



# GETTYSBURG

## *Pennsylvania*

### ... HISTORIC CROSSROADS

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#### **SISTER CITIES ENHANCE GETTYSBURG'S CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

*A Message from Mayor Theodore Streeter*

Many borough residents are unaware that Gettysburg has several Sister Cities around the globe. A Sister City relationship is one in which two cities with mutual interests engage in cultural exchanges and visits to establish an understanding of each other as a people. Gettysburg, South Dakota, and St. Mere Eglise, France are Sister Cities. The most prominent is Leon Nicaragua, a Sister City for 30 years. Numerous exchange visits have occurred between local and Nicaraguan officials, students and artists. Project Gettysburg Leon stages the annual Salsa on the Square festival to promote the relationship. The Borough is constantly seeking to expand our Sister City program.

Our latest partner is Sekigahara, Japan. Six years ago, a Japanese delegation visited Gettysburg to propose the relationship. They explained that in 1600 AD a major civil war battle was fought between the forces of Tokugawa Iyeyasu and Ishida Mitsunari, the result of which unified the country for the next 260 years. The Japanese equate this conflict to the Battle of Gettysburg. They sought advice during their visit on the establishment of a visitors center, how to present the battle, and other items that might make the battle site attractive to tourism. In September 2016, the Borough signed a formal Sister Cities agreement with Sekigahara.

The Japanese have visited Gettysburg multiple times since. Borough Manager Charles Gable and I have found them a pleasure to work with, although the visits have certainly exposed the differences between Japanese and American protocol. For one thing, they give gifts at practically every occasion, which challenges Charles and I to be creative in finding ways to return the favor.

The Japanese have invited Charles and me to Sekigahara (all expenses paid by Japan) in July and October of this year. The first visit will involve the grand opening of the battlefield museum. Plans shown to us reveal it to be modeled after our own visitors center, with both static and interactive displays. An entire room is devoted to the Battle of Gettysburg. The second visit will entail witnessing a reenactment of the Battle of Sekigahara, which is sure to be a magnificent event. On both trips, we leave on Thursday and return on Sunday, so the term "whirlwind" definitely applies.

We look forward to developing a long, solid and productive relationship with Sekigahara.



*Mayor Yasuyo Nishiwaki (Sekigahara) and Mayor Theodore Streeter (Gettysburg) sign a sister city agreement at the Lincoln Train Station (September 2016)*

#### **You Are Invited ....**

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day—May 8, 2020 (9:45 AM) Rostrum, GNMP Cemetery**

**Adams County Farmers Market – Saturdays beginning May 9<sup>th</sup> (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM) 103 Carlisle Street**

**GARMA's First Fridays – May 1<sup>st</sup> / June 5<sup>th</sup> / July 3<sup>rd</sup> / August 7<sup>th</sup> / September 4<sup>th</sup> / October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**GARMA's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Antique Show – May 16, 2020 and September 26, 2020 (Downtown Gettysburg)**

**Long, Long, Long, Long Dinner Party – September 6, 2020 (2:00 PM – 5:00 PM) Baltimore Street**

***If anyone needs special accommodations when attending any Borough meeting, please notify the Borough Secretary at least five (5) business days prior to attending the meeting. Call (717) 334-1160 ext. 240#.***

**The Changing Attitudes Toward Recycling***from Judie Butterfield, Chair – Recycling Committee*

Most of us are familiar with the "3 Rs" of environmental concern - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. In three simple steps we are encouraged to try to reduce the amount of waste we have, reuse what we can by giving items a second life and recycle what is allowed. Recent turmoil in the world of recycling has caused activists to focus strongly on the first two "Rs" and less on recycling itself. To cut trash, simply consume less. We can reduce the amount of material, toxins and waste sent to landfills through various means:

- Buy only what we need by avoiding impulse shopping or purchasing too much of an item.
- Buy reusable or refillable items. Examples of this are using a reusable shopping bag rather than plastic bag, a coffee mug and not wax paper cup.
- Buy in bulk or economy-size. An example of this is by purchasing economy size cereal bags and not several smaller bags of cereal which would result in more waste.
- Avoid single-serving sizes. An example of this is by making pudding in a large bowl for several servings rather than purchasing single serving plastic cups of pudding.
- Seek out products with less packaging. An example of this is by selecting a product in a smaller cardboard box and not a product enclosed in plastic.



By reusing items, you're extending the life of them. Reuse old jars for storage, takeout containers for leftovers, the back of one-sided paper documents for scrap note paper. Another way to reuse items is to donate them. There are many local charities, thrift stores, and churches that accept a wide array of items, and even though you aren't reusing them personally, they now have a second life!

There is still a place for recycling in our world, especially with paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum cans, and glass. If you have questions about recycling materials, check the Borough website ([www.GettysburgPA.gov](http://www.GettysburgPA.gov)) for tips.

**Waste Connections Unveils New Phone APP***from Waste Connections Staff*

Waste Connections, the Borough's contracted waste hauler, has rolled out for its residential customers an APP that will inform the customer of trash/recycling schedules and provide for online bill payment options. It is called WasteConnect and it is an APP that can be downloaded to a cell phone or just use it on their website. There are also links on Waste Connections website at [www.WasteConnectionsPA.com](http://www.WasteConnectionsPA.com). Once on the website, go to the "Schedule" tab. The links are below the calendar.

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Once a customer downloads the APP, they can set up their account by entering their address. The APP will find their address if they are an active residential customer. They can then see the pickup schedule and sign up for alerts. The APP will send an alert the night before their pickup day, reminding them to set out their trash and recycling. Waste Connections will also send alerts for service interruptions or delays through the APP. So, when the next snowstorm comes, Waste Connections can alert everyone with the APP personally what the refuse collection schedule will be for the week. Waste Connections can also update that alert as the week goes on.

One of the best things about the APP is the Waste Wizard. If you have something that you are not sure whether it is recyclable or not, you type it into the Wizard and it will tell you if it should be put in the recycling container or the garbage container. For instance, if someone has a pizza box and doesn't know where it belongs...they type "pizza box" in the search field and a menu will pop up with choices: "Greasy" or "Empty and no food residue". Of course, the greasy pizza box belongs in the trash while the clean box can be recycled.

**Waste Connections Brush/Leaf Pick-Up**

Waste Connections will pick up grass clippings and leaves (**no twigs**) on regular trash pick-up days, **limited to a maximum of five 32-gallon bags or one tote, plus two 32-gallon bags per week, including your trash.**

## Periodic Plumbing Maintenance That Could Pay Dividends

*from Mark Guise, Manager – Gettysburg Municipal Authority*

Many people don't think about how much water they use until their bill arrives. By then, it's too late to consider what steps could reduce water usage, which in turn reduces your water bill. A quick check for leaks might save you unnecessarily high water and sewer bills.



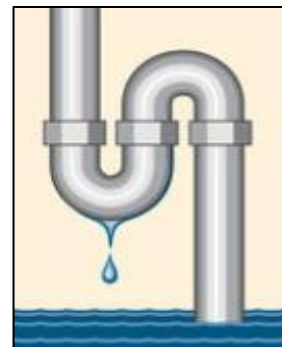
It's important to remember that leaks don't disappear and very often become worse rapidly. Most leaks are continuous and run 24-hours a day. A majority of Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) customers receive their water and sewer bill quarterly. Just because your recently received bill appeared normal or maybe slightly higher than the previous bills, doesn't always mean things are fine. Remember it will be approximately 90-days until GMA reads the meter again. Therefore, any indication of higher usage could indicate a potential small leak which could lead and equate to a very high charge. A toilet leaking a  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a gallon per minute over a 90-day period can result in over 121,000 gallons of leaked water.

Fortunately, it's easy to determine if your toilet is leaking by asking yourself the following questions: (1) Do you find yourself jiggling the handle to stop noise? (2) Do you hear strange or intermittent noises from the toilet?

If you answered yes to either question, your toilet is probably leaking. Toilets generally leak for two reasons: (1) The float assembly is not shutting off the water allowing water to continue to run and escape into the overflow pipe. This problem can often be remedied by adjusting the float. (2) If the flush flapper is worn or just plainly not seating properly, this will allow water to leak into the toilet bowl.

Here is how you can check for possible flapper leakage by using food color or dye tablet:

- Drop the food color or dye tablet into the toilet tank. DO NOT FLUSH.
- Wait 15 to 20 minutes.
- If color appears in the toilet, you know the toilet is leaking and necessary repairs should be made.



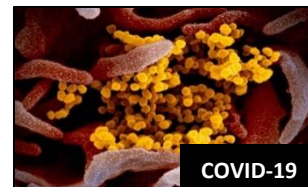
Tips can be found at [www.GettysburgMA.com](http://www.GettysburgMA.com) ; Click the FAQ tab or call (717) 334-6738.

**GETTYSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY URGES ALL OWNERS TO GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THEIR PLUMBING AND FIXTURES; MAKE IMMEDIATE CORRECTION OF ALL LEAKS. NO ALLOWANCE/REFUND WILL BE MADE BY THE AUTHORITY FOR WATER USED, STOLEN OR WASTED AFTER HAVING PASSED THROUGH THE WATER METER.**

## Gettysburg's Coronavirus Action Plan

*from Borough Manager Charles R. Gable*

The Borough continues to monitor updates from the Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization, the U.S. Department of State, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Adams County Emergency Management Agency regarding the status of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Borough utilizes continuity of operations plans should staff members and/or police officers not be able to report to work due to optional/mandatory quarantine protocols. While a quarantine would impact some Borough services, many will be able to continue due to the Borough's Information Technology (IT) infrastructure – where all administrative staff is electronically accessible via the Borough website. Staff have the capability to work remotely if quarantined. Permits, meeting agendas, payroll, financial management, etc. would continue. **Sign up for Borough Urgent/Emergency Alerts & Announcements under URGENT ALERTS** on the Borough's Homepage at [www.GettysburgPA.gov](http://www.GettysburgPA.gov) for the latest news. Remember, practicing these three simple preventive actions will help prevent the spread of this respiratory virus: (1) Avoid close contact with people who are sick; (2) Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands; and (3) Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. (Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap/water are not available).



COVID-19



## Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority Enters Second Year

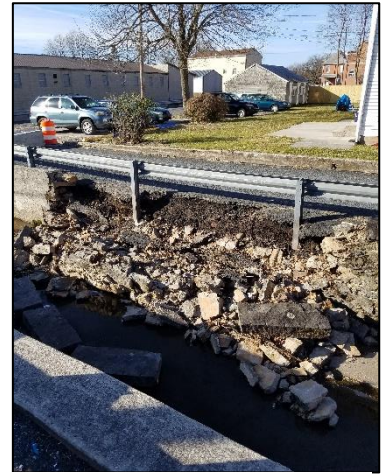
*from Mike Malewicki, Chair - GBSWA*

The Gettysburg Borough Stormwater Authority's (GBSWA) first year of operations reflected a flurry of activity that any new organization would experience and had several early accomplishments and challenges.

In 2019 GBSWA focused on organizational start-up efforts and funding shovel-ready projects that met MS4 criteria. The organizational start-up efforts also focused on setting budgetary and strategic goals, billing, and creating the internal guidelines necessary to run the organization. The projects undertaken included helping to fund: storm water elements of Phase A of the Inner Loop project, the installation of rain gardens on East Broadway, installing storm water catch basins at the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA), replacing failing storm water piping in a section of Monument Alley and repairing storm water piping under a portion of East York Street.

As we look forward to 2020 and 2021, the following are on the work plan:

- Storm Water fees will not change. Bills will be mailed during early July 2020.
- In March GBSWA began repairing the Stevens Run wall collapse that occurred last October after a significant rainstorm. Thanks to the Borough's talented crew at the Department of Public Works the Borough is saving tens of thousands of dollars by doing this repair in-house.
- In order to meet MS4 goals GBSWA has begun the preliminary engineering work on two sections of Culp's Run. These areas will be included in future stream restoration projects either most likely in 2021.
- Storm water pipe replacement will continue in Monument Alley.
- To stretch limited resources, GBSWA will continue to apply for grants from the State, the Federal government and from supportive foundations such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.



Stevens Run wall collapse after heavy rain. Restoration work is being completed in-house with the Borough's highly skilled Public Works Crew – saving tens of thousands of dollars.

Please look at the GBSWA section on the Borough website for more information about storm water operations, and planned projects. Everyone is invited to attend GBSWA meetings that are held at 6:00 PM the second Monday of every month in the Troxell Council Chambers at the Borough Building, 59 East High Street.

The Authority's three primary goals are to: (1) meet the State and Federal Clean Water mandates that are imposed on the Borough, (2) implement a plan to fix the Borough's failing storm water infrastructure and (3) ensure that the annual storm water fees paid by property owners are used in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day

*from Mayor Theodore Streeter*

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. In observance of that occasion, a ceremony will be held at the National Cemetery rostrum, beginning at 9:45 AM on May 8, 2020. Local WWII veterans will be the guests of honor. Their service, as well as that of the many who did not return, will be commemorated through words and music. The keynote address will be presented by US Army Brigadier General (Ret) Timothy Trainor, president of Mount Saint Mary's University. Additional remarks will be offered by Ken Cole, former PA State representative, who is active in veterans' affairs. One-half hour after the conclusion of the ceremony, a reception for the veterans will be held at the American Legion located at 528 East Middle Street. The public is invited to both the ceremony and the reception. In the event of inclement weather, the entire ceremony will take place at the American Legion. The weather call will be made 24 hours in advance and will be available in the Friday morning (May 8) edition of the Gettysburg Times and on the Gettysburg Borough website, [www.GettysburgPA.gov](http://www.GettysburgPA.gov).



## 2020 Census – Being Counted Brings Money to Gettysburg

*from Borough Manager Charles R. Gable*

The results of the 2020 Census help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities, like Gettysburg, every year for the next decade. Consider: Census results influence highway planning and construction, grants for buses, bike/walking paths, and other public transit systems. Or think of your local schools: Census results determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program, grants that support teachers/special education, and food banks. The list goes on - including programs to prevent child abuse, preparation for wildfires, and providing housing assistance for older adults. Please, respond to the census. Get counted so Gettysburg can maximize these funds which improve our community for everyone!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

please plan to join us

[www.MainStreetGettysburg.org](http://www.MainStreetGettysburg.org)

**Long, Long, Long,  
Long Dinner Party**  
September 6, 2020



### BALTIMORE STREET HISTORIC PATHWAY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

#### Long, Long, Long, Long Dinner Party

In October 2019, we hosted the first Long, Long, Long, Long Dinner Party with approximately 1K attendees and raised over \$15K for the Baltimore Street Project. This year, we are hosting the second annual event and have selected the Sunday afternoon of Labor Day Weekend (September 6<sup>th</sup>). Stay tuned for more details!

#### A Gettysburg Christmas Festival

The third annual A Gettysburg Christmas Festival community-wide event will occur during the first weekend of December! The event has provided a significant boost to our local economy in a typically slow time of year and we hope to see that impact continue to grow and spread. In order for this to happen, we need an "all hands-on deck" and "everyone pitches in" approach in sponsors, partners, and volunteers. To learn more and get involved, please visit:

[AGettysburgChristmasFestival.com](http://AGettysburgChristmasFestival.com)

**A Gettysburg  
Christmas Festival**  
December 4 - 6, 2020



## Adams County Farmers Market

The COVID-19 public health crisis has been challenging for virtually every business sector, including small agribusinesses and farmers markets. Like grocery stores and other food outlets, the farmers market is considered an essential "life sustaining business." Each Saturday, from 8 am to 1 pm, beginning on May 9<sup>th</sup>, visit the Market at the Rabbit Transit Station on Carlisle Street. Now, more than ever, show your support of local farmers.

Follow the Market on Facebook and subscribe to the e-news letter.



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## It's Spring! Are You Planning To Dig?

If you are a homeowner and you are planning to dig on your property to plant a tree, install a fence, etc., PLAY IT SAFE! Contact PA One Call. You can dial 811 or submit a request online at [www.PAOneCall.org](http://www.PAOneCall.org). (Contractors must use 811.) The service is free! You need to provide at least three days' notice so the location can be checked to see if any cables, electrical or gas lines, or water or sewer pipes might be affected. Hitting any of these can cause big, AND EXPENSIVE, problems or dangerous situations. **BE SAFE AND CALL PA ONE CALL (811) BEFORE YOU DIG!!!**



## Gettysburg's New Planning Department – Meet the Staff

*from Borough Manager Charles R. Gable*

Gettysburg must balance compliance with a myriad of State and Federal regulations with the needs of residents and

businesses. The Borough's Planning Department is responsible for the administration of local codes and ordinances relating to existing buildings & new development, business licensing & permitting, and environmental & historic preservation. In response to additional staff time needed to administer the state-mandated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program, the Borough added a new Planning position. Carly Marshall joins us as the Director of Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement and is the Borough's Zoning Officer and Floodplain Coordinator; Debra English has filled the new position of Director of Historic and Environmental Preservation and is the Borough's Recycling Coordinator. Rounding out the department, Karen Mesher is the Planning Management Assistant who aids and supports both directors. With these changes, the Borough is looking to provide increased availability of planning staff to answer questions, and work with applicants through their permitting processes.



Carly Marshall

Ms. Marshall had provided planning assistance to the Borough for several years through her position at Adams County Office of Planning and Development prior to joining Borough staff. This position staffs the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, and the Borough's Code Enforcement Appeals Board. Ms. Marshall's responsibilities include the administration of several Borough ordinances, including Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development, Floodplain, and Business Licensing and Regulation. She also works with our third-party code enforcement contractor, PA Municipal Code Alliance (PMCA) to administer the Building and Property Maintenance Codes. She assists residents and businesses in ensuring that their projects align with the Borough's land use policies.



Debra English

Ms. English recently moved to the area from Maryland where she worked for a local government office in capacities with a wide range of experience in planning, stormwater, sediment control and environment enforcement. This background will help her with her duties including administration of Gettysburg's Historic District and MS4 Program. More specifically, this position staffs the Borough's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB), Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority (GBSWA) by implementing and enforcing the Borough's Historic District regulations and Stormwater Ordinances and recommends Borough policy in relation to those issues. She works with other local, state, and federal organizations to assist the Borough and its residents with all their historic preservation and environmental compliance requirements as covered by the Borough's Historic District and Storm Water Ordinances.



Karen Mesher

Ms. Mesher has worked for the Borough of Gettysburg for 26 ½ years - Twenty-one (21) of those years working as a Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) for both the Parking and Police Departments. She is a Pittsburgh native and Dickinson College graduate with a bachelor's degree in English. She had also proofread for a technical graphics company in York, and taught English as a second language to preschoolers for the Migrant Head Start Program in Biglerville.

As a Planning Management Assistant, she aids and supports both department directors, and performs Non-UCC and UCC (Universal Construction Code) permit intake and processing in order to keep the borough's planning business moving forward in a timely manner. She also issues a variety of business licenses/permits, which include: Regulated Rental Unit Occupancy (RRUO) Licenses, Amusement Licenses, Carriage Licenses, Guided Walking Tour Permits, Transient Retail Business Licenses (including Food Trucks), Solicitation Permits, Recycling Hauler Permits, and Yard Sale Permits. She processes Special Event Permits and Highway Occupancy Permits for other departments. She takes monthly meeting minutes primarily for two boards: Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB), and the Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority (GBSWA); and as needed for the Planning Commission, and Gettysburg Borough Council. She assists other department heads in various capacities, researching Right-to-know requests, managing the Certificate of Insurance Binder, filing documents, and binding department books and publications. She volunteers and supports many Borough sponsored events, including the quarterly Electronic Device Recycling Event, the Gettysburg Long, Long, Long, Long Dinner Party, and the Annual Christmas Festival. Karen is often the first point of contact for applicants; Her experience and knowledge is indispensable. She is always ready to assist department staff or the general public with a courteous helpful demeanor.

## Public Works Projects

*from Robbie Harbaugh, PW Director*

Gettysburg Borough continues to have an active Public Works Department. The staff provide valuable services to the residents of the Borough, even in these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic. The crew has been split into two small teams to protect the health of the staff and to ensure that projects can continue should one or more members of a team become ill. Both teams have alternate reporting times and do not comele while working on projects. Spring and Summer Projects are as follows:

### Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will begin in the month of April. Along with the regular sweeping route, residents may see temporary 'no parking' signs along streets to be swept. As soon as the sweeping is completed the signs will be removed.

### Stevens Run (Tiber) Wall Repair

Repairs to the Tiber Wall at Kuhn Alley will be completed by mid-Summer.

### Spring Brush Pick-Up

Spring brush pick-up will take place the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. Crews will go around town twice that week picking up brush only. ***Please do not mix leaves and grass clippings with brush.*** Those items can be dropped off at the Public Works building on East Middle Street. Leaves and grass clippings can also be put in bags and placed with regular garbage pick-up if you do not exceed more than 5 items including regular garbage. Place brush to be picked up along curb (not in the street), or along alleys. If there are any questions regarding brush pick-up, please call the Public Works Department at 717-334-4666.

### Street/Alley Improvements

Both Sheely and Wolf Alley (from Reynolds Street to Stevens Run) will be repaved this summer (timing is yet to be determined).

### Crack Sealing

Crews will tar/seal cracks in the streets across areas of the Borough throughout the summer.

### Line Painting

Cross walk/line painting will take place in July and/or August. Painting is usually done at night when traffic is at a minimum.

### GARA Park Fitness Trail

Crews will be completing the fitness trail by mid-Summer.



## What Are Your Thoughts on Short-Term Lodging?

The Borough is working on updating its Code of Ordinances to address short-term lodging uses such as Airbnb's, and we would like to hear from you! You can share your thoughts and ideas by email to [cmarsshall@gettysburgpa.gov](mailto:cmarsshall@gettysburgpa.gov).

## Other Borough Ordinance Updates

The Borough continues to work on previously identified ordinance updates to ensure they meet the current needs of residents and businesses, as well as the long-range goals of the Borough. These updates include the Floodplain Ordinance, Sidewalk Ordinance, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, the Storm Water Management Ordinance, and the Zoning Ordinance to regulate short-term lodging uses. You can mail written comments to the Borough Office or email them to [cmarsshall@gettysburgpa.gov](mailto:cmarsshall@gettysburgpa.gov).

## Streamlining Permitting Processes

The Planning Department is exploring ways to streamline the permitting process by reducing the number of permits that must be completed for each project and improve permit turnaround time. The goal is to save time for the applicant, as well as, provide time for staff appointments for those applicants who may have complex projects or need help navigating the local permitting process.



The Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield Business Improvement District (BID) is a non-profit organization that works to improve Steinwehr Avenue's public environment, economy and marketability. The goal is to create and maintain a vibrant, inviting and exciting place where people from all walks of life are able to dine, shop, stay and explore everything Gettysburg has to offer. Established in January of 2010, the property owners of Steinwehr Avenue fund this special district through tax assessments that enable the Steinwehr Avenue BID to market the "Avenue" and to promote and help retain businesses. A Board of Directors, consisting of 9 business and civic leaders, governs the BID. The organization relies upon partnerships with Main Street Gettysburg, Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County Economic Development Corporation, and the National Park Services in order to accomplish its work.

## Code Enforcement

from Carly Marshall, Planning Director

In establishing Code Enforcement priorities for 2020, the Borough looked back at the calls and emails received with complaints in 2019. Definite themes emerged. Targeted enforcement will occur throughout spring/summer on the following:

### Weeds

Weeds were a top complaint in 2019 and will be a focus of targeted enforcement this year. To stay in compliance, remember: **All premises and exterior areas must be maintained free from weeds or plant growth (includes grass) in excess of eight (8) inches.**

### Sidewalk Clearances

The Borough is receiving complaints about sidewalk clearance with increasing frequency. This year focus will be on sidewalk encroachments such as portable signs, merchandise, hedges and shrubs, and any other moveable (or trim-able) object that could impede pedestrian passage.

### Address Numbers

All properties are required to post address numbers on their buildings that are visible from the opposite side of the public street. This applies to alleys as well, so if your property fronts a street and has alley access you must post address numbers on the front and the back of your house or building.

Code Enforcement can be reached for questions or comments at 717-334-1160 ext. 229.

## Stop Recycling Contamination

For years Gettysburg residents have enjoyed the ease of "single stream" recycling - unsorted materials in one bin. However, contamination of the recycling stream has become an increasing problem. There are too many greasy pizza boxes, half-filled peanut butter and spaghetti sauce jars, soiled newspaper, and dirty diapers! If your bin is contaminated, Waste Connections may not empty it and you could find the "OOPS" sticker. Avoid the sticker:

**OOPS!**  
**We didn't take your recycling today because it contained one or more of the following items:**

- |                                       |                                                       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trash Bags   | <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers or Sanitary Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste   | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Packaging            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Waste   | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Contaminated Items      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Non-Recyclable Items   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Styro-foam   |                                                       |

Please remove the non-recyclable items and we will pick up your recycling on the next trip. If you have any questions, please call 717-709-1700.

**Thanks for your help!**



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## LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER



### What is a Sharrow?

A representation of a bicycle with two chevrons above it, marked on a roadway as a symbol to indicate that motor vehicles and bicycles are to share the lane. Bicyclists may ride in the center of the lane. Vehicles may pass when there are no oncoming vehicles.

### Gettysburg Rec Park

from Erin Pedigree, GARA Director

Due to the continued Concern for public safety posed by COVID-19, all park playgrounds, basketball courts, and skate parks will be closed until further notice. The Charlie Sterner Building and ALL restrooms will be closed to the public. The Biser Fitness Trail and Dog Park will remain open for use. Please continue to practice social distancing while in the park.



- Rinse/wash recyclables before recycling
- Discard any containers which cannot be cleaned
- Ensure your containers are free of excessive moisture, especially for paper and cardboard
- Don't break glass
- Check the Borough website for a list of accepted materials.

**Bottom Line: items placed in the recycling bin must be Empty, Clean, and Dry.**