

Elizabethtown

SPRING & SUMMER 2015

BOROUGH BULLETIN

MUELLER RECEIVES VWO AWARD



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.

Elizabethtown Borough Council is pleased to award the 2015 Vincent O'Connor Public Service Award to Warren G. Mueller, Jr. Mueller joined the Elizabethtown Emergency Management Agency as Transportation Officer in 1983. He served 18 years as an active firefighter, five years of which he held the rank of Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief. He was active in the Elizabethtown Fire & Ambulance

Medic 5, now Northwest EMS and volunteered on Medic 4 out of Ephrata Hospital where he ran on the Advanced Life Support Unit and was an emergency room EMT.

Warren has been called upon for emergencies such as the snow storms of 1993 and 1996 when he spent days in the Emergency Operations Center. Warren has participated in every federally evaluated drill for Three Mile Island. He has been called for incidents at TMI for security breaches, power plant malfunctions, and general emergencies that threaten the public.

Warren actively participated in the coordination to combine resources and manpower and add West Donegal Township to the Elizabethtown EMA. In June of 1999 Warren was named Coordinator of the Elizabethtown West Donegal EMA. Continuing to build a responsive agency and coordinate resources,

Mount Joy Township was added to the agency in 2004 and renamed the Elizabethtown Regional Emergency Management Agency, which it is called today. Warren conducts monthly trainings for his staff and develops emergency plans and responses to a multitude of potential emergencies.

Warren is supported by his wife Kathy and three children, who wondered why their Mom always had to shovel the snow during big storms. He and Kathy are the owners of Mueller's Flower Shop in Elizabethtown.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Rick Farnsler was selected as the 2014 Officer of the Year by his fellow officers in the Police Department. According to Police Chief Jack Mentzer, "Officer Farnsler is a true professional who is an outstanding officer and an asset to the Police Department and our community." He joined the Department in September of 1991 and assumed his current duties of School Resource Officer (SRO) in August of 2007. In addition to developing a model SRO program at the Elizabethtown School District, Farnsler was instrumental in implementing the Text-a-Tip program for students and he also teaches Rape Aggression Defense training at the school. This is the second time he has been recognized by his peers as Officer of the Year; he won the award in 2008.



Presentation made to Officer Farnsler by Mayor Chuck Mummert



Detective Martin (L) and Chief Jack Mentzer (R)

DETECTIVE MARTIN RETIRES

Detective Clair R. Martin, Jr. retired in January after a career spanning more than 26 years of service to the Elizabethtown community. During his tenure he served as a member of the Lancaster County Major Crimes Unit, was a Crisis Negotiator with the Lancaster County Special Emergency Response Team, and specialized in investigating crimes against juvenile victims. Martin was the Department's first D.A.R.E. Officer and participated in various safety programs and presentations as the character, McGruff the Crime Dog. Martin received 30 different awards and citations over the course of his work in the Borough, including being recognized as 2013 Officer of the Year by his peers. Police Chief Jack Mentzer noted that "Detective Martin has been an integral part of the Elizabethtown Police Department and is a true law enforcement professional. His expertise in the area of crimes against juvenile victims will be missed. We wish him and his family the very best as he starts this new facet of his life."

MATT SHUEY PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE

Matthew T. Shuey was appointed to the position of Detective on January 11, 2015. He joined the Department as a full-time Officer on October 28, 2001. Shuey is a Traffic Accident Reconstructionist and has served on the Regional Crash Team, the County Crash Team, and is also trained as a Crisis Intervention Officer. We congratulate Detective Shuey upon reaching this milestone in his career.



ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WATER AUTHORITY

Rain Barrel Sale & Seminar - Interested in utilizing free water for your lawn or flowers? Purchase your rain barrel from EAWA at www.ETOWN-WATER.COM prior to April 20, 2015 for a discounted price of \$80 (retail price \$169). To learn about rain barrels, rain gardens, native plants, and more, call 367-7448 to register for a free seminar on May 2, 2015 from 9:00—11:00 a.m. Call early—space is limited!



TOM McLAUGHLIN RETIRES

Tom McLaughlin retired on February 27th after nearly 25 years of service in the Public Works Department. Tom began his career in the Parks Department in July 1990 where he spent many years before joining the Public Works crew. Borough Manager Roni Ryan lauds McLaughlin's long-time service with



Elizabethtown Borough noting, "Tom is a familiar face downtown and in the parks, and he has represented the Borough very well in his service to the community. We appreciate his hard work over the years to make the Borough a better place for us all." Best wishes to Tom upon his retirement.

HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY

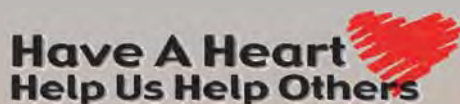
Every driver knows that headlights must be used during hours of darkness, and most drivers understand that headlights should also be used when there is fog, smoke or other conditions limiting visibility to under 1,000 feet. Far fewer drivers, however, are aware that Section 4302 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code also mandates that headlights be turned on any time the windshield wipers are in operation. This includes both continuous and intermittent windshield wiper modes. The reason is that if the wipers are on there is precipitation, and if there is precipitation there is reduced visibility for the driver, for other drivers, and for pedestrians. So be sure to remember to turn your headlights on any time you are using your wipers. It's for everyone's safety, and it's the law.



SPECIAL EVENTS



The 12th Annual Arts in the Park celebration will be held on Saturday, May 9th at Community Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, visit the website at www.etownartsinthepark.com or call the Borough Office at 367-1700.



The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will hold a Blood Drive at the Elizabethtown Borough Office on Monday, July 13th 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.

LEADERCAST

The Chick-fil-A Leadercast is a one-day leadership event on Friday, May 8th, broadcast LIVE from Atlanta directly to our community by the Elizabethtown Area Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Village, and the Elizabethtown Public Library. This year's Leadercast features renowned speakers and leaders that include Andy Stanley, Peyton Manning, Malala Yousafzai, Ed Catmull, Seth Godin, Rudy Giuliani, Aja Brown, Bill McDermott, CMDR Rorke Denver, Bill and Giuliana Rancic. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For reservations, questions or information regarding sponsorship opportunities please contact the Elizabethtown Area Chamber of Commerce Office at 361-7188 or info@elizabethtowncoc.com.

ELIZABETHTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elizabethtown Fire Department is 100% Volunteer and relies on the generous financial support of the community. Please consider supporting them with a donation today! Look for the Fire Department on May 9th at Arts in the Park and please plan to support their upcoming fundraising events:

- Chicken BBQ - Saturday, May 23
- 4th Annual Golf Tournament - Friday, September 11

SUMMER PLAY AND CONCUSSION AWARENESS

Your child falls off a swing. You find her lying on the ground, dazed and not sure of where she is. Would you know what to do? Northwest EMS recently participated in a video production with the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC) to raise awareness of the dangers of traumatic brain injuries. The video, which can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1zcHseR>, is aimed at educating parents and the public on how to recognize that a concussion might have occurred and provides information on when to seek emergency medical care. Concussions are serious brain injuries and should never be dismissed without seeking appropriate medical intervention. Recognizing that a concussion may have occurred and responding promptly and appropriately directly impacts the patient's recovery and outcome.

FREE CPR CLASSES

Northwest EMS continues to hold free "Hands Only" CPR classes once a month at its headquarters, 380 West Bainbridge Street, Elizabethtown. Expanded CPR classes leading to certification for youth organizations, businesses and churches are also offered. For the date of the next free CPR class, to schedule an ambulance to visit your school for a demonstration, or to have a certified CPR class taught at your location, call Northwest EMS at 361-8220, ext. 1.

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

Key Dates to Note

April 3-6	Easter Break
April 13	Nicholas Kristof - Ware lecturer
April 21	Scholarship Day
May 4-9	Finals Week
May 15	Baccalaureate
May 16	Commencement
August 24	Classes begin
August 25	Convocation

Visit www.etown.edu for more information.



SUMMER LUNCH SERIES

The 23rd annual Elizabethtown Summer Lunch series will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Center Square each Thursday beginning May 28th and concluding July 30th. Visit www.elizabethtowncoc.com for more information.

2015 STREET PAVING SCHEDULE

The following streets are on the 2015 paving schedule:
Woodland Avenue—Groff Ave. to Ridgeview Ave.
Chestnut Street—Groff Ave. to Ridgeview Ave.
Ridgeview Avenue—Mount Joy St. to Woodland Ave.
Briarcliff Lane—South Mount Joy St. to end
South Mount Joy Street—Groff Avenue to cul-de-sac
South Mount Joy Street—Schaeffer Road to end
Sunrise Blvd.—eastern arch from Hillside Ave. to 880 ft.

Each year the Borough's Public Works crew spends the summer before paving begins repairing public utilities (sewer lines and stormwater facilities) and monitoring curb and sidewalk installation. During this time the Elizabethtown Area Water Authority also repairs water lines and hydrants. Property owners are notified of the amount of curb and sidewalk that needs to be replaced before the 2015 paving begins. Residents are reminded to maintain their street trees to ensure a minimum clearance of 7½ feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above road surfaces.

SPRING STREET SWEEPING

The Borough will be sweeping streets according to the following schedule (weather permitting):

- May 4- EVEN side of the street, NORTH of High St.
- May 5- ODD side of the street, NORTH of High St.
- May 6- EVEN side of the street, SOUTH of and including High St.
- May 7- ODD side of the street, SOUTH of and including High St.

Parking will be restricted on these streets from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the scheduled day. Residents may sweep sidewalks into the gutters prior to the sweeper coming through. Please do not put leaves and/or sticks in the gutter as the sweeper will not pick them up. Also, please note that while street sweeping will follow the schedule above, it is possible that additional passes will be made in certain areas.

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.

Additional tags for trash collection may be purchased for \$2 each at the Borough Office and local stores. When using an extra container, affix the tag to the top item inside the container.

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

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

WHITE GOODS & TIRES

Curbside Collection on April 25th and November 7st.

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.



YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS

Curbside collection on Saturday May 2nd and June 6th.

In addition to leaves, sticks, acorns, pinecones and other yard waste placed in Kraft bags will be accepted at this time. Again, 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.

April 22 & 29

October 7, 14, & 21

May 6, 13, 20 & 27

November 4, 11, & 18

December 2

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

April 25

October 10, 17 & 24

May 9, 16 & 30

November 7, 14 & 21

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Saturday, January 9, 2016



COMMUTER SERVICES OF PA

At the February Borough Council meeting, Holly Anderson, Outreach Coordinator with Commuter Services of Pennsylvania, presented Council President J. Neil Ketchum, Jr., with a certificate recognizing the Borough as one of its Community Partners. Commuter Services is a non-profit organization offering commuters free alternative services for getting to and from work. Its programs promote green initiatives including carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling, walking, and/or mass transit as an alternative to driving to and from work alone. For more information on money saving, environmentally friendly initiatives, visit www.pacommuterservices.org.



J. Neil Ketchum, Jr. (L) and Holly Anderson (R)

GARDEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD

The Borough received a Garden of Distinction award through the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's gardening and greening contest for plantings at the Elizabethtown Train Station, the Train Station overflow parking area, and along the pedestrian/bicycle pathway. These garden areas incorporated open space, plantings, and trees to create a park-like setting while at the same time addressing storm-water remediation concerns. We are proud of this award and invite residents to join us along the pathway to enjoy the gardens in all stages of bloom.



FINANCING NEWS

At its February public meeting, Borough Council approved financing General Obligation Note Series 2015, refinancing the existing General Obligation Bond 2010 initiated with the 2002 Wastewater Treatment Plant project. The financing realizes a savings of approximately \$272,000 for the Borough. It also incurs new financing for the design and construction of a Public Works Department facility on Borough property on the rear lot at 810 South Market Street. Increasing maintenance costs at the existing building, coupled with a lack of space for vehicles and equipment, necessitated this capital project. Design and land development approval of the facility is likely to occur in 2015 with construction slated for 2016.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

For the latest information and updates of interest to Borough residents, be sure to check out our website at www.etononline.com and also follow us on Facebook.

Be part of the Compost Revolution

FREE HOME COMPOST WORKSHOPS

LCSWMA is partnering with municipalities, community organizations and Penn State Master Gardeners to conduct FREE home compost workshops, where residents can learn how to recycle organic waste from their kitchens and gardens instead of putting it in the trash.

Composting is an excellent way to recycle vegetable scraps, grass clippings, leaves and other organics, turning those materials into a useful and valuable product to naturally improve the soil. Workshop attendees will also learn how to build effective, yet inexpensive home compost bins to meet their needs. Each household in attendance will be eligible to enter a drawing to receive a free kitchen scrap collection bucket courtesy of LCSWMA.

Lancaster County residents are invited to attend any one of the home compost workshops scheduled for this year at no cost. Residents are asked to pre-register by noon on the Friday prior to the workshop they'll be attending.

On June 6, West Donegal Township Municipal Office, located at One Municipal Drive, will hold a workshop from 10 to 11 a.m.

To register, contact the West Donegal Township Recycling Coordinator at (717) 367-7178 or emailwendy@wdtwp.com.

For more information and other locations visit LCSWMA website. (<http://www.lcswma.org/>)

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MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

Elizabethtown Borough has adopted a stormwater management policy that implements Federal and State standards designed to reduce pollution and produce cleaner waterbodies. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, buildings and structures, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater is a problem because debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants can flow into a stormsewer system or a waterbody adversely affecting plants, fish, animals and people. You can help reduce pollutants from entering the stormsewer system and/or waterbody by recycling and properly disposing of household products that contain chemicals, used motor oils, paint products and other fluids. And remember, these items are not to be poured down the drain. Don't sweep compost or yard waste into a waterbody and/or stormsewer drain. Finally, it is recommended that residents use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater to avert detergents and other chemicals from going into the stormsewer system.

WASTEWATER

Are you interested in protecting the environment while, at the same time, eliminating problems in the sewer collection system? You can help by determining where your sump pumps and downspouts are discharging and removing any connections to the sewer collection system. Excess water from sump pumps and downspouts that are connected in this manner are a main cause of hydraulic overload in the sewer collection system. This overload increases chemical, electric, and maintenance costs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and can also lead to backups in basements. For this reason the Borough does not permit sump pumps and downspouts to discharge directly into the sewer collection system, and we are asking your help to remove these illegal connections. Every gallon of water that is taken out of the sewer collection system helps solve the hydraulic overload problem, and we thank you for your assistance.

