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Message from the USS Gettysburg

*A Message from Chaplain (LT) Jamin Bailey
Command Chaplain; USS Gettysburg (CG-64), U.S. Navy*

Captain Megan Thomas and the crew of the USS Gettysburg were honored to host representatives of the Borough of Gettysburg for an extended visit this past September. The crew deeply appreciate the over 32 years of love and support from the great people of our Namesake!

BACKGROUND

The USS GETTYSBURG (CG-64) is a Ticonderoga-Class Guided-Missile Cruiser and was named for the famous battle fought in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1863. The ship was launched in Bath, Maine in July 1989 and was christened by Julie Nixon Eisenhower (daughter of President Nixon and wife of David Eisenhower, grandson of President Eisenhower). In June 1991, the GETTYSBURG was commissioned in Philadelphia with many folks from the Gettysburg Community attending. The USS GETTYSBURG CG-64 is a guided missile cruiser and one of the most technologically sophisticated warships in the world. At full manning, the crew consists of 33 Officers, 27 Chief Petty Officers and approximately 300 enlisted men and women. In 2009, the GETTYSBURG ("Our Ship") deployed with the USS EISENHOWER (CVN 69) (aircraft carrier) strike group. Local citizens were thrilled to have these two ships "joined" since they are both so closely associated with the Gettysburg community.

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NORFOLK (September 23, 2022) – Gettysburg Mayor, Rita Frealing, greets Captain Megan Thomas while boarding USS Gettysburg (CG-64) for a tour of the ship and visit with the crew.



NORFOLK (September 23, 2022) – Captain Megan Thomas (center) explains to members of the Borough of Gettysburg details about the ship's radars and weapons systems.

Important Dates

Halloween Parade – Tuesday, October 25, 2022 (6 PM) York St., Lincoln Square, Baltimore St. (Rain Date: 10/27/2022)

Halloween Trick – or - Treat – Monday, October 31, 2022 (6 PM – 8 PM)

General Election Day – Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (Polls Open 7 AM – 8 PM) Polling Locations; See Page 10

Remembrance Day Parade – Saturday, November 19, 2022 (11 AM) Baltimore St., E. Middle St., Steinwehr Ave.

A Gettysburg Christmas Festival – December 2 – 4, 2022 Lincoln Square, Baltimore St., Steinwehr Ave.

Electronic Recycling Event – Saturday, March 18, 2023 Pre-Register at www.GettysburgPA.gov/recycling

Paper Shred Event – Friday, May 19, 2023 Pre-Register at www.GettysburgPA.gov/recycling

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.

A Gettysburg Christmas Festival

Message from Jill Sellers
 President, Main Street Gettysburg



You can tell it's finally fall! The kids are well into their school routines; there's a chill in the evening air; everything comes in pumpkin-spice flavor; it's time to stock up on Halloween candy; and it's also time to start thinking about Christmas! Main Street Gettysburg is getting ready for our annual Christmas Festival. Mark your calendars for December 2-4, 2022!



A **Gettysburg Christmas Festival** is hosted by Main Street Gettysburg in partnership with businesses, organizations, and sponsors. It's a grass roots effort to create a unique Gettysburg holiday experience and to stimulate the local economy during the fourth quarter.

The Steinwehr Business Improvement District pioneered the Gettysburg Christmas Festival in 2015 with its Victorian Christmas celebration. The celebration steadily grew in popularity, and by 2018, attendance topped

Festival Events & Amenities:

- DJ Services
- Contests / Drawings / Prizes
- Photo Booths
- Street Performers
- Live Reindeer (Pictures Optional)
- Information Booths
- Live Music & Entertainment
- Food / Beverage Vendors
- Arts Council -
Gingerbread Celebration
- Shuttle Service
- Carriage Rides at Seminary
- Mechanical Reindeer
- Mechanical Snowboard
- Bounce Houses
- Event Programs & Maps
- Human Foosball
- Kids Games
- Craft Show at GARA
- Church Concerts
- Christmas Shopping
- Holiday Decorations

10,000 despite a very rainy weekend. In 2019,

we closed Baltimore Street to accommodate the expansion of activities and vendors. Each year, the community worked together; non-profits organized fun activities and fundraisers; and sales were up all over town. Inspired and motivated, we immediately began making big plans for 2020, and well... we all know how that turned out.



We have ambitious plans for the Christmas Festival's return in 2022. We are planning attractions and activities to draw residents and visitors to downtown Gettysburg for a fun-filled weekend and a unique holiday experience for people of all ages. Our goal is to provide cheap parking, activities, entertainment, games, contests, and prizes. We envision a festival that is largely free, which will allow patrons to spend their money in town at businesses and restaurants, and to support our nonprofit participants. We are thankful for the generosity of this year's sponsors: ACNB, Adams Electric, Barley Snyder, Destination Gettysburg, Dobbin House, Gettysburg Eddie's, Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg Heritage Center, Gettysburg Tours, Sharon Magraw, McDonald's, Members 1st Credit Union, Sheetz, Sites Realty, Steinwehr Business Improvement District, and The Union Hotel... so far! The Christmas Festival is a great example of community collaboration, but we cannot do it without support. Please contact us to volunteer or get involved! Together we will make this year's Christmas Festival bigger and better than ever! Visit www.AGettysburgChristmasFestival.com for all the details!!!

Destination Gettysburg

Message from Carl Whitehill
 Travelers Are Coming Back!

is a vital component of our local economy. Now that travel to Gettysburg and Adams County is rebounding, it's crucial that we, as a community, understand and welcome the benefits that this industry brings to our businesses, our local government and ourselves.

If the COVID-19 pandemic taught us anything, we learned that tourism

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Giving Spree

November 3, 2022

ACCFGivingSpree.org

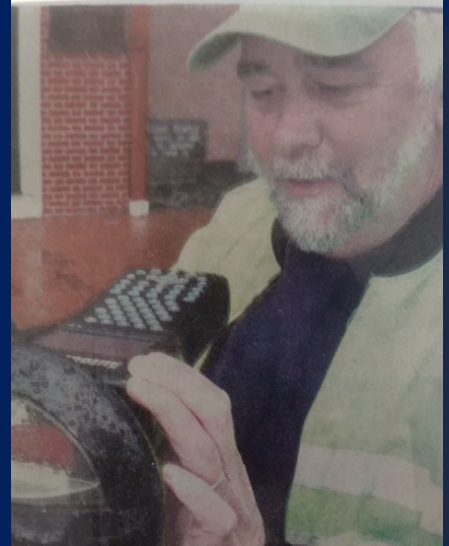
The Adams County Community Foundation's Giving Spree

is Adams County's annual day of giving where everyone in the community comes together to learn about local nonprofits and is encouraged to generously support them.

**41-Year Borough
Employee Retires**

*Message from Charles R. Gable
Borough Manager*

William David Reese is retiring after 41-years of service with the Borough of Gettysburg. Dave was hired on December 21, 1981, where he worked with the Highway Department (now the Public Works Department). His primary duty in the Highway Department was the maintenance and calibration of the Borough's 693 parking meters. Other duties included the collection of meter revenue, the placement and maintenance of meter posts, converting mechanical meters to digital meters, replacing batteries in the new digital meters, painting, the maintenance of Racehorse Alley Parking Garage, and maintaining service records. Throughout his service to the Borough, Dave attended multiple training and certification classes required to include computer software training, meter certifications, certified parking meter inspector, traffic flagger training, road maintenance training, PA One Call system training, and PennDOT road training. After the Racehorse Alley Parking Garage opened in 1990, the Borough added a Parking Department, which then moved Dave's position from the Highway Department. Added duties in the new Parking Department included maintenance of the flagpole island in Lincoln Square and the lawn of the Municipal Building. Dave's wisdom and longevity are greatly appreciated and will be missed. We wish Dave well in his retirement.



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Destination - Contd. From Page 2 Prior to the pandemic – in 2019, visitors spent \$750.7 million in Adams County – through hotel stays, dining, shopping, and of course having fun in our community with history, food and ghost tours; museums; and other entertainment.

In 2020, at the onset of the COVID pandemic, that spending fell to \$480.5 million. In the same year, the number of people employed in hospitality jobs dropped from nearly 5,400 to 4,143, according to an annual report compiled for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. While spending or workforce data isn't yet available for 2021 or 2022, Destination Gettysburg is confident that these numbers are returning toward pre-pandemic levels, although most businesses and organizations are still facing significant staffing shortages, making it difficult to feel like the industry is fully back to normal.

With that said, it's an exciting time for tourism in the Gettysburg area with annual events returning, new businesses opening across the region, and our streets and sidewalks again filled with travelers from around the world. At Destination Gettysburg, our team is working to position our community as an ideal travel location – perfect for family getaways, groups and meetings, as well as trips for friends and colleagues. Gettysburg and Adams County are also a great destination for those who are still wary of traveling since the pandemic, and especially for visitors looking to save money with a close and affordable destination.



Our marketing – through paid advertising, social media, group sales and media relations – remains focused on a 300-mile radius, putting our message in front of millions of people across the Mid-Atlantic. This community is rich in historic attractions, but there is a lot to offer travelers – everything from a unique agricultural scene, great restaurants and growing craft beverage industry to family fun.

Destination Gettysburg encourages the residents of Gettysburg to join the millions of travelers who visit our community and enjoy the abundance of what our region has to offer. You can learn more about the ways you can explore your backyard by visiting www.DestinationGettysburg.com.

Pedestrian Safety

*Message from Robert Glenny, Jr.
Chief of Police*

Pedestrian safety is a growing concern. The

police department is receiving increased complaints about vehicles failing to stop for pedestrians and pedestrians walking out in front of vehicles. The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code specifies that drivers must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Operators can be cited for failing to do so. The Borough has also established, at three locations, special flashing warning signs to alert drivers to pedestrian crossings. Those signals are located on Baltimore Street at Lefever Street, Carlisle Street at Stevens Street, and on North Washington Street on Gettysburg College's campus. Drivers should always stop when these warning lights are flashing to allow pedestrians to cross. Failure to do so could result in a citation. Crosswalks also exist even if they are not painted at intersections. Drivers must yield to pedestrians crossing at intersections even if there is no painted crosswalk. Pedestrians also have an obligation while crossing a street. They are prohibited from suddenly leaving the curb *"into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard."* Pedestrians are also required to utilize pedestrian control devices when they are present at an intersection. Pedestrians are cautioned that they do not have the right of way when they are crossing midblock without a crosswalk. The regulations governing pedestrian crossing and right of way can be found with a quick internet search for Chapter 35 of Pennsylvania Title 75, the PA Vehicle Code. Subchapter C is titled *"rights and duties of pedestrians."* The police department has also noticed an increased use of scooters and skateboards. Riders are cautioned that these cannot be ridden on the sidewalk in the Square or the first blocks of York, Baltimore, Chambersburg, or Carlisle Streets. These same restrictions apply to bicycles. Scooters/skateboards with motors are not permitted to be ridden on any sidewalk or on any street in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They are restricted to private property use only. Anyone operating these devices on the streets or sidewalks can be cited. Power wheelchairs, mobility assistive devices and Segways do not fall into this category. Please feel free to contact the police department at their administrative number (717) 334-1168 if you have any questions about these or other issues.

Message from the Mayor's Desk
A Message from Mayor Rita C. Frealing


Fall Greetings are now in order with the days growing shorter. In keeping with my commitment, I am meeting with residents and groups about their concerns and when my schedule permits, attending events held to recognize their causes that they have put time and effort into promoting for the benefit of our community. I had the privilege of attending The Heritage Day Festival, proclamation in hand. As part of the Festival, I served as Grand Marshall for the Children's BikeFest. The event was a joy to be a part of and I must state formally, what great children we have here in our community! They never once scoffed or laughed at my bike riding ability, or lack thereof. The Gettysburg Police Department's National Night Out was an honor to have supported and served. **National Night Out** is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The Program has met with much respect and honor in the communities that participate. Gettysburg can be honored for the role played by our Police Department and our residents in this event. I, along with Borough Council President Wesley Heyser, Gettysburg Police Officer Dennis Bevenour, Borough Manager Charles R. Gable, Parking Enforcement Officer Bill Gardner, and Gettysburg Fire Department members received a grand tour aboard the USS Gettysburg in Norfolk, VA, the namesake of the Battle of Gettysburg and the most advanced guided missile cruiser in the world. I met with delegates of Project Gettysburg Leon the borough's official sister city organization that links Gettysburg with

Leon. They are working on a mural for a building at The Painted Turtle Farm. The farm is a campus dedicated to food insecurity and a community hub for food justice. Having danced the night away at Salsa on the Square on September 30, a Proclamation was certainly in order - part of Hispanic Heritage Week, that includes September 15th and 16th deemed by US Congress in 1968, to declare and celebrate the contributions of Latino people to the economy and culture of Adams County. This was the 14th Salsa on the Square. Hispanic Heritage Week also commemorates the 38-year relationship with Gettysburg's Sister City, Leon, Nicaragua. I anxiously anticipate a Bright and Happy Holiday Season in Gettysburg as we bring 2022 to an end and boldly face the challenges ahead in 2023!

Gettysburg Storm Water Authority
*A Message from Mike Malewicki
Chairman of the Board*

Your Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority (GBSWA) has been busy over the last year working on many projects. Highlights from the year include:

- Successfully removing forty tons of sediment deposited over a decade in Steven's Run between the Constitution Ave. Bridge and the N. Washington St. Bridge.
- Repairing a large, deteriorated storm water pipe in the SCAAP parking lot that caved in.
- Engaging an engineering firm to begin a comprehensive study and evaluation focused on determining the condition of the masonry/concrete walls that confine Steven's Run as it travels through the Borough.
- Installing a new storm water infrastructure system when South Street was recently rebuilt including piping from Schimmelfennig Alley to Baltimore St.
- The largest job the GBSWA has tackled this year is Culp's Run. This was an estimated \$600k project, partnered with the National Park Service, to restore the Culp's Run wetlands located between East Confederate Avenue and Rock Creek. The goal is to meet specific 5-year State and Federal requirements to remove sediment and soils that wash into Rock Creek. This project is important to the Borough because Rock Creek is a tributary of the Monocacy whose waters enter the Chesapeake Bay via the Potomac. I am happy to report that we have not only met the State and Federal requirements but exceeded them. In addition, this project has ended on time and under budget. An important secondary historic benefit was achieved with the restoration of the Culp's Run wetlands, this key terrain will now be interpreted much as it appeared during the Battle.

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Gettysburg New Year's Eve Celebration is Happening!!!

Message from 'Gettysburg Alive' and 'Gettysburg Pride'
Patti Robinson and Chad-Alan Carr

Plans are underway for a New Year's Eve Celebration on Saturday, December 31, 2022, on the Square. The day's events will be complete with fireworks (building and people-safe), music, and the raising of an eight-foot lighted aluminum replica of Abraham Lincoln's stovepipe hat to welcome in the new year. The evening events will cap a full day of activities for children and adults. Lincoln Square and beyond will be packed with people enjoying music, age-specific children's activities, a pub crawl, beer garden, food trucks, and vendors. We're encouraging all businesses in town to be open for part of the evening and offer special New Year's Eve events of their own.



Over 20 towns in the state have lighted "drops" for their New Year's Eve events. Until now Gettysburg has never had one. But we'll be welcoming 2023 by starting a new tradition and raising Abe's Hat! Early in his political career, Lincoln began wearing stovepipe hats — a noted symbol of prestige and authority — to help him stand out in crowds at campaign events. After his assassination, the stovepipe hat remained a popular symbol of Lincoln and his many contributions to our nation and our freedoms. Abe's top hat was chosen to welcome 2023 to represent not only Lincoln and Gettysburg, but also the good wishes and harmony the New Year brings to all.

The New Year's Eve Celebration is being organized by *Gettysburg Alive*, an all-volunteer group that was started by Keith George and Patti Robinson to help promote events that are taking place in the area and to make sure New Year's Eve is brought back in full swing. *Gettysburg Pride* graciously offered to take *Gettysburg Alive* under their oversight and 501c3 because they have the same mission, bringing Gettysburg together through great events. They are accepting tax deductible donations on their website, www.GettysburgAlive.com.

How often in an historic town like Gettysburg do we get to do something for the FIRST TIME?

Join us in starting a new tradition by Raising Abe's Hat in a crowded Lincoln Square!

Helpful Tips to Reduce Storm Water Pollution this....


1. LEAVES AND YARD DEBRIS

Collect grass clippings and keep them out of storm drains. Do not blow leaves into the street. Use fallen leaves as mulch or for composting.

2. GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND CURBS

Keep sidewalks, curbs and gutter around your property clean by sweeping and disposing of debris and disposing of it in the trash. Do not wash debris out into the street or into storm drains.

3. PAINTS, USED OIL AND OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTE

Use water-based paint whenever possible and clean brushes in the sink, never outside where the runoff could reach a storm drain. Have your oil changes by a shop that recycles their oil. Never use old oil to kill weeds or allow it to be washed down a storm drain. Only buy household cleaning products you need. Research less toxic cleaning products.

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- We continue

to seek State, Federal, and private grants for all our storm water projects. This

year with much help from the Adams County Conservation District we were successful in securing a \$189k CAP grant from the PA DER for Culp's Run. In the spring we applied for a Federal grant to help additionally defray the costs of the Culp's Run Project. We have not yet received notification if that application was successful.

We are currently formulating our 2023 Capital Project Budget. We anticipate a number of important Borough-focused projects a bit more modest in scope as compared to Culp's Run but important none the less.

There will be no increase in storm water fees for 2023. We consistently apply for grants to leverage our resources and operate the GBSWA as efficiently as possible. Our revenue from fees has barely increased from 2019 - our first year of operation. The GBSWA always tries to do "a lot with a little"!

GBSWA meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month. You are welcome to attend. On behalf of the GBSWA, thank you for your support as we all try to keep our watersheds clean now and in the future.

Who is HARB?

HARB – Historical Architectural Review Board is an advisory board created by state and local laws and appointed by Borough Council. It's comprised of 7 members including an architect, a real estate broker, the Boroughs Historic Preservation Officer and four other members. After HARB reviews and inspects each site it votes on the proposal and sends its recommendations to Borough Council. Council makes the final decision on the application.



Why Have Design Guidelines?

Older buildings were not constructed the way buildings are today, and some of the modern techniques can damage historic buildings. Gettysburg depends on a large degree of tourism for its economic survival. Each building plays a significant part as tourists come to Gettysburg to experience Historic Downtown. Final responsibility for maintaining buildings and planning for their long-term survival rests with the individual property owners. The '*Gettysburg Design Guide*' is a useful tool for achieving creative solutions that all modern use of historic buildings.

The character and appearance of a community demonstrate the values and attitudes of its residents. A community appreciation of its heritage is demonstrated through its attitude towards historic preservation. '*The Gettysburg Design Guide*'



PURPOSE: The purpose of Gettysburg's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) is to regulate the erection, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or razing of buildings within the (local) historic districts (as designated by Gettysburg Borough Council).

Work HARB does not review:

- Interior work & Change of Use
- Regular maintenance – which is replacement of *'in kind'* materials only. Other permits may apply.
- Re-painting or paint colors on non-permanent features. (painting brick is not permitted and requires HARB review)
- Most signage

For example: if you wish to replace your shingle roof with 'like kind' shingles you will not be required to submit through HARB; however, a COA – Certificate of Appropriateness Administrative Review, Land use and Building Permits would be required.

**SIGNS:**

The style of lettering on a sign is important to overall design and clarity. Serif – 1860s, non-serif 1920s are recommended styles; keep your signage short and sweet. Always anchor new signage into the mortar not the brick of the building. Historically, signs were made of wood and hung from wrought iron brackets. See *The Design Guide* for more examples and details.

HARB meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. All meetings start at 7PM in the Council Chambers located at 59 E. High Street and are always open to the public.

Work HARB does review:

- * Additions
- * Alterations
- * Awnings install/changes
- * Colors of permanent building features
- * Cornice changes
- * Demolition
- * Door and or window changes
- * Fences
- * Masonry Work
- * Materials Replacement
- * Moving of Buildings
- * All New Construction
- * All Re-construction
- * Removal of architectural details or ornamentation
- * Restorations – any change to the facade

Any new materials on an exterior structure, but not limited to roofing, siding, porches, parking, stairs, doors, windows and skylights. Any change in material or style would require HARB review.

Did You Know: There are 2,560 local municipal governments in Pennsylvania – 57 cities, 1 town (Bloomsburg), 939 boroughs and 1,563 townships. Compare that to Ohio with 1,000 local governments, New York with 1,607 and Maryland with 150.

WATER SYSTEM CROSS CONNECTION & BACKFLOW PREVENTION
from Mark Guise, GMA Manager

At Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA), we take great pride in providing you with the highest quality drinking water possible. In order to consistently maintain a high level of quality, GMA, along with the National Water Specialties Company (NAWSC), has 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, testable 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

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Water-Saving Tip
Install a low-flow showerhead.

Water conservation efforts save you money down the road. Conventional showerheads flow at 5 gallons per minute or more. Whereas low-flow showerheads flow at 2.5 gallons per minute (or less!). (www.watercalculator.org)

Public Works

Fall/Winter Projects

Winter Means Snow and Ice
SNOW/ICE CLEARING TIPS

1. Clear a minimum of 30 inches wide on sidewalk.
2. Do not throw snow out into the street.
3. Do not pile snow near a fire hydrant or within 5 feet of a storm drain.
4. Do not push snow out of parking lots and across the street. Snow should be piled somewhere within the parking lot.
5. Apply sand or similar anti-skid if ice cannot be cleared.
6. Products using urea or calcium chloride are less likely to harm sidewalks.

Leaf Pick-Up & Street Sweeping

The Public Works crew will begin street sweeping leaves along the curbs beginning in November. As the leaves begin to fall more rapidly and residents rake their leaves into piles, we will go around town collecting the leaves. Place the piles of leaves along the curb (not in the street) or along the alley. Please do not mix in brush with the piles of leaves. Leaf collection will continue until the end of the year.

Street and Alley Improvements
South Street

(October 2022): Sheely Alley and Dobbin Alley (from South Street to Schimmelpennig Alley) will be resurfaced.

Fall Brush Pick-Up

Fall brush pick up will take place Monday, November 7th – Thursday, November 10th. Public Works will go around town twice that week picking up brush only. Please do not mix leaves and grass clippings with brush. Those items can be dropped off at the Public Works building on 457 East Middle Street. Place brush to be picked up along the 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.



**SNOW
ADVISORY**



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**SHIELD**

Dark blue and gold are the traditional Navy colors. The shield, divided dark blue and gray, refers to the colors of the Union and Confederate Armies and a country split by war. While expresses peace and optimism and red is a reminder of the immeasurable valor and blood shed at the epic battle of Gettysburg. The three pheons represent the number of days of this intense battle

and allude to the Union and Confederate assault lines. The pheons point up portraying USS GETTYSBURG's vertical launch capabilities. Their number also reflects three major Aegis cruiser missions: anti-air, anti-surface, and antisubmarine warfare. The arch represents Seminary Ridge, Culp's Hill and Little Roundtop, critical positions on the Gettysburg battlefield. The anchor symbolizes sea prowess and the ties with the ship's Marine birthplace; the two stars represent the two previous ships named "USS GETTYSBURG."

MOTTO

"Deeds Not Words" reflect the willingness of those who fought at Gettysburg and those who served on the ship to translate strength of conviction into decisive action.



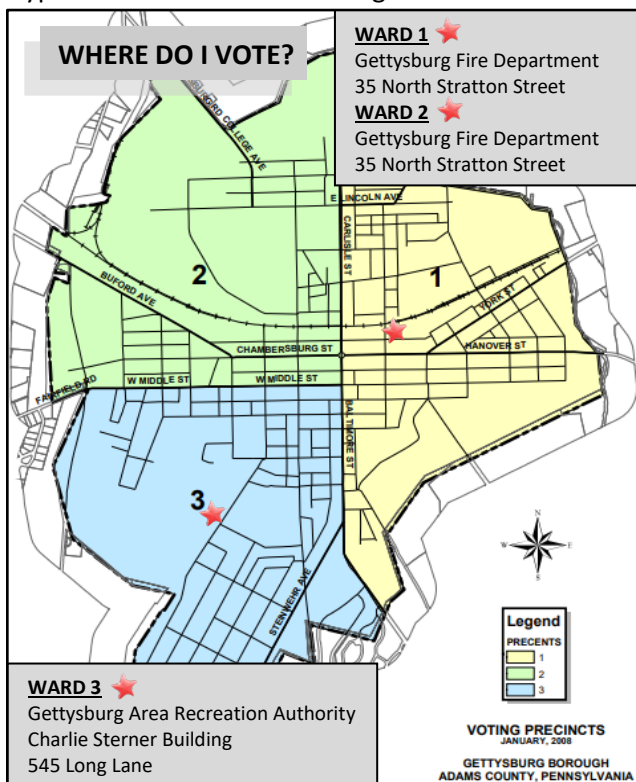
NORFOLK (September 23, 2022) – USS GETTYSBURG crew members demonstrate a fire hose during the Borough of Gettysburg's tour of the ship.

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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 required 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 enter the system. Types of backflow devices range from a Residential Dual Check Valve (RDCV) which 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 a required 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.

GMA'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 to our Cross-Connection Control (CCC) Department. Questions can be directed to the CCC Department at 844-605-5213.



General Election Day

**Tuesday,
November 8th, 2022**

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



From the Shade Tree Commission

This year the Shade Tree Commission is on track to plant a total of 35 new trees along Borough streets. In addition, another eight trees were planted as part of upgrades to South Street. Many of these young trees replace those that have died or are dying, but almost one third are first time plantings. Here are a few tips from the Commission:

PLANTING: Some streets lack grass strips for planting. Some sidewalks are too narrow to accommodate a street tree and allow enough space for wheelchairs. The Commission encourages property owners to plant trees on their own property, especially if there is sufficient space in the front yard. The Adams County Planting Partnership offers free native tree seedlings twice a year – spring and fall. Trees come with a free tree shelter (tube) and stake to protect them from munching critters. Learn more by using the QR code above or at <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Conservation/Pages/Trees.aspx>.



WATERING: We sure could use your help to get trees through their first couple of years. The Borough just doesn't have the resources to water all the trees we plant. If you notice that we have planted a new street tree adjacent to your property, you can help by watering it occasionally, especially if it hasn't rained in a while or temperatures rise to 80 degrees or more for more than a few days.

PRUNING: The Commission arranges for a skilled contractor to prune selected trees each year. If you think a street tree(s) adjacent to your property needs pruning, you must apply for a permit. It is important that pruning be done correctly to protect the shape, intended height, and health of the tree. We are aware of instances where property owners have done their own pruning incorrectly and without a permit, thus jeopardizing the investment the Borough has made in its streetscape. Street trees belong to the community.

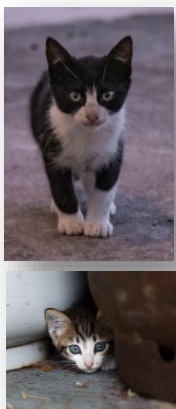
PERMITS! If you want a tree along the street adjacent to your property planted, removed, or pruned, you will need to submit a request for a permit to the Borough. Permit applications are available at the Borough office or can be printed from the Borough website - go to "Forms and Documents", then to "Shade Tree Commission".

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. 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.

What is TNR?

(T)rap

Cats are humanely trapped.

(N) neuter

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.

Tuba Fest



Friday, December 9, 2022
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Rain Barrels and Cisterns Help Manage Storm Water
and Help the Borough Meet Its MS4 Mandates

Rain Barrels & Cisterns

What is it?

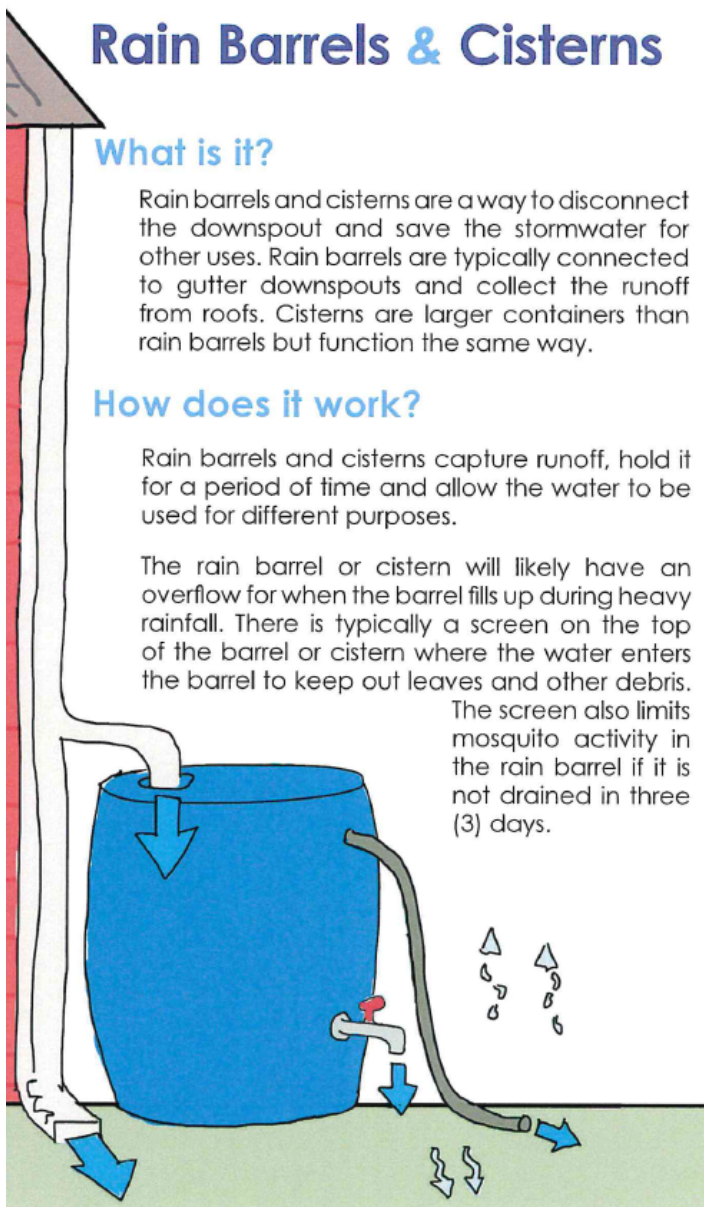
Rain barrels and cisterns are a way to disconnect the downspout and save the stormwater for other uses. Rain barrels are typically connected to gutter downspouts and collect the runoff from roofs. Cisterns are larger containers than rain barrels but function the same way.

How does it work?

Rain barrels and cisterns capture runoff, hold it for a period of time and allow the water to be used for different purposes.

The rain barrel or cistern will likely have an overflow for when the barrel fills up during heavy rainfall. There is typically a screen on the top of the barrel or cistern where the water enters the barrel to keep out leaves and other debris.

The screen also limits mosquito activity in the rain barrel if it is not drained in three (3) days.



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How does a Homeowner maintain it?

After Rain Events:

- Clean the screen by removing any leaves that could block the flow of water into the barrel/cistern.
- Use the water in the barrel/cistern so that it's empty and ready to collect runoff from the next rain.

Annually:

- Clean gutters to remove leaf debris that could clog the barrel/cistern.

❄ Special Winter Needs:

- In the fall, empty the rain barrel/cistern before the water could freeze.
- Rinse out the barrel/cistern to remove any accumulated sediment.
- Do not reconnect the barrel/cistern until spring. During the winter months, connect a piece of flexible gutter to the end of the downspout and direct the outlet to a grassy area of the yard.

Additional Information:

- ⚠ **Rain barrels and cisterns are great (and economical!) water sources for watering plants.** The spigot can fill a watering can or be connected to a standard garden or irrigation hose.
- ⚠ **Safety note!** The water in a rain barrel or cistern is not safe for consumption without prior treatment.

