

# Elizabethtown

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BOROUGH BULLETIN

## BOROUGH EMPLOYEES REACH MILESTONES

Two Borough employees celebrate important employment anniversaries in 2014. As of September 21st Jill Risser, Secretary in the Police Department, has been with the Borough for 25 years, and Denny Bair, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, will reach his 30th anniversary on November 12th. We congratulate both Jill and Denny on reaching these milestones and thank them for their dedication, hard work, and years of service to the community.

Denny Bair (L) and Jill Risser (R)



## SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

The first phase of improvements at the Borough's softball field were completed during a brief window over the summer. Player dugouts were demolished, a retaining wall was constructed, and player benches, electric conduit, stormwater facilities in the infield, a new backstop and protective fencing were installed. Phase II will begin in the fall once the playing season ends and will entail completion of the stormwater facilities and improving the mixture/grading of the infield. The completely renovated field will be ready for play at the start of the spring 2015 season.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Opportunities to serve on the Borough's Boards and Commissions are available for residents interested in giving back to the community. At this time applicants are being sought to fill an alternate voting position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Anyone interested in this position or in serving in another capacity is asked to contact the Borough Office at 367-1700 or [boro@etownonline.com](mailto:boro@etownonline.com). (All members of Boards and Commissions must be Elizabethtown Borough residents.)



## MILLSTONE PLAZA HISTORICAL PLAQUES

Two historical plaques installed at Millstone Plaza were unveiled during a small ceremony on April 17, 2014. Jeff Kinsey, the Borough's Assistant Public Works Director, and his father, Robert, were responsible for the majority of research, and Jeff developed the layout depicting the history of the property. Drawings showing workings of a typical mill were developed by Patsy Kline. We thank these dedicated people for their donation of time and talent for the betterment of the community.

## PARK POLICY UPDATED

Now that the pathway network is steadily expanding and work is projected to move forward with improvements in Community Park next summer, Borough Council took steps to update and formalize policies for the use of its park facilities. The projected increase in use once these facilities are complete called for a proactive approach providing guidelines for staff managing the facilities as well as residents using them. Some of the updates to the policy include a prohibition of alcohol and illegal drugs; allowing only service animals on park property, unless prior written approval is granted by the Borough; clarification of liability insurance requirements; rules outlining sale of concessions within the park system; prohibition of smoking in certain areas; and a weapons policy that aligns with State and Federal legislation. Park policies are posted on the Borough's website.

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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EACC INITIATIVE LERTA APPROVED FOR BOROUGH BUILDINGS

On August 13th the Lancaster County Commissioners unanimously approved the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Act for three buildings located in downtown Elizabethtown (18 North Market Street; 28 South Market Street; and 206 South Market Street). The Elizabethtown Borough and the Elizabethtown Area School District also unanimously approved the LERTA Act for the same three buildings earlier this summer.

This is the second time EACC proposed and advocated for approval of a LERTA Act. The first time was within EACC's efforts to attract Nordstrom's distribution center. Both LERTA proposals were successfully approved and contribute to the sustainable economic development of the Elizabethtown area.

Renovations and additions in the three Market Street buildings will be tax-exempt under the LERTA Act. At the Lancaster County Commissioner's August Work Session, EACC's Executive Director, Ramon Escudero explained the benefits and impact of this economic development tool in the Elizabethtown Area. According to Escudero, "The approval of this particular LERTA Act will encourage the needed investment and ignite the revitalization of downtown Elizabethtown."

Lancaster County Commissioners acknowledged and congratulated EACC for its instrumental role in positioning the Elizabethtown area in Lancaster County's economic development arena. "You can see the results of the work you have been doing in the new businesses in downtown Elizabethtown as well as in other areas within the Elizabethtown community," Commissioner Scott Martin said.

Escudero also mentioned that he expects to continue working together with the Lancaster County government, municipalities within the Elizabethtown area, and the Elizabethtown Area School District for the economic development of the Elizabethtown area which includes Conoy, Mount Joy, and West Donegal Townships and the Elizabethtown Borough.

For more information about this LERTA Act, contact EACC's office at 361-7188 or [recudero@elizabethtowncoc.com](mailto:recudero@elizabethtowncoc.com).

## FORMER FREIGHT STATION STORYBOARD

Thanks to the generosity of Penn DOT and input from local historical groups, the former freight station building has been memorialized with a plaque on a pier at the overflow parking lot at the train station, the site on which the building once sat. In addition, an interpretative storyboard highlighting the station and its history has been installed inside the train station lobby. For more information visit <http://planthekeystone.com/elizabethtown.html>.



## Annual HOLIDAY PARADE

### *HOLIDAY PARADE - A STORYBOOK HOLIDAY*

This year's Annual Holiday Parade, themed A Storybook Holiday, will be held on Saturday, November 22nd (inclement weather date Sunday, December 7th—5:00 p.m.) and will begin 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. For more information, or to enter the parade this year, contact the Borough Office at 367-1700 or email [rhorton@etownonline.com](mailto:rhorton@etownonline.com).

**Have A Heart**  
**Help Us Help Others**

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will hold a Blood Drive at the Elizabethtown Borough Office on Monday, December 15th from 12:00—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.

### FALL BACK

Daylight-Saving Time ends Sunday, November 2nd. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed!

## ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

### Key Dates to Note

October 4-7	Fall Break
October 6-7	No Classes for Students
October 18	Homecoming/Family Weekend
November 27-30	Thanksgiving Break (College closed)
December 24-January 5	Holiday Break (College closed)
March 2-6	Spring Break for Students
May 15	Baccalaureate and Reflections by the Lake - Evening event held at Leffler Chapel with outdoor music
May 16	Commencement 11:00 a.m. in the Dell

Visit [www.etown.edu](http://www.etown.edu) for more information.

## EAWA UPDATES

Check out EAWA's new and improved website at [www.etown-water.com](http://www.etown-water.com) for special announcements, meeting dates/agendas, rates, to pay your bill (convenience fee applies), for frequently asked questions, and more. EAWA's office is located at 211 West Hummelstown Street, Elizabethtown. Should you need to contact EAWA, please call 367-7448 Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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, have enabled the Elizabethtown Fire Department to continue its "Smoke Detector Life Safety Initiative." This program allows the Fire Department to make life-saving smoke detectors available to residents of the community that would otherwise be unable to afford them. Any resident of the greater Elizabethtown area in need of smoke detectors (or new working batteries) that cannot afford them or is physically unable to install them can stop by the Fire Department or call 367-5300.

Please consider supporting the Elizabethtown Fire Department by making a financial contribution to its annual fund drive. The Department is staffed 100% by volunteers and depends on donations from the community to meet operational expenses. Visit [www.etownfire.com](http://www.etownfire.com) for more information.

## NWEMS UPDATES

### Subscription Announcement:

Annual ambulance subscription notices will be mailed to area residents in November. The tax-deductible subscription fee of \$75/families, \$60/couples and \$45/singles is unchanged from last year (Northwest EMS is a non-profit organization that does not receive direct tax dollars from local municipalities). Benefits of purchasing a subscription include a full or partial waiver of the balance on your ambulance bill following receipt of reimbursement from your insurance company, and no charge for up to 25 miles of travel each way for wheelchair van services. Your subscription and donations benefit the entire community, since these funds help pay for education and equipment. If you have not received a subscription notice by December 15th, please call 361-8220 ext. 4, to request one.

## FREE CPR CLASSES

Free "Hands Only" CPR classes are popular and Northwest EMS continues to offer them one Sunday a month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at its headquarters at 380 West Bainbridge Street, Elizabethtown. NWEMS also provides CPR classes for youth organizations, businesses and churches. For the date of the next free CPR class, to schedule an ambulance visit for your school, or to schedule a CPR class taught at your location, call 361-8220 ext. 1.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT

October 31st  
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.



## IMPORTANT RECYCLING LINKS

- Fluorescent bulbs:  
[http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma\\_special\\_waste.html](http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma_special_waste.html)
- Cell phones, chargers, PDA's, digital cameras:  
<http://thewirelessalliance.com/>
- Ink jet cartridges, MP3 players, cameras:  
<http://www.fundingfactory.com/>
- Various discarded packaging:  
<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>
- Shoes:  
<http://www.nikereuseashoe.com>  
<https://www.shoebboxrecycling.com/>
- Christmas lights:  
[http://www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program\\_c\\_210.html](http://www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program_c_210.html)
- Computers and peripherals, printers and fax machines:  
[www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com)

## CURBSIDE TRASH & RECYCLING

Residents may put out one 32-gallon container weighing less than 40 pounds per week on their designated collection day, one large item that does not fit into a 32-gallon container, and commingled recycling. Cardboard is also accepted at the curb and will be picked up on your regular trash day so long as it is flattened and easy for the loaders to handle. If flattened cardboard will not fit in your recycling container, it may be bundled and placed at the curb beside your recycling container. Shredded paper is accepted either in a recycling bin or in clear plastic bags. Please note that no other recyclable items in plastic bags will be collected.

Recycling bins are no longer available at the Borough Office, but you can stop by weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to pick up free 8" recycling symbol stickers. You can continue to use your green bin, or use any plastic container with a recycling sticker attached, even a full size trash can with a lid if you choose. While collection of recycling material is unlimited, please keep in mind that recycling bins, when full, should not exceed 40 pounds.

Extra service tags for trash collection beyond the one permitted container may be purchased for \$2 each at the Borough Office and local stores. Attach the sticker to the extra bag or, 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 not 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).

## WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

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

## 2014 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

### WOODY WASTE AND 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, but do NOT place in Kraft leaf bags. Please keep bundles or containers less than 40 pounds in weight. Branches in bundles up to 20" in diameter will be accepted.*

**October 11**  
**November 8**  
**December 13**

### WHITE GOODS & TIRES

*Curbside Collection on **November 1st.***

*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 22, 23 & 24      November 19, 20 & 21**  
**November 5, 6 & 7      December 3, 4 & 5**



*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 8, 15, & 22**  
**November 5, 12, & 19**  
**December 3**

**SATURDAYS, 8 A.M. - 10 A.M.**  
**October 11 & 18**  
**November 1, 8, 15 & 22**



**CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION**  
**Saturday, January 10, 2015**

### BOROUGH 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.



## SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

According to Borough ordinance, after any snow emergency is declared and at any time during the continuance of the emergency, it shall be unlawful for anyone to drive a vehicle (unless it is equipped with snow tires or chains) or park a vehicle 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.

## SEWER BACKUP ADVICE

Sewer backups, while not the norm, do on occasion occur with unexpected blockages of sewer laterals or the sewer main. If you experience a backup, contact either the WWTP (367-1585) during regular business hours or the Police Department (367-1835) for after-hour emergencies. In response, the Wastewater Department will inspect to determine the reason for the backup and address the issue if located in the sewer main. The Wastewater Department cameras sewer mains and conducts flushing of the sewer lines as a preventative measure. However, there are many factors that can lead to a sewer line blockage. When the situation permits, residents will be notified in advance with instructions for precautionary measures to take when Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) personnel are planning to flush sewer lines. It is 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 make sure adequate coverage is in place for sewer or water backups. Some policies do not automatically cover these backups and the Borough recommends you purchase an adequate level of this valuable coverage.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Susan Martin, Executive Director of the Lancaster County SPCA reports that in 2013 alone over 2,000 cats were surrendered, 950 of which were humanely euthanized, and the trend is continuing. Feral cats are responsible for more than 80% of litters produced each year, and if a tom cat is removed from a colony, another will simply move in to take its place.

The LCSPCA currently receives about 50 cats each day and the organization does its best to find homes for adoptable animals free from sickness and disease. According to Martin, "If there is a feral cat population in a neighborhood, there is a food source keeping them there. Well-meaning people often feed community cats but fail to take the next step to have them neutered." Martin explained that the most effective way to deal with a feral cat problem is through the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. The LCSPCA offers a low-cost (\$30) TNR program to the public which is also a more cost-effective option than paying the organization's \$45 surrender fee. Under TNR feral cats are humanely trapped, taken to a clinic to be neutered and vaccinated, and then returned to the area from which they were taken. While no program is 100% perfect, TNR has proven to stabilize population numbers by preventing many litters from being born. Returning a neutered tom to the colony also keeps new cats from moving in and continuing the breeding pattern.

Food left out for cats has also been known to draw opossums and skunks. Skunks cohabitate easily with a feral cat population and will remain wherever an easily accessible food source exists. Options to address skunk problems are limited. According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, it is illegal for residents to kill skunks. Residents may trap a skunk only if it is on their own property. The Commission has traps that can be checked out, or Have a Heart traps are available at Brandt's Farm Supply for \$53. To decrease the likelihood of being sprayed, the Commission recommends placing a towel over the cage for 30 minutes. Once trapped, the skunk must be taken to state game lands (not a state park) and released. If this is not feasible, arrangements can be made with a licensed animal control operator to trap and euthanize the animal. Fees range from \$200 to \$400 for this service and covers setting a trap for one skunk, or a family of small skunks, and a follow-up visit.

Education is key to stopping people from feeding feral cats and skunks. Outside feeding should cease, and care should be taken to place garbage in secure containers to discourage unwanted scavenging by these wild animals. Residents are encouraged to work with neighbors to educate each other on the connections between feeding, trash, and nuisance animals.

For help with feral cats, the following organizations can offer assistance and guidance:

- Lancaster County Cat Rescue (399-5449; [www.lccr-pa.org](http://www.lccr-pa.org))
- Pet Pantry of Lancaster County (983-8878; [www.petpantryoflc.org](http://www.petpantryoflc.org))
- Helping Hands for Animals (687-7297; [www.lancastercares.org](http://www.lancastercares.org))

For help with skunks, visit the Game Commission's website at <http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/> and click the Self-Help link, "Your Property and Wildlife."

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**Trick or Treat**  
**October 31, 2014**  
**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.

