

Elizabethtown

BOROUGH BULLETIN



MILLSTONE PLAZA COMPLETE

Millstone Plaza at the corner of West Bainbridge and South Market Streets is complete. This passive recreation area sits on the site of a former grist mill and incorporates the old millstones discovered during excavation. Future plans, once additional funding is secured, include adding benches and interpretative plaques depicting the rich history of the site.

PATHWAY PROJECTS

Elizabethtown Borough continues to move forward with pedestrian and bicycle pathway projects with the goal of increasing walkability and alternate means of transportation, supporting economic development opportunities, and enhancing quality of life for residents.

Phase I of the pathway network was completed in the summer of 2011 with grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development and the Lancaster County Urban Enhancement Fund and follows Rose Alley from Market Street to Poplar Street Park.

Phase II of the pathway network, from Conoy Creek at Poplar Street Park to the Train Station is funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program. In addition to the pedestrian and bicycle pathway, the project includes installation and upgrade of stormwater facilities. Work on the stormwater remediation is expected to occur over the winter with installation of the pathway and construction of the bridge across Conoy Creek following in the spring.

The Borough was also fortunate to have been awarded Smart Growth Transportation funding for Phase III of the pathway network which spans the eastern corridor of the Borough from Market Street through Community Park and connecting with to the Elizabethtown Area School District campus. Work is expected to begin on this segment of the pathway in the spring of 2013.

PARKING LOT SIGNS

New public parking signs have been installed at four of the municipal parking lots downtown. The signs, installed by Elizabethtown Borough and with partial sponsorship by Mars Chocolate, each sport a M&M character on top, the M&M color corresponding with the Blue lot on South Market Street, the Red and Green lots on West High Street, and the Yellow lot on East High Street.

BARNABAS HUGHES

On May 4th, Doug Hughes, a direct descendant of Barnabas Hughes, and his wife, Mickie, paid a visit to Elizabethtown to research their ancestors and share recent history of the Hughes family. Borough staff, local residents and historians Patsy and Lloyd Reed, and realtor Charlie Tupper took them on a tour highlighting historic buildings and murals related to the history of Barnabas and Elizabeth Hughes, recognized as the founding family of Elizabethtown. Mr. & Mrs. Hughes also visited the Winters Heritage House Museum to conduct additional ancestor research. In this photo of Doug Hughes posing at the Four Centuries of Elizabethtown History mural (in the municipal parking lot downtown), it is not hard to see the family resemblance along the Hughes family line. The Borough appreciated that Mr. & Mrs. Hughes took time to visit Elizabethtown and their willingness to remain in touch.



Doug Hughes

E-TOWN 2ND FRIDAYS

E-town 2nd Fridays began September 14th and will be held each 2nd Friday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the downtown. Visit Elizabethtown and walk along Market and High Streets and enjoy live music and performers, view local art exhibits at many of the downtown shops and galleries, try samples of local goods, dine at one of Elizabethtown's restaurants and have a great time with friends and family. Visit the www.facebook.com/Etown2ndFridays to learn more.

ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH SPONSORED EVENTS

HOLIDAY PARADE - I'LL BE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Annual Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 8th 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.

LET E-TOWN RING

New Year's Eve Festivities will be held on Monday, December 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Downtown Elizabethtown. The Borough traditionally celebrates New Year's Eve in conjunction with its sister city, Letterkenny, Ireland. Come out for an evening of food, music, and fun, and watch the lowering of the M&M at 7:00 p.m. (midnight Letterkenny time!).

For more information on either event, to become a sponsor, or to enter into the parade contact the Borough Office at 367-1700.

DETECTIVE JOHN EMRICK PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

Detective John Emrick was promoted to the post of Lieutenant with the Elizabethtown Police Department effective September 17, 2012. The move was made in anticipation of Lieutenant Joe Ditzler's retirement planned for later this year. Detective Emrick has been with the Department since 1991 beginning as a Patrol Officer and serving as Detective since 2006. He has been recognized for his work with accident reconstruction and investigation and crossing guard instruction and training. Detective Emrick has earned numerous awards and commendations for his police work that include Commendations of Merit, a Marksmanship Award, Distinguished Unit Citations, Letters of Commendation, and Police Officer of the Year. He serves as an active member of the Borough's Safety Committee and is one of the Department's firearms instructors. We congratulate Detective Emrick on his promotion.



Lieutenant John Emrick

NEWS FROM NORTHWEST EMS

Northwest EMS is available for more than ambulance calls. In addition to standing by in case help is needed at school and community events, Northwest EMS offers educational programs for all ages. To support its operations, tax-deductible subscription notices will be mailed in November. Subscribers are not required to pay any balance not covered by insurance for 911 emergency ambulance calls. In addition, subscription fees collected help fund much-needed equipment and training for Northwest EMS first responders. If you have not received a subscription notice by December 15th, or if you wish to schedule classes or a site visit at your organization/business, call Northwest EMS at 361-8220.

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

This year's theme is Have 2 Ways Out! The Elizabethtown Fire Company encourages everyone to plan two escape routes, practice them and have a designated meeting place outside your home. Smoke detectors should be tested monthly and batteries replaced at least twice a year. Life saving smoke detectors are available to residents that who are unable to afford them. For details, stop by the Fire Department or call 367-5300.

BOROUGH EMPLOYEES TAKE 2ND PLACE!

Members of the Public Works Department competed in a Safety at Work Competition sponsored by the Borough's Workers Compensation Trust on June 21st. Lance Carter tested his precision skills on the backhoe, Jay Jenkins drove a snow plow through an obstacle course, Rick Morton participated in a timed test on appropriate personal protective equipment when using a chain saw, and Dave Hershey took a written test on confined space entry. Dave won first place on the written test and the team placed 2nd overall in the competition. We are very proud of the Borough's employees and congratulate the team on a job well done.

PROCEDURE FOR SEWER BACK-UPS

What should you do if you have backup from your sewer line into your home? Finding the source of the backup is essential to addressing the problem. If you experience a backup, contact the Borough's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for an inspection of the sewer manholes and the public sewer main. Should blockage of the main sewer line be detected, the line will be flushed to correct the problem. If the public sewer main is flowing normally, the problem could be with the property owner's sewer lateral. In this case, the resident may want to call a plumber to address the issue. For more information on sewer backup procedures or to report a backup, please call the WWTP at 367-1585 during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays/Sundays between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. For problems during non-business hours, call the Police Department at 367-6540 and provide your name, address, and telephone number. The WWTP employee on call will get back to you as soon as possible.

HELP EMERGENCY SERVICES FIND YOU

The International Residential Code states that "New and existing buildings shall have approved building identification numbers placed in a position that is plainly visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals and shall be a minimum of 4 inches high." Written numbers are not an approved identification. If you place numbers on a curbside mailbox they must be 4 inch numbers displayed on both sides. If the dwelling is an apartment or suite, each unit shall also be indicated in one inch numbers to include the word Apt. or Suite. This part of the Code is to benefit the home owner or tenant(s) if emergency services are needed. There is a minimum fine of \$100 for failure to display the address as described. Be safe - be visible.

FALL BACK!

Daylight-Saving Time ends Sunday, November 4, 2012. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before going to bed!



Pictured left to right: Jay Jenkins, Dave Hershey, Rick Morton, Lance Carter, and Jeff Kinsey

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.

Tags for additional containers 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.

Beginning January 2013, Covered devices (televisions, computers monitors, keyboards, printers, etc.) will not be collected curbside. The County offers free disposal of household hazardous waste. Visit their website at www.lcswma.org/lcswma_facilities_hhw.html.

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will hold a Blood Drive at the Elizabethtown Borough Office on December 3rd from 12:00 noon 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.

2012 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.

October 13

November 10

December 8

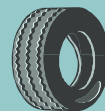
WHITE GOODS & TIRES

*Curbside Collection on **November 3rd**.*

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 24, 25 & 26

November 7, 8 & 9

November 14, 15 & 16

November 28, 29 & 30

*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 10

November 7

October 17

November 14

October 24

November 21

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

October 13

November 10

October 20

November 17

November 24



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

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

January 5, 2013

CHECK THE WEBSITE, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Be sure to check the website (www.ETOWNONLINE.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.

Trick or Treat
October 31, 2012
6 PM to 8 PM



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