the community is essential. The Department asks people to please, give generously, and extends a heartfelt thanks to all who support its fundraising efforts throughout the year.



October is Fire Prevention Month!

This year the theme is Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With.

**Trick or Treat
October 29, 2010
6 PM to 8 PM**



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