

# Elizabethtown

## BOROUGH BULLETIN

FALL/WINTER  
2016-2017

Borough Council recognized **Police Chief Jack Mentzer** at its August 18th meeting for 35 years of service with the department. Mentzer was hired in 1981 as a part-time officer and worked his way to appointment as Chief in 2005. He has been recognized for outstanding service over 25 times throughout his career, including a Life-Saving Commendation for saving a person's life by administering CPR; a Commendation of Valor, the department's highest award, for entering and assisting people out of a burning building, saving the lives of the occupants; and a Commendation of Merit for his role in a barricaded gunman situation. Mentzer retired from the Pennsylvania Air Guard in 2006 after 20 years of service and is a member of the Conoy Brethren in Christ Church and a Life Member of the VFW and the Air Force Association. He and Jen, his wife of more than 21 years, have three children—Cody, Collene and Chad. Borough Council and staff extend sincere thanks and appreciation for Chief Mentzer's dedication to the community and congratulate him upon reaching this milestone.



COUNCIL PRES. M. HERSHEY, J. MENTZER, CHIEF JACK MENTZER, & MAYOR C. MUMMERT

### PATHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

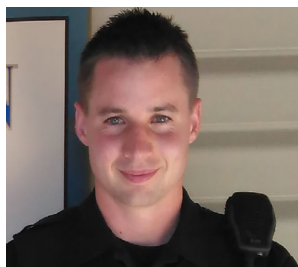
Progress continues on expansion of the pedestrian and bicycle pathway network. Phases I and II, the connection between Market Street and the train station, are complete and open to the public. Construction on Phases III and IV has begun to extend the path from Market Street east through Community Park to the school district campus at School Lane. Improvements at the park will also include upgraded play equipment, pathway enhancements for ADA access, and installation of a volleyball court. The project was bid and a contract

awarded to Jay Fulkroad & Sons over the summer. The construction project is funded with approximately \$700,000 in awarded grant funds. In addition, following a bequest to the Borough for this purpose, plans for renovating or constructing a new amphitheater are being considered. The American Legion also plans improvements to the memorial wall in the park including replacing the memorial stone, planting fresh vegetation, and adding pavers.

### NEW PATROL OFFICERS

The Elizabethtown Police Department hired two new patrol officers in June, both of whom have received Act 120 police training and graduated from a branch of the Police Academy.

**Officer Blake Innocent** is a graduate of Penn State University and Northern Lebanon High School. Prior to accepting the position with the Borough he was employed by the Hummelstown Police Department.



OFFICER B. INNOCENT

**Officer Alexander Reed** is a graduate of Coatesville Area Senior High School and Kutztown State University. He joins the Department with previous police experience at Lincoln University Department of Public Safety.

The Officers of the Elizabethtown Police Department welcome Officers Innocent and Reed to the Department and look forward to their future service to the citizens of Elizabethtown.



OFFICER A. REED

Did you know that you can be Chesapeake Bay-friendly in Elizabethtown?

**1. Did you know that doing something simple as planting an evergreen helps with stormwater runoff?** The leafy areas of the tree intercepts rainfall.

**2. Did you know that you can reuse the captured water for indoor plants or plants shielded from the rain?** Cisterns and rain barrels can help reduce stormwater runoff.

**3. Did you know that reducing or eliminating fertilizer will reduce pollution from entering waterways and, subsequently, the Bay?**

When excess fertilizer is placed on your lawn and it subsequently rains, there is a significant chance fertilizer will enter a storm drain carrying untreated runoff to a waterway.

**4. Did you know the best defense against stormwater runoff is grass or plant cover?** Any bare spots or eroding areas should be reseeded. Also, it is important to keep all grass clippings and mulch away from storm drains and out of the street.

**5. Did you know that it is a good practice to run over leaves with your mower?** You can mulch them into smaller fragments which will decompose.



## **Elizabethtown College Library presents:** **First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare**

This fall, Elizabethtown College and High Library are proud to present the exhibition First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare. This nationally touring exhibit comes to Elizabethtown courtesy of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D. C., in honor of 400 years since William Shakespeare's death. The exhibit runs November 10—December 4 (closed November 23-27) in the High Library and will feature an original copy of Shakespeare's First Folio, published in 1623. Considered one of the most influential books in the world, the First Folio includes 36

of Shakespeare's plays, 18 of which had never before been printed. Without the First Folio's publication, plays such as Macbeth, Julius Caesar, Twelfth Night, The Tempest, As You Like It, might have been lost forever. Elizabethtown College will be offering educational programs and related events for the public and families in conjunction with the exhibit. In addition the library will be hosting Will's Words: A Shakespeare Art & Design Exhibit with works by Elizabethtown College students.

(Visit <http://www.etown.edu/library/firstfolio/events.aspx> for a complete listing of events.)

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**

October 5-9 .....Fall break  
October 15 .....Homecoming  
November 24-27 .....Thanksgiving break  
December 17 2016 -January 16 2017.....Holiday break  
March 6-12 .....Spring break  
April 13-17 .....Easter break  
May 20 .....Commencement

(Visit <http://www.etown.edu/newsandevents/> for a listing of all cultural events on campus for the fall semester.)



The Elizabethtown Police Department would like to remind all drivers to obey state laws regarding pedestrians in crosswalks. Pedestrians in a crosswalk, including those who have just stepped off the curb, always have the right-of-way and drivers must stop and allow them to cross. If you see someone standing on the curb waiting to enter a crosswalk, do the courteous thing: stop and let them cross safely. Also, it is extremely important that drivers be very aware of children in areas near schools. Please take precautions to allow them to cross safely.



## **ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WATER AUTHORITY (EAWA)**

Keep an eye on EAWA's website ([www.etown-water.com](http://www.etown-water.com)) for more information on events for 2017, including the rain barrel sale and rain garden seminar! Contact EAWA at 717-367-7448 for questions.

## **NORTHWEST EMS**

Northwest EMS will be mailing the annual ambulance membership notices to area residents in November. What's the benefit of sending in your membership fee? Northwest EMS will waive the balance of a bill after insurance reimbursement. If your insurance company sends the check to you, please mail or bring it to the station at 380 West Bainbridge Street. An emergency ambulance response costs more than \$1,000 so the savings can be significant. If an insurance company applies the bill to your deductible and does not reimburse Northwest EMS, the bill will be discounted 50% turning a \$1,000 bill into \$500. In addition, membership fees are tax-deductible and support the purchase of medical equipment and training programs for the non-profit ambulance company. If you do not receive a subscription form by December 15, please call 361-8220, ext. 4, and request one.

Free "Hands Only" CPR classes are held once a month at the Northwest EMS headquarters, 380 West Bainbridge St., Elizabethtown. Expanded CPR classes leading to certification for youth organizations, businesses and churches are also available. For more information on CPR classes or to schedule an ambulance to visit your school for a demonstration, call Northwest EMS at 361-8220, ext. 1.



## **SAY NO TO LITTERING!**

Littering laws play an important role in helping maintain the quality of life residents enjoy in Elizabethtown. Section 6501 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code makes it illegal for any person to cause any waste paper, sweepings, ashes, household waste, glass, metal, refuse or rubbish to be deposited into or upon any road, street, highway, alley or railroad right-of-way, or upon land of another or into the waters of this Commonwealth. While violating the littering law is punishable with a fine up to \$300 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense, a person may also be sentenced for second or subsequent offenses to perform community service for a period not to exceed one year. Please do your part and refrain from littering to help keep Elizabethtown beautiful.



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## **OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!**

This year's Fire Prevention Month campaign slogan is "Don't Wait—Check the Date!" Replace smoke alarms every 10 years." Survey data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) shows that there are many misconceptions about smoke alarms that may put people at an increased risk should a fire occur at their homes. The key messages of this year's campaign are:

1. Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
2. Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
3. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back and plan to replace it 10 years from that date. ([www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org))

The fire department has smoke detectors that are available free of charge. Contact the station at 717-367-5300 for more information.

### **Memberships Needed!**

The fire company is always looking to expand its member base. Not only are we looking for firefighters, we also need administrative support to help with fundraising and other station duties. If you are interested in helping with this important mission, please contact us at [recruitment@etownfire.com](mailto:recruitment@etownfire.com) for more information.

## **BOROUGH ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS & E-CHECKS; eBILLING NOW AVAILABLE!**

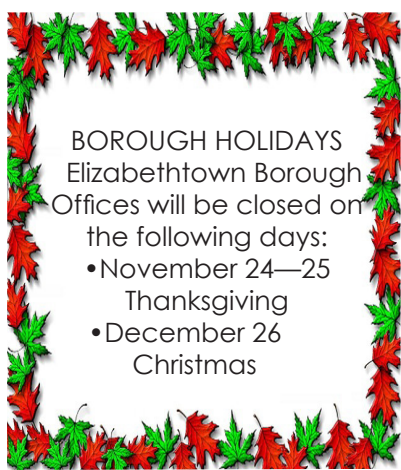
Credit cards and e-checks are accepted online and in person at the Borough Office for utility payments and eBilling (emailed invoices) has been added as a new service this year. Visit the website ([www.etownonline.com](http://www.etownonline.com)) or call the Borough Office at 367-1700 for more information.



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## **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 can be dangerous during snow plowing. Please help us by keeping these items out of 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.*

# **2016 RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

## **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 in weight.

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. For more information visit their website at

[www.lcswma.org/lcswma\\_facilities\\_hhw.html](http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma_facilities_hhw.html).

## **White Goods & Tires**

Curbside Collection November 5. A white good or tire extra service tag is required for each item - \$15 for white good/appliance and \$3 per tire. Tags sold at the Borough Office only—Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

## **Holiday Collection Schedule**

If a holiday should fall on your regular collection day, your pick-up moves to Friday of that week. Collection for the day falling on the holiday is the only day that will be affected—no other change in collection that week will occur. The only day affected in 2016 is Thursday, November 24th (collected Friday, November 25th). In 2017, the only two days affected will be Tuesday, July 4th (collected Friday, July 7th) and Thursday, November 23rd (collected Friday, November 24th).

TRICK-OR-TREAT

October 31st

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

## **Soft and Woody Yard Waste**

Curbside collection every other week on the same day as trash and recycling collection. Soft and woody yard waste may be combined and placed in a container/can of your choice. As with recycling stickers, free yard waste stickers are also available at the Borough Office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Branches should be tied with string in bundles less than 4' in length and up to 20" in diameter and set at the curb or placed in a can or other non-disposable container. Please keep in mind that bundles or containers should weigh no more than 30 pounds. Kraft bags are designated for collection of leaves only, not soft or woody yard waste.

Yard Waste Collection Dates:

October 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27

November 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 25

December 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22

January 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 31, 2017

**Please note—there will not be a separate Christmas Tree collection going forward. Simply remove all bags, tinsel and decorations before placing the tree curbside for pick up on one of your regular yard waste collection dates.**

## **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 18, 19, 20      November 15, 16, 17

November 1, 2, 3      November 29, 30, December 1

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 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, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 5, 12, 19

November 2, 9, 16, 30

SATURDAYS, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

October 8, 15, 22

November 5, 12, 19

Visit the Trash & Recycling Department tab on the Borough's website for more information and important dates for the remainder of 2016/2017.



## **FALL BACK!**

Daylight-Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed! (This is also a great time to check your smoke detector batteries.)

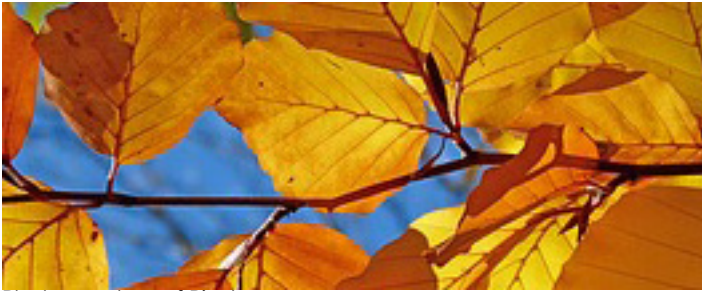


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## **SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES**

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**

## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE**

This year's Annual Holiday Parade, themed Colors of the Season, will be held on Saturday, November 19th (inclement weather date Sunday, December 4th) 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 visit the Borough's website *Photo courtesy of Alan Foster* ([www.etownonline.com](http://www.etownonline.com)) and click on the Special Events tab. \*Please note, Santa will disembark the parade route at Center Square and take up residence in his castle for a short while before moving to the library for story time.



- **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, with a SWIFT911 call, and postings on the Borough's website and Facebook page.

## **NONCOMPLIANT VEHICLES**

The Borough's Code of Ordinances requires that all vehicles be up-to-date with registration and inspection. No unregistered and/or uninspected motor vehicle may be parked on any property for a period in excess of ninety (90) days. The clock starts ticking the day the registration and/or vehicle inspection sticker becomes void. Also, no vehicle is allowed to be in a state of disrepair or disassembly, which includes being stripped or dismantled. Such work is to be performed inside a structure such as a garage or a similarly approved enclosure. Please contact the zoning/codes department should you have questions or concerns.

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## **BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED**

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will hold a Blood Drive at the Elizabethtown Borough Office on Wednesday, December 12th 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.

## **CHECK THE WEBSITE—FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**

The Borough revamped its website this year for a more user friendly experience, chock full of information! Be sure to check it out at [www.etownonline.com](http://www.etownonline.com) and follow us on Facebook for the latest information and updates of interest to the community.