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911

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Message from the Mayor's Desk

A Message from Mayor Rita C. Frealing



Mayor Frealing with
2nd Gentleman, Douglas Emhoff

represent Gettysburg in multiple forums in recent months. Some highlights.

September 2022

I had the honor of attending an event at the White House, "Communities in Action - Building a Better Pennsylvania". Nearly 40 elected officials and community leaders from across the Commonwealth attended a briefing of senior administration officials to discuss available programs that benefit the Commonwealth.

January 2023

The annual Gettysburg New Year's Eve celebration returned with a fun-filled evening for all to enjoy. I was invited to welcome over 3000 residents and visitors to Lincoln Square to ring in the new year 2023. For the first time, a 14 - foot, aluminum version of Lincoln's hat was raised as part of the celebration along with the return of fireworks and the addition of a light show. Later in January, a delegation from the borough traveled to the U.S. Senate to meet with Senator Robert P. Casey to solicit support and assistance for the Borough's application for the FY2023 RAISE grant. If awarded, the \$12 million grant will support heritage tourism, improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety along Baltimore Street between Lincoln Square and Steinwehr Avenue. That street encompasses the route that President Abraham Lincoln took from the Wills House to the Soldier's Cemetery to deliver the Gettysburg Address.

February 2023

In commemoration of Black History Month, I attended reception in the East Wing of the White House along with many other elected officials from across the nation. President Biden and Vice President Harris made introductory remarks about the importance of our nation's history to open the event.



New Year's Eve Celebration on Lincoln
Square (January 1, 2023)



Left to Right – Jill Sellers, President MSG;
Senator Robert Casey, Jr.; Mayor Rita
Frealing; Charles Gable, Borough Manager

Important Dates

Primary Election Day – Tuesday, May 16, 2023 (Polls Open 7 AM – 8 PM)

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 29, 2023 (2 PM) E. Middle Street; Baltimore Street; National Cemetery)

A Gettysburg Fourth – Tuesday, July 4, 2023 (2 PM) Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority, Long Lane

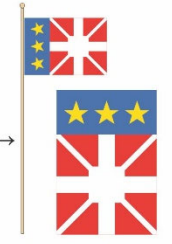
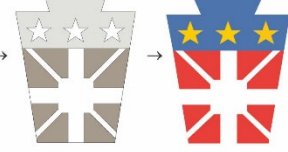
Adams County Farmers Market – Saturdays (8 AM – 1 PM); Opening Day - April 29th; Last Day – October 28th

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.

Did You Know Gettysburg Borough was incorporated as a municipality on March 10, 1806 – subsequently known as Ordination Day. By happenstance, the Borough Council formally adopted the Gettysburg Flag as a symbol for the town on March 10,

SEAL OF GETTYSBURG
CURRENTLY IN USE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE FLAG DESIGN

THE FLAG OF THE
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG

2003. In commemoration of this event, Mayor Rita C. Frealing proclaimed March 2023 as the Borough of Gettysburg's official Flag Month for 2023 – commemorating 20-years of the Gettysburg Borough Flag. March 10 marks the anniversary of the ordination of the Borough of Gettysburg and has since been the yearly Ordination Day. The Crew of the USS Gettysburg proudly fly the Borough's Flag on the ship, celebrating their ship's namesake. In years to come, Mayor Frealing would like every Gettysburgian to remember, honor, and celebrate the 10th of March as an important milestone of our Borough's history.

Updates from the Gettysburg National Military Park & Eisenhower National Historic Site

from Steve Sims – Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP)



GNMP is excited about the upcoming year with fantastic opportunities and experiences at both parks! On April 7th, the David Wills House Museum reopened on Lincoln Square, free of charge. The house will be open Friday/Saturday/Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm. Effective June 17th visitation hours expand to include Thursdays. The museum services staff have been planning for a temporary exhibit as descendants of

David Wills donated many significant artifacts to the park associated with the Gettysburg National Cemetery, the Wills' family and the Wills house.



*Repairing Wallpaper at the Eisenhower National Historic Site
Picture Courtesy of GNMP*

Park staff are planning for the upcoming 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg on July 1, 2, and 3. Visitors can look forward to a full menu of ranger guided walks, talks, and hikes, including the popular Battle Walk programs. The rehabilitation project at the Wisler, or First Shot, house along Route 30 a few miles west of town is nearing completion. A few final updates will allow visitors to drive to, and safely park at the site. A few non-historic trees will be removed, allowing for the completion of a new parking area. A new interpretive sign will also be added to help welcome visitors to this important historic structure.



*Restoring Park Monuments
Picture Courtesy of GNMP*

Other warm weather projects will include the cleaning and waxing of three of the larger monuments around the battlefield including the Pennsylvania, New York state, and Eternal Light Peace memorials. The Park's monuments preservation staff will replace existing cannon carriages on East Cemetery Hill and the limbers at the High Water Mark will be removed for repairs throughout the summer.

Public tours of the Eisenhower home resumed for the 2023 season on April 1st. Visitors with groups of fewer than 20 will now be able to drive directly to the farm rather than take a shuttle bus from the Museum and Visitor Center. Groups of 20 or more will still need to make reservations by calling 877-874-2478. Visitors to the Eisenhower home will also experience the work of preservationists who cleaned and repaired the wallpaper in the entryway. Once cleaned, specially designed replacement paper will help fill in any missing sections.

Garden Club Brings Horticulture to New Heights

from Patricia Green Rodgers – Publicity Chair, Gettysburg Garden Club

For many Gettysburg Garden Club members, keeping Gettysburg beautiful is a labor of love. They also credit residents, the borough, businesses, and nonprofit organizations as integral to the club's success. As a quaint town drawing over a three million tourists yearly, the Gettysburg Garden Club provides a welcoming aesthetic for Gettysburg through florals. Joy is in the air as members prepare Lincoln Square for spring plantings. Drivers honk their horns and give a thumbs up. Members wave without losing concentration.



*Hanging Basket
on Lincoln Square*



*Garden Club Members Plant a Flower Bed
on Lincoln Square*

One of the best measures of success is the buzz, and there's plenty during spring planting season. As the central hub of downtown Gettysburg, Lincoln Square is full of history. Being named for President Lincoln sets it apart. Gettysburg Garden

Club members give reverence to that history by planting beautiful flowers. Known as the Downtown Flower Project, club members tend the hanging baskets in the circle and the side streets. They do the same for stone planters on the street corners seen as one enters the roundabout. New hanging baskets, the first in 20 years, replaced old ones.

The club's fundraising projects support the Lincoln Square garden bed along with 48 baskets and eight planters around the Square. Community support through donations to the Giving Spree each year is critical to the club's ongoing projects. The Christmas Greens and Gourmet Gifts Sale had a record-breaking total last year. Coming up on May 20th is the Spring Plant Sale at the Gettysburg Fire Department. These fundraisers support community projects and Adams County students studying horticulture in college. The club will also sponsor a garden for a Habitat for Humanity new home buyer. Members are creating a flower bed in her front



Flowers in Bloom on Lincoln Square

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Gettysburg Police Department Begins Co-Responder Pilot Program

from Robert Glenn, Jr. – Police Chief

The Police Department's Mental Health Co-Responder, Mackenzie Johnson, started work on February 16th. To date, she has assisted or least consulted on numerous calls within and just outside of the Borough. The Officers and Mackenzie are developing a great working relationship. All parties are comfortable with their roles and what the co-responder can assist with and handle. The role of the Co-Responder is to be a tool used by police in order to help decrease arrests, decrease unnecessary strain on the Emergency Room and EMS, and allow officers to resume their typical workflow in a quicker amount of time. There are times where officers would generally spend an extended amount of time on the scene of a mental health related call, where now the Co-Responder can help to relieve the time needed for the officer at the scene. The Co-Responder is not an extension or replacement of the local crisis department, but is instead a liaison between Police, Crisis, and the patient. The Co-Responder position does not impact the work that the local crisis department does on their client initiated mobile calls, or their work at the hospital Emergency Room. Instead, it is a resource provided specifically to police departments to assist them in contact with individuals who are experiencing a mental health need.



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Free Rain Barrels ... What!?

*from Debra English
Director of Historic & Environmental Preservation*

The GBSWA, Gettysburg Stormwater Authority will be sponsoring a class this summer for Borough residents to receive a FREE rain barrel for attending. Discussions will include Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater management and why you need a FREE rain barrel (\$150.00 value). You will learn the benefits of using a rain barrel for water

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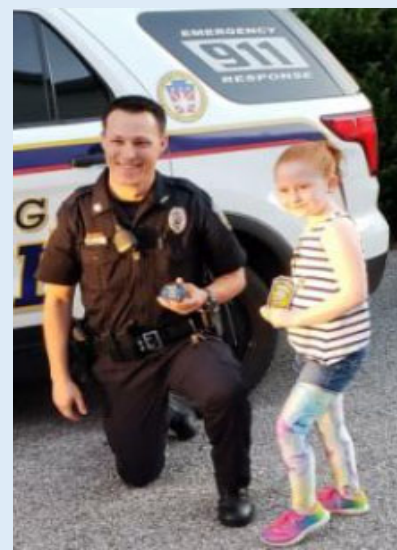
Examples of situations where the Co-Responder can be dispatched or called to a scene. This IS NOT an all-inclusive list but provides examples.

YES

- Called to a mental distress scene where there is a clear need for mental health intervention, but the officer is not sure if they need to go to the hospital
- On the scene with a suicidal patient and the officer wants assistance in de-escalation
- An individual on scene is requesting mental health help, resources, or referrals.
- A 302 warrant is needed for a subject and there is enough documentation to justify the need. Co-Responder can initiate it in the field and have warrant in hand
- A call where there is a behavioral issue, but there isn't necessarily any suicidal or homicidal behavior, but some kind of additional support is needed.
- Domestic dispute, where there is a need to help de-escalate or provide resources
- A non-mental health related call, where the individual may be displaying signs or symptoms of a mental health issue
- A substance abuse concern, where the individual needs some resources to help find treatment
- A scene where there are individuals are not able to care for themselves (hoarding, disabilities, lack of food, lack of housing, etc.)
- A scene where there may have been a traumatic event or death and other individuals at the scene require acute resources, including CISM related EMS/Police debriefings

NO

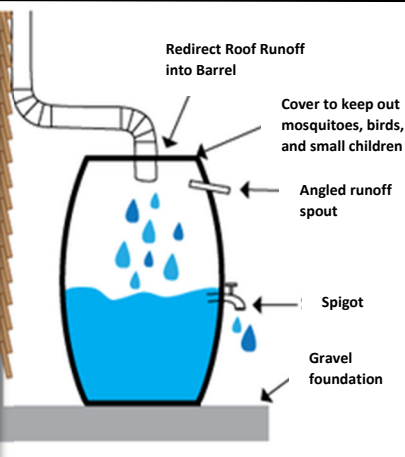
- Emergent medical issues that require an immediate EMS intervention
- Heavily intoxicated / belligerent / incoherent
- Violent or aggressive individuals
- To transport individuals



Patrol Officer First Class
Kevin McDonald

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collection and the benefits to your community. These barrels can store approximately 50-65 gallons of water. Donations of \$25.00 per barrel are welcome to help cover costs of the class but not required. There will be a short presentation on the benefits of using rain barrels such as reducing your environmental impact and your water bill saving \$\$\$\$. An earth friendly option to collect water to hydrate your flower beds and vegetable gardens or even water the grass. This will reduce the amount of water collected in our storm drains during rain events reducing the impact of flooding. The slow discharge the barrels will provide will allow rainwater to infiltrate back into our ground water table providing a natural purifier to improve water quality.



Other benefits include reducing rainwater runoff, prevent soil erosion, provide water storage during droughts conserving water for a later use. This class is FREE to borough residents, one barrel per household. Space is limited, if you wish to attend please email Debra English, Director of Historic and Environmental Preservation to reserve a spot denglish@gettysburgpa.gov or call 717-334-1160 Ext 238. Please provide your local address, name, contact number/email, number of attendees and why you would like to attend this class, bring the family! Lunch will be provided so please come to enjoy this wonderful opportunity. The date of the class has not yet been determined, grant funding is pending and once allocated an invite will be sent to those that reserved a spot on a first come first served basis. Thank you for doing your part to make our community a better place to live.

Borough Shade Tree Commission

from Susan Naugle – Chair (Shade Tree Commission)

Help Stop the Spread of Invasive Trees

When considering a tree for your yard, stay away from these trees: Norway Maple; “Bradford” Callery Pear; Bamboo; and Tree of Heaven. These trees will spread quickly and crowd out valuable native species. We suggest you consider tree species native to Pennsylvania since they are well suited to our weather conditions and soils.

Trees are a long-term investment in a healthy community. According to the U.S Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, “they are valuable assets worth three times your initial investment.” Last year, 37 young trees were added to the Borough streetscape. Of those, 29 were authorized by the Commission and planted by the Borough Public Works Department. Another eight trees were planted as part of the grant-funded revitalization of South Street. The Borough removed 14 trees for various reasons (death, disease, damage, etc.) so our net gain was 23 trees. The greatest Shade Tree Commission expense, at 54% of total expenditures, was for maintenance of existing trees. Most of that went to contracted services to remove trees and stumps and to

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yard and teaching her how to maintain the garden. The club's Garden of the Month Committee drives throughout Gettysburg to select the best garden during the spring months. Articles about the winners and their gardens appear in local media, along with pictures of their gardens. In addition, signage is in the winners' yards for a month, spotlighting their selection.

An all-volunteer organization, the Gettysburg Garden Club proves that a labor of love is the best formula for community visibility, sustainability, and goodwill. Affiliated with the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, Central Atlantic Regions of State Garden Clubs, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., the Gettysburg Garden Club is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, at the Gettysburg Fire Department. Learn more by visiting the Gettysburg Garden Club Facebook page. The club president is Maryan Daniels.

Garden Club Requests Plastic Flowerpots for Spring Plant Sale

Spring is near, and the Gettysburg Garden Club is preparing for their Spring Plant Sale at the Gettysburg Fire Hall on May 20. In the spirit of reusing and repurposing non-recyclable items, the Gettysburg Garden Club will accept empty plastic nursery pots.

As in previous years, the club is requesting used green or black plastic flowerpot donations. The pots can be round or square but must be four inches or larger. Please do not leave clay pots or plastic hangers because they cannot be used. Pots can be left on the front porch at 50 East Broadway from Sunday, March 26, to Sunday, April 16th.

This annual sale takes place in May and features unique varieties of perennials, herbs, and annuals selected and grown by Club members. Proceeds are used to fund the annual plantings on Lincoln Square.

Flowerpot donations give the club a full supply for the perennials dug from members' gardens which are tended until the Spring Plant Sale. The goal is to have an abundant array of beautiful plants for the spring plant sale at reasonable prices for community members.

provide professional pruning of mature trees. In 2022, the Commission spent 35% of its \$17,500 budget to purchase new trees. The Commission is charged with planting and maintaining trees along Borough streets, but we also encourage property owners to invest in trees on their own property. When deciduous trees are placed on the southern exposure of a home, they allow the sun to warm the home on cold winter days and, during summer months, can save up to 56% on annual air-conditioning costs. Evergreens planted in the northern exposure block winter winds and can save up to 3 percent on heating costs. Studies have shown that each mature tree in a front yard adds to a home's sale price (U.S. Forest Service). Trees planted and properly maintained in your yard will benefit the entire community. It is never too soon to plant a tree. It will take decades to reach maturity, but their benefits can last a lifetime or longer.

Let's Talk



*from Peter Griffioen –
Code Compliance Officer*

If you're a dog owner, cleaning up after your furry friend's poop is an essential part of pet ownership. Dog owner or not, encountering a deposit of poo on your walking path is the worst. The Borough has received complaints regarding dog waste on our sidewalks and in people's yards. Not only does leaving dog poop in public spaces create an eyesore, but it can also be a health hazard for other people and pets. And of course, no one likes that excrement pancaked into the tread of their shoes!!

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Meet Gettysburg's Newest Police Officer Eric Wenrich



After graduating the Police Academy, Eric Wenrich joined the Borough of Gettysburg's Police Department as a full-time Patrol Officer in May 2022. Officer Wenrich is proud to serve the Gettysburg Borough and its residents and visitors.

Meet Gettysburg's Newest Parking Enforcement Officer Bryce Albert



The Parking Enforcement Officer performs routine parking enforcement throughout the Borough in accordance with established rules and regulations governing parking laws and the Borough Code of Ordinances. Bryce Albert joined the Borough of Gettysburg Parking Department as a Parking Enforcement Officer in January 2023. Mr. Albert is excited to be here and serve the residents of Gettysburg. When not on duty Mr. Albert enjoys traveling, photography, and skateboarding.

Meet Gettysburg's Newest Public Works Employees Sean Meisenbacher and Brian Arentz



Sean Meisenbacher joined the Borough of Gettysburg Public Works Department in March 2022. Mr. Meisenbacher moved from New Jersey to Gettysburg after visiting and falling in love with the area. With over 20 years of experience working in a Marina as an equipment operator and Captain of fishing trawlers, Sean is highly skilled in maintenance and equipment operations. When not working, Sean enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, and kayaking.



Brian Arentz joined the Borough's Public Works Department in January 2023. Mr. Arentz and his family are life-long residents of the area. He and his family actively participate in many of the festivities, community events, and other activities offered in the area - and are now enjoying ensuring those activities continue with the valuable work he does in service to Gettysburg. When Mr. Arentz is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, and coaching football.

Public Works Projects

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will take place in 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. Street sweeping is a critical function to ensuring the Borough's storm drains are free of debris and can properly function during times of wet weather.

Spring Brush Pick-Up

Spring brush pick up by the Public Works crew will take place from **Monday, May 22nd - Thursday, May 25th**. Brush only will be picked up. Please do not mix leaves and grass clippings with brush as these items can be dropped off at the Public Works building at 457 East Middle Street. Place brush to be picked up along curb (not in the street), or along alleys. If there are any questions regarding brush pickup, please call the Public Works department at 717-334-4666.

Crack Sealing

Tar sealing cracks in roadway surfaces will occur periodically throughout the summer.

Line Painting

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

Maintenance Work

The PWD 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). Pothole issues will be addressed as issues arise. For all roadwork, the Department will strive to have as little impact on traffic flow as possible.

Street and Alley Improvements

- Legion Alley – Complete Alley restoration between Baltimore Street and South Washington Street
- Gilliland Alley – Complete Alley restoration



Understanding Community Development

from Jill Sellers – President (Main Street Gettysburg)



Winter can be a long, drawn-out ordeal. Thankfully, it's been mild with one of the least snowy winters on record. In fact, the 'A Gettysburg Christmas' movie crew probably dropped more snowflakes than fell from the sky this season. Still, winter can be a challenge and it feels longer because we held on to Christmas through February. Thanks for keeping the holiday spirit to support the movie. Stayed tuned for more on that soon – with the premier later this year! With holiday decorations finally down, spring is here and days are noticeably longer and warmer - the extra daylight reminding us that it's time to start planning for outside projects. Main Street Gettysburg is ready and excited to help!



Understanding Community Development

French novelist Marcel Proust is considered by critics and writers to be one of the most influential authors of the 20th century. He holds the title in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest novel. *À la recherche du temps perdu (In Search of Lost Time)* contains 1,267,069 words. I admit that I haven't read it, nor can I even suggest that I would be up for such a time commitment (in search of lost time, indeed!). However, I do have a favorite quote from Proust: *"The real voyage of discovery consists not of seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."*

We have stunning landscapes in Gettysburg-Adams County. It's ironic that we often seek *new* landscapes by returning to *old* landscapes. The preservation of our battlefields and historic town are extraordinary and span many decades of effort and many faces of dedication. We are very good at celebrating the past, but we mustn't forget to also consider the future.

Proust's comment about "having new eyes" is a challenge for us to see forward, to see change, to see something new in our existing surroundings. In modern terms, he could be talking about community development – a process where local people enable progress – by tapping assets, improving networks, and thinking differently – essentially helping their community become fundamentally better able to manage change.

Change is a hard concept for most of us, yet change is necessary. Gettysburg has changed drastically over its lifetime. It started out as a crossroads with a tavern and grew into a thriving hub of agriculture, carriage manufacturers, shoemakers, tanneries, merchants, banks, and yes, more taverns. Caught between two warring armies in 1863, Gettysburg was forced to adapt to the raging battle that encircled them. The people rallied for the sake of survival and recovery, which set the stage for generations to come.

Basically, Gettysburg has a long successful record of community development. Benefits like business, employment, infrastructure, and housing are only possible when local people change attitudes and bring opportunities, not just for economics, but also for a strong functioning community. Working together creates wealth: not just dollars, but also, the things we value – participation, service, cooperation, equity, and quality of life. Gettysburg continues to adapt and renew, meeting the needs of today and planning for those of tomorrow. Community development is all around us offering exciting new opportunities and projects! Our community has witnessed and studied many changes. Sometimes we accept, and sometimes we lament, new ideas and new investments. I just can't imagine where we would be without them.

Want to be notified of local emergencies?

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www.GettysburgPA.gov

Let's have new eyes to see our landscape!

Contact Main Street Gettysburg at:
(717)337-3491, or jsellers@mainstreetgettysburg.org.

Jill Sellers is President and Chief Executive Officer of Main Street Gettysburg. She lives in Adams County with her husband Shane, and their two sons, Joshua (18) and Caleb (14).

**Save the Date:
December 2 - 4, 2023**



Poop - Contd. from Page 5

The Borough ordinance dealing with this issue (§ 2-301 Disposal of Animal Feces) states, *"Any person, having possession, custody or control of any dog, cat, any other household pet, domestic animal or small animal, which defecates anywhere in the Borough of Gettysburg except on private property of the owner of such animal, shall immediately remove the feces deposited and carry the same away for deposit in a toilet or for placement in a nonleaking trash or litter receptacle."* Take note of the word "immediately" and understand that there is a penalty for this ordinance violation. The Borough has a "dog waste violation kit" that is kept with the code officer during patrols of the Borough. It has pre-filled citations along with copies of the ordinance to share. If a dog owner is spotted that does not immediately take care of the waste, a citation will be issued. The penalty for such violation (§ 2-303 Penalties) states, *"Any person who shall violate this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one \$1,000."*



When picking up your dog's poop, always use a plastic bag and dispose of it properly in a designated receptacle. To be proactive, the Borough has purchased four dog waste bag dispensers. These dispensers will be placed near high traffic areas in the Borough and near or attached to public waste bins. If you're taking your dog to the Recreation Park or other public areas, make sure to pack a few extra bags so you're prepared if they go more than once, or find one of the new dog waste bag dispensers and add that to your route.

Avoid letting poop accumulate on the grass/sidewalk near or on your property - this creates a breeding ground for bacteria and parasites that could cause diseases. Those breeding grounds of bacteria and parasites then can travel into the stormwater system. Remember, cleaning up your dog's waste is not just about being considerate - it's about keeping our community clean/safe for everyone to enjoy!

Adams County FARMERS MARKET

located in Historic Gettysburg, PA

The Adams County Farmers Market will be launching the 2023 farmers market season in a new location at the Gettysburg Rec Park starting Saturday, April 29th from 8 AM – 1 PM. Residents of the Borough, and beyond, are invited to come usher in this exciting change for Gettysburg's community - driven marketplace. Located approximately 1/3 from Lincoln Square, the Gettysburg Recreation Park's address is 545 Long Lane, and also features playgrounds, a dog park, a skatepark, and a fitness trail.



Market organizers anticipate an excellent season at the new location. *"The Rec Park has lots of amenities that will greatly benefit customers and vendors alike,"* said Market Manager Reza Djalal. *"There will be shady areas to sit and eat, plenty of parking, newly refinished restrooms, and*



Plans for a successful 2023 farmers market season include many family-friendly events, educational resources, and cooking

demonstrations. Some new events planned for this year include a Farmers Market Fairy Festival, a Mexican Street Food Festival, and an event for Hunger Action Day. Many of the Adams County Farmers Market's signature events, such as Kids Day and Young Entrepreneurs Day, will be returning thanks to the Park's ample green space.



Many vendors have signed up to participate at the Market this year, including fan favorites like Boyer Nurseries & Orchards, Maggie's Farm Gettysburg, Deer Run Farm, Weikert's Egg Farm, Ziggy Donutz, and The Mexican Food Truck, plus many new vendors as well.



A complete event schedule and more information about the Adams County Farmers Market is available at www.acfarmersmarkets.org.

Why Have HARB Guidelines?

from Debra English
Director of Historic & Environmental Preservation



Gettysburg's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) is in place to protect the character and appearance of our community which

demonstrates the values and attitudes of its residents. A community's appreciation of its heritage is demonstrated through its attitude toward historic preservation.

Older buildings were not constructed the way building are today, and some of today's methods for dealing with modern buildings can damage or otherwise compromise historic buildings. As a result, unregulated construction activity can ruin the most significant features of Gettysburg's historic buildings and most valued qualities of the Borough's historic community.



In 1972 the Borough of Gettysburg officially recognized the value of its historic buildings and the need for their protection and preservation with the adoption of the Gettysburg Historic District Ordinance. The use of design guidelines can also have an economic impact. Gettysburg depends to a large degree on tourists for its economic survival. Each and every building in the Borough plays a significant role in this economy. Tourists come to Gettysburg for many reasons, but if the historic character of Gettysburg's buildings is lost, the day will come when fewer tourists visit downtown Gettysburg.

Final responsibility for maintaining buildings and planning for their long-term survival rests with the individual property owner, and



Bike Patrol

from Sgt. Harald Pruy

As part of a greater Community relation effort, the police department is increasing their bicycle patrol. Through the generous contributions of many community members and businesses the Department has been able to acquire two new patrol bikes and equip officers to patrol on them.

The Gettysburg bicycle patrol consists of two certified IPMBA (International Police Mountain Bike Association) Officers. The bicycle patrol was formed in 2022 with funding from the Gettysburg Borough Police Department



Patrol Officer First Class Jordan Klunk (left)
Sgt. Harald Pruy (right)

and donations from the community. The bicycle patrol was formed in order to interact with those we serve more personally.

A police bicycle patrol is an extremely useful and effective form of law enforcement. Bikes are economical and practical and allow officers to patrol different types of terrain that may be difficult or inaccessible to vehicles. A bike patrol officer has a unique ability to see and stop crime that may be difficult from a patrol vehicle. Bicycle patrol officers are easily accessible and can encourage citizens to be less apprehensive about approaching law enforcement officers in times of need or to ask questions.

A bike patrol also has health and environment benefits. Bike officers have improved physical conditioning and mental health wellbeing. A bike patrol will also allow the department to lower its carbon footprint.

the process of design review works best with the owner's active and early participation. Design guidelines are important and can be useful tools for achieving creative solutions that allow the modern use of historic buildings. But, beyond this immediate goal, the use of design guidelines can also help protect property values and quality of life and can help ensure the livability of the community for generations to come. *Thank you* for taking pride in these

historic assets and supporting the Historic District of Gettysburg.

For more information on the Gettysburg Design Guide and Historic District please visit the website www.gettysburgpa.gov, click on the top tab *Authorities, Boards and Commissions* then click on *HARB* a link to the Gettysburg Design Guide will be on the left tab.

Streetscape on Steinwehr Avenue is Popular Attraction

from Judith Butterfield, Council Member (3rd Ward)



Tourists often remark that a stroll along Steinwehr Avenue is always enhanced by the ambience of a boulevard-like experience.

The seasonal displays are the result of planning, research, and efforts by the Steinwehr Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) board and Main Street Gettysburg. Careful consideration is given to cost effectiveness, appealing displays, and commitment to upkeep.

Spring and summer flower baskets adorn the street posts as a welcoming gesture to guests in the warmer seasons. The baskets are sponsored and maintained by the BID in cooperation with the Borough of Gettysburg.

The holiday season also brings a magical display with Steinwehr's spectacular Avenue of Christmas Trees. Like the flower baskets, the trees are sponsored by the BID. A team of volunteers from BID businesses, Borough, and Main Street Gettysburg install the trees and lights each year before the Christmas Festival.

Steinwehr Avenue invests in its streetscape year-round to welcome residents and visitors to its outdoor events, including parades and festivals, and to its many businesses along the way. Their beautiful displays certainly add to the experience of a Gettysburg visit!



Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority

from Erin Peddigree, Director (GARA)



The Gettysburg Rec Park had a busy year in 2022. The Rec Park hosted 12 large community events which included the Adams County Library Fun Fest, Juneteenth, A Gettysburg Fourth Celebration, and Adams County Heritage Festival. Community members were able to celebrate together as there were over 240 pavilion reservations at the park and over 150 assembly room reservations in the Charlie Sterner Building. GARA also hosted 102 buses over the summer with over 4000 students from the mid-west as they visited Gettysburg. The Rec Park is getting ready for 2023 to be just as busy as all events are returning including some exciting new additions.

One of the most exciting additions at the Gettysburg Rec Park this year is the partnership with the Adams County Farmers Market. The Farmers Market's opening day at the Gettysburg Rec Park will be Saturday April 29th. Though the location is different, community members will still be able to enjoy shopping from their favorite vendors and food trucks. All the food programs offered at the Farmers Market such as SNAP Double Dollars will remain the same as previous years. There are going to be exciting themed

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Overcoming Economic Challenges in Travel

*from Karl Pietrzak, President
Destination Gettysburg*

And while Gettysburg is not immune to inflation, the borough and its countryside are well positioned to not only endure times of economic concern but are often found favorable for visitors who may opt for close by, more affordable destinations. Destination Gettysburg has watched the local tourism industry weather these seasons before and sees a great opportunity to pivot key marketing messages to targeted urban areas such as Washington, DC; Philadelphia; New York and Pittsburgh – as well as everywhere in between. These regions, all within 300 miles, are populated by 70 million people, providing a sizable audience for Destination Gettysburg's sales and marketing teams to deliver a message of affordability and drivability.

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The increased costs of travel – from lodging to dining to gas prices – continue to weigh on the minds of Americans who are eager to get away and explore in 2023.



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Adams County finished 2022 with a 6-percent increase in hotel occupancy, and a growth in lodging revenue by nearly 20 percent, according to Smith Travel Research. Many of the county's lodging properties are located in Gettysburg, and this revenue helps support the borough through the 5-percent lodging tax assessed on overnight stays.

New data by Arrivalist, one of the leading providers of mobile location research in the United States, confirms that most visitors to Adams County are coming from within this 300-mile radius, giving Destination Gettysburg confidence that it's successfully reaching these key areas with the right messaging. This data, for 2022, shows that the majority of visitors originated from Philadelphia; Washington, DC; Baltimore; New York; and in the Harrisburg and Lancaster areas.

Destination Gettysburg remains committed to not only reaching these travelers, but identifying new geographical and demographical audiences for leisure travel, group travel and attracting meetings and conferences to our destination.

The importance of reaching these audiences is key to sustaining tourism as a strong economic driver for the community. The tourism industry provides the Borough of Gettysburg with a wide range of economic benefits, including tax revenue, jobs, parking revenue, as well as supporting businesses – lodging properties, restaurants, stores, attractions and more.

Learn more about the tourism industry here in Adams County by visiting [GettysburgTourismWorks.com](https://www.gettysburgtourismworks.com).

Parking Department News

from Becka Fissel, Parking Manager

The Ordinance regarding Holiday hours has been updated. The hours and Holidays are posted on each meter. The meters are free on the following Holidays:

New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, JR. Day; Presidents' Day; Easter Sunday; Memorial Day; Juneteenth Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. Racehorse Alley Parking Garage hours are enforced 24/7 Holidays are not free. As of January 24th, 2023, the Borough of Gettysburg no longer uses Passport Parking Mobile APP as an option to pay for parking remotely. However, if you would like to pay for parking via phone then please download / use Pay-by-Phone. Additional Pay-by-Phone information can be found on the Borough's website at www.GettysburgPA.gov. If you need additional assistance please call the Parking Department at (717) 334-1160 ext. 241.

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Events during the Farmers Market including Farmers Market Fairy Festival on June 17th and the 2nd Annual South Mountain Partnership on June 24th. Check out the Adams County Farmers Market Facebook Page or acfarmersmarkets.org for updates and special themed weekends as we get closer to opening day. If you are a vendor and are interested in joining the Adams County Farmers Market, vendor applications are still being accepted.

On April 22nd from 11 AM - 3 PM the Focus Foundation will present Celebrate Success, celebrating our individuals with Autism and IDD. There



will be food trucks, live music, vendors, and more. The return of the Adams County Library Fun Fest will be June 9th. From the huge success of last year's Fun Fest be sure to check out this year for more activities for kids and families. Go to www.adamslibrary.org for additional information.



Looking towards the Summer, the Rec Park will be partnering again with Destination Gettysburg, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg, and Gettysburg Fire Department for A Gettysburg Fourth Independence Day Celebration on Tuesday July 4th from 4PM-10PM. There will again be food trucks, music, face painting, balloon artists, and of course fireworks. Thank you to all who support the events and community partners at the Gettysburg Rec Park. For more information about any of the activities or to rent space at the Rec Park for your own party, go to www.gara-recpark.info or check us out on Facebook at Gettysburg Recreation Park.



New Location In 2023!

Gettysburg Rec Park
545 Long Lane

2023 Opening Day: April 29





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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. (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.

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Homeowners Guide to Stormwater BMP Maintenance

What You Need to Know to
Take Care of Your Property

Rain Gardens & Small Bioretention

What is it?

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

How does it work?

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

How does a Homeowner maintain it?

Twice a year:

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

Annually:

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

Every Three Years:

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

Additional Information:

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

