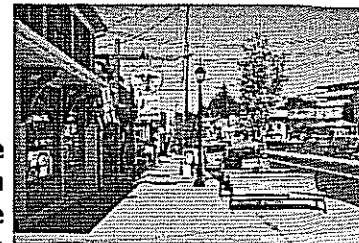


Autumn, 2011

Gettysburg

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

Steinwehr Avenue-Looking Good!!



Stop The Presses!! On September 20th, the Borough was presented the Commonwealth Award for the category of "Public Infrastructure Improvements" on Steinwehr Avenue by the leading advocate in Pennsylvania for responsible and efficient land use, "The 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania." Council President John Butterfield accepted the award at the annual "Friends" meeting at the Hilton Harrisburg hotel. Butterfield commented that, "Residents of Gettysburg should be extremely proud of being recognized for the success of this community development project. Being presented the Commonwealth Award is a huge feather in our cap."

If you like the looks of the first block of Steinwehr Avenue after the recent renovation, you'll like the street better when Phase 2 is completed! The new street lighting, benches, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and crosswalks have attracted shoppers in large numbers and business owners tell us that they are doing very well. Now we can begin planning for the next phase.

In August, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded the Steinwehr Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) a \$3.28 million grant to finish the second block of the street. In addition to most of the items included in the first phase, the FHWA included money for 3 transit bus shelters and a dedicated bike trail as part of the Gettysburg Inner Loop (GIL). This trail will provide access to Steinwehr area businesses and a link to the National Park Visitor Center.

Since the 150th commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg is only 21 months away, engineers are working with the Borough, Main Street Gettysburg and the BID to determine how best to complete this project with the least impact on Steinwehr businesses. There are several options and those that will be affected most, the business owners, will be a part of the decision-making process.

In the meantime, take a walk on "The Street" some evening and see how vibrant it is with visitors shopping, talking and touring and, most importantly, enjoying themselves. This huge economic development project shows that once again the Borough is moving forward!

2011

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Important Numbers:

Borough 334-1160

Police Dept 334-1168

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After Hours

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Rec Park 334-2028

Highway Dept 334-4666

GMA 334-6738

Announcements

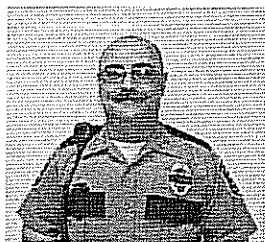
Correction: In the Spring edition of the Newsletter, it was incorrectly reported that 25% of the Borough's budget was devoted to the Gettysburg Fire Department. The number should have been 2.5%. We apologize for the error.

In accordance with ADA guidelines, if anyone needs special accommodations when attending any Borough meeting, please notify the Borough Secretary (334-1160 ext. 240) at least five (5) business days prior to attending the meeting.

- Oct 7** **Salsa on the Square 5:30-10 pm**
- Oct 25** **3rd Annual Olde Getty Place Halloween Parade 7:30 pm** *Rain date – October 26*
- Nov 4** **First Friday – Support the Troops 5-8 pm**
- Nov 19** **Dedication Day -148th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address 9:30 am**
at Gettysburg National Cemetery
- Nov 19** **Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies 1:30 pm**
through downtown to the National Cemetery
- Dec 2** **First Friday Cookie Walk 5-8 pm**
- Dec** **GARMA Shopping Spree Giveaway, Santa's Shanty**
- Dec 3** **2nd Annual Olde Getty Place Santa Parade and Tree Lighting 7 pm**

Donations to help defray the cost of the Halloween and Santa parades can be sent to:

**Olde Getty Place Parade Fund
 40 East High Street
 Gettysburg, PA 17325**



MEET OFFICER BEVENOUR

Officer Dennis Bevenour joined the Gettysburg Police force in September 2008. For the past year, he has been one of two criminal investigators for the department. He supports the work of one of two patrol squads and is called upon, day or night, to provide specialized investigative services as well as support other work of the squad. He finds investigative work to be very interesting and challenging. Officer Bevenour has also been the driving force behind the effort to modify, expand, and improve the Police Department website which you can soon access from the Borough website www.gettysburg-pa.gov.

Dennis returned to his hometown of Gettysburg – he is a Delone grad – after three years as a Delaware State probation and parole officer. He spent over 27 years in the Air Force with tours in the Middle East, Korea and Germany. He is a graduate of the University of MD with a degree in government and politics. Working in the Borough gave his family a chance to return to the open spaces of Adams County. Dennis and his wife Nancy, also a Delone grad, have three adult children: one son with Eastern Adams Regional Police, another son in a local family business and a daughter teaching special education students in Delaware. In his off hours, he enjoys astronomy, gardening, feeding birds and entertaining his three grandchildren.

NEW PROGRAM FROM COMCAST

Comcast is offering internet service for \$9.95 per month! It's called Internet Essentials and is for families with a child who is eligible for the free school lunch program. Call 1-855-846-8376 (English) or 1-855-765-6995 (Spanish) to enroll.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE REC PARK

THANK YOU . . . to the following donors for making our 2011 Summer Sunday in the Park Concert series a success.

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**Oct 17 Indoor Walking Track Opens— Gettysburg High School
Mon and Wed—7 to 8:30 pm**

**Dec 3 Gettysburg Garden Club Greens Sale
8:00 am—3 pm**

TBA Coed Volleyball at the Middle School

**For info or rentals, call Rec Park at 334-2028
Winter hours— M thru F 10 to 2**

**PARTNERSHIPS
BRING GRANT
DOLLARS \$\$**

The Biser Fitness Trail is a very popular feature at Rec Park. Now, thanks to community partners and a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources through the South Mountain Partnership, approximately 1,700 feet of the trail will be widened to more safely accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. To qualify for the \$11,500 grant from the Partnership, the Borough had to demonstrate a strong commitment from partners. We were able to do that thanks to the generosity of several community partners – the Gettysburg Hospital with a donation of \$21,500; the Elm Street Program/Olde Getty Place with a \$1,000 pledge plus volunteer labor to help with trail construction; and Healthy Adams Bicycle Pedestrian, Inc. with a \$500 donation. The Borough will contribute labor to construct the trail.

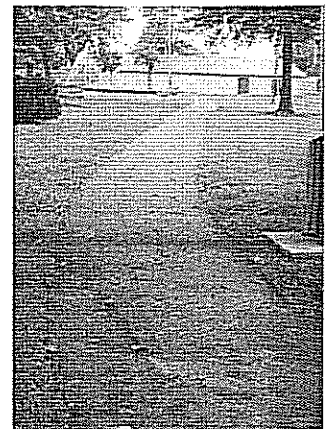
This portion of the Biser Trail is a segment of the proposed Gettysburg Inner Loop Bicycle Trail. The grant award represents a huge step forward for that project. With the Inner Loop included in the Steinwher Phase 2 Project (see page 1 for details), the two projects provide an opportunity to connect major destination points with a safe alternative for our increasing

bicycle traffic. Look for work to begin in late summer 2012.

This project demonstrates the power of partnerships to achieve goals. Thank you Gettysburg Hospital, Elm Street, HABPI, South Mountain Partnership and our own Public Works Department for making it happen!

HELP PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF REC PARK

*The Borough and the PA Dep't of Conservation and Natural Resources have contracted with J.T. Sauers Associates to complete a Master Plan for Rec Park. In order to create a successful plan, we need to know how you use the park and how you think it can be improved. **YOU CAN HELP BY COMPLETING A SURVEY.** The survey is available on our website – www.gettysburg-pa.gov - or you can pick up a copy at the Borough Office or at the Sterner Building at Rec Park. If you would like more information about the Master Plan Study and how you can help, contact Council Member Susan Naugle at 334-1142 or snaugle@gettysburg-pa.gov.*



Parking Deck Goes Automated

The new payment system for the Race Horse Alley Parking Garage is up and running. (See photo at right.) It is an easy-to-use, self-pay system that is accessed by vehicle. Cars entering will still take a ticket, but, when exiting, will enter the ticket into the pay station and follow verbal and written instructions. Payment can be made as follows:

Credit card – Master Card, Visa, AMEX and others

Debit Card

Key Card – issued to monthly users. Key cards are entered in a separate box to the right of the Payment Station.

Cash – accepts nickels, dimes, quarters and dollar coins only, and \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills only

The Payment Station will dispense only coins as change. Dollar coins will be dispensed since paper dollars can get stuck and jam the equipment. A receipt will also be given, if requested. In the case of a malfunction, there is a button to push and the Borough will have staff on call to respond immediately. We also have staff trained to maintain the equipment and make simple repairs.

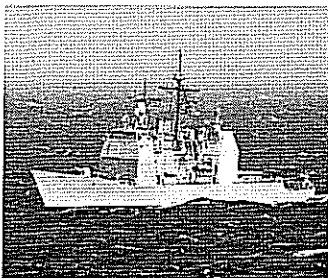
The new system will allow for expanded use of the eastern lane. From 6am to noon, the lane will be entry only for key card holders. From noon to 6am, it will be exit only for use by key card and prepaid card holders. Prepaid cards will be a new feature that will be added at a later date. Prepaid cards will be available for purchase (and reloading, similar to EZPass) at the Borough office. This feature will be convenient for the occasional user when exiting after performances or events.

The upgraded equipment was purchased from the 2010 bond issuance that was also used for Borough Hall renovations. Automation will allow more flexibility in establishing rates, allow multiple payment options and collect revenue for periods that had not been covered by our staffed booth. We anticipate the upgrade will result in a revenue increase of at least 30%. The 2011 parking deck fees remain unchanged.



USS Gettysburg Connection

www.gettysburg.navy.mil



The USS Gettysburg (CG-64) is a Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser. Named to commemorate the Battle of Gettysburg, the ship was commissioned by the U.S. Navy at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on July 21, 1991. At that time, a group of dedicated residents led by former Borough Manager Charlie Sterner and Councilman John Murphy formed a commission committee to honor and support the ship and crew. The committee would become the USS Gettysburg Society. For 20 years, the Society maintained communication with the ship; visited with the crew when the ship docked in New York, Baltimore, Boston and Philadelphia; and hosted crew visits to Gettysburg. The Society also established the USS Gettysburg Room at Borough Hall where visitors can trace the history of the ship and its connection with the community.

After the tragedy of 9/11, the ship was called to duty in the Persian Gulf and continues to spend about 60% of its time at sea. With the ship's homeport located in Mayport, Florida, it was welcome news to the Society when the Daytona Beach Area Council of the Navy League of the United States offered to provide day-to-day support for the ship's crew and families. On December 15, 2010, the Navy League of Daytona Beach officially adopted the USS Gettysburg and in doing so "united with the fine citizens of the Borough of Gettysburg" to continue to support the ship.

The Society disbanded earlier this year, but the connection continues. At the September Borough Council meeting, former Society members presented a plaque from the Navy League of Daytona Beach which commemorates the partnership with the Gettysburg community. It will be added to the USS Gettysburg Museum collection. The Council also named member Graham Weaver as liaison to the USS Gettysburg and to the Navy League of Daytona Beach. The connection with the ship and its crew will continue.

The Siren is Meant to Reassure Us and Protect Us

By John Eline, Adams County Director of Emergency Services and Borough Resident

Perched atop a lone utility pole near my home on North Fourth Street is a somewhat rusted emergency siren. It's used most often to call volunteer firemen to the nearby Gettysburg Fire Department. Though it frightens and upsets some, it reassures others that help is on its way for a fire or a vehicle accident, potentially involving serious injuries.

Adams County Control or the 9-1-1 Center activates the sirens by radio signal. But this is only one of two uses for the sirens. On rare occasions, the siren is used to warn residents of an impending weather threat such as a tornado. The more common use is the "fire and rescue" signal, a wavering (up and down) siren, one to three minutes in length, which alerts fire fighters or rescue personnel of a fire call or vehicular accident that requires immediate response. This siren is only sounded between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The second siren mode is the "attention and information" mode sometimes referred to as the "warning and take cover" mode. This siren warns us of serious emergencies, primarily weather emergencies; perhaps a tornado. The attention/information alert mode is a long, steady siren (goes up and stays up), three minutes in length, which alerts residents to tune in to their local radio or television station for emergency information such as an immediate, serious weather warning. This siren would be activated at any time of day, whenever necessary.

Because of the critical nature of this alert, a second siren, located behind the second block of Baltimore Street and behind the Library, is also activated but only for extreme weather emergencies. This alarm is not used for fire and rescue alerts at the present time.

When the National Weather Service issues a tornado "warning" for Adams County, the "attention and information" alert mode is activated. Such was the case last April when on three separate occasions, Doppler radar indicated rotation in storm clouds passing through the County. Though tornadoes are a rare occurrence in our area, it's important for residents to understand the siren's role in keeping them safe.

Additionally, motorists and pedestrians should pay close attention to our siren and watch for emergency vehicles traveling our streets. Remember to give these emergency vehicles the right-of-way and use caution when crossing streets. Gettysburg's siren plays a critical role in public safety. Remember the difference between the "Fire and Rescue" alarm and the "Attention and Information" siren:

Fire & Rescue: one to three minute wavering (up and down) siren

Attention & Information: three minute steady (goes up and stays up) wail – turn on your local television or radio station for further instructions and prepare to take immediate cover.



Congratulations Breck Squad!

Olde Getty Place's youth volunteer group, The Breck Squad, received the 2011 Chairman's Award for Youth Involvement from Pennsylvania Downtown Center (PDC). The award was announced at PDC's annual conference, held in Scranton in September. Bill Fontana, Executive Director of PDC said "The Olde Getty Place Breck Squad is an exciting reflection of the power of youth involvement in creating neighborhood pride and a lasting impact on a community."

Olde Getty Place is one of Pennsylvania's "Elm Street" neighborhood revitalization programs. PDC oversees the Elm Street and Main Street programs for the state. The Breck Squad has about 15 members, ranging in age from 3 to 18. They perform monthly litter pick-ups and volunteer at other Olde Getty Place events, including the Halloween and Christmas parades.

To learn more about Olde Getty Place and The Breck Squad, become a fan of Olde Getty Place on Facebook and check out the Breck Squad video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFY3dj4Eim8>.

Streets and Sidewalks

Fall Brush Collection – Week of October 17

Borough crews will make two trips around the Borough during the week. To make sure your brush is collected; pile it at the edge of the alley to the rear of your property by October 17. If you do not have access to an alley, place your brush curbside. Do not pile your brush where it blocks the sidewalk or on the street where it could obstruct a storm drain or fire hydrant. You may take your brush to the public works building on East Middle Street at any time during business hours, M-F from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or problems with collection, call the Public Works Department at 334-4666.



Do not mix brush with leaves! Leaf pick-up will be done separately in November with dates to be announced.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Brush and leaf pick-up is a service for Borough residents and property owners only. Use of this service by non-residents and commercial contractors is costly and illegal. Please report any suspected abuses to the Borough.

Middle Street Project Moves Into Next Phase

FINALLY! The street work on West Middle is done. It was nine months of inconvenience and traffic back-ups, but, in the end, it got done on schedule and it looks (and feels) great. In addition to a much needed street rebuild and installation of ADA compliant crosswalks, we are left with new water, sewer and storm water infrastructure that will serve the community well for many years to come.

BUT, we are not quite finished. In spring 2012, the Borough's Public Works Department will begin installing brick sidewalks, new street lights, benches, trash cans and trees on the first block of W. Middle. This project is funded with a grant obtained by Main Street Gettysburg in 2007. Work was delayed pending PennDot's work on PA116. According to Public Works Director Dan Hilliard, it will take about 45 days to complete each side. During the 90 days of construction, parking will need to be limited on the south side of the first block to allow space for workers and equipment. Vehicle travel lanes will remain open.

Clearing Snow and Ice

Chances are good we will see snow and ice in the coming months and sidewalks will need to be cleared! Residents and business owners must clear a minimum of 30 inches wide (36 is better for wheelchair access). Sand or similar anti-skid material must be applied if ice cannot be cleared. Products using urea or calcium chloride are less likely to harm sidewalks. Most property owners have 24 hours to clear sidewalks.

Properties located in the following downtown business and metered areas are required to have snow and ice cleared within 12 hours.

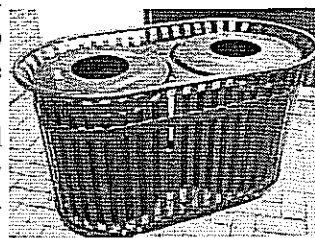
Lincoln Square
Chambersburg St. to Bream Alley
Carlisle St. to Water St.
York St. to Hanover St.
Baltimore St. to Steinwehr Ave.
Steinwehr Ave. to Washington St.
Washington St. from Railroad St. to High St.
Stratton St. from Railroad St. to High St.
High St. from Washington St. to Stratton St.

Borough crews will clear snow from metered areas when depths reach 5 inches. Please do not throw snow into the streets or push it across public streets from parking areas. Please help the Borough by shoveling snow away from fire hydrants and storm drains. Property owners are responsible for the removal of the snow on the handicap ramps on their sidewalks.

Gettysburg Recycles!

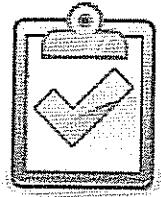
Public recycling bins – 9 of them – have been installed on Lincoln Square and on Steinwehr Avenue. Additionally, The Lions Club donated funds for a recycling bin for their pavilion at the Rec Park. The bins on the Square (pictured here) were purchased with State funds awarded to the Borough as a reward for our successful residential recycling program. This year, the Borough received \$14,993 thanks to your efforts to recycle more than 870 tons in 2009.

Reminder: Residents and businesses are required by law to recycle. See gettysburg-pa.gov for details.



Code Enforcement

From time-to-time, we will highlight specific code enforcement requirements. By knowing and understanding the rules, residents can help the Borough reduce costs, improve safety and maintain a community we are proud to show off.



Maintaining Public Rights-of-Way

Sidewalks – In our downtown area, residents and businesses often place items on the sidewalk – merchandise, dining tables, signs, flower pots, etc. These additions help make the community vibrant and welcoming, however they also reduce sidewalk space. In other areas of the Borough, hedges, bushes and trees encroach on the sidewalk. Someone on crutches may need as much as 42 inches of unobstructed sidewalk and someone using a service animal as much as 48 inches. So, when planting, pruning or placing items on the sidewalk, try to leave at least 4 feet of open sidewalk for easy passage (five feet is even better!). You may need even more space at public entrances. When planning a new sidewalk, go for 5 feet in width if you can.

Alleys – On a recent tour of alleys, our Code Enforcement Officer and Public Works Director identified a number of areas where vegetation hanging over the alley will obstruct Borough trucks trying to deal with snow and ice removal. Maybe you received a letter! Property owners are required by Borough ordinance to keep the area above the alley clear up to 16 feet above the road surface.

Yard Sale Signs



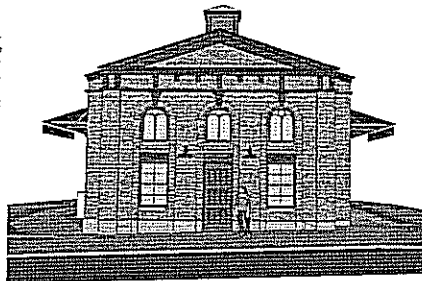
First, you need a permit to conduct a yard sale in the Borough. You can get your permit at the Borough office. The cost is \$10. You can display up to two signs, but both must be located on the property where the sale is located. Placing signs off-site or hanging signs on utility poles and public property, such as light poles, is not permitted.

If you have a question or need advice related to a code enforcement issue, we are happy to help. Contact Code Enforcement at 334-1160 ext. 229 or codeenforcement@gettysburg-pa.gov.

Transit Update

New Transit Center!

Groundbreaking for the new Gettysburg Transfer Center on Carlisle Street is scheduled for mid-October. The facility will serve as the connection area for Freedom Transit vehicles. It will also serve as a Welcome Center for the community by offering information, transportation resources and public restrooms.



rabbitEXPRESS to Harrisburg a Success!

The numbers tell the story – the rabbitEXPRESS service between Gettysburg and Harrisburg is growing – 20% since start-up on June 6. A popular feature is free WiFi service. Go to www.rabbittransit.org/express for more information.

THINK IT'S EXPENSIVE TO LIVE IN GETTYSBURG?

CONSIDER THIS: A family living 7 miles outside of town, making 22 trips to Gettysburg each month for work, business, shopping, school activities, etc. and getting 28 miles/gal at \$3.50 per gal spends an estimated \$4,652.52 per year in commuting costs.

Source: Commuter Services of PA • www.pacommuterservices.com

Don't forget to vote on Election Day November 8. Polling sites are:

Ward 1: Gettysburg Fire Hall

Ward 2: College Union Bldg Room 126

Ward 3: Sterner Building, Rec Park





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Individual Engraved Brick \$150.

To order, phone 337-3491 or
www.mainstreetgettysburg.org.



Borough News

Residential Parking Permits Available

The annual Residential Parking Permit Stickers are available at the Borough Office. The stickers are effective September 1 of each year. The annual fee is \$24 per vehicle and \$2.50 for a guest pass. You will need to provide a valid driver's license and vehicle registration and two forms of ID, both containing your name and street address.

Semi-Annual Ward 3 Town Hall Meeting

Ward 3 Council members John Butterfield, Susan Naugle and Graham Weaver will host a town hall meeting on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM at the Charlie Sterner Building at Rec Park. This is an opportunity for residents of Ward 3 and other residents of the Borough to ask questions and share ideas for improving Borough services.