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ALTHEA JOHNSON RECEIVES VWO AWARD



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Althea Johnson was presented with the Vincent W. O'Connor Award by Borough Council at the 8th Annual Elizabethtown Winter Gala on February 27, 2009. The Vincent W. O'Connor Public Service Award is presented annually to an individual who has unselfishly devoted his/her time to the public good of the residents of Elizabethtown through his/her community and civic endeavors over a period of years. The award is named for the late Vincent W. O'Connor, a mayor of Elizabethtown for six years and a Borough Council member for more than 20 years until his death in 1997.

Althea Johnson graduated from Elizabethtown College with a BS in Elementary Education in 1968 and received her M.Ed degree from Millersville State College (University) in 1974. She was a full-time teacher of elementary grades until 1976 and a substitute teacher until 1980. Althea was the owner and manager of Country Haus Fine Gifts & Collectibles in Elizabethtown from 1980 to 2004. Most recently, Althea served as Administrative Assistant at the Elizabethtown Chamber / Main Street / EEDC office.

Althea has given 100+ hours in the EASD SERVES program and volunteers for Junior Achievement at local elementary schools. She has planned and organized annual community events including the Elizabethtown Holiday Parade, First Year Walk for Elizabethtown College, Let E-town Ring - Letterkenny Time, Easter Coloring Contest, Summer Lunch Series, and Annual Chamber Appreciation Dinner. She is Past President of the Donegal Society of Lancaster County, Past President of the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Past Chairperson of the Merchants' Association, former advisory member of the Elizabethtown Economic Development Corporation, and a former member and officer of the Elizabethtown Business & Professional Women's Club. Althea has been a member of the Donegal

Presbyterian Church since 1973, is an Elder, served two terms as Ruling Elder, is a member of the church choir, and is active on various church committees.

Althea Johnson is the granddaughter of the late Elmer Ferguson and Hattie (Myers) Nedrow who lived for a period of time in the basement of Elizabethtown College's Alpha Hall while he was studying to become a Church of the Brethren minister. Althea was born in Auburn, New York, to parents Lawrence and Frances (Marshall) Nedrow. She and her husband, Noble, have a son Nathan, married to Shanna, and a grandson Nicholas.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Rick Farnsler was selected as the 2008 Police Officer of the Year. Since 2002, this award has been given annually, and the recipient determined by votes cast by fellow officers. Farnsler received the award at the January 2009 Borough Council meeting.

Officer Farnsler has been with the Elizabethtown Police Department since 1991. He was appointed as the School Resource Officer at the Elizabethtown Area School District in July 2007. Mayor Robert Brain gives Officer Farnsler credit for the success of the SRO program and for the relationships he has built with the administrators, teachers and students. Brain says that Farnsler "has developed our SRO program, in collaboration with school district officials, into a model for other communities."

Chief of Police Jack Mentzer recognizes Farnsler's initiative. "Officer Farnsler is an outstanding professional who is an asset to our police department and community. Throughout his career at Elizabethtown, he has demonstrated outstanding service to our community through his actions and dedication to service," says Mentzer.



Officer Rick Farnsler is congratulated by Chief of Police Jack Mentzer and Borough Council President Meade Bierly for receiving the 2008 Officer of the Year Award from his fellow officers.

HEALTH INSPECTION REPORTS

A new recording and reporting system for food establishment inspections for the Borough was initiated in November. The system includes software that links the recorded establishment inspection reports to the PA Department of Agriculture. The inspection reports as well as those from many other municipalities can be found at: www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=144560. The Borough's Deputy Health



Officer Peter Belanger (pictured at left) says that the reporting format is identical to the one used by the state health officers during their inspections, and "is a positive improvement" over the form previously used. The state system is a risk based approach and inspections are no longer given a numerical score. The establishment is either in compliance or they are not as determined by the level of risk(s) observed. The risk based system

was developed through research performed by the Center for Disease Control on the major causes for food-borne illnesses. For more information, visit the Borough website at www.ETownOnline.com/publicInfo.cfm.

WHIPPLE RECOGNIZED FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

At the Chamber of Commerce Winter Gala, held on February 27, 2009, at the Brossman Ballroom on the Masonic Village campus, Borough Manager Peter Whipple was recognized with a special award "for exceptional leadership and devoted service to the greater Elizabethtown business community" for the past 32 years. Janelle Stelson, news anchor with WGAL-TV, was the featured speaker at the 8th annual Chamber of Commerce Winter Gala and she presented the award to Whipple after her remarks. In addition to his work as manager, Whipple is currently serving on the boards of the Elizabethtown Industrial Development Authority, Elizabethtown Area Regional Authority, Elizabethtown Fire Protection Endowment Fund, Susquehanna Municipal Trust, Lancaster County Water Resources Advisory Committee and the Lancaster County Economic Development Task Force.



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ARTS IN THE PARK will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009, 9am to 4 pm, at Community Park. Art and food vendors, entertainment, and a children's area will provide fun for the entire family! Admission is free. For more information, please visit the event website at www.ETownArtsInThePark.com or call the Chamber / Main Street Office at 717-361-7188 for more details.

RESIDENT PRESENTED WITH GIFT CERTIFICATE



Elizabethtown Borough resident Audrey Winters is presented with a \$50 gift certificate by Council members Phil Clark and Tom Shaud. A random drawing was held for residents that

returned a completed Citizens Survey conducted by Elizabethtown Borough, Mount Joy Township, West Donegal Township and Conoy Township to receive input on municipal services and quality of life in the area. The results of the survey will be studied as part of the Regional Comprehensive Plan Update. Winters was one of four winners from the participating municipalities. The Steering Committee of the Regional Comprehensive Plan Update is preparing to hold meetings in the spring to share the draft plan with the public.

AMULANCE SERVICE REPORTS CALL VOLUME

Northwest Emergency Medical Services (EMS), with headquarters in Elizabethtown, responded to 1,242 calls in the Borough in 2008. This represented 30 percent of the 3,952 calls to 911 handled by the EMS service. West Donegal Township represented 25.8 percent and Mount Joy Township represented 11.15 percent of the emergency calls. These three municipalities accounted for two-thirds of the emergency medical activity handled by Northwest EMS. In addition, the ambulance service provided 1,605 non-emergency transports such as taking patients in wheelchairs or on litters to dialysis, rehabilitation and medical appointments. The organization's mission includes educational programs, CPR training, and presentations to community groups. This year, Northwest EMS is planning to replace an older ambulance with more than 160,000 miles. Area residents will be given the opportunity to help fund the new ambulance. Donations from the public, along with grants from local and state government, are important sources of income for the non-profit ambulance service.

SPRING STREET SWEEPING

April 7th – ODD side of the street NORTH of High Street (including High Street)

April 8th – EVEN side of the street NORTH of High Street (including High Street)

April 9th – ODD side of the street SOUTH of High Street

April 10th – EVEN side of the street SOUTH of High Street

April 13th - Rain date



Parking will be restricted on these streets from 6am to 4pm on the scheduled day. Residents may sweep their sidewalks into the gutters prior to the streets being swept. Please do not put leaves and sticks in the gutter as the sweeper will not pick them up.

PLEASE REMEMBER



Residents are reminded that a Borough ordinance requires that dog owners keep their pets leashed while walking their dogs in public areas. Owners must immediately clean up after their dogs. Any person violating this ordinance is subject to fines and penalties.

Pup-E-Palooza



All dogs and their owners are invited to attend the 4th Annual Pup-E-Palooza which will be held on Sunday, April 26th from 12-4 pm at the Brinser Field on the Elizabethtown College campus. The event, sponsored by the students in the K-9 Club includes fun for the entire family including music by local bands (kid-friendly), games for dogs and humans, doggie contests, food, raffles for prizes, and much more. Last year the event hosted approximately thirty animal-related groups and had over 300 guests in attendance. The event brings local and national rescue groups to campus to educate the college and community about animal abandonment and neglect. Proceeds benefit local animal rescues.

2009 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. Bundles of branches up to 20" in diameter will be accepted.

Saturday, April 11

Saturday, May 9

Saturday, June 13

Saturday, July 11

Saturday, August 8

Saturday, September 12

Saturday, October 10

Saturday, November 14

Saturday, December 12

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, May 2

Saturday, November 7

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 21, 22 & 23

Week of November 4, 5 & 6

Week of November 18, 19 & 20

Week of December 2, 3 & 4



YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS

Curbside Collection

Place leaves and other yard waste, including acorns; pinecones; pine needles and grass in biodegradable kraft leaf bags. No sticks please, they should go with the Woody Waste Collection. Please do not tape the kraft leaf bags closed, instead roll the tops closed.

Saturday, April 11

Saturday, May 9

LEAF AND YARD WASTE BAGS

The Borough purchases 46,000 Kraft leaf bags each year through a joint-purchasing program with the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority for approximately \$0.28 each. Kraft leaf bags are available free of charge to residents for yard waste and leaf collections while supplies last. Please take only the number of bags you need for the yard waste and leaf collections and limit the number of bags you take each time to no more than 25 bags. Leaf bags are available at the Scout House in Community Park on Verdant Alley during a pick-up schedule. Please watch for details on Kraft leaf bag distribution on the Borough's website at www.etownonline.com and advertised in The Merchandiser.

SAVE OUR LAND, SAVE OUR TOWNS: GROWING COMMUNITIES, NOT SPRAWL

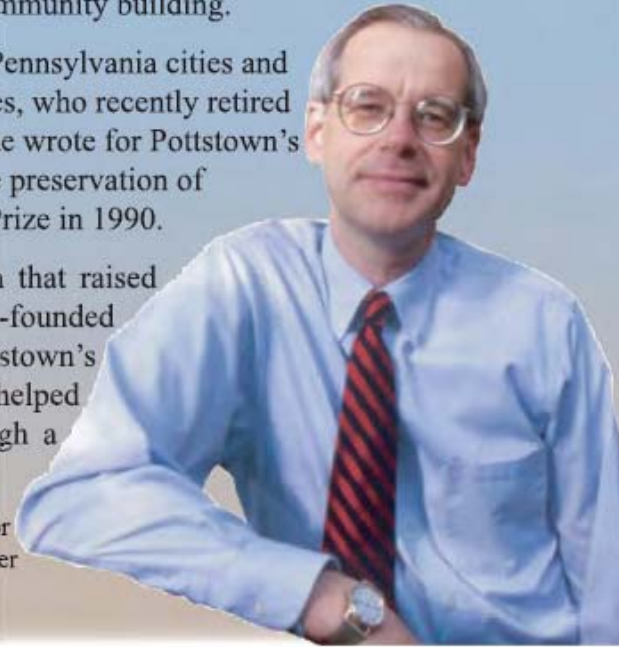
A presentation featuring Thomas Hylton, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *Save our Land, Save our Towns* will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center at Elizabethtown College. Free Admission, but tickets are required. For tickets or more information, call the Elizabethtown College ticket hotline at 717-361-4757.

A three-time winner of the American Planning Association's annual journalism award, Hylton received a fellowship from the Society of Professional Journalists in 1993 to study state planning issues. Since then, Hylton has written more than 200 newspaper and magazine articles on land use planning and community building.

A native of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Hylton has lived all his life in Pennsylvania cities and towns. Since 1973, Hylton has lived in Pottstown with his wife, Frances, who recently retired after teaching 35 years in the Pottstown School District. For 22 years, he wrote for Pottstown's daily newspaper, *The Pottstown Mercury*. His editorials advocating the preservation of farmland and open space in southeastern Pennsylvania won a Pulitzer Prize in 1990.

Hylton conceived and organized Trees Inc., a non-profit corporation that raised nearly \$500,000 to plant and maintain street trees in Pottstown. He co-founded Preservation Pottstown, an organization dedicated to preserving Pottstown's historic neighborhoods and enhancing the borough's quality of life. He helped bring about the integration of Pottstown's elementary schools through a special edition of *The Pottstown Mercury* advocating the cause.

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