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Message from the Mayor's Desk

A Message from Mayor Rita C. Frealing

I am ecstatic as Mayor to be giving my first contribution to the Borough Newsletter. What a way to ring in the New Year to be representing you, the residents of Gettysburg. Thank you again, for giving me this opportunity. I know everyone didn't vote for me, but in this position, I represent each one of you. Please feel free to call me or make an appointment to stop by and see me.

Spring is in the air. After an interesting late winter weather season and Covid, we keep moving forward. Thus far, I have been learning more and more about the position of Mayor. I have been meeting with residents, businesses and institution leaders, as part of the learning experience. The process has only started, and I will be in contact with many more of you. You talk, I listen. I have been working with borough management, council representatives and the police department to learn about operations and to become a part of the effort to better serve you, the community.

I am an instrument to spread goodwill and the word about

Gettysburg. I have included a picture of meeting high school visitors from Nebraska on their field trip at the Peace Light Memorial. I hope to have more interactions with visitors and will keep you posted! As stated above, I also want to interact with you.



Important Dates

Primary Election Day – Tuesday, May 17, 2022 (Polls Open 7 AM – 8 PM) Polling Locations; See Page 5

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 30, 2022 (2 PM) E. Middle Street; Baltimore Street; National Cemetery)

A Gettysburg Fourth – Monday, July 4, 2022 (2 PM) Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority, Long Lane

Adams County Farmers Market – Saturdays (8 AM – 1 PM); Opening Day - April 23rd; Last Day – October 29th

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.

Policy Considerations in 2022*by Wesley K. Heyser – Borough Council President*

Your borough council is undertaking several important policy

considerations in 2022. While the staff is generally tasked with the operation of the borough's functions and projects, the council serves as the policy making body that establishes direction through budgeting, ordinances, and resolutions.

Already this year, the council has revised the fee resolution to provide predictability to parade organizers. The council members recognize the difficulties that organizers face and developed a flat fee structure that protects the borough taxpayers while also providing parade sponsors with a fixed rate. Previously, estimates would be provided, and on several occasions post-event bills greatly exceeded those estimates. The fixed fees will be re-evaluated in the fall during the budget process to adjust for labor rates, which are subject to change from year to year.

The decision to include funding for a trap-neuter-release (TNR) program within the borough in 2022 is already showing evidence of success. Our non-profit partners are working with residents to bring cat colonies in their neighborhoods under control. This coalition of volunteers is doing great work on behalf of the people of our town. The council will review the \$6,000 allocation during the year to ensure that it is adequate, and we anticipate continuing this program in future years.

The borough council is currently considering several policy items. Members of the public have requested that the borough consider revisions to zoning regulations within the Elm Street Overlay, establish a new use of "special event venue" in our zoning ordinance, and consider permitting the public consumption of alcohol. We are also considering a policy to ensure transparency related to personnel spending and will be examining revisions to our fire codes and the use of replacement materials within the historic district.

In an effort to ensure that the public has an unfiltered view of the borough's business, the council has again budgeted for the televising of our meetings by Community Media of Southcentral Pennsylvania. All of our sessions are broadcast on the local cable access channel and are available on demand on Community Media's website. While voting occurs during our business meetings, most of the discussion and consideration of these topics happens during the work sessions.

The most important contribution that your council members generally need from you are your thoughts on the topics we are considering. Please feel encouraged to contact your elected representatives, whether it be by phone, letter or email. All our email addresses are on the borough website, and follow the same format as mine: wheyser@gettysburgpa.gov

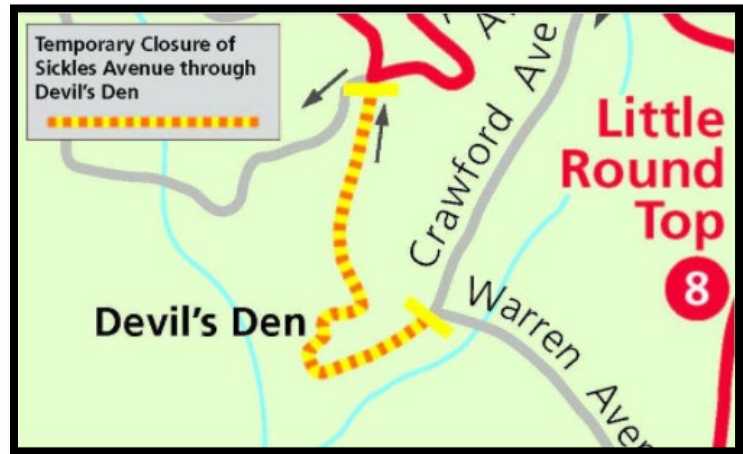
**Update from Gettysburg
National Military Park (GNMP)***by Steve Sims – GNMP Superintendent*

Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower National Historical Site are thankful for park staff, partners, and the community. Our employees, volunteers, and partners work tirelessly to preserve and protect these cherished places. The GNMP are steadfast and have a constant focus on caring for the parks of Gettysburg. We've excelled in delivering public programming and preserving resources despite difficult and uncertain times. The evolution in GNMP's public programs now integrate virtual programming in the form of live video streams of ranger talks and lectures. The GNMP has also developed robust website and social media content that includes 3D virtual tours and topic specific web pages.

See GNMP - Contd. on Page 3

GNMP - Contd. From Page 2

The Warfield and Wisler houses were rehabilitated to their 1863 appearance, new interpretive waysides were installed on the battlefield, the HVAC system at the Eisenhower home was replaced, and the Rose barn ruin was stabilized. In partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation, we rehabilitated 18 acres of Culp's Hill, completed the design of the Spangler Trail, and raised \$60k for fueling the flame of the Eternal Light Peace Memorial.



This is by no means a comprehensive list of recent accomplishments but demonstrates that the work doesn't stop even in the midst of a pandemic. The National Park Service will embark upon two major rehabilitation projects, Devil's Den and Little Round Top, beginning spring '22. These projects will address safety hazards, significant erosion, degraded vegetation, and will reestablish, preserve, and protect the features that make up this segment of the battlefield landscape. These are significantly overdue projects that will preserve and protect these special places for years to come.

On behalf of the Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS staffs, thank you for all you do for our parks and best wishes to you and yours for a happy and healthy 2022!

Meet Peter Griffioen

Code Compliance Officer



The Code Compliance Officer performs technical and administrative work in property maintenance inspections and code enforcement with a customer service approach. Code Enforcement is critical to ensuring the Borough's mission of providing responsive, efficient, and effective public services that promote the health, safety, well-being and prosperity of its citizens while protecting housing quality and preserving the rich and historical heritage of the Borough. The Code Compliance Officer is charged with managing the Borough's Residential Rental program, including inspections, compliance, reporting, and enforcement. This position is also responsible for code enforcement and administration, including property maintenance code, nuisance codes, business licensing codes, and codes and regulations pertaining to the health, safety, and appearance of the community. Mr. Griffioen joined the Borough's staff in December 2021. After being raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Peter joined the Marine Corps Infantry. When his career with the USMC was over, Peter joined his local fire department and began a career in emergency services. Mr. Griffioen then headed out west to the south rim of the Grand Canyon to fight fire. While out west, Peter met his spouse, and was soon married - on the edge of the Grand Canyon. The Griffioens have traveled and moved quite a bit since then, but when they arrived here in Gettysburg, they knew that it was home. Peter had been staying home with their four- and six-year-old between some moves around the country, but when they discovered that this was

their place, Peter found a position here with the Borough as the Code Compliance Officer. The Griffioens purchased a historic home here in the Borough and could not be more pleased with the neighborhood they reside in. The Griffioens enjoy bike riding around town in their cargo bikes while stopping in local restaurants, coffee shops, and other retail shops. They love outdoor activities like camping, hiking, and finding swimming holes. They try and get out for a round of disc golf when they can and have recently joined the local Marine Corp League. Peter has appreciated meeting members of the community and is excited to find more activities and groups to participate with. Peter is even considering working up the courage to join the local community theater (not there yet). Peter is elated to work for the same place they decided to call their forever home. Peter plans to provide the tourist and citizens of the Borough a safe, clean, and rewarding place to visit and live.

Meet Kara Riethmaier
HR Coordinator


The HR Coordinator performs a variety of human resources professional activities including, but not limited to, labor relations, benefit plan administration, job analysis, affirmative action planning, coordination of employee training and development, keeping employee training records, and risk assessment. Kara Riethmaier was hired as the Human Resources Coordinator for the Borough of Gettysburg in February of 2022. Having worked mostly in human resources for healthcare, she is very familiar with recruitment, staff development, and payroll processing. Mrs. Riethmaier earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Human Resources from Athens State University in Athens, Alabama. Mrs. Riethmaier recently relocated to the area from Gulfport, Mississippi after a change in duty stations for her husband. Her husband is an active-duty service member in The United States Navy and serves as a Seabee Construction Electrician. The Riethmaier family is excited to be here in Pennsylvania and begin exploring all this great state has to offer. Mrs. Riethmaier currently resides in Waynesboro, PA with her husband and three dogs. When Mrs. Riethmaier is not working, she enjoys traveling, cooking, and binge-watching shows on Netflix.

Public Works

Summer Projects

Line painting

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

Street and Alley Improvements
South Street

(April 2022): Curb and sidewalk replacement
(May – June): Street Construction/Paving

West High Street
West Street
South Franklin Street
South Washington Street

(April – May): Paving and restoration

Sheely Alley

(July – August 2022): Repaving

Wolf Alley

(July – August): Alley Construction and paving

Spring Brush Pick-Up

Spring brush pick-up by the Public Works crew will take place from **Monday, May 23rd - Thursday, May 27th, 2022**. Crews will go around town twice that week picking up brush only. Please do not mix leaves and grass clippings with brush, these items can be dropped off at the Public Works building located at 457 East Middle Street. Place brush to be picked up along curb (not in the street), or along alleys. If there are any questions regarding brush pickup, please call Public Works department at 717-334-4666.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will take place in the months of April or beginning of May. 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.

Maintenance Work

Public Works will continue working on Right of Way tree trimming, faded sign replacement, traffic signal maintenance, street light maintenance, cleaning storm water catch basins and pipes for MS4 regulations, and cleaning debris from Stevens Run (Tiber). Public Works crews will be addressing pothole issues as they appear.

Crack Sealing

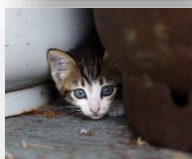
The Public Works crew will be tar sealing cracks in the streets throughout the summer months.



TNR Program

from Carly Marshall – Planning Director

In response to a growing stray cat population, and the health risks associated both to the cats and to household pets, Gettysburg Borough has partnered with Forever Love Rescue to get the stray cat population under control.



What is TNR?

(T)rap

Cats are humanely trapped.

(N)euter

The cats are taken to a veterinarian where they are spayed/neutered and vaccinated. Their left ear is 'tipped' so that people will recognize that the cat has been sterilized and will not attempt to trap them again.

(R)eturn

The cats are returned to the location they were trapped.

TNR is a program that aims to stop breeding of stray and feral cats by trapping, spaying or neutering, and then returning cats to their original habitat. This program accomplishes the following:

- Stabilizes the population – both by ending the breeding cycle, and by avoiding creating a void from the cats being removed, which results in new cats moving in from other territories.
- Is more effective and less expensive than extermination.
- Eliminates or reduces annoying behaviors such as spaying, yowling, and fighting.
- Reduces the numbers of cats and kittens in county shelters, many of whom may be euthanized due to lack of space and/or resources.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

If you are feeding homeless cats in Gettysburg, please call Forever Love Rescue's TNR Program today at (717) 900-5525 ext. 5, or email ForeverLoveRescue@gmail.com for TNR information and/or assistance.

Human Relations Commission (HRC)

from Janet Morgan-Riggs – HRC

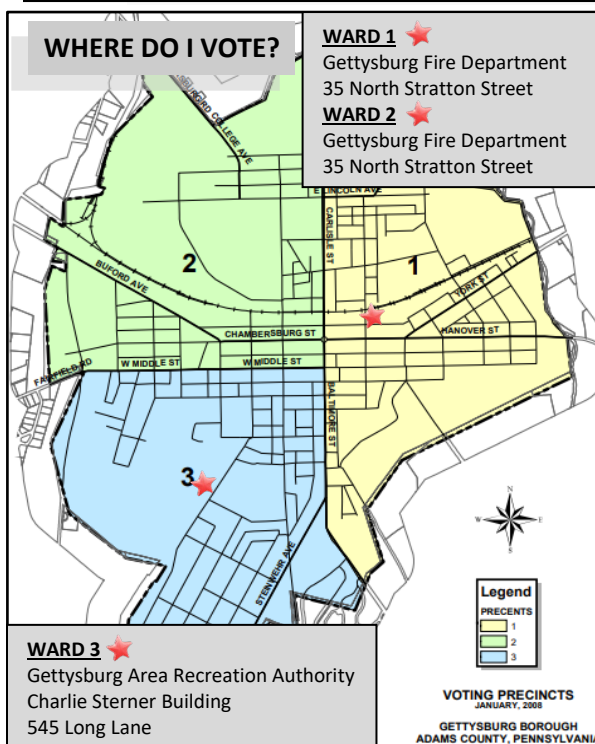
The Gettysburg Borough Human Relations Commission provides information and education to residents, businesses, employers, and institutions about their rights and duties under the Borough's nondiscrimination ordinance. We also work with Mediation Services of Adams County to facilitate the mediation of complaints about discrimination related to employment, public accommodation, and housing and commercial property in the Borough.

Information about the Human Relations Commission and the antidiscrimination ordinance can be found on the Borough website: <https://www.gettysburgpa.gov/human-relations-commission-hrc>.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination and would like to submit a complaint, forms are available in the Borough office and on the website. You may also contact the Human Relations Commission Chair, Janet Riggs, for assistance at riggs@gettysburg.edu. If your business or organization would like to know more about how we can support you in your efforts to adhere to the nondiscrimination ordinance, please be in touch with any member of the Human Relations Commission listed on the Borough's website. We look forward to working with members of the Borough community to assure fairness and equal rights for all of those who live and work here.



Pennsylvania Human Relations
Commission www.PHRC.gov



**Primary
Election
Day**

**Tuesday,
May 17th,
2022**

**Polls Open
from
7:00 AM
to
8:00 PM**



On April 1st, Waste Management (WM) began servicing the Borough's Refuse and Recycling contract. Please review WM's welcome letter.

Always Recycle



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Jars & Tubs



Food & Beverage Cans



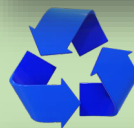
Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Glass Bottles & Containers



Dear Gettysburg Borough Resident,

Beginning April 1, WM will provide your waste and recycling service. Residents are encouraged to visit www.wm.com to set up a WM online account. WM is proud to provide you with efficient services for your waste and recycling collection. Thank you for helping to keep Gettysburg Borough clean and green!

General Service Information

Your collection day will remain the same. All material must be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your day of collection.

Bulk Item Collection:

- Only one (1) bulk item will be collected per week. Place your bulk item at the curb on your collection day.
- Bulk items include: mattress, box spring, furniture, appliance, or an oversized household item that does not fit in the cart. Carpet must be no more than 4 ft long and 4 ft wide, tied, or rolled and secured with duct tape. Each mattress and box spring must be bagged prior to collection. Bags can be purchased at local hardware stores.
- Items containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers or any items with CFC/HCFC refrigerants or liquids must be scheduled ahead of collection by contacting WM customer service at (800) 593-9529. Please identify yourself as a resident of Gettysburg Borough.
- Large bulk items not listed above can be scheduled by calling Customer Service at (800) 593-9529. Please identify yourself as a resident of Gettysburg Borough.

Household Hazardous Wastes and Electronics Waste:

Toxic chemicals, pesticides, pool chemicals, oil-based paints, weed killers, automotive batteries, and fuels or fluids must be disposed of properly, and NEVER placed in the trash. Under PA state law, all TVs, computers, laptops, printers or monitors must be properly recycled and will NOT be collected at the curb.

Gettysburg Borough will host a Covered Device Recycling event on March 19, 2022 and September 17, 2022 at Gettysburg Borough Public Works Building, located at 457 Middle Street. Residents must pre-register for the event - more details will be available soon.

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste can be picked up weekly. Branches should be bundled in lengths of three feet, and of a size that can be lifted by one man. Leaves should be placed (unbagged) in an open, dumpable container.

Holiday Schedule:

The following holidays are observed by Waste Management:

New Year's Day	Memorial Day	Fourth of July
Labor Day	Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Day

If a holiday falls on or before your collection day, your service will be delayed one day that week only. There will be no service delays if a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

Tag a Bag Program

Residents must contact WM at (800) 593-9529 by March 18 to remain in or sign up for the "tag a bag" program. Residents participating in the service will be invoiced the \$20.00 annual fee and will receive 12 tags. Additional tags can be purchased for \$4.00 per tag by contacting WM at (800) 593-9529.

Notification System:

Customers are notified by phone through an automated system about important service delays, inclement weather or cancellations. Please keep an updated home or cell phone number on file with Customer Service to receive alerts when necessary. We encourage residents to sign up for a WM online account at www.wm.com. Through the online portal, residents can customize their communication preferences.

For More Information:

Waste Management Customer Service (800) 593-9529

Residents can also visit www.wm.com for chat and email options.

HARB Awards

from Debra English – Preservation Director

May is dedicated to National Preservation Month. Also known as Historic Preservation Month, the month of May celebrates our nation's heritage through historic places, towns, and structures. National Preservation Month allows us to support preserving such places and enjoying the stories behind our historic towns and structures. We encourage you to get out and about and walk our fabulous town and take in the unique architectural styles and character of Gettysburg.

Corporal Skelly Post No. 9 Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, located at 53 E. Middle Street, Gettysburg, PA is owned and restored by HGAC, Historic Preservation Society of Gettysburg-Adams County, as an example of adaptive reuse of an historic building, and now serves as GAR's headquarters.

The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) holds an Awards recognition in May for property owners who help to preserve and maintain our historic buildings in town. To qualify for an award, your project must be permitted through HARB and be completed by the awards deadline.

Categories for Presentation Awards:



Certificate of Exception Merit – Owner goes beyond what the Board expects in maintenance of a historic building.

Certificate of Merit -- Project maintains historic features of a building, meets the intent of the Gettysburg Borough. Work is respectful of the historic building.

Certificate of Honorable Mention – Recognize the effort to maintain the historic nature of the building, structure or property.

HARB's awards ceremony is set for May 18th at 6 PM in Troxel Council Chambers located at 59 E. High Street. The ceremony is open to the public. If you feel you deserve an award for your preservation efforts, please contact Debra English denglish@gettysburgpa.gov; and if you qualify, we can consider your project next year. Taking pride in Gettysburg's historic structures promotes tourism, increases property values, and gives a sense community. **Thank you** to all of you for the work and efforts you put into our historic district.

Gettysburg Inner Loop

from Tom Jolin – HABPI President

The winter weather has gotten milder bringing out many bicyclists. The Borough has worked to improve safety for bicyclists since 2007, at which time the Borough started a partnership with HABPI (Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc). The effort has resulted in the construction of considerable safe bicycling and walking facilities. To date, most of the west side of the Inner Loop is complete, as well as some of the east side.

That is important to Gettysburg for several reasons. Bicycling is good for our personal health, local economy, air quality and livability. Did you know that every mile of car travel replaced by walking or bicycling saves .05 gallons of gasoline and one pound of air pollution? That is according to the 2020 Rails to Trails Conservancy study. Also, the study notes that 53% of all trips are three miles or less, so bicycling and walking are very doable in many cases. And let's not forget that walking and bicycling reduces noise, making Gettysburg more inviting and livable.

Also, did you know that our health improves when we bicycle? **Overweight adolescents who participate in bicycling 3 to 4 days per week are 85% more likely to become normal-weight adults.** (Menschik, D., et al., 2008).

So, dust off your bike, pump up the tires, strap on your helmet and enjoy a bike ride for school, shopping, and enjoyment. Remember to follow all laws like riding on the right. Here is a photo of a local family enjoying Gettysburg as they cross the Susan Naugle Bridge on West Middle Street. That crossing has safety warning lights that you can activate with touch of the finger.



Susan C. Naugle Bike/Pedestrian Bridge

Garden Club

from Karen Szoke – Garden Club President



holds its **Spring Perennial Plant Sale**. The sale is from **9 am to 2 pm** in the Gettysburg Fire Department parking lot. Club members will sell perennials, including coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, Hostas, daylilies, and many others. The plants will be lovingly dug from members' gardens and divided, potted, and tended for 2-weeks to ensure a successful transplant. The sale will feature pollinator-friendly perennials and some annuals, herbs, and baby trees. Come early for the best selections. Should you have any questions, please contact Betsy at ejmeyer99@hotmail.com

The tulips in the flower beds of Lincoln Square circle are poking through, announcing that warmer weather will soon be here. Club members will be planting pansies in the large pots in the Square in March and will plant summer annuals in the circle late in May.

Our beautiful hanging baskets will be back in place around Memorial Day. Working with our project partner, Musselman's Greenhouses, we have replaced all hanging baskets. Purchased 20 years ago, the baskets have slowly deteriorated, and it was cost-effective to replace all of them. This project is one of the Club's most significant investments in recent years. Musselman's, a long and valued partner, contributed \$2500 towards the new baskets. Did you know that Musselman's hangs the baskets each year, plants the summer annuals in the large pots, and then removes and stores the baskets when the season is over? We are more than grateful for their monetary contribution to the new baskets and their annual assistance with this beautification project.

The beautiful plant materials used in the circle and the hanging baskets are purchased at Musselman's. You may want to take a trip to their greenhouses this spring as you plan your gardens.

Those lovely flowers that grace downtown Gettysburg are made possible by public donations and contributions to the Adams County Community Foundation's annual Giving Spree, which supports the baskets. These are truly community-supported projects, and we could not do it without you!

The Garden Club invites you to join us for our meetings held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Gettysburg Fire Department. Guests are welcome, and there is always a n interesting program, conversations to inspire the gardener in you, and light refreshments. For more information, please call Connie at 717-334-0230.

The Gettysburg Garden Club is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Garden Club Federation of PA and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

May 21st, save this date!

This is when the Gettysburg Garden Club

Rabbit Transit

from Rich Farr – Rabbit Transit Director

Warm weather is for relaxing, not sitting in traffic or stressing about the cost of gas. Local transportation authority RabbitTransit offers commuters a convenient and affordable alternative to driving to work: RrabbitEXPRESS. Designed with the commuter in mind, RabbitEXPRESS operates multiple round trips on weekdays between York and Harrisburg; York and Northern Maryland; and Gettysburg and Harrisburg. On board, free Wi-Fi makes it possible to be productive while commuting. When life happens and commuters need to get home sooner than expected, the Emergency Ride Home program makes it possible to do so. Riders can pay cash fare upon boarding RabbitEXPRESS, purchase 11 ride or monthly passes. Monthly passes can be used on any RabbitTransit scheduled route bus. One-way cash fare between York and Northern Maryland is \$5; York and Harrisburg is \$3.50; and Harrisburg and Gettysburg is \$3.50. 11 ride passes for routes connecting from York to Northern Maryland, York to Harrisburg or Harrisburg to Gettysburg range from \$31 to \$50; while monthly passes for the same routes range from \$95 to \$136. RabbitTransit offers the following park and ride locations, where commuters can board RabbitEXPRESS buses: Exit 24 in Emigsville, Exit 33 in Yocumtown, Haines Road, Exit 16 Queen Street, Shrewsbury, Gateway Gettysburg, and Dillsburg.



THE FUTURE GETTYSBURG WELCOME CENTER
JILL SELLERS, PRESIDENT · MAIN STREET GETTYSBURG**PROJECT**

Main Street Gettysburg is excited to partner with the Borough of Gettysburg in the development of the Gettysburg Welcome Center at 340 Baltimore Street.

LOCATION

The Gettysburg Welcome Center will provide a connection between the south end of town (NPS, Soldiers Cemetery, Steinwehr Avenue) and the north end of town (Lincoln Square and Gettysburg College). Its physical location is central, set perfectly between Steinwehr Avenue and Lincoln Square, and will enable the walkability of our entire historic district. Development is planned to coincide with the Baltimore Street Project.

VISION

The purpose of the Gettysburg Welcome Center will be to serve as a centralized anchor of the community, to increase access to our historic district and to enhance walkability of our downtown.

PARTNERS

We are excited to be working with Adams County native Connor Phiel, who designed the original concept for the building. Warehaus Design & Architecture of York is currently developing the architectural plans.

Local organizations like Main Street Gettysburg, Destination Gettysburg, Gettysburg Foundation, National Military Park, and others will be welcome to have a physical presence downtown, to ultimately create a local, personal experience that well represents Gettysburg as a collective destination.

PARKING

The design plans include handicapped parking spaces directly behind the building, but the location and design are specifically focused on increasing the walkability of our historic downtown.

FUNDING

The property, valued at \$134,000, was donated to the Borough of Gettysburg. In 2021, we raised a total of \$14,944.19 through the Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree and other fundraising platforms. These and other donations contribute to the match funds required for grant eligibility.

LOCATION

The Gettysburg Welcome Center project will be built around three key design concepts:

Information – Directions, events, transportation, tourism, and volunteer information will be helpful for visitors and locals. Stop in to find out about events and projects, including how to volunteer and get involved in our community.

Public Restrooms – Right now finding a public restroom is a challenge, and often puts a strain on our local businesses. Establishing this resource is vital for downtown residents, visitors, and businesses. New facilities will be ADA-compliant, accessible to everyone, and will include changing stations for families. Whether you're here as a tourist for the day or the weekend, or here as a local for an event, parade, or a football game, public restrooms will help you to stay longer to enjoy our downtown.

Community Space – The location is set perfectly between Steinwehr Avenue and Lincoln Square. This is a unique opportunity for us to create a landmark in the heart of our downtown – where Gettysburg can be represented as a seamless destination, and where our community partners can showcase our incredible, collective identity. The offices on the second floor will possibly be rental space, which would offset the maintenance costs of the facility overall.

NEXT STEPS

We have identified grant programs for construction of this project, and we will submit applications to move forward in 2022. We will again participate in the Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree to raise grant match funds. Watch for open houses in the fall and maybe even a virtual reality tour of the design!

We are extremely proud of this initiative in the heart of our historic district. Please watch for opportunities to support this project!



A GETTYSBURG CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2022

JILL SELLERS, PRESIDENT · MAIN STREET GETTYSBURG

Main Street Gettysburg is excited to announce preliminary plans for this year's *A Gettysburg Christmas Festival*! We are returning to the traditional date for the festival – the first weekend of December. Mark your calendars for Friday-Sunday, December 2-4, 2022.

IT'S BACK!

We struggled through the last two years: in 2020, we didn't have a festival at all, and in 2021, we had a scaled-down version.

Thankfully this year, we are able to start planning early, so we have secured a few attractions already and will be adding to those as we move forward. This is a list of some really cool things instore to celebrate the holidays in historic Gettysburg:

- Ice Skating Rink
- Bounce Houses
- Mechanical Reindeer
- Beer Gardens
- Craft Fair
- Human Foosball
- Food Trucks and Vendors.

FUNDRAISERS

Keep in mind that parking and shuttle services are fundraisers for the festival.





MSG is accredited through the Pennsylvania Downtown Center and has received national awards and recognition for its innovative approach and collaboration with its host municipality.

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment is being planned and booked as we speak!

SHUTTLES

Shuttles will be available throughout the festival. They will run in a designated loop with designated stops throughout the festival activities.

ROAD CLOSURES

Lincoln Square will be closed on Baltimore Street to High Street. Portable traffic signals will manage traffic through the square, including pedestrian crossings.

Culp Street will be closed for activities and vendors in the Steinwehr Business Improvement District.

PARKING

We encourage people to park their vehicles for the day and hop on the shuttles to get to all of the activity and event areas throughout the festival.

We hope to arrange VIP parking at Gettysburg Middle School on Lefever Street. This will be premium parking for the easiest access to the center of town; the parking fee will be higher for this lot.

Satellite parking will be available at Harrisburg Area Community College. The parking fee will be less for this lot.

Garage and on-street parking will also be available at metered rates.

GET INVOLVED!

Please contact Main Street Gettysburg with your ideas and get involved! info@mainstreetgettysburg.org, or 717-337-3491.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gettysburg is a Certified GOLD Community for Sustainability!

For Details, Visit
www.SustainablePACommunity.org
Certification.org



What is a Sharrows?

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



Expanding Our Reach: The People Project 2022*from Leonna Rega – ACAC President*

The Adams County Arts Council (ACAC) is committed to connecting the community through arts experiences, prioritizing the County's most vulnerable populations, including youth, low-income families, seniors, the Hispanic/migrant population, and people in healing. We do this through culinary arts classes, performing arts projects, classes in a variety of arts media, music instruction for people of all ages, summer camps, masterclasses, artist residencies, our outdoor community arts venue—the [Gettys Square Arts Oasis](#), and a new Healing Arts program, offered at no cost to groups of women, youth, and men who are [self-referred](#) or referred by a therapist, counselor, or medical professional.

This year, thanks to a grant from PA Humanities and the National Endowment of the Humanities, we will further broaden our reach through a unique community performance and visual arts project called The People Project 2022. In its fifth year, The People Project started in 2017 as a simple staged reading of personal narratives on a single theme from a variety of perspectives. When the pandemic made in-person performances impossible, the Project evolved to a video format, which opened the doors to include visual art and music. In 2022, the Project evolves even further, as we encourage all of Adams County to be part of this connecting community event.

During two public meetings held in February, ACAC staff collected input from the community for potential themes for the Project, and in March, we conducted a survey of Adams County residents to choose a theme for the project, which will culminate in a public event featuring live performances, displays of visual arts projects, and a community-created public art installation. Storytellers, artists, and musicians are invited to submit work for consideration as part of the culminating event, which is planned for October 2022 (Date/Venue TBD). All performances and art creations will focus on the selected theme, and no experience is necessary to be part of this project. Seeing and hearing stories and artwork from a variety of people on a common theme demonstrates the beauty of multiple perspectives and encourages all of us to open our hearts and minds to the experiences of family, friends, neighbors, as well as those who may be strangers to us living in Adams County.

To get involved with The People Project 2022, visit www.adamsarts.org and please contact [Lisa Cadigan \(lcadigan@adamsarts.org\)](mailto:Lisa.Cadigan@adamsarts.org), Director, Arts Outreach and Community Resources.

Bouncing Back from COVID*from Karl Pietrzak – DG President*

The light at the end of the COVID tunnel is getting a little brighter every day for tourism in Adams County. Coming off a strong 2021, this year already looks promising - according to January and February data on hotel occupancy, lodging rates and engagement with our paid advertising, social media and website. Smith Travel Research (STR) - which measures hotel occupancy, average daily rate, and other data about visitors who spend the night at many of the hotel properties around Adams County - indicates that occupancy for January 2022 was up 11.1 percent over 2021, and February 2022 increased 27.2 percent. In addition, the average daily rate for those rooms in January and February increased 21.1 percent, and overall revenue was up 53.9 percent - giving Destination Gettysburg confidence that a full COVID recovery is in progress.

While lodging data isn't the only measurement for tourism's success in Adams County, it remains an important barometer for visitation.

Early indications reaffirm our belief that tourism is rebounding in 2022. This comes on the heels of a strong year in 2021, where our lodging rentals matched pre-COVID levels in 2019.

In addition to lodging, website traffic to DestinationGettysburg.com is up 24.49 percent in January and February - indicating that potential visitors are beginning to plan trips to our community later in the year. Page views on the website are also up 21.5 percent.

The team at Destination Gettysburg remains cautiously optimistic that visitors will increasingly become more comfortable with traveling in 2022, and we are positioning the destination to be a great alternative to traveling to more urban areas.

Gettysburg Municipal Authority

CROSS CONNECTION & BACKFLOW PREVENTION

From Mark Guise – Facilities Manager

At Gettysburg Municipal Authority, (GMA), we take great pride in providing you with the highest quality drinking water possible. To consistently maintain the high level of quality we strive for, GMA along with third party vendor NAWSC have initiated a comprehensive backflow prevention/cross-connection control program. According to the PA State Plumbing Code International Plumbing Code (IPC) and the PA Safe Drinking Water Regulations, Chapter 109 we are authorized and required by state regulations to have you install, at your expense, an inline backflow prevention device. All customers are required to have cross control/ backflow prevention measures in place.

Backflow prevention devices are mechanical plumbing devices installed in a plumbing system to prevent water from flowing backward in the system. A properly installed, tested, and maintained backflow preventer at the service entrance to a building or property can reliably prevent the backflow of water of an unknown quality from flowing back into the community water system. Backflow prevention is important to protect GMA's customers against accidental contamination of the public water supply due to a direct connection of a non-drinkable substance to the normal drinking water piping.

The type of backflow device necessary depends on the degree of hazard present at your location. The degree of hazard depends on the use of water at your location and what could potentially enter the system. Types of backflow devices range from a "Residential Dual Check Valve" (RDCV) and is non-testable and suitable for most residential applications. Residential properties that have fire sprinklers and / or lawn sprinklers, along with commercial and industrial properties require a testable backflow assembly such as a Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA), Reduced Pressure Principle Assembly (RPZ) or a Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB). This includes an annual test performed by an American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) certified tester. Your certified plumber should be able to assist in seeing that the proper device is installed at your property.

Gettysburg Municipal Authority's program has begun with all commercial, industrial and fire protected properties receiving letters requesting testing and or installation of proper backflow devices. Along with directions on properly submitting the test forms back to NAWSC, our Cross-Connection Control Department. Questions can be directed to the CCC department at 844-605-5213.

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TIME TO PLANT A TREE

Spring and Fall are great times for tree planting. Borough Council created the Gettysburg Borough Shade Tree Commission in 1999 to plant, maintain and remove trees along streets within the Borough's right-of-way. Those are the trees, referred to as "street trees", that are in or along sidewalks, close to the curb line. Each year, the Council approves a small budget for the Commission to purchase and plant new or replacement trees and have trees removed or pruned.

For spring 2022, the Commission approved the purchase and planting of 17 trees at various locations around the Borough. Most of these replace trees which were removed because they were diseased, dying, dead, or damaged by vehicles. The Borough Public Works Department will do the actual planting to include creating or expanding tree wells and installing root barriers to inhibit future sidewalk damage.

A **permit is required** if a property owner wants a "street tree" planted, pruned, or removed. Permits are available on the Borough website at www.gettysburgpa.gov under Forms and Documents. A list of recommended tree species is also available in the Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25 Trees, which is also available on the Borough website. Property owners willing to cover the cost of purchasing a street tree in front of their property are most welcome to do so in consultation with the Commission.

The Commission encourages property owners to plant and maintain trees on their own property. A permit is not required but property owners are strongly encouraged to call **PA One Call** by dialing 811 before planting to make sure the tree will not interfere with underground utility lines.

If you have a street tree question, contact Robbie Harbaugh at rharbaugh@gettysburgpa.gov or 717-334-1160 EXT 225 or 717-334-4666 OR Susan Naugle at psnaugle99@embargo.com or 717-334-1142.

Benefits of Trees

- Reduces Erosion
- Filters toxins from ground water
- Increases property values up to 15%*
- Cools streets, sidewalks, and homes
- Encourages alternative transportation, like walking and biking
- Improves air quality and reduces greenhouse gases
- Reduces noise pollution
- Contributes to both physical and mental wellbeing

*Wolf, Kathleen L, PhD, University of Washington (2007) City Trees and Property values, Arborist News 16, 4:34-36



IT'S SPRING! ARE YOU PLANNING TO DIG?

If you are a homeowner and you are planning to dig on your own property to plant a tree, install a fence, etc., **PLAY IT SAFE!** Contact PA One Call. You can dial 811 or submit a request on line at 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.

What Happened to that Bypass Anyway?

from Charles R. Gable – Gettysburg Borough Manager

Truck traffic, the noise and disruptions that come with it have long been a source of frustration for Borough residents and visitors alike. It has long been discussed that Gettysburg would benefit immensely by the construction of a bypass to assist these large and unwelcoming trucks travers the region with out having to travel Gettysburg's narrow road system. Did you know that a Gettysburg bypass was in fact proposed and was abandoned? Discussions of a bypass date back to the 1960s! What follows in subsequent pages is the history of the ill-fated Gettysburg bypass as described on the website Harrisburg Highways (www.HarrisburgHighways.com)

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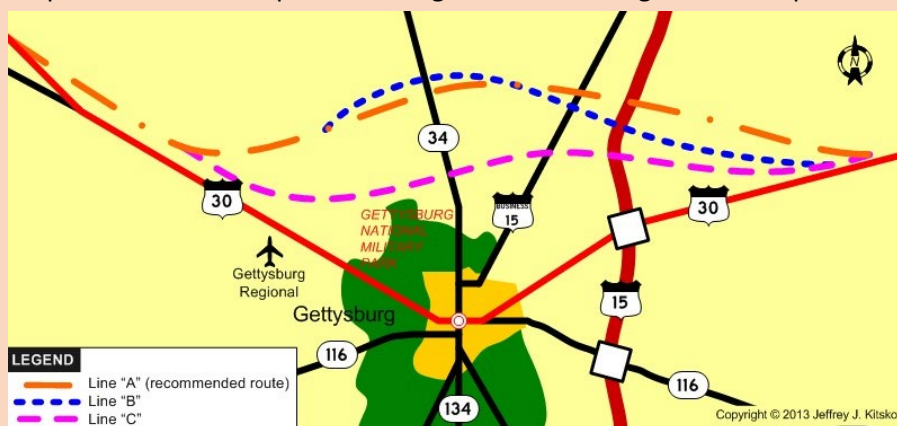
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The Borough of Gettysburg is perhaps one of the most historic locales in the United States. It is famous for not only the location of Abraham Lincoln's famous "Gettysburg Address," but also one of the bloodiest battles in the Civil War. While a quaint country town during the 19th Century, it became a confluence for north-south and east-west traffic traveling through Adams County in the 20th Century, something that doesn't sync well with the historic atmosphere of the town.

Throughout the 1960s, the idea to remove traffic from the borough began to solidify. The first idea to eliminate through traffic came at a December 6, 1967 Franklin Township Planning Commission meeting, where a northern bypass proposal was discussed but also a suggestion for a "complete belt" around Gettysburg. While the beltway idea was scrapped, a January 9, 1968 meeting at the office of O. D. Ferrari, district highway engineer, was held to discuss widening US 30 from McKnightstown to Gettysburg. Representatives from the Department of Highways, US Parks Service, Adams County, and Senator George Wade were in attendance, who all agreed that the widening project should be abandoned and the funds diverted to the bypass project. Senator Wade suggested definite or alternate alignments be ready for presentation to the State Highways Commission meeting that would be held March 27 in Lancaster. John Callenbach, Adams County planner, and Clifton Rogers, consulting engineer for the county, would make a field survey to determine possible routes. On February 28, 1968, the Adams County Planning Commission adopted the construction of a northern Gettysburg bypass as the number one priority for highway development in the county. The proposed bypass would start at McKnightstown and continue to the US 15 bypass then eastward to the York County line. In order to acquire the necessary funds for construction, the commission requested a transfer of \$1.5 million allocated for widening US 30 from McKnightstown to Gettysburg towards the bypass. Callenbach and Senator Wade presented the request to the State Highway Commission which voted in favor of the transfer on March 27.

By the beginning of 1969, the Department of Highways was getting ready to do a feasibility study which is what Clifton Rogers told the Adams County Planning Commission meeting at their January 22 meeting. He said they had aerial pictures and a consultant lined up to begin studying the McKnightstown to US 15 bypass section; however, there was no indication on how soon work would begin but probably within the next year. Three proposed routes were laid out; however, the one that the state favored did not sit well with Callenbach. At a December 17 meeting of the Adams County Planning Commission, he voiced his displeasure with the "in close" alternate that the Department of Highways said would see "2,000 to 3,000" more vehicles a day. He said that there would be considerable opposition for the southerly route of the three and that the additional usage would not outweigh the high price of purchasing valuable properties. Callenbach said he felt that the other two alternatives would be better received and that they were roughly the same in length. Mr. Callenbach had a few allies in his fight against the southern route. On the afternoon of December 29, 1969, the Adams County Soil and Water Conservation District Board joined in objecting to the route because it bisected numerous farms in Seven Stars and Gettysburg.

The first public meeting on the bypass took place on January 27, 1971 at the Gettysburg Junior High School. Department of Transportation engineers and designers took questions from the audience of 150 attendees.



Statements from the Gettysburg Borough Council, Cumberland Township supervisors, Adams County Planning Commission, Adams County Soil and Water Conservation District, Department of Forest and Water, Gettysburg Airport, and Department of Health were read into the record, all of which endorsed or found no faults with the "A," or outer, corridor which is the

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same the Adams County Commissioners approved. The expressway would be roughly 10-miles-long, two-lanes-wide initially, cost \$21 million, and open in 1976. There were objectors to even with this corridor, notably property owners who would be affected, but Assistant District Engineer L. M. Robinson calmed their fears by saying that the right-of-way was just a rough approximation. Ten to 15 residences, two to four farm buildings, and three to five commercial structures would be taken by corridor "A" and corridor "B" would cost \$23 million and take 10 to 15 residences, five to seven farm buildings, and four to seven commercial structures. Corridor "C" would cost \$21.5 million, take 18 to 24 residences, four to seven farm buildings, and six to 10 commercial structures, but PennDOT officials warned that this one would lower the tax base of Cumberland Township due to it cutting through developed areas. The Gettysburg Travel Council submitted a resolution at the meeting that the bypass be "Route 30 to Route 30" rather than stopping at the US 15 bypass as originally planned, and designate the original route through the borough as Business US 30.

Secretary of Transportation Jacob Kassab was warning local officials that there was no money for construction from the state, and the federal government should be approached instead. The bypass wasn't even on the six-year plan for PennDOT, but by December 1972, the Federal Highway Administration had given its blessing to Legislative Route 1070. By the June 27, 1973 meeting of the Adams County Planning Commission, John Callenbach said the new six year plan for road improvements would be due and had high hopes that the bypass would be included. What no one saw coming was the tidal wave of debt that would soon crash down upon the Department of Transportation by 1977 which would grind to a halt all construction of new roadways.

While construction of the bypass was halted, traffic growth in the county had not stopped by the dawn of the 1980s. The man who had seen the plan of a limited-access bypass come and go, John Callenbach, was resigned to the fact that it would more than likely be built as a truck relief route. The bypass would seem to find new life in the 1990s as a proposal to add four new highways to Adams County and one of the four was the Gettysburg Bypass. Jeffrey Green, an engineer with Orth-Rodgers & Associates, presented the findings of a traffic study to members of two citizens' advisory committees on April 24, 1991. "We believe such a bypass is essential for three reasons. First, the streets of Gettysburg Borough and Lincoln Square cannot accommodate increased traffic generated by new development along the arteries connecting to Gettysburg. Second, the level of truck traffic in the borough is intolerable today and can only grow worse. And third, much of the traffic increase passing through Gettysburg has neither an origin nor a destination in the borough." Two years later, the tone would change for the worse when transportation officials would announce that a bypass would not be included in a traffic study for the 58-mile-long US 30 corridor through Adams, Franklin, and York counties. PennDOT District 8 Engineer Barry Hoffman announced the preliminary results of a \$1.1 million study on January 13, 1993 that was performed by Gannett-Fleming. It showed that Gettysburg is considered a destination point for nearly all traffic utilizing US 30 and very little car and truck traffic was considered "through traffic." Since a bypass would divert only a small amount of traffic out of the borough center, the engineering firm could not recommend construction. On February 18, 1993, State Transportation Secretary Howard Yerusalem announced his support for the first phase of the study but was waiting for the second phase which would look at the need and feasibility of a truck relief route around the borough.

It seemed like a victory to supporters on October 19, 1995, when Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent John Latschar announced that state transportation officials had reconsidered a US 30 alternate around the borough. The superintendent told the park advisory committee that a deal had been struck with PennDOT District Engineer Barry Hoffman. PennDOT spokesman Grey Penny said his first interpretation is that state officials are not opposed to the idea of an alternate route, but reiterated the findings of the Gannett-Fleming study years earlier. He also cited the seemingly unending issue of funding for PennDOT as another reason for an alternate not being studied. Residents of East Berlin, Biglerville, and Arendtsville objected to an alternate route because they did not want Gettysburg's traffic problems pushed onto them. State Senator Terry Punt asked PennDOT to keep components of a Gettysburg alternate route study in place temporarily so that there would be a viable option if a compromise could be worked out but added, "There is not going to be a bypass because the numbers do not justify it."



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Rain Gardens & Small Bioretention

What is it?

A rain garden or bioretention area is a shallow depression that will hold runoff. It is planted with specially selected native vegetation that will filter and use runoff, as well as increase infiltration.

How does it work?

Rain gardens reduce the amount of runoff and remove pollutants. As the water pools in the depression, it can infiltrate deeper into the soil, or be used by the vegetation through evapotranspiration. The deep and dense root system of perennial vegetation increases the amount of water that infiltrate as compared to the shallow roots of lawn grasses. Even in a larger event during which the rain garden may overflow, runoff is still filtered through the vegetation removing pollutants.

How does a Homeowner maintain it?

Twice a year:

- Vegetation needs to be checked to make sure that it's healthy. Any bare spots need to be replanted.
- Check the inflow area to make sure that there isn't any sediment building up. Remove any accumulated sediment.
- Mulch should be re-spread when erosion is evident and be replenished as needed.

Annually:

- Perennial plants should be cut back if needed by species type and any dead vegetation should be removed at the end of the growing season.

Every Three Years:

- Apply mulch in the spring as needed to cover soil. Mulch should be 1-3 inches deep. Do not use mulch to "fill-in" the depression of the rain garden. That depression area is needed for stormwater management.

Additional Information:

- While vegetation is being established in the first few years, weeding may be required.
- If any plants die, they need to be replaced. Refer to the Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan for what types of plants to use.
- During periods of extended drought, bioretention areas may require watering.
- Rain gardens should be checked after large rain storms to make sure that they are draining within 72 hours. If water remains in the rain garden longer than 72 hours, you could have mosquito problems, and should contact your county conservation district for guidance on fixing or replacing your rain garden.

