



# GETTYSBURG

## *Pennsylvania*

### ... HISTORIC CROSSROADS

**Borough  
Newsletter**

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#### **Borough Council**

##### **Mayor**

Theodore Streeter

##### **First Ward**

Wesley Heyser  
Patricia Lawson

##### **Second Ward**

Christopher Berger  
Matthew Moon

##### **Third Ward**

John Lawver  
Judith Butterfield

##### **At-Large**

Jacob Schindel

##### **Borough Manager**

Charles R. Gable

#### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE MAYOR?**

*A Message from Mayor Theodore Streeter*

Gettysburg will choose its next Mayor in November of this year. The Borough has four candidates running for this office. Let me briefly share with the public and the candidates what the job of Mayor entails in our strong council-weak mayor form of government. The mayor has four proscribed duties: (1) he/she can marry people, (2) the mayor declares emergencies, (3) the mayor is the final appeal on traffic tickets before they go to the magistrate, and (4) by state statute the mayor has "oversight" of the Police Department. This last point is nebulous as the council and Borough Manager have financial jurisdiction of all government functions - so other than advocacy and disciplinary matters in the Department, the mayor has little influence. And, presently, the Chief has 30+ years of law enforcement experience. I have none. So, "oversight" becomes an intangible thing. Fortunately, the Chief, the Borough Manager and I have a good working relationship which avoids many problems that could arise from the "oversight" arrangement.

Other than that, the mayor's duties are overwhelmingly ceremonial. He/she writes and presents proclamations and keys, leads the Memorial Day Parade, Halloween, and Christmas Parades, gives welcoming speeches to conventions, reunions, etc., and generally "cuts ribbons and kisses babies", much of which occurs in the evenings and on weekends. In general, the mayor does whatever is required to present the borough in a positive light. For all of this, the mayor's salary is \$5,000 per year (by state statute), which for me, during non-COVID times, has worked out to about \$4.00 per hour. Incidentally, the hours are flexible. The mayor participates in all council meetings, although he/she has no vote except in the case to break a Council tie vote.

It certainly helps to know the structure of the borough government and the key players in the community, but they can be learned. The one necessary essential quality is to have a genuine love of people and an acceptance of each person for whom he/she is. But the job is what you make of it. It has been a fulfilling experience for me. I wish my successor well.



Rabbittransit, in partnership with [@Home in Adams County](#), has announced a pilot program focused on workforce development. The Gettysburg-Hanover Connector is a new bus route that connects the two communities of Gettysburg and Hanover. This Pilot Program aims to help eliminate the transportation issue that many employers are facing by focusing on providing access to employment opportunities in areas currently not accessible by public transit. The Connector will operate on weekdays from 6 AM to 6 PM with round trips traveling to and from the Gettysburg Transfer Center to downtown Hanover via Lincoln Highway (U.S. 30) and Carlisle Pike (PA 94), with destinations along the way every two hours. The Connector is an addition to fixed route service connecting Gettysburg to New Oxford and Hanover. The Gettysburg fixed route system comprises the Blue Line, Gray Line, Lincoln Line and, seasonally, Gold Line. Hanover's fixed route system consists of 4 routes including the 20N, 20S, 22N and 16. The Route 16 also offers service from Hanover to York, further connecting riders to the York fixed route system.

#### **Important Numbers**

##### **Borough Hall**

(717) 334-1160

##### **Police Department**

(717) 334-1168

##### **Emergency**

911

##### **After Hours**

##### **Non-Emergency**

(717) 334-8101

##### **Public Works**

(717) 334-4666

##### **GMA**

(717) 334-6738

##### **GARA**

(717) 334-2028

##### **GBSWA**

(717) 334-1160  
ext. 238#

#### **Important Dates ....**

**Adams County Farmers Market** – Saturdays beginning May 8<sup>th</sup> (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM) 108 North Stratton Street

**Antique Show** – Saturday, May 15, 2021 (7 AM – 4 PM) Downtown Gettysburg

**Primary Election Day** – Tuesday, May 18, 2021 (Polls Open 7 AM – 8 PM)

**Memorial Day Parade** – Monday, May 31, 2021 (2 PM) East Middle Street and 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.**

## KEEPING LINCOLN SQUARE GORGEOUS

*Karen Szoke, Gettysburg Garden Club, President*

The Gettysburg Garden Club would like you, our supporters, to know that you are one of our important flower project partners. It is through your kind and generous donations to our Downtown Flower Project and your support of our spring plant sale and our Christmas Greens sale that make these beautiful flowers possible. You have our sincere thanks and deep gratitude for your continuing support. Recently, our civic development chairperson, Linda Golembieski, was in Lincoln Square to spruce up the planters, removing the spent holiday green and adding soil for a variety of pansies that will be planted this Spring. The pansies will bring much needed color to the Square as they usher in the warmer months by adding beauty and announcing the promise of summer's blossoms. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the lovely tulips that have already begun pushing their heads through the earth. Garden Club members will be on hand late in May planting annuals, which will include a variety of red vinca, white vinca, and blue salvia to complement our town's patriotic theme. The beautiful hanging baskets will make their return around Memorial Day. The eight planters will then be planted with lovely canna lilies and trailing annuals. The hanging baskets and the planters are designed in cooperation with our partners at Musselman Greenhouses. Our Musselman Greenhouse partners plant the baskets (and the planters) and place the baskets for us. And of course, we work with the Gettysburg Borough which takes care of the hiring, the paperwork and the supervision of the person who waters the flowers. This watering person's work is crucial in keeping the flowers growing and thriving into October. The Garden Club pays the wages of the water person. In 2019 the Club added Christmas greens decorations to the planters for the holidays. In 2020, we added springtime pansies to the planters to generate interest and charm. We plan to continue the extended seasonal use of the planters. Our 2021 Spring Plant Sale will be held on May 15, 2021 from 8 AM – 2 PM at the Gettysburg Fire Department. Plan to stop by to see our hardy perennials! Interested to see what the GGC is about? The Gettysburg Garden Club invites you to join us at our meetings the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM at the Gettysburg Fire Company located at 35 N. Stratton Street. There is ample parking, and the center is ADA accessible. Please call the membership chairperson, Regina, at 717-334-8312 for more information and for the March meeting link. The Gettysburg Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) organization affiliated with the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania and National Garden Clubs, Inc.



## Adams County Farmers Market

As the Country begins to emerge from the COVID-19 Pandemic, all sectors of the business community will begin to thrive again, returning the vibrancy needed for a community to survive. The Adams County Farmers Market will help agribusinesses return to normalcy. **Each Saturday, from 8 AM to 1 PM, beginning on May 8<sup>th</sup>, visit the Farmers Market at the Rabbit Transit Station on Carlisle Street.** Follow the Market on Facebook and subscribe to the e-newsletter.



### VALUES:

- Our work helps strengthen and support the local economy and agriculture
- Everyone should have access to fresh food
- A farmers market is a catalyst for entrepreneurial opportunities and cultivates new business growth
- A vibrant farmers market provides a gathering place and builds a sense of community
- Community connections and partnerships are fundamental to the success of our programs
- Our markets contribute to the health, wellness and wellbeing of the community
- Our efforts support local farms, environmental sustainability, and land preservation



## 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 AREA RETAIL MERCHANT ASSOCIATION (GARMA)

*Kathy Gilbert, GARMA, President*

15<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup> in and around Lincoln Square and the first two blocks in each direction. GARMA hosted its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event virtually this past year, and unfortunately were not able to welcome Santa to Santa's Shanty due to the pandemic. GARMA was also not able to sponsor the shopping spree. However, the shopping spree was replaced with Gift Certificate giveaways to people who posted pictures of themselves enjoying the tree lighting virtually. GARMA thanks those businesses who donated for the lights in the trees on the four quadrants of Lincoln Square. Signposts memorialize those who contributed. Please come and take a walk around Gettysburg's beautiful Lincoln Square and enjoy the lights and support GARMA members who have ended so much this past year.



GARMA Antique Show

## BOROUGH COUNCIL PASSES COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

*from Matthew Moon, Borough Council Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward*

On December 14, 2020, the Borough Council unanimously passed a comprehensive, well-researched ordinance prohibiting discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and housing within the Borough of Gettysburg. While housing and employment are self-explanatory, the phrase "public accommodations" was defined and clarified as any accommodation which is open to, accepts or solicits the patronage of, or offers goods or services to the general public.

In order to address issues pertaining to discrimination, the ordinance established a Human Relations Commission and clearly set up the responsibilities, methodology, limitations, powers, and make-up thereof. In 1955 (amended 1997), Pennsylvania's Human Relations Commission Act banned discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, religious creed or belief, ancestry, national origin, familial status, marital status, age, veteran status, mental or physical disability or handicap or the use of service or assistance animals or the handler or trainer of such service animals, in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Borough's ordinance joins more than 60 other municipalities in the commonwealth to further define "sex" as inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. All people must have equal access to the full benefits of citizenship and be afforded equal opportunities for employment, public accommodation, housing and commercial property.

When a complaint of discrimination is brought to the attention of the Borough Manager or the Assistant Manager, the Commission will be convened to address, investigate, and hopefully resolve the differences between the individuals in the complaint. If no resolution can be achieved, the Commission may assist in setting up formal mediation services, or offer aid in pressing the complaint forward. In no case will the Commission have the power of levying fines or other legal penalties to any of the parties involved.

There are specific constraints under which those appointed to the Commission will be considered by the Council. Members or alternate members must be either residents of the Borough or must be employed on a full-time basis within the Borough. Further, there must be at least three residents of the Borough at any given time. The Commission will be composed of five members and an alternate. Terms will be five years for members and three years for the alternate and all will be allowed to succeed themselves when terms expire. All members will serve without compensation and the ordinance states the Commission will operate through volunteers and volunteer efforts and will be as close to "zero cost" to the Borough as is reasonably feasible. The ordinance also states that the Borough Council may provide due consideration to an individual who is an attorney or who has a background within the legal community, as well as to an individual from the Gettysburg Ministerium of Churches. Borough Councilman Matthew Moon, who coordinated the interviews of applicants for seats on the Commission throughout the months of January and February, points out, "It is our hope that the presence of this Commission will provide a vehicle for settling discrimination disputes for those who cannot afford, either financially or time-wise, to pursue a resolution by other means." Potential commissioners were interviewed equitably by the borough council's Human Resources Committee, which is made up of two borough employees as well as Moon, a Democrat, and his colleague Judie Butterfield, a Republican. Complaints of discrimination should be filed in person at the Borough Office or by mailing such complaints to the Borough Manager, 59 East High Street, Gettysburg. Visit <https://www.gettysburgpa.gov/human-relations-commission-hrc> for more information.

**ALL ARE  
CREATED EQUAL**



Artist: Wendy Allen  
Lincoln Into Art

[www.LincolnIntoArt.com](http://www.LincolnIntoArt.com)  
329 Baltimore Street



**Pennsylvania Human Relations  
Commission**

[www.PHRC.gov](http://www.PHRC.gov)



## DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS (DMOs) AND THE PILLOW TAX

from Patricia Lawson, Borough Council Member, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

A year-long study by an Ad Hoc Committee of Borough Council to examine the Pennsylvania Lodging Tax, more commonly known as the Pillow Tax, was interrupted in March 2020, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Committee, appointed by former Council President Susan Naugle and chaired by Councilmember Patti Lawson began to meet regularly last winter to examine how the Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs), previously known as Tourism Promotion Agencies (TPAs), spent tax dollars that made up most of their budgets. In the 1950s, the Pennsylvania General Assembly created more than 50 DMOs to promote tourism throughout the Commonwealth. Locally, Destination Gettysburg (DG) is Adams' County DMO. Most of these DMOs operate at the county level. For example, Adams County distributes locally the more than \$2 million tax revenue collected. The Ad Hoc Committee included borough residents and business leaders Wendy Allen, Ron Frenette, Council member John Lawver, Judi McGee, and Lawson. About a month into the Ad Hoc Committee's work, an independent researcher, Anne Douds began to survey DMOs throughout the Commonwealth. Douds, a well-regarded public policy professor at Gettysburg College, enlisted the help of her two senior student researchers, Jared Michaels and Logan Grubb. They reached out to survey a dozen DMOs to learn how and where they spend and disseminate their tax dollars. After their research completed, they presented a White Paper at a Council meeting.

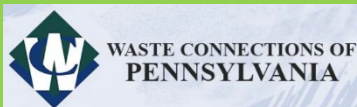
In 2019 Adams County took 16.5% of total pillow tax revenue. The County received 4% (\$103,097) from the top as an administrative fee. After the administrative fee is taken, the remaining revenue is divided into three categories: (1) Adams County Hotel Tax Fund (12.5%), (2) Destination Gettysburg (75%), and the five municipalities with both hotel beds and a full-time police department (12.5%). There are five municipalities that split the remaining 12.5% of revenue collected. **Table A** shows the raw dollar value received and the percentage of the total Pillow Tax collected in 2019. Note that Adams County collected a total of \$410,398 between the Administrative Fee and the County Hotel Tax Fund. Similarly, note the five municipalities with Police Departments split only \$307,301.

Table A - 2019 Pillow Tax Disbursements		
TOTAL Pillow Tax (2019)	\$2,561,508	4.0%
County Administrative Fee	\$103,097	
NET TOTAL Pillow Tax After County Administrative Fee	\$2,458,411	
County Hotel Tax Fund	\$307,301	12.5%
NET TOTAL Pillow Tax After County Hotel Tax Fund Disbursement	\$2,151,109	
Destination Gettysburg	\$1,843,808	75.0%
NET TOTAL Pillow Tax After DG Disbursement	\$307,301	
Gettysburg Borough	\$159,613	6.5%
Fairfield Borough	\$2,728	0.1%
Cumberland Township	\$118,813	4.8%
Carroll Valley Borough	\$25,979	1.1%
New Oxford Borough	\$168	0.0%

Two other large tourism areas in the Commonwealth are Monroe County where the Pocono Mountains and ski resorts are located, and Lancaster County. Both of these high-tourist counties collect only 4% administrative fee from the Pillow Tax. Theresa Johnson, Monroe County Treasurer, said she "wished they could collect more," but they do not.

Many of the DMOs across the state have set up formal grant programs that allow community organizations to apply for large amounts of funding, usually in the tens of thousands of dollars. Destination Gettysburg does not have such a robust grant funding program. However, Destination Gettysburg does have a program where organizations can apply for funds, usually not exceeding a few thousand dollars. The larger grant programs, like in Monroe County, are considered Best Practices in the industry. Destination Gettysburg has contributed more for selected events, like the sponsorship of the seasonal ice rink in 2019, an annual appropriation for Main Street Gettysburg, the Christmas Festival and the Long, Long, Long, Long Dinner Party. However, in comparison, the DMO in the Pocono region posts its budget on its website and sets aside nearly \$100,000 for community organizations to apply for the larger, more robust, grants. These grant programs are vital to the region as the organizations receiving the grants produce the events that keeps tourists coming back every year.

Destination Gettysburg, which no longer has a presence in Historic Gettysburg, files a 990 form, yet their budget, which many other DMOs across the state publish on their websites, is largely not available to the public. It is unclear how much is set aside of the pillow tax revenue for grants for local organizations' special events. The White Paper recommends that Destination Gettysburg develops and publishes Best Practices for better transparency of the \$1.8 million in tax dollars they receive each year. The independent White Paper is available for the public's review on the Borough Website at <https://www.GettysburgPA.gov/Community-Economic-Development>.



### 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.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Gettysburg is a Certified GOLD Community for Sustainability!

For Details, Visit  
[www.SustainablePACommunityCertification.org](http://www.SustainablePACommunityCertification.org)



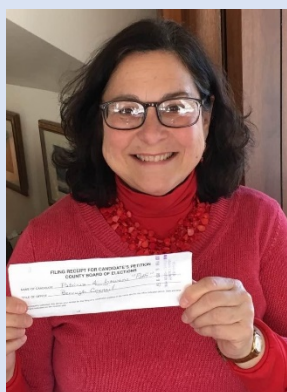
## CANDIDATE'S CORNER

**May 18, 2021 is Primary Election Day** in the State of Pennsylvania. Locally, there are three candidates running for three seats on Borough Council. There are four candidates running for Mayor. Each candidate was asked the same three questions with the intention of helping you better understand their positions on tough issues facing the Borough. Candidates that advance to the General Election will be asked questions in the fall.

**Question #1: Why are you seeking election to this office and what unique skills do you bring to the elected office?**

**Question #2: What is your top economic development priority and how do you intend to achieve it?**

**Question #3: If there is one thing you could change in the Borough's Zoning Code, what would it be and why?**



**Patricia Lawson**  
**Democrat – (Incumbent)**  
Office Sought – Borough Council  
(Ward 1)

**Question #1 Answer:** I am seeking re-election, having just served my first term on borough council. I feel like the first term in office is a learning curve, and in a second term I can be more focused on goals and needs of the borough.

**Question #2 Answer:** There are two ways to balance a budget. Increase revenue and/or cut expenses. It is pretty simple. We have cut our budget and personnel to the point that our public works department is operating on almost a skeleton crew. We need to find other revenue streams for the borough, and to do that we need to think more imaginatively and engage others in our community to help us with this process. There are many smart and creative people who live and work in the Borough, and we need to engage them for their ideas and thoughts. No ideas should be unilaterally removed from the table until they are fully examined.

**Question #3 Answer:** I would like the Borough to be more consistent in enforcing the collection of fees for Air BnBs and VRBO in the Borough. It should not just be the hotels, inns, and motels that pay the fee. We also need to be more aggressive when it comes to land development opportunities in the Borough. These opportunities are limited, and we are a historic downtown, so we need to balance between economic development and historic preservation. That often raises thorny questions related to the zoning ordinance. As a taxpayer and homeowner in the Borough, I want to see a broad diversity of individuals and families living and working in Gettysburg. That means more affordable housing.



**Christopher Berger**  
**Democrat – (Incumbent)**  
Office Sought – Borough Council  
(Ward 2)

**Question #1 Answer:** I am seeking reelection for Gettysburg Borough Council as a proud representative of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward because I care deeply about this community and want to give back through public service. As an American History teacher and homeowner in this world-famous small town for 25 years, I never fail to appreciate that we are a national treasure that stands in the shadow of those who gave the last full measure of devotion in service of their country. My goal is to continue working for the common good of the people of Gettysburg with civility and common sense. This community is blessed with many talented citizens and I hope to maintain my independent-minded, thoughtful, teamwork approach to solving problems.

**Question #2 Answer:** The Gettysburg Police Department deserves much credit the past few years for keeping our community safe and their positive, proactive professional service. Our police, under the competent leadership of Rob Glenney, provides the paramount public safety that allows our businesses, tourism industry, and citizens to flourish in a vibrant small town. I will continue to support our police force and strongly oppose any reductions in staff, as I have in the past. With millions of visitors every year, economic development will fail to happen if we lack the commitment to support those who ensure our public safety. Before the pandemic hit in March of 2020, the borough was enjoying increased revenues and budget surpluses for four straight years totaling over \$800,000. Following a very successful Christmas Festival in 2019, our town was seeing numbers in January and February that it had never seen before. We had a small tax decrease in

2019 and maintained in 2020. Businesses were shuttered in the Spring, resulting in a precipitous drop in parking and other revenue. Gettysburg, like municipalities nationwide, had to respond with budget cuts, utilizing reserve funds, furloughs, and restructuring across departments. Gettysburg will come roaring back along with happier days. Hopefully, soon. In the meantime, the top economic development priority will be to manage this crisis without more cuts in staff/services. Public events will return, like the Christmas Festival and the Long, Long, Long, Long Dinner, bringing a spirit of community and positive energy attractive to residents and visitors alike. I will continue to support the Baltimore Street Project and am proud of the effort to allow for viable economic development at the REDDI site. I support the GIL project and the efforts to develop local and regional bicycle/pedestrian trails. Additionally, I support the block party initiative sponsored by the Borough and am looking forward to the first annual PorchFest - celebrated on Springs Avenue (last Saturday in April). These projects, and special events, will attract visitors and bring neighbors together. We all await the normalcy of being in person with the human contact necessary for building a trusting, cohesive community.

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**Question #3 Answer:** Regarding zoning, I believe it will take a back seat to other pressing issues the borough faces. Complicated zoning districts may necessitate the need to have a deep dive and comprehensive review. In the next few years, I look forward to people returning to Gettysburg. Gettysburg, where people come to respect this place that saved a nation of the people, for the people, by the people, will continue to be a beacon for the country and the world.



**Judith Butterfield**  
**Republican – (Incumbent)**  
Office Sought – Borough Council  
(Ward 3)

**Question #1 Answer:** I have always been interested in the workings of local government where issues that directly and immediately affect community life are addressed. I strongly believe it is the epitome of neighbor representing neighbor for the good of the Borough. The skills that I bring to the office are diligence, a history of public service in the County and Borough, and a predilection for carefully researching an issue to ensure it is resolved in the manner most beneficial to the Borough.

**Question #2 Answer:** A top priority would be to focus on what was formerly known as the REDDI project. Residents have voiced impatience in what many see as inordinate delays in developing such prime Borough property. While understanding that the pandemic's far-reaching financial

complications have undoubtedly caused many of the delays, I would hope the Council will reach out to and encourage Adams County Commissioners as well as the organizations under the umbrella of the Adams Economic Alliance, to urge the presently contracted developer, Tim Harrison of Staten Island, to proceed with all acceptable haste to complete this project, which will bring growth, development, and needed tax revenues to the Borough. To that end, I would be willing to support efforts that would ease such development and would work to foster positive relations with the developer.

**Question #3 Answer:** Since the Zoning Hearing Board is convened for challenges so rarely, one could infer that the public is generally satisfied that the zoning code is satisfactory as written and not in need of change. There is, however, one issue that may deserve consideration. Our current Zoning Ordinance was written in 2008 and amended in 2014. Also, in 2008, Gettysburg was approved as an Elm Street designee, and the Borough's zoning map, list of "districts", and rules therein, were adjusted to accommodate that project. A recent conversation with Stephanie McIlwee, former director of Elm Street, confirmed that application for renewal of the designation was not sought due to staffing constraints. Since the Elm Street Project no longer exists in its original form, I would like to see Council ensure that any rules that existed in the 2008 overlay chapter no longer apply to positive steps proposed for other districts.



**Kiersten Belle**  
**Democrat**  
Office Sought – Mayor

**Question #1 Answer:** I am seeking election to the Office of Mayor to increase the value of my community. I intend to serve our children and families, work with our police department to enforce the law, ensure public safety, and help preserve and protect our history. Being the oldest of six children raised in a single parent household is what makes me so community oriented and family focused. I am naturally independent but also able to work incredibly well with others. Dependability is my responsibility while making tenacity an understatement. My life experiences have caused me to mature at a fast pace; so taking initiative to do what needs done has always been my method of operation.

**Question #2 Answer:** A humanitarian is someone I strive to be on a daily basis; so Community and Economic Development is a top priority of mine. I plan to achieve this with

the hybrid of for profit and nonprofit business models to build a community/life skills training center. I am also combing through borough code, state codes, and various ordinances to devise a Creative Community Resolution. This will allow the borough to benefit from a co-op venture structure to mitigate holes in the general fund and help make GARA self-sufficient.

**Question #3 Answer:** As for the zoning code I am not able to make an adequate assessment at this time. From what I've read the borough seems to be appropriately zoned, but I'd like to take a more extensive look at the Gettysburg Borough Comprehensive Plan. This way I can effectively review the borough's zoning goals and needs; then work with council to amend the zoning code per the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Act 247.

**Thomas Carr**  
**Republican**  
Office Sought – Mayor

**Question #1 Answer:** Candidate did not respond.

**Question #2 Answer:** Candidate did not respond.

**Question #3 Answer:** Candidate did not respond.

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

The centerfold of this Borough Newsletter is a Community Survey.

You are encouraged to complete the survey and return it to the Borough to help the Borough Council and Mayor better understand your perspectives regarding multiple issues confronting Gettysburg. Please follow the simple instructions outlined. It will only take a few minutes to complete. Survey answers should be submitted by Friday, May 21, 2021.





## Gettysburg Borough Topical Issues - Community Survey

For its size and population, Gettysburg Borough is a dynamic, complex, full-service municipality. Few municipalities of its size are as busy, with numerous demands for services. Many of these services extend to millions of visitors annually. The Borough Council is interested to learn your thoughts on multiple topics.

### Instructions for completing the survey:

- Survey should be completed by the head of household as defined by the IRS and should be over the age of 18.  
**NOTE:** If survey respondent is a business, the most senior manager of the business or the primary business owner should be the person completing the survey.
- Return survey by mailing it to the address to the right or by placing it in the black box (labeled 'Drop Box') near the entrance to the Borough Building at the address to the right.

### Mail/Return Survey to:

Borough of Gettysburg  
Gettysburg Municipal Building  
59 East High Street  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

**Survey Deadline:**  
**Friday, May 21, 2021**

### Section I: Information About the Survey Respondent

A.	Is the survey respondent a Resident or Business Owner?		Circle Answer	Resident	Business	Resident & Business
B.	In which Ward is your home/business located?		Circle Answer	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3 Not Sure
C.	Do you Own or Rent your property?		Check Your Answer	Your monthly expenses (rent/bills, etc.) are:		Check Answer
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWN my Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> OWN Business Property		<input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2000 to \$3000	
	<input type="checkbox"/> RENT my Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> RENT Business Property		<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 to \$2000	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater than \$3000	
E.	What is your employment status?		Check Your Answer	How long have you lived in Gettysburg Borough?		Check Your Answer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Full Time	Check Your Answer		Which best describes the building you live in?		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Part-Time			<input type="checkbox"/> One Family House Detached from Other Houses		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed/Looking for Work			<input type="checkbox"/> Building with Two or More Homes (Duplex, Townhome, Apt., Condominium)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed/Not Looking for Work					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired - Working Part-Time				Do you like your neighbors?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully Retired			Yes		No Not Sure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Student					

### Section II: General Opinions About Gettysburg Borough

Rate each of the following characteristics or statements.	(Place a check mark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or an 'X' in the box that reflects your view)	Excellent 5	Good 4	Fair 3	Poor 2	Very Poor 1	Don't Know
A. Cost of living in Gettysburg							
B. Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities							
C. Adult educational opportunities							
D. K-12 education							
E. Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool							
F. Opportunities to participate in spiritual/religious events							
G. Employment opportunities							
H. Shopping opportunities							
I. Overall quality of business/service establishments							
J. Vibrant downtown/commercial areas							
K. Overall quality of new development/redevelopment							
L. Opportunities to participate in social events/activities							
M. Opportunities to volunteer							
N. Openness and acceptance of diverse people/communities							
O. Neighborliness of residents							
P. Gettysburg is a great place to live							
Q. Gettysburg is a great place to work							
R. Gettysburg is a great place to visit							
S. Gettysburg is a great place to retire							
T. Overall quality of life in Gettysburg							

Section III: General Opinions Regarding Gettysburg's Public Services							
Rate each of the following characteristics or statements. (Place a check mark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or an 'X' in the box that reflects your view)		Excellent 5	Good 4	Fair 3	Poor 2	Very Poor 1	Don't Know
A.	Quality of snow removal from public streets/alleys						
B.	Quality of street sweeping						
C.	Availability of paths/walking trails						
D.	Ease of public parking						
E.	Ease of travel by car in Gettysburg						
F.	Traffic flow on major streets						
G.	Gettysburg is walkable/welcoming to pedestrians						
H.	Ease of travel by bicycle in Gettysburg						
I.	Quality of sidewalks/sidewalk maintenance						
J.	Quality of street repair/maintenance						
K.	Quality of Borough refuse (trash) hauling services						
L.	Quality of Borough electronic-recycling services provided						
M.	Quality of street lighting downtown/business district(s)						
N.	Quality of street lighting in your neighborhood						
O.	Traffic lights at intersections are properly timed						
P.	Quality of bus/public transit services (Rabbit Transit)						
Q.	Availability of public parking						
Section IV: General Opinions Regarding Code Enforcement in Gettysburg							
A.	Quality of enforcement against sidewalk snow removal						
B.	Quality of enforcement against sidewalk clutter						
C.	Quality of enforcement against overgrown grass/shrubs						
D.	Quality of enforcement against foliage over sidewalks						
E.	Quality of enforcement against abandoned buildings						
F.	Quality of enforcement against abandoned cars/vehicles						
Section V: General Opinions Regarding Utility Services in Gettysburg							
A.	Quality of storm water services (GBSWA-Storm Water Authority)						
B.	Quality of electric services						
C.	Quality of water/sewer services (GMA-Municipal Authority)						
D.	Quality of COMCAST Cable services						
E.	Quality of broadband services (internet access)						
Section VI: General Opinions Regarding Land Use Planning/Zoning/Customer Service							
A.	Work performed by Planning Commission						
B.	Work performed by Historic Architecture Review Board						
C.	Work performed by Shade Tree Commission						
D.	Customer service by Borough employees (Finance)						
E.	Customer service by Borough employees (Planning)						
F.	Customer service by Borough employees (Parking)						
G.	Customer service by Borough employees (Police)						
H.	Customer service by Borough employees (Public Works)						
I.	Customer service by Borough employees (Storm Water)						
J.	Quality of land use/planning/zoning						
K.	Rate overall built environment (buildings/parks/design, etc.)						
L.	Rate overall economic health of Borough						
M.	Value of services provided for taxes paid						
N.	Overall confidence in Gettysburg local government						
O.	Council acts in the best interest of the entire community						





## Gettysburg Borough Police Department - Community Survey

Gettysburg Borough Council is seeking your thoughts about crime and policing in Gettysburg Borough. Your responses here will help the Council understand the perceptions and wishes of the community. Results gathered here will be used to enhance policing services and to direct the department as Council strives to provide the most responsive, cost efficient, and compassionate police services possible.

### SECTION 1: How safe do you consider yourself in Gettysburg Borough?

(Place a check mark ☒ or an 'X' in the box that most closely reflects your view)

		Not Safe	Safe	Very Safe
1.1	How safe do you feel at night in your home?			
	How safe do you feel walking at night in Downtown Gettysburg (Business Districts)?			
	How safe do you feel out alone at night walking in your neighborhood?			
	How safe do you feel out alone during the day walking in your neighborhood?			
1.2	Do you think crime in Gettysburg has increased, decreased, or remained the same over the last 12 months?	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the Same
1.3	Have you limited, changed, or curtailed your activities in Gettysburg because you are concerned about crime?	Yes		No
1.4	Do you feel that crime is an issue in Gettysburg that you have considered moving?	Yes		No

### SECTION 2: How concerned are you about the following situations in Gettysburg during day-time hours?

(Place a check mark ☒ or an 'X' in the box that most closely reflects your view)

		Not Concerned	Concerned	Very Concerned
2.1	Having your home burglarized			
2.2	Walking within Gettysburg			
2.3	Driving through Gettysburg			
2.4	Children in danger			
2.5	Children being exposed to drugs			
2.6	Strangers loitering near your home			
2.7	Illegal parking near schools			
2.8	Illegal parking near you home			
2.9	Sidewalk clutter/displays in Downtown (Business Districts)			
2.10	Speeding traffic			

### SECTION 3: How concerned are you about the following situations in Gettysburg during night-time hours?

(Place a check mark ☒ or an 'X' in the box that most closely reflects your view)

		Not Concerned	Concerned	Very Concerned
3.1	Having your home burglarized			
3.2	Walking within Gettysburg			
3.3	Driving through Gettysburg			
3.4	Children in danger			
3.5	Children being exposed to drugs			
3.6	Strangers loitering near your home			
3.7	Illegal parking near schools			
3.8	Illegal parking near you home			
3.9	Sidewalk clutter/displays in Downtown (Business Districts)			
3.10	Speeding traffic			

### SECTION 4: Experience with Gettysburg Police

4.1	Have you had any contact with the Gettysburg Police Department in the past three years?	Yes	No	→ SKIP TO SECTION 5
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4.2	Were you treated professionally, with dignity, and respect?			Yes	No	
4.3	If you called the Gettysburg Police for any reason in the past three years, how quickly did they respond?  <i>(Place a check mark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or an 'X' in the box that most closely reflects your view)</i>	They responded faster than I expected	They responded too slowly			
		The time it took was about right	They never came			
4.4	Were the Gettysburg Police adequately trained to handle your issue?			Yes	No Not Sure	
<b>SECTION 5: To what extent do you believe the issues listed below are a problem in Gettysburg?</b>						
<i>(Place a check mark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or an 'X' in the box that most closely reflects your view)</i>		<u>Significant</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Insignificant</u>		
5.1	Car horns/stereos/alarms					
5.2	Speeding cars/screeching tires					
5.3	Truck traffic					
5.4	Illegal drug possession and use					
5.5	Illegal dumping/littering					
5.6	Loud music or other noise from homes					
5.7	Loud music or other noise from Gettysburg College facilities					
5.8	Noisy neighbors					
5.9	Parking/traffic problems					
5.10	Pedestrians crossing the road outside of crosswalks					
5.11	Bicycles riding against traffic					
5.12	Motorcycles creating excessive noise					
5.13	Bicycles riding on sidewalks					
5.14	Inadequate street lighting					
5.15	Public drinking/intoxication					
5.16	Stray/barking dogs					
5.17	Stray/ferrel cats					
5.18	Trespassing upon your property					
5.19	Unsupervised children					
5.20	Vandalism/graffiti					
5.21	Skateboarding on streets, sidewalks, parking lots					
5.22	Internet/Computer/Cyber crimes (scams)					
<b>SECTION 6: Topical Issues</b>						
How much do you agree with each statement below? <i>(Place a check mark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or an 'X' in the box that most closely reflects your view)</i>		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
6.1	Speed tables should be used as a traffic calming method.					
6.2	Where possible, roundabouts should be used instead of signaled intersections.					
6.3	To keep a fully staffed dept. & to keep pace with contractual pay raises, Council should raise property tax 0.0897 mills annually.					
6.4	Gettysburg Police should more aggressively cite speeders.					
6.5	Gettysburg Police are honest & ethical when dealing with you.					
6.6	Gettysburg Police show concern for your rights as a member of the community.					
6.7	Gettysburg Police show a real interest in being fair when making decisions that affect you.					
6.8	Police should more aggressively cite over weight truck haulers.					
6.9	Borough Council should provide Gettysburg Police Officers incentives to purchase a home and live in Gettysburg Borough.					



**Chad-Alan Carr**  
Democrat  
Office Sought – Mayor

**Question #1 Answer:**

The last two Mayors of Gettysburg were appointed, not elected. This is the first election for Mayor of Gettysburg Borough in well over a decade. Probably even two or more. I am running for the office of mayor to bring change. I feel the townspeople of Gettysburg deserve a mayor who is both passionate about this community and works toward improvement on every level possible. While understanding the importance of protecting its integrity and history, I am excited about helping to move Gettysburg into the future. The year 2020 was difficult for everyone because of the pandemic, but it also brought racism, hate, and inequity to the forefront of almost every conversation. It's important to have difficult conversations, but unfortunately, there was far too much yelling and we forgot to actually listen to each other. When the demonstrations began on Lincoln Square and on the Battlefield, it was evident that we need a leader who is willing to pause and listen and learn in order to bring people together. I am that person. We will not always agree on everything, but we can try to be empathetic towards others' struggles and we must respect each other as fellow humans first. My entire life experience as a teacher and producer is cemented in my ability to bring people together to work on a common goal. In the past 12 years I have worked to bring peace, love, happiness, and equality to this town. With your help, I will continue to do so with the platform of the Mayor's Office, which if used correctly can be an incredible voice to move the community forward. Inclusion, Communication, Transparency, and Accountability are very important to me.

**Question #2 Answer:**

Our very unique and versatile town thrives on both tourists and local shoppers. It is important for small businesses to appeal to a wide range of consumers. Because of this, I believe it is important to reevaluate some of the restrictions that are placed upon the businesses within the Borough. Many of these restrictions inhibit the small business owner's ability to thrive. While maintaining the integrity of the historic bloody battle is important, it is also important to move forward into the future. There are dozens of reasons not at all affiliated with the Battle why Gettysburg is an incredible place to visit, live, and work and those are the things we should also be highlighting. It is my dream to see Gettysburg as a destination not just for history, but because of what history taught us and how this town helped change the country for the better because of what happened here. We must move forward and not get stuck in the past, so I plan to encourage the Council to revisit sign and zoning ordinances, as well as look more closely at recommendations



**Rita Frealing**  
Democrat  
Office Sought – Mayor

**Question #1 Answer:**

Having grown up on the edge of Gettysburg and now a resident, I have a background and experience to serve the borough as an articulate ambassador who is also able to work with the borough council and the police department. I was director of public liaison for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, director of communications for the PA Department of Public Welfare, and director of Dauphin County Domestic Relations. Serving as chief legal counsel and legislative director for PA Senator Vincent Hughes, deputy press secretary for Gov. Bob Casey while also working in his Office of Policy and as director of government relations for the PA State Department of Education has given me knowledge of state and local government relations. I served on the board of the Greater Harrisburg NAACP and worked as a news reporter for WTPA radio and TV, for WHP Channel 21, and as a weekend news anchor for WGET radio in Gettysburg. I graduated from Saint Francis Xavier School, Gettysburg High School, Penn State University and the Penn State Dickinson Law School. I think that collaboration among local entities—Gettysburg College, Harrisburg Area Community College's local campus, the Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg National Military Park—and, of course, local elected officials and citizens is essential to our success as a borough. Also, inclusion of all citizens is a must, as Gettysburg is a diverse community.

**Question #2 Answer:**

With the current pandemic, a primary goal has to be helping local businesses stay open—supporting job growth and tourism. I would reach out to the Chamber of Commerce, the Adams Economic Alliance and Main Street Gettysburg to look at and assist with small business loans and other federal and state loans for the benefit of the borough.

**Question #3 Answer:**

After reading the code, I believe the best approach is to listen to Gettysburg residents and include the Historic Architectural Review Board, as we are a historical district, to address concerns. However, noise and excessive speed are issues that need to be addressed.

and restrictions coming from HARB if we are to move our town forward.

**Question #3 Answer:**

Personally, I'd like anything in the Zoning Code and the Borough Code that was written before 1970 to be looked at closely and updated as much of it as possible. Yes, that takes a great deal of time to do, but I think our Council and Staff owe it to the taxpayers to look into parts of the Code that were written in a different era. We can and must do better. We owe it to our taxpayers.



## SAYING "THANK YOU" IS JUST NOT ENOUGH

*from Deborah Adamik, President & CEO, MSG (Retired)*



CROSSROADS-ADAMS COUNTY

The Main Street Gettysburg community has offered me the opportunity to participate in not only preserving history but making history. Just saying "thank you" to the hundreds of individuals who have made this community a better place is simply not enough to express my true appreciation.



When I arrived at Main Street in 2007, I quickly became aware of the huge responsibility and cost burden that this small community carries in preserving this historic treasure. Unlike other historic towns, Gettysburg exists as a fabric of history and 21<sup>st</sup> century all woven together. Balancing both is difficult. Over the years, Main Street leaders and volunteers have taken on this challenge and successfully created and facilitated important historic preservation and economic development improvements to keep the town alive and well.

The MSG Board has been the hub of strong visionary leadership who developed strategic plans such as the Interpretive Plan and MSG Ten-Year Revitalization Plan. These plans resulted in a wide range of multi-million-dollar projects that have had a lasting economic and quality of life impact on our community. The \$7 million Steinwehr Avenue Revitalization and \$11 million Baltimore Street Revitalization Plan improve the physical and infrastructural elements that will enhance our town for decades.



During "A Gettysburg Christmas Festival" and "Long, Long, Long, Long Dinner" I saw and was inspired by the entire town working together with pride, and enthusiasm. These events lifted our businesses and non-profit entities up economically.



The David Wills House, 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg and Seminary Ridge Museum were historic projects to add to our town's legacy.

So who do you thank? I am not allowed enough space to list everyone, so I will start with the brilliant Main Street Executive Committee leaders dedicated to our community during my tenure: Bill Kough, John Latschar, Norris Flowers, Lynda Glass, Patti Lawson, Brad Hoch, Em Cole, Dan Bringman, Susan Naugle, Dan Konstalid, and Emmett Patterson. In addition to the MSG Board Executives there is a long list of MSG Board members, Steinwehr Board members, many non-profit partner organizations, extensive volunteer teams, business owners, and



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Prevent  
Protect**

### What is Main Street Gettysburg Cares?

A COVID-19 Pandemic response action plan - An economic revitalization program that provides essential funding, guidance, and products to help downtown shops and restaurants plan and prepare to protect the medical and economic health of the community as Gettysburg enters various phases of reopening.



**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.**

elected and administrative officials ranging from local, county, state and federal. Borough staff, Borough Council and especially Charles Gable; all of whom have been unbelievable in their support of MSG, especially throughout projects such as MSG Cares. There is a long list of consultants, donors, investors and just plain believers in the importance of Gettysburg and the MSG organization. Thank you. A special thank you to our outstanding volunteers who are so dedicated, and the MSG staff over 14 years, especially Annie Frazee who was willing to take the plunge whenever the "idea fairy" hit our doorstep. I hope the Gettysburg community is proud of all that we have accomplished and are excited about what is yet to come. MSG has a strong new Executive team of officers who include: Chair Timbrel Wallace, Vice Chair Elle Lambouy, Treasurer Peter Miele, Secretary Lynda Glass and beginning March 23<sup>rd</sup> a new President and CEO of Main Street Gettysburg, Jill Sellers. While retiring from my position at MSG, my heart will never retire from caring about all the wonderful people that I have worked with over the years. Thank you all.



## **PUBLIC – A Busy Time for Repairs in the Borough WORKS**

*from Robert Harbaugh, Public Works Director*

### **Delap Avenue Storm Drain Repair**

During the snowstorms in February a sinkhole was discovered on Delap Avenue at the intersection of Monument Alley. After opening the sinkhole to investigate, it was discovered that the existing handmade catch basin had collapsed and the top half of the 12" terracotta storm pipe was collapsing. Deemed an emergency repair, the catch basin and existing 12" terracotta pipe, from the catch basin on Delap Avenue to the catch basin on Monument Alley, was replaced with a catch basin and 12" ADS plastic pipe that Public Works had in stock. The Public Works crew, with the assistance of Gettysburg Municipal Authority, installed a new catch basin at Delap Avenue and replaced approximately 110 ft. of storm pipe to the proceeding catch basin on Monument Alley. During the process of replacing the pipe, an old, buried inspection manhole was discovered that needed to be removed to install the new pipe. A 5 ft. section of 8" PVC pipe that connected two sections of 12" terracotta was also found. Additionally, that section of Delap Avenue and Monument Alley will be resurfaced during the paving season. This project is funded by the Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority.

### **Street and Alley Improvements**

**Getty Street Project** - Work on Getty Street will begin at the end of April/ beginning of May. The project will start with Stormwater infrastructure improvements. Milling and base repair will be done in the month of July. After the street is milled and base is repaired, Columbia Gas will begin work on the gas lines. Getty Street is anticipated to be paved and completed in September 2021.

### **South Street Project -**

**March 2021:** GMA will be replacing water service lines.

**April - June 2021:** Columbia Gas will replace gas main and services.

**Prior to September:** MetEd will relocate their telephone poles.

**September - November 2021:** Stormwater infrastructure improvements.

**November 2021 - January 2022:** Decorative street lighting electrical improvement.

**January - April 2022:** Curbs and Sidewalks replaced.

**April - May 2022:** Street Construction /Paving completed.

***Construction schedule is tentative and can change due to inclement weather and complications.***

### **Street Sweeping**

Street sweeping will take place in the month of April / 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.

### **Line Painting**

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

### **Crack Sealing**

Tar sealing cracks in the streets will occur throughout the summer months.

### **Spring Brush Pickup**

Spring brush pick up by Public Works crews will take place from May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>. Public Works 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 on East Middle Street. Leaves and grass clippings can also be put in bags and placed with regular garbage pickup, as long as, you do not exceed more than 5 bags, or 1 tote and 2 bags, 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 pickup, please call Public Works at (717) 334-4666.

### **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 will be addressing pothole issues as they appear.

## **SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THE RECREATION PARK**

*from Erin Peddigree, Executive Director, GARA*

Spring means a renewal for many reasons, but especially this year as everyone is ready to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. There are many activities happening at GARA this spring. The park is home to Little League Baseball, AYSO Soccer, Soccer Shots, and Gettysburg Midget Flag Football. All programs follow CDC guidelines.

**See GARA - Contd. on Page 10**



### **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. Vehicles may pass when there are no oncoming vehicles.

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Last year and again this year GARA has seen an increase in bicycles, scooters, and skateboards. The skate park and bicycle pump track has been full of kids young and old. Sadly, however, also seen is an increase in beer cans, cigarette butts, and the use of foul language in the skate park. GARA receives compliments weekly about the skate park from not only residents but from families visiting Gettysburg looking for a fun outdoor activity. The skate park is the only free skate park in the area. GARA asks everyone to continue to enjoy the skate park but be respectful. GARA asks that everyone please help in keeping the park clean and make it a safe and fun time for all ages.



GARA has volunteer groups this year helping to make the park beautiful. Brownie Troop 20288 is making birdhouses and have made birdfeeders that have been placed throughout the park. The Troop will also be planting a pollinator garden while learning about water conservation, and will be planting anti erosion plants along the Winebrenner entrance. There are two Eagle Scout projects in the park this year. The benches in the dog park have already been repainted and the concrete pavers cleaned by one Eagle Scout. GARA will also have a Gaga Pit built in the park later this spring. A Gaga pit is an octagon enclosure with a foam ball. The object of the game is to hit your opponent below the knees to eliminate them from the pit.

The Gettysburg Green Gathering is holding their tree sale again this year where a tree can be purchased and planted in the Rec Park. The Rec Park has lost many trees over the years to disease, strong winds, and storms. The trees will help continue to make the park beautiful now and for generations to come. The Gettysburg Green Gathering will also be planting a butterfly garden by the Winebrenner entrance to the park.

GARA thanks all those who have volunteered and sent donations throughout the past year. It is the community support that helps keep the park running. We received many comments how the park has been the place to go for exercise and entertainment over the past year when there were not many places to go. We are expecting a busy spring and summer as restrictions begin to ease but we will continue to keep updated CDC guidelines in place for everyone's safety.

## GMA 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

*from Mark Guise, Facilities, Manager, GMA*

The Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) has many system improvement projects in 2021.



### West High Street

Water main replacement project starting at the intersection of West High and Baltimore Street and continuing west 1,600 feet on West High to West Street extending an additional 400' North on West Street to West Middle Street. The project will consist of replacing the existing 4" cast iron water main with a new 8" ductile iron main including the installation of new copper water services from the water main to the curb area. GMA encourages property owners to examine and evaluate the integrity of their privately owned water and sewer services and update if needed prior to final restoration of the street. This project is anticipated to begin in the April/May timeframe and last throughout the summer. The project has an estimated cost of \$500,000. GMA apologizes for any inconvenience experienced during this period.



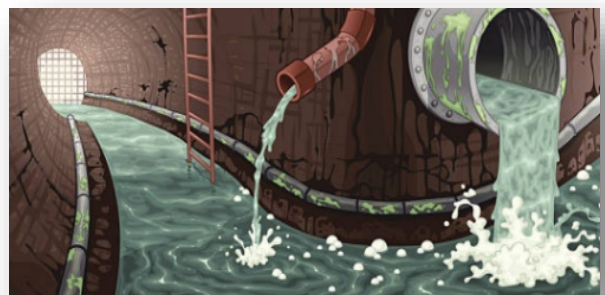
### New Water Tank

GMA is also excited to start construction of a new 1.5- million-gallon elevated water storage tank at GMA's Natural Springs tank site. This new tank will replace the existing 1.0-million-gallon standpipe, increasing the systems available storage and providing reliable service to our residents and visitors. The cost of the project is estimated at 4.2 million dollars.

### Marsh Creek Water Filtration Plant

GMA additionally, will be making improvements at the Marsh Creek Water Filtration Plant by updating the current plant SCADA and control system and increasing the plant's filter to waste network. These projects have an estimated cost of \$750,000.

These improvements, along with others, are all part of GMA's ongoing capital improvement plan. It's imperative that GMA continues to maintain and improve our water and sewer infrastructure and mitigate any catastrophic consequences due to deteriorating or aging infrastructure. It is GMA's mission to provide our customers with high quality drinking water for public health and safety. If there are any questions, as always please feel free to call GMA's office at (717) 334-6738 between the hours of 7 AM and 3:30 PM.





**BUT I HAD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY!!! Or Did I???**
*from Robert Glenny, Gettysburg Chief of Police*

What are the traffic laws related to intersections, stop signs, and red lights? Gettysburg Police frequently notice that vehicles do not stop at the proper position

when approaching a red light or stop sign. The law states: Upon the approach of a steady red signal, you must stop at a clearly marked stop line, or if none, before entering the crosswalk, or if none, before entering the intersection.

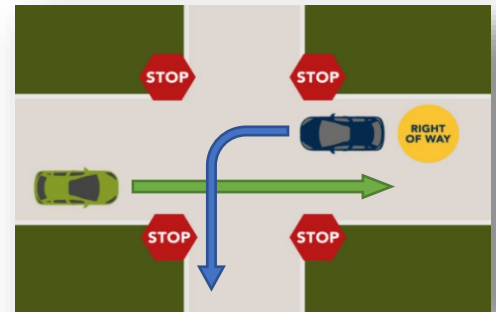
Most intersections in the borough have clearly distinguishable stop lines painted on the pavement. You must stop before you cross this line. At a stop sign controlled intersection, you are required to stop at the stop line then once you stop, you are permitted to slowly move forward to observe if it is clear to proceed. Failing to stop at or before crossing the stop line is a citable offence at a red light or stop sign. The reason for stopping at the line is so vehicles, especially larger vehicles have room to make a turn onto that street without having to back up or requiring other traffic to back up. Stopping at the stop lines also provides for the required sight distances for vehicle traveling on the opposing roadways and pedestrians.


**Yellow Light**

At times there also seems to be some confusion of what to do at a yellow light. You may proceed if you cannot stop before crossing the stop line. If you can stop before the line please do so. Yellow lights do not mean speed up so you can beat the light, but it also does not mean you have to slam on your breaks either. If you are past the stop line and the light is yellow you can legally proceed through the intersection, carefully. You can be cited for violating a yellow light if you create a hazard or attempt to "beat the light" recklessly.

**Vehicle to the Right**

Gettysburg Police are often asked "who has the right-of-way?" The general rule of thumb is that the vehicle to your right has the right-of-way, however, please be courteous and take turns. You may want to remember, "it was my turn", does not justify much if you do not legally have the right-of-way.


**Pedestrians in the Crosswalk**

Pedestrians LAWFULLY in a crosswalk do always have the right-of-way over vehicles. The key here is LAWFULLY. Pedestrians cannot walk right out in front of a car, even on a crosswalk. Pedestrians must also use and follow pedestrian control devices when in place. Crossing without regard to the pedestrian control devices negates pedestrian right-of-way. Additionally, pedestrians who cross at places other than crosswalks have no right-of-way protections. Most mid-block crossings negate any pedestrian right-of-way enjoyed when crossing in crosswalks. The PA Vehicle Code is very specific, requiring pedestrians to use sidewalks if they are in place. It does not allow for walking in the roadway when sidewalks are present; If you jog and there are sidewalks present, you have no right-of-way protection when you run on the roadway. The law is specific as to where and how pedestrians can walk along a roadway with no sidewalk walk against traffic as far to the edge of the roadway as possible.

All these regulations are in place for the safety for both motorists and pedestrians. Please be careful when walking or driving on roadways and always comply with the laws. They were written with everyone's safety in mind.

Gettysburg Borough announces its code enforcement priorities for 2021 in preparation for the upcoming Spring and

**BOROUGH RESUMES PRE-PANDEMIC CODE ENFORCEMENT**
*from Carly Marshall, Director of Planning, Zoning, & Code Enforcement*


Summer tourism season. Many inspections were relaxed in 2020 due to budget cuts and to assist businesses during difficult economic times brought on by lockdowns and restrictions instituted by state government. The Borough understands that economic challenges related to the pandemic are ongoing, however, the Borough must also find a balance that does not compromise ADA accessibility and other considerations necessary to maintain a vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable visitor experience. Therefore, this year Codes enforcement will be focused on walkability and ADA clearance in the commercial areas of the Borough. Enforcement action(s) will be taken for non-compliance with Borough codes and regulations. Businesses should also be aware of the following reminders:

See CODES - Contd. on Back Page



Borough of Gettysburg  
59 E. High Street  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM RETAIL

### Flags/other pedestrian obstructions

Flags must be elevated above 7 feet or secured back so they do not interfere with foot traffic. Any potential pedestrian obstruction must be compliant with the borough sidewalk ordinance, and also should strive to maintain compliance with all local, state and federal accessibility regulations and guidelines.

### Signage

Banners and A-Frame signs require permits. Additionally, they must not obstruct the pedestrian path (right-of-way). A minimum 5 feet of pedestrian clearance is required, but signs cannot be located in the middle of the sidewalk/pedestrian path regardless of clearance. Internally lit signs (neon signs) must be internal to the building and set back at least 1 foot from any window/door/glass. This includes neon "open" signs.



### Outdoor Dining

2021 Permitting began in March. As a part of the application process, Planning and Public Works will come out and measure/mark the sidewalk. Because of this added step, applicants must apply at least two weeks in advance to give Borough officials time to mark the sidewalks. Patio heaters are allowed consistent with NFPA guidelines (must be 5 feet from an exit, no flammable material within 3 feet, etc.), and must be at least one foot from the pedestrian path/boundary to the outdoor dining area.

The Borough also asks all residents and businesses to routinely sweep, clean, and remove trash from the sidewalks immediately adjacent to their property. This helps ensure safety, cleanliness, and keeps Gettysburg aesthetically appealing to residents and visitors alike.

Buy a Local Privilege Parking Permit (LPP). The LPP program is great for individuals who work in the Borough and need to park their car for long periods of time. It is only \$35/month and is valid where the decal to the right is displayed. Enforcement hours as marked on meters still apply.



Residential Parking Permits (RPP) will be available for purchase on 7/19/21. Permits can be purchased at [www.GettysburgPA.gov](http://www.GettysburgPA.gov) or by appointment if needed. The permits will be valid from 9/1/21 - 8/31/22. All permits must be renewed or purchased by 9/1/21.

## RECYCLING TIPS – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



- Items that are too large to be placed in the wheeled trash totes may be 1) placed curbside on trash collection day if it is of a size that can be lifted easily by one driver, or 2) picked up by appointment if the item requires more than one person to easily lift it.
- To determine how a large item can be collected, to schedule a pick-up, or to learn whether an item is considered "bulk", residents should call Waste Connections at (717) 709-1700.
- Pennsylvania Act 101 of 1988 (Amended 1991) designated Gettysburg as a municipality with mandatory curbside recycling requirements.
- Residents and businesses are required by law to recycle cardboard, narrow-necked plastic containers, clean newsprint, container glass, and all beverage and food cans made of aluminum, steel, tin, or bimetal (aluminum and steel) but may recycle any materials accepted by the hauler. See complete list of recyclable materials at [www.GettysburgPA.gov](http://www.GettysburgPA.gov).
- Bag-a-Tag service is available for households with less than average trash. Tags are available from Waste Connections, Inc. at \$45 for 12. Residents may use a bag of their choice, providing it is sturdy and that the tag is clearly visible by the driver.
- Non-container glass (like mirrors or picture frame glass), Pyrex cookware, aluminum pots and pans, aluminum foil, Styrofoam, and crockery are not recyclable.
- An owner, landlord, manager, or agent of a multifamily housing property with more than three units must comply with recycling responsibilities by establishing a collection system at such property.
- Empty plastic nursery pots for plants can be turned in at the garden departments of Lowe's and Home Depot for recycling.
- TVs and computer peripherals will be collected for recycling at the Borough Public Works Building April 17<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Call (717) 337-0724 for details.
- Small electrical appliances such as waffle irons, DVD players, and hair dryers should be placed in the regular trash.
- Recyclable containers must be empty, clean, and dry.