

Elizabethtown

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BOROUGH BULLETIN

PATHWAY UPDATE

The gate system at the top of the steps on the eastern side of the bridge across Conoy Creek is expected to be installed by the middle of October making the western corridor of the pathway network complete and fully open for use. The gates are a necessary safety feature to prevent small children and bikers from inadvertently riding down over the steps. The pathway is a popular destination, evidenced by the increasing number of people seen making their way on bikes and on foot between the train station and downtown Elizabethtown.

With this important link complete, focus now turns to Phases III and IV which traverse the eastern corridor between Market Street and the School District with improvements to Community Park along the way. Penn DOT released the project for bid in late summer, and it is expected that the Notice to Proceed will be issued in December. As winter is not an optimal time for constructing pathways, work will immediately be suspended until April 1, 2016 when the project will get underway in earnest. It is expected that construction will occur over the spring and summer, working around school closing/opening and annual community events in the park, with the final completion date prior to the end of 2016.



NEW PATROL OFFICERS

The Elizabethtown Police Department hired three new patrol officers in July to fill vacancies created by retiring officers.

- Jacob Kadilak grew up in Lancaster, PA and graduated from Hempfield High School. He has an Associate's Degree from YTI and is a pre-service cadet graduate from Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy. Jacob is a Marine Corps veteran having served our country from 2006 to 2010.



Shown left to right: Gregory Riehl, Jesse Mancuso, and Jacob Kadilak.

- Jesse Mancuso hails from Narvon, PA and is a graduate of Garden Spot High School. Jesse is a pre-service cadet graduate from the Reading Police Academy and currently serves as a Cavalry Scout in the PA Army National Guard.
- Gregory Riehl is from Manheim, PA and graduated from Commonwealth Connections Academy in Harrisburg. Greg is a pre-service cadet graduate from the Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy.

The Officers of the Elizabethtown Police Department welcome Jacob, Jesse and Greg to the Department and look forward to their future development as Patrolmen serving the citizens of Elizabethtown.

BOROUGH COUNCIL ADOPTS GUIDING PRIORITIES

At its August 20, 2015 meeting Borough Council adopted guiding priorities for a refocus on downtown Elizabethtown and the community in general. Four priorities were identified: Strong Business; Beautiful, Safe Spaces; Interactive Community; and Celebrate Elizabethtown. Elizabethtown is an engaged community supported by bustling businesses, walkable/bikeable places, and safe open spaces for residents and guests to share enjoyable experiences, and this document is intended to help keep the focus on these strengths in the community. A full version of the document, including planned action items, is available on the Borough's Facebook page.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library has partnered with 3M Cogent to provide fingerprinting services for FBI clearances. Fingerprinting is available during normal Library operating hours. Stop by or call the Library (367-7467) for more information or get started at www.pa.cogentid.com.

After months of repairs following severe water damage we are happy to announce Elizabethtown Coffee Company is open again!

Visit the Library on October 9 and 10 when the Friends host their paperback book sale and the Craft Show with a Small Business Flair is going on throughout the Library. Back again for the 2015 holiday season are the Train Guys' Train Display and Miracle on Market Street. Visit the website (www.ETownPublicLibrary.org) for more information. Proceeds from these endeavors support Library operations!

The ExtraOrdinary Give is back again this year. We give thanks to Lancaster County Community Foundation, Rodgers & Associates and the many sponsors who make this event possible. Please mark your calendar for Friday, November 20th and join us for some exciting community activities on that day. If you can't join us in person, please support the Library online at www.extragive.org.



CHAMBER NEWS

Bus Service Extended 3 Miles between Elizabethtown Borough and West Donegal Township

The South Central Transit Authority (SCTA), formed by the merger of the Red Rose Transit Authority and the Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority, approved a transportation initiative last June led by the Elizabethtown Area Chamber of Commerce (EACC) which in late August added approximately 3 miles of bus service to the Elizabethtown Area.

This effort was a direct result of coordination between State Representative Dave Hickernell and EACC to expand public bus service in the Elizabethtown area to the Conewago Industrial Park in West Donegal Township. The extended route will benefit residents of the Elizabethtown community, especially people working at the Industrial Park. With the opening of the Nordstrom East Coast Fulfillment Center, the number of people traveling to that location has increased dramatically over the last months. This trend is expected to continue, considering Nordstrom's plans to employ 1,000 people in the near future. Prior to the extended service, the last bus stop in Elizabethtown was the Amtrak train station located at 50 South Wilson Avenue.



Downtown Manager Rebecca Denlinger

EACC would like to thank Representative Hickernell for his support for this transportation initiative. "At EACC, we look forward to more community successes coming from our partnerships with government agencies and state representatives in our economic development work," said Ramon Escudero, Executive Director at EACC.

Welcome New Downtown Manager!

The Elizabethtown Area Chamber of Commerce (EACC) is excited to announce the hiring of Rebecca Denlinger as the new Downtown Manager. "We received several applications for this position, all of them with experience and diverse skills. Rebecca is a great match for what we need. She brings extensive experience working on community and economic development and assisting boroughs in Lancaster County with their economic development efforts," said Ramon Escudero, Executive Director at EACC.

Annual HOLIDAY PARADE

HOLIDAY PARADE - A BEARY SPECIAL HOLIDAY

This year's Annual Holiday Parade, themed A Beary Special Holiday, will be held on Saturday, November 21st (inclement weather date Sunday, December 6th) 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 cfoster@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 Tuesday, 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 1st. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed!

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

Key Dates to Note

October 2-6	Fall Break
October 6-7	No Classes for Students
October 16-18	Homecoming/Family Weekend
October 24	Into the Streets
November 26-29	Thanksgiving Break (College closed)
December 23-January 3	Holiday Break (College closed)
February 26-March 6	Spring Break for Students
April 19	Scholarship Day
May 13	Baccalaureate
May 14	Commencement

Visit www.etown.edu for more information.

EAWA UPDATES

Customers can now pay water bills automatically by signing up for recurring payments from a checking or savings account with no service fee.

EAWA has implemented a new policy requiring each individual unit to have a separate water service lateral connection. If you share a water service with your neighbor and would like more information about this program, contact EAWA at 367-7448.

Conserve water and save on your water bill by purchasing a rain barrel from EAWA in 2016.

ELIZABETHTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Are your house numbers clearly visible from the street? Will the Fire Department, Police and/or ambulance service be able to find you in an emergency? To assist first responders and put your mind at ease, the Elizabethtown Fire Department is offering a reflective sign program for Borough residents. These blue or green signs can be mounted vertically or horizontally and are available for \$20 each. To receive an order sheet, e-mail the Fire Department at 911signs@etownfire.com.



NWEMS UPDATES

Northwest Emergency Management Services (NWEMS) Annual ambulance subscription notices will be mailed to area residents in November. By sending in your tax-deductible subscription fee you become eligible for a waiver on the balance of your ambulance bill following receipt of reimbursement from your insurance company. An emergency ambulance response costs more than \$1,000 so the savings can be significant. If your insurance company applies the bill to the deductible and does not reimburse NWEMS, the bill will be discounted by 50% turning a \$1,000 bill into \$500. In addition, your subscription and donations benefit the entire community since these funds help pay for medical equipment and training programs for the non-profit ambulance company. If you have not received a subscription notice by December 15th, please call 361-8220 ext. 4, to request one.

STREET LIGHT OUT?

Residents can report dark street lights by calling PPL at 1-800-DIAL-PPL. Please have the pole number (located on the pole) ready when you call.

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 30th
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Borough Office will be closed November 26 - 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



IMPORTANT RECYCLING LINKS

- Fluorescent bulbs:
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.terracecycle.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
- Computers and peripherals, printers and fax machines:
www.Earth911.com

CURBSIDE TRASH & RECYCLING

Residents may put out one 32-gallon container weighing less than 30 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 30 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.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

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

2015 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 30 pounds in weight. Branches in bundles up to 20" in diameter will be accepted.

October 10

November 14

December 12

WHITE GOODS & TIRES

Curbside Collection on **November 7th**.

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 21, 22 & 23

November 18, 19 & 20

November 4, 5 & 6

December 2, 3 & 4

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 7, 14, & 21

November 4, 11, & 18

December 2

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

October 10, 17 & 24

November 7, 14 & 21



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Saturday, January 9, 2016

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 BACKUPS

Sewer back-ups cost the Borough and homeowners thousands of dollars each year. Fats, oils and grease poured down the drain can harden, or solidify, causing clumps which stick to the sides of pipes in the sewage collection system. When these clumps occur, the end result is often a back-up in the sewer main or the lateral which can result in costly repairs, both for the homeowner and the Borough. To help avoid these situations, be sure to follow these recommendations:

1. Do not pour oil, grease or fats down the drain.
2. Soak up grease after frying with paper towels and put in the trash.
3. Pour larger amounts of grease into a container with a lid. Refrigerate to harden, then place in the trash.
4. Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Put food scraps in the garbage.
5. Never pour motor oil down the drain—this is illegal!

With your help the Borough's collection system and Wastewater Treatment Plant will run more efficiently, back-ups will be reduced, and expensive repair costs can be avoided.

MS4 - WHAT IS ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Non-stormwater related discharges often occur when illegal connections are made to the storm drain system from residential dwelling units, businesses or commercial establishments. Other sources of illicit discharge include intentional dumping of any material in storm drains. Illicit discharge results in contaminated liquid or materials entering the storm drains or directly entering local waterways before being treated. Individuals or establishments conducting illicit discharge practices are subject to enforcement measures that include criminal and civil penalties. Please call the Borough Office at 367-1700 if you have questions, would like more information, or to report possible illicit discharge actions or activities.




SIDEWALK CHATTER

As we approach the inclement weather season, please be advised that Borough residents have twelve (12) hours following a weather event to clear sidewalks of snow and/or ice, including that portion of the sidewalk leading to a public crosswalk. Borough ordinance prohibits blowing or shoveling snow and/or ice from a private driveway, property or sidewalk into a street, alley or any public right-of-way. Sidewalks abutting your property must be cleared to at least 30 inches in width. In the event you are unable to remove ice from the sidewalk, abrasive material (cat litter, sand and/or salt) must be placed over icy portions of the sidewalk. If you plan to leave town for any period of time, please arrange to have your sidewalks cleared should a weather event occur while you are away. Failure to remove snow and/or ice from your sidewalk will result in enforcement measures.



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Trick or Treat
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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.