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GETTYSBURG TOPS FOR TRAVEL!!

Who says? Well, the list includes CNN Travel, USA Today, Fodor's, American Bus Association, Associated Press and *Smithsonian Magazine*. "Magical History Tour," says *Better Homes and Gardens* in its April issue.

Estimates suggest that the number of visitors and reenactors could top 4 million this year – a 20% to 30% increase over prior years. At its peak, the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) predicts 25,000 to 30,000 visitors to the Borough per day! For a community with a total population of 7,620, the 150th Commemoration will present some real challenges. It also provides us with an opportunity to put our best foot forward. Predictions are that the 150th will bring \$750 million in economic impact to the region. And that impact will extend to future years if visitors have a pleasant experience. Gettysburg, now is our time to shine!

This Special Issue of the Borough Newsletter is devoted to helping the community, its residents and businesses to prepare for, join in and enjoy the 150th Commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg. With a little adjustment, a welcoming spirit, and lots of good humor, we too will have a pleasant experience. After all, this could be the biggest event to come to Gettysburg in our lifetime.

Not just for visitors

There is much for residents to see and enjoy right in the Borough of Gettysburg – tours, music, exhibits, a movie premiere, a parade capped by fireworks and the opening of a world class museum. And, there is even more within a few miles – three reenactments, battlefield walks, encampments, exhibits and more.

For a list of all Gettysburg 150th events and other information, visit

www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com

or stop by the CVB Visitor Center on Carlisle Street

A DON'T MISS EVENT!

Independence Day Parade and Fireworks

The Battle of Gettysburg was a seminal event for the nation and for Gettysburg. To commemorate our community's role in this important moment in American history and other historical events and personalities that have shaped Gettysburg and Adams County, we are having an **Independence Day Parade!** It will kick off at 7 pm on Wednesday, July 3, and follow the same route as the annual Remembrance Day Parade – Middle Street, south on Baltimore Street and out Steinwehr Avenue. As organizer Nancie Gudmestad points out "we have much history to celebrate in Gettysburg – from the excitement of the original Independence Day in 1776 to our town's founder James Gettys, resident President Dwight Eisenhower, Hall of Fame baseball player Eddie Plank, to the efforts of this community to rebuild after the tragic battle, and so much more."

Following the parade at 10 pm, there will be a spectacular fireworks display at Rec Park made possible by a generous donation from the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau.

TO REACH BOROUGH STAFF FOR NON-EMERGENCIES: such as parking problems, overflowing trash cans, street lights out, non-emergency police situations, and the like:

Business Hours: 8 am to 5 pm • 717-334-1160 then 0 for the receptionist.

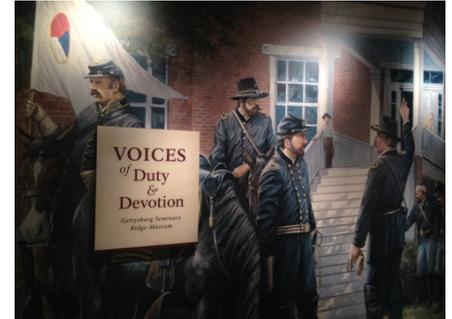
Non Business Hours • 717-334-8101 and ask for the Officer in Charge, Manager or Public Works

“Some relics you can hold in your hand; others, you can walk inside”.

The creation of the new Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum, which opens to the public July 1, is a legacy project of Civil War 150 in Gettysburg. **The museum building is the most important historic building of the American Civil War not in public ownership**, and people see the creation of the Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum as the “flagship” of the observation of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The Museum is designed to bring to life previously untold stories for the enrichment of the two million visitors who annually make their American pilgrimage to our town, and the millions expected in the anniversary year.

The new Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum will feature **20,000 square feet** of interactive exhibit galleries and educational programming to interpret three major areas of emphasis—none of which are the focus of any other museum in Gettysburg:

- the pivotal first day of the Battle of Gettysburg on Seminary Ridge
- the care of the wounded and human suffering within Schmucker Hall during its use as a Civil War field hospital
- the larger issues of faith and freedom debates of the Civil War era



For tickets, including reservations for the Exclusive-Access Cupola Tour (including museum admission), please visit www.seminaryridgemuseum.org/tickets or call 717-339-1300.

The Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum is a joint venture of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, the Adams County Historical Society and the Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Association.

Waste Management to the Rescue!

Our residential solid waste hauler, Waste Management, has offered to help the Borough get through the peak period of the 150th. WM will start residential trash and recycling pick-up at 4 am so they can be out of the Borough in advance of heavy traffic periods. According to Borough Manager Florence Ford, they will also lend the Borough 2 big-belly solar powered trash compactors for placement in high traffic areas. The compactor is about the same size as a trash can but can hold five times as much. WM will also provide 25 recycling carts and 25 trash carts which the Borough can place where and when needed and 3 four-yard dumpsters for use by the Public Works Dept. WM will empty street cans each morning Monday through Saturday. Public Works staff will empty full cans during the day and on Sunday. **Residents can help by getting their trash to the curb or alley the night before pick-up.** We also encourage citizens to report any overflowing street cans to the Borough.

Safety and Security

Homeland Security App for Your Smart Phone

Go to www.psp.state.pa.us and click on the Homeland Security tab to get to the Commonwealth Homeland Security Site. There you will find a link to an app which will allow you to report suspicious activity using your smart phone.

Borough Police have been working with local and state law enforcement to assure a safe and secure 150th Commemoration. The recent bombing in

Boston has raised the level of awareness and vigilance as we ready our community for this national historic event. You will see an increased law enforcement presence this summer. Residents are urged to immediately call 911 to report any suspected crimes, suspicious activity, or emergencies.

The PA State Police operate a Terrorism/Fugitive Tip Line – 1-888-292-1919 which can be used by any member of the public to report information.

The following websites have additional information on Anti-Terrorism programs: <http://www.dhs.gov/> and <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/terrorism/terrorism>

Municipal Authority Ready for Increased Demand

The Gettysburg Municipal Authority is confident that it will be able to accommodate everyone’s water and sewer needs during the 150th. According to GMA

Manager Mark Guise, GMA’s water system average daily production for the first week of July is typically in the range of 1.7 million gallons per day. Currently, the Authority has the ability to produce approximately 2.7 MGD from the water treatment plant and all wells. On the sewer side, recent upgrades and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant have given GMA the ability to treat an average daily flow of 3.0 MGD, which is greater than our water production ability. GMA is also ready with onsite and portable generators to handle and run the plants, wells and pump stations in the event of a power outage.

TIPS FOR THE 150TH Ten Days of Commemoration

June 28-July 7, 2013 --- *Even the little things can make a difference*

FOR RESIDENTS

- Stock up with essential items like you would for a winter blizzard.
- You know the ways to avoid main streets. Use them to get in, out and around town.
- Leave your car parked and walk, bike or take Freedom Transit - IT'S FREE!
- Plan shopping and errands for times when traffic is lightest.
- Help keep the community clean by taking responsibility for the sidewalk in front of your property.
- Set your trash and recyclables out the night before pick-up. Waste Management will begin very early.
- Avoid deliveries to your home if possible.
- Allow yourself extra time to get to work, to home or to other activities.
- Be patient!
- Be helpful if visitors need directions or information.
- Plan to attend some of the many events in and around the Borough.
- Volunteer to help by calling *Main Street Gettysburg* at 337-3491.

FOR BUSINESSES

- Plan for very large crowds and communicate your plan to employees.
- Determine how to make your space more efficient for maximum customer flow.
- Make arrangements with your financial institution for adequate change and cash and for making deposits.
- Have a back-up plan to provide services if technology crashes. **OVERLOAD IS A POSSIBILITY!**
- Know and access key websites for alerts and up-to-date information on events and make event information available to customers. A key website is www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com.
- Have a plan for staffing in case employees get caught in traffic back-ups.
- Make sure staff members have the information they need to answer questions and direct visitors to services and events.
- Post emergency service numbers so they can be used quickly.
- Stock up ahead of time as much as possible and arrange deliveries for light traffic times.
- Encourage guests and visitors to recycle and make it easy for them with well-marked containers.
- Have a plan to deal with extra trash and recyclables. Dumpster sharing with a neighbor might work!
- Partner with other businesses.
- If you are a restaurant, do you have menu items that can be prepared ahead for efficient take-out?
- Consider additional signs to direct your customers and avoid confusion.
- Keep the area in front of your business neat, clean and welcoming.

OTHER EVENTS for 2013 include:

◆ **Gettysburg Festival** • June 8-16 • Celebration of arts, culture and cuisine ◆ **Gettysburg Bike Week** • July 11-14 • Parade of Chrome Saturday at 5 pm ◆ **Congressional Medal of Honor Convention** • Sept 18-22 • Honors the bravery and contributions of recipients ◆ **Remembrance Day** • Nov 22-24 (Parade Nov 23 at 1pm) • Anniversary of the Consecration of the National Cemetery ◆ **150th Dedication Day** • Nov 19 • Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address at the National Cemetery

WALKING THROUGH HISTORY

Three new walking tours for 2013 provide an opportunity for residents as well as visitors to experience life in Gettysburg as it was in 1863.

"After the Storm" focuses on the struggle the town endured after the two armies left. This 90 minute tour is led by the Main Street Licensed Town Guides. The red flags you see hanging from windows downtown identify buildings which were used as hospitals. The tour leaves the Rupp House Fridays at 6:15 pm and Gettysburg Hotel Saturdays at 6:15 pm. Adults \$16 – Students and Seniors \$12 - Children under 6 free.

"Searching for History" is a free scavenger hunt for families also offered by the Town Guides. It focuses on our wonderful downtown architecture, monuments, decorations etc. Children completing the hunt can return to the desk at the Gettysburg Hotel to receive a junior historian certificate.

"The Where History Hides Walking Tour" is a self-guided tour through the Olde Getty Place neighborhood offered by the Elm Street Program. This tour focuses on the structures and stories of this historic African-American neighborhood and the lasting impact of the battle on the community. Tour brochures are available at the Visitor Center at the Lincoln Train Station, Convention and Visitors Bureau at 571 W. Middle Street, Adams County Library and Gettysburg Hotel.



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GREAT YEAR TO BUY A BRICK!

Be part of Historic Gettysburg and the commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg! Donate a commemorative brick engraved with your name, the name of a loved one, or the name of a business or organization and create a permanent remembrance on **Lincoln Square** and along **Gettysburg's Historic Pathway**.

Your brick donation is tax deductible and will help continue the work of Main Street Gettysburg to preserve and revitalize our historic town for the benefit of its citizens, businesses, and visitors.

*Contact Main Street at 337-3491 or
www.mainstreetgettysburg.org to print an order form*

Parking and Traveling

We will have additional parking for visitors during the peak 10 days of the 150th. In addition to street parking and our parking deck on Race Horse Alley, visitors will be directed to parking at the Middle School and Lincoln Elementary on Baltimore Street, Rec Park on Long Lane, the GNMP lot between Taneytown Road and Steinwehr Ave. and the HACC parking lot on Old Harrisburg Rd. Most lots have access to a Freedom Transit Trolley stop. All are within walking distance of downtown. Visitors can also park at the GNMP Visitor Center or one of their designated parking sites and use Freedom Transit shuttles to get to town.

Expect our downtown streets to be very busy most of the time during the peak period with late afternoon and early evening the busiest. There are events going on throughout the day, but here are some of the events that will likely generate the most traffic:

Blue Gray Reenactment	June 29-30	9 am - late afternoon
Luminaries at Nat. Cemetery	June 30	9 pm – 10:30 pm
Grand Opening of Seminary Ridge Museum	July 1	Starts 8 am with cannon fire
Nat Park Battlefield Walks and Talks	July 1-4	Throughout the day with some starting at 6 am
Pickets Charge March	July 3	3 pm – Will close West Confederate Ave 1-3 pm
Independence Day Parade	July 3	7 pm – Will close Middle, Baltimore and Steinwehr
Anniversary Committee Reenactment	July 4-7	8:30 am into evening

LOCAL
 POSTAL CUSTOMER

Leave your car behind and let Freedom Transit take you where you need to go!

Freedom Transit is encouraging all visitors and the Gettysburg community to embrace the “Park Once” concept to enhance their experience this summer as large numbers of visitors may be seeking downtown parking at peak times. It’s a FREE service! For detailed schedules of extended hours and service during June 28-July 7, 2013, please visit our website ridethetrolley.com.

If you need assistance in figuring out the times or which route you need, our friendly Customer Service Care Center will be happy to assist you. Just call our toll free number 1-800-632-9063. Follow us on twitter @Freedom_Transit for the latest info and live updates during the 10-day period.

At the recent 150th Battle of Gettysburg Anniversary forum, York Adams Transportation Authority Director Rich Farr commented, “When someone comes to park, we want them to leave their car and experience the town using our trolleys. We have increased our fleet for that purpose.” He also encouraged downtown business owners and employees to carpool to work when possible. “The less automobiles downtown, the better we all are,” Farr said.

www.gettysburg-pa.gov
 made easy!

