



# Gettysburg

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

FALL 2013

## **Borough Council**

### **Mayor:**

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### **Third Ward:**

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### **Borough Manager**

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## **Important Numbers:**

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After Hours  
Non-Emergency  
334-8101  
Rec Park/GARA 334-2028  
Highway Dept 334-4666  
GMA 334-6738

## **MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL BIRKNER**

Conventional wisdom has it that small town life is slow and dull. Not so in Gettysburg! And especially not so in 2013. As anticipated, the Sesquicentennial commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg brought a surge of tourists to town to watch re-enactments, take a battlefield tour, and pour through the displays at the National Park visitor center or the new Seminary Ridge Museum, among other activities. Thousands of visitors walked our streets and patronized our businesses. By all accounts they had a splendid time of it.

Just last month Gettysburg enjoyed another remarkable event, orchestrated by local entrepreneur Bob Monahan, focused on Medal of Honor winners. Community members had the opportunity to meet and greet some of America's most remarkable heroes, to attend a lively town hall discussion with three of them, and in the case of students, to hear their stories in school settings. What a way of connecting to the best of America!

Only weeks after you read this column Gettysburg will again be in the national spotlight with commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and our annual Remembrance Day Parade, among other notable events. Our borough, in collaboration with many partners beyond our boundaries, managed the logistics of a crowded community in July about as well as could be imagined. We anticipate we can do the same on November 19.

In the meantime, the business of governing Gettysburg progresses. Aside from the usual labors entailed in preparing a budget, addressing citizen concerns, and engaging in labor negotiations, the Council has undertaken a number of initiatives to serve the community better. We are partnering with Cumberland Township in exploring the feasibility of a merged police force. In the process we will seek citizen input through a town meeting in November. Both sides agree this initiative will mature only if it can materially benefit both, without requiring bigger budgets and higher taxes. Our partnership with Cumberland has already borne fruit with the creation of a new Rec Board that will operate the "jewel in the crown" of our borough—the rec park adjacent to Long Lane. With a new comprehensive plan that will reconfigure parts of the park and the opportunity to raise new revenues through popular programs, prospects for recreation in our borough have never been brighter.

I'll have more to say about "doings" in Gettysburg in another column. For this one, I'd emphasize how lucky we are to live in a history-drenched community, and how proud our residents should be that we rose to the occasion during our Olympic moment in July. Let's keep the momentum going.

### **Annual Christmas Parade – December 7 at 7 pm**

*Brought to you by the Elm Street Program and  
fully sponsored by the Gettysburg Eagles Aerie #1562.*

### **New Years Eve on Lincoln Square – December 31 at 9:30 pm**

*Food, fun, music and fireworks at midnight  
Brought to you by the Adams County Arts Council and sponsored by the  
Convention and Visitors Bureau, ACNB Bank, Gettysburg Eagles and the Borough*

*If anyone needs special accommodations when attending any borough meeting, please notify the Borough Secretary (334-1160 ext. 240) at least five (5) business days prior to attending the meeting.*

**150<sup>th</sup>: 10 DAYS BY THE NUMBERS**

Hats off to all the Gettysburg organizations who came together to make the July 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration a success! Special thanks to **Main Street Gettysburg** for coordinating the planning and keeping everyone on track and to the **Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau** for their vital investment in welcoming visitors and the media. The CVB Media Relations Team met or exceeded all their goals for the 10 days of the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration! In addition to local media, they hosted three television networks (CBS, Fox News and BBC) and five media wire services. The team was assisted by 44 volunteers. In total, the CVB invested approximately \$75,000 just in media relations. For every one dollar invested, they estimate a return of \$267.80 in ad equivalency.

It was "our time to shine" and, by all accounts, Gettysburg did just that. Here are the numbers for the 10 days beginning June 28 and ending July 7:

- 8,296,599,955** Total monthly unique visitors to news websites that covered the 150<sup>th</sup>
- 394,961,789** Total circulation/audience of print and broadcast media coverage
- 100,000,000** Estimated dollar impact on the region
- 235,000** Estimated number of visitors
- 67,613** Number of riders using Freedom Transit
- 50,000** Number of free bottles of water handed out to visitors at CVB information tents
- 40,000** Number of travelers who visited CVB information tents
- 35,000** Estimated number of participants in the Pickett's Charge Commemorative March
- 15,279** Number of media placements during June and July 2013
- 835** Total number of articles/postings about the 150<sup>th</sup> by international media
- 660** Number of journalists credentialed by the CVB for the 10-day event
- 400** Number of events planned
- 157** Number of media outlets represented and credentialed for the 10 days
- 60** Approximate number of foreign countries reached by media coverage
- 50** Number of states where at least 35 stories about the 150<sup>th</sup> were printed/posted
- 21** Number of articles filed in June and July by the Associated Press

***ENJOY THE HISTORY OF GETTYSBURG!***

**NOVEMBER 18 – WALK WITH LINCOLN**

Greet President Lincoln at the **historic Train Station on Carlisle Street at 6 pm** and walk with him to the Wills House to the sounds of President Lincoln's Own Band on Lincoln Square. The Wills House will be open and free to the public from 6-9 pm. Continue your walk to other locations along historic Baltimore Street and Steinwher Avenue for interactive events and exhibits at the following locations: Shriver House; Rupp House; Dobbin House; Civil War encampment at the American Civil War Wax Museum; Lincoln Train Museum to meet President Lincoln's great, great, great nephew; and, finally, end your walk with a visit to Gen. and Mrs. Anderson at General Pickett's Buffet. Free Freedom Trolley rides will be available.

**FREEDOM TRANSIT EXTENDS SERVICE**

- **Gold Line operating** Nov. 16-19 and 22-24 (The bus circulates between parking areas and the GNMP Visitor Center approximately every 20 minutes between 8:30 A.M. and 9:30 P.M. On Nov. 19 the bus operates between 6:00 A.M. and 9:30 P.M.)
- **Hours Extended** Nov. 16 to 19
- **Shuttles Available** from Park and Rides on Nov. 19
- **Lincoln Line (red) operating** until 9:30 P.M. on Fridays Nov. 29 to Dec. 20



## DEDICATION DAY: Preparations for a Presidential Visit

**November 19** has always been a special day for Gettysburg. The anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's famous speech dedicating the new National Cemetery has always been marked by wonderful music, a stirring recitation of the Gettysburg Address, and a nationally known speaker.

The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania has always extended an invitation to the nation's sitting President, but none have accepted. This year could be different. According to Lincoln Fellowship President Ron Hankey, the invitation to President Barack Obama has not been declined. Preparations for a Presidential visit began months ago.

The format of the event will be little changed over past years. However, crowd control and security will be very different. Preparations are being made for 25,000 attendees. Convention and Visitor's Bureau President Norris Flowers believes the logistical challenges will be much greater than in July. Capacity at the National Cemetery will be limited to 7,000 to 10,000. Satellite viewing locations will be available for overflow crowds. This will not be a ticketed event. Entrance to the cemetery will be first-come, first-serve. There will be no reserved seats although it is anticipated that some chairs will be set up by the Park Service as in past years. **If you attend, TRAVEL LIGHT! There will be strict security for entrance to the cemetery – no large bags, backpacks, chairs, etc.**

Special arrangements are being made for parking and transportation. Freedom Transit will provide free shuttle service from designated park and ride lots to get visitors to the cemetery. Gettysburg residents can take advantage of free Freedom Transit service from stops throughout the borough on the 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 am to 8:30 pm.

If President Obama cannot attend, the 150<sup>th</sup> Dedication Day event will still be a special occasion. Pulitzer Prize winning historian Dr. James McPherson will be the keynote speaker. Dr. McPherson is the George Henry Davis '86 Professor Emeritus of United States History at Princeton University. Governor Tom Corbett will also attend and 16 new citizens will take the Oath of Allegiance.

Many events are planned beginning November 18 through November 24 to encourage visitors to extend their stay and visit our shops, restaurants and attractions. *If you go, here is what you need to know:*

- The Dedication Day Ceremony begins at 10 am (lasting about 90 min.) on Tuesday, Nov. 19.
- Security screening will begin at cemetery gates at 7:30 am.
- Visitors may enter the cemetery at Steinwehr Ave., Baltimore St. and Taneytown Rd. gates.
- Taneytown Road will be closed from Rte 15 to the cemetery from 6 am to 2 pm, as will Park roads Sedgwick, United States, Hancock, Pleasanton and Hunt.
- Overflow event viewing location – Outdoor area north of Mead's Headquarters on Taneytown Rd. (2,000 chairs set up or bring your own), Majestic and Gateway Theaters. Theaters open at 8:30 am. Tickets are not required.
- Park and Ride lots – GNMP Visitor Center, Outlet Shoppes, and other lots as directed by signs.
- A limited number of handicapped parking spaces will be available at the Cemetery South Parking Lot, Steinwehr Ave., with entrance at the Taneytown Rd. gate.



**In 1963 President John F. Kennedy declined the Dedication Day invitation due to his planned trip to Dallas. Former President Dwight Eisenhower participated in the event that year.**

For a Complete List of 150<sup>th</sup> events

Visit the Gettysburg Convention and  
Visitors Bureau website

[www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com](http://www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com)

or stop by the CVB Visitor Center at the  
Train Station on Carlisle Street

For the latest GNMP updates

<http://www.nps.gov/gett/planyourvisit/150th-anniversary-plan-your-visit.htm>

## ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

On Saturday, November 23, Gettysburg will host the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Remembrance Day Parade. The parade may be one of the largest with over 5,000 parade participants registered. The parade will begin at 1 pm, kicking off from Lefever Street, to Liberty Street, moving west on Middle to Baltimore and south to Steinwehr Avenue, ending at the National Park.

Later that same day, make plans to visit the National Cemetery between 5:30 and 9:30 for the 11th Annual Remembrance Illumination. Over 3,000 candles will illuminate the graves of Civil War soldiers.



**ELM STREET FOCUSES ON SOUTH STREET**

The Elm Street Program was created to strengthen older historic neighborhoods that have been beset by lower property values, negative image perceptions, and poor public safety. South Street is one of the streets within the Elm Street “Olde Getty Place” neighborhood and has been selected as a focus of a future project.

The goal is to not only improve the streetscape of South Street but improve the safety and accessibility of it as well. South Street is one of the main walking routes traveled by elementary and middle school students living in Gettysburg’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

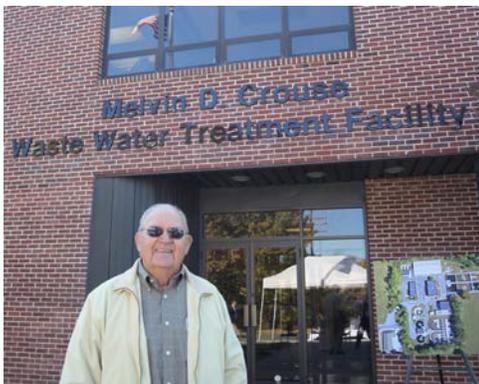
Some of the elements the South Street Project will undertake will be the improvement of the sidewalks and curbing as well as the installation of period street lamps and grass strips. The entire project will be designed to be completely ADA compliant.

The Elm Street Program is currently acquiring funding, looking for partners and “match dollars”, contacting utility companies, and working on the planning and design of the project. Actual ground work is expected to begin in 2014.

Additionally, there are preliminary plans for a total revitalization of the first block of Breckenridge Street, contingent upon State funding for the project.

**The Elm Street Program**  
 is looking for partners and volunteers of all skill types to help with projects. If you or someone that you know would be interested in getting involved in this neighborhood revitalization project, feel free to contact Stephanie McIlwee at 717-334-1518 ext. 229.

**GMA TREATMENT FACILITY NAMED IN HONOR OF MELVIN CROUSE**



On October 8, the Gettysburg Municipal Authority held a ribbon cutting for its upgraded and expanded Waste Water Treatment Facility. The facility was named in honor of Melvin D. Crouse who served on the GMA Board for 37 years beginning in 1974. For 13 of those years Mr. Crouse served as Chairman. During his tenure, significant improvements were made to GMA water and sewer systems, including construction of a new waste water treatment plant in 1985 and new water treatment plant in 2001, addition of five wells to the water system, construction of two one million gallon water storage tanks, plus numerous upgrades and replacements.

The dedication celebrated the completion of the \$18 million project to replace the plant’s old technology with state-of-the-art biological processes and to expand capacity. Not only will upgrades contribute to a cleaner Rock Creek and Chesapeake Bay, the improvements will serve the needs of a growing community into the future. For additional information on the new facility, contact GMA Manager Mark Guise at 334-6738.

**A Message from GMA on Preventing Sanitary System Back-ups**

Heavy rains over the past couple of years have resulted in sewer backing up into basements in the borough. Back-ups can also occur when debris gets caught in sewer mains preventing waste water from flowing properly. Aging pipes can also contribute to this problem. Below ground level basements with open floor drains, and even sinks and toilets have the potential for sewer back-up. It is not a pleasant situation! GMA Manager Mark Guise suggests the following actions to prevent or mitigate damage.

- Check your homeowners insurance to see if your policy covers drain/pipe back-ups and consider getting coverage if it is available.
- Contact a plumber to evaluate your property and cap or disconnect open drains.
- Eliminate basement toilets if not used or needed.
- Contact GMA at 334-6738 ext 225 for guidance on potential problem areas.

**REMEMBER:**  
 It is against GMA rules and regulations to have any floor drains, sump pumps or roof spouting connected and tied into the sanitary system.

**RECYCLING OLD ELECTRONICS**

Effective January 24, 2013, the covered Device Recycling Act (House Bill 708), Act 108 of 2010 took effect. Electronics, including computers, laptop computers, notebooks/pads, computer monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, and any components of such devices may no longer be disposed in Pennsylvania with municipal waste. These items cannot be put with your regular household/commercial waste, nor can they be taken to a regular landfill. **Borough residents may recycle "anything that plugs in" at the Adams Rescue Mission, 2515 York Road, Mon to Sat from 9 am to 5:30 pm.**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT REC PARK**

**FINALLY! Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority**

A process that began in 2008 finally ended with the successful creation of GARA - Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority. The new authority and its brand new Board of Directors became official on June 7.

GARA was formed by the Borough and Cumberland Township. It is an independent government organization which will operate recreational programs and maintain and improve parks owned by the borough and the township. Both municipalities have committed to provide financial support to supplement recreation revenues as GARA begins operation.

The GARA Board will oversee the operation of the Authority. Regular meetings of the Board are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm and are open to the public. In addition to certifying officers and establishing working committees, the Board has developed by-laws and is reviewing fees, working on their first budget for operation in 2014, and considering strategies to market programs and raise funds.

Rec Park Winter Hours: M-F 8am to 4pm  
Closed noon to 1 pm Office: 334-2028

**The GARA Board**

*Representing Gettysburg Borough:*

- Jacob Schindel, Vice Chairperson
- Michael Cooper-White, Secretary
- Mary Miner

*Representing Cumberland Township:*

- Jack Bream, Chairperson
- Steve Toddes, Treasurer
- Dewayne Finkenbinder

*Representing Gettysburg Area School District*

- Mike Williams

**GARA has rooms and pavilions available for weddings, parties, reunions and meetings. Call Brian at 334-2028 for a reservation**

**GARA Mission:** To enrich our community with wholesome, safe, and sustainable parks and recreation programs.

**GARA Vision:** Enhance the well-being of our community through partnerships.

**Planning for the Future of Rec Park**



The final Gettysburg Area Recreation Park Master Site Development Plan Report was delivered to Borough Council at its September Meeting. The plan was the work of J.T. Sauer and Associates, LLC. The consulting firm led the community through a process of research, public meetings, interviews, surveys, questionnaires, and continuous input from a study group comprised of stakeholders and community members. From this process came four concept plans which were refined, through additional community input, into a final plan.

The Master Plan provides a guide for future improvements to Rec Park and will be a valuable tool for the new recreation authority (GARA) as it seeks to provide improved recreation services for area residents.

*The full Master Plan Report is available at [www.gettysburg-pa.gov](http://www.gettysburg-pa.gov)*

## NEW TRASH HAULER FOR THE BOROUGH

**Starting January 2014! Residential Service only!**

IESI from Chambersburg will be our new trash/recycling collector. In a bid process organized by the county, the company submitted a bid \$4,319 per year lower than long time provider, Waste Management, Inc. In addition to slightly less cost to residents, IESI will collect all borough government trash and recyclables at no additional cost. IESI District Manager Lee Halley is delighted to be in Gettysburg and assures borough residents that IESI will provide responsive, quality service. The contract is for three years.

### There will be a transition to the new hauler. Here is what you need to know:

- IESI will contact all residential borough subscribers by letter in early November. The letter will provide complete information about their services and how to contact them with questions or to arrange payment.
- The quarterly charge for trash and recycling pick-up is \$54.96 (\$18.32 per month). Billings for the first quarter of 2014 will go out in late December.
- Bag-a-Tag service is available. Bags are available from IESI at \$36 for 12, additional bags \$3 each.
- Payments currently made to WM via credit card or bank withdrawal will need to be rearranged through IESI.
- Weekly pick-ups will be on Monday or Tuesday depending on your location in the borough. Trash and recyclables will be picked up the same day. IESI will notify you of your day for pick-up.
- First IESI pick-up will be Jan. 6 and 7, 2014.
- Recycling will include all items currently picked up by WM. Keep using your borough recycling bin. You can also request a free bin from IESI.
- IESI will pick-up one (1) large item per week at no additional cost.
- Trash totes (wheeled 96 gal.) can be rented for \$6 per quarter. Totes currently rented from WM will be picked up by WM on or after their last pick-up in December.

#### CONTACT IESI

3747 White Church Road  
Chambersburg, PA 17202  
Office Hours: M-F 8am to 5pm  
717-709-1700  
www.iesipa.com



## Battery Collection Off to Strong Start

This summer the citizen-led Recycling Committee under the leadership of Judie Butterfield started a program to collect batteries for proper disposal. In the first two weeks, residents dropped off 724.8 pounds of batteries. One resident commented that she had been saving them for ten years waiting to learn what to do with them. Committee member, Larry G. Weikert, has volunteered to take the batteries to Battery Warehouse in Hanover where they are labeled as hazardous waste and sent to a designated hazardous waste landfill.

**Gettysburg Borough residents** are invited to drop off batteries – **NOT VEHICLE BATTERIES** – at the following locations **during regular business hours**:

*Municipal Building - 59 East High St. • Public Works Building - East Middle Street • Lutheran Seminary - Valentine Hall, first floor • The Charlie Sterner Building at Rec Park • YWCA - 909 Fairfield Road • Gettysburg Day Spa - 221 Chambersburg St.*

The Lincoln Cemetery, Long Lane - #10 on the tour



## Where History Hides Walking Tour

**Site of the former Agricultural Hall (#12 on the Tour)** Frederick Douglass, an outstanding lecturer, was a slave from Talbot, MD. He was driven by the belief that education was necessary for African Americans to improve their lives. He even advocated desegregation of schools. Douglass spoke to President Abraham Lincoln about the treatment of black soldiers in 1863, and to President Andrew Johnson about black suffrage. Frederick Douglass spent his life working for human rights. He was an abolitionist, women's suffragist, speaker, editor, author, reformer and statesman. He is a prominent figure in United States history and African-American history. He believed that all people were equal, regardless of color, sex, or immigration status. Frederick Douglass spoke at the Agricultural Hall on January 25, 1869. The building was demolished in 1991 and, in 1996, the Frederick Douglass Townhouses were built on the site as an affordable housing project.

The tour was developed as a project of the Elm Street Program to highlight historic properties in the Olde Getty Place neighborhood. Almost 2,000 tour brochures were distributed over the summer tourist season. Tour brochures are available at the Visitor Center at the Train Station on Carlisle Street and at other locations throughout the borough.

For more information on *Olde Getty Place*, contact  
Elm Street Manager Stephanie McIlwee at 717-334-1518 or [smcilwee@adamscha.org](mailto:smcilwee@adamscha.org).

## COUNCIL CONSIDERS THE FIRE TAX

Pennsylvania law gives boroughs and townships the responsibility to ensure that fire and emergency medical services are provided, including providing appropriate financial and administrative assistance. One way to provide that support is by imposing a designated fire tax.

Adams County's 34 townships and 13 boroughs depend on 21 different fire companies and their volunteer professionals to provide fire protection services. Financial support is a combination of funds from local governments, community donations, and lots and lots of fund raising. Most companies face a dwindling number of volunteers willing and able to commit to the many hours required for training, actual fire fighting activities and fund raising. Some companies appear to be near financial insolvency. Those were some of the findings of a study of county fire services commissioned by the Adams County Council of Governments and released earlier this year.

The study "strongly recommends that future consideration be given to developing a strategic fire prevention program for all of Adams County." The main conclusion of the study was that "in order for volunteer fire companies to continue providing public fire protection in Adams County, they need public financial support in the form of municipal appropriations." The study recommends that the best way to provide that support is through a fire tax that is designated specifically for fire protection purposes. The study evaluated various options for collecting a tax. The conclusion:

**"Based on the collective evaluation of all financial information and options provided, it is the recommendation of the consultant and the consensus of the fire committee that every municipality within the county enact a 0.25 mil fire tax and distribute the funds to fire companies based on the assessed value of property within the primary response areas of county fire companies."**

For borough property owners, a .25 mil tax on a property with an assessed value of \$200,000 amounts to \$50 per year (\$4.17 per month). Based on the total assessed value of taxable properties in the borough in 2012, the tax would provide \$128,396 from borough property owners to help cover the operational expenses of the Gettysburg Fire Department. The Fire Department budget for 2012 was \$621,000. If all municipalities in the Gettysburg Fire Department coverage area enact the tax as recommended, the tax would raise \$474,753 or about 76% of their total annual budget. The department would need to continue fundraising activities to cover remaining fire and rising EMS costs as well as expenses not covered by the tax.

*The Report "Financing Fire Services for Adams County, PA" is available at [www.accog.gov](http://www.accog.gov)*

**Training required for a new fire fighter – 368 hours**  
**Cost to equip a fire fighter - \$2,170**  
**Cost of a fire truck - \$450,000**  
**2013 Borough contribution to Fire Company - \$41,000**

### MEET OFFICER COURTESIS



Brandi Courtesis is the borough's newest fulltime Patrol Officer. She began her first day on the job on July 1st, one of the busiest days of the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, her third day on the job and with a town full of visitors, she found herself involved in the pursuit of a stolen car that ultimately crashed into a house. She is credited with taking down (as in tackle) the first suspect at the scene of the crash. All this and she hadn't yet received her uniform. She made the arrest wearing a skirt!

Officer Courtesis, at age 29, has been a law enforcement officer for 3 ½ years. Before taking the fulltime position with the borough, she worked 2 part-time police jobs in Berks County while also working part-time in the Berks County District Attorney Office as a DUI Processing Detective. She has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Phoenix and plans to pursue a master's degree in Public Policy. Did I mention she is bi-lingual?

She finds police work to be very rewarding and likes Gettysburg very much. She finds people here to be "laid back" and friendly and the atmosphere more relaxing, but still challenging. In her off hours she enjoys spending time with her son, age 11, and daughter, age 5. She plays piano, keeps fit with cardio-resistance training, likes to cook, and enjoys travel to new places.

### *Need Police Services?*

Regular Police Department office hours are 8 am to 4 pm Mon-Fri

- If you believe it is a life-threatening situation --- Call 911
- For all other emergencies --- Call 334-8101 *Calls will be logged and tracked by County Emergency Services*
- If you want information or have questions, the department welcomes your calls to the office during regular business hours --- Call 334-1168



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### LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS NOV 12

Public Works Director Dan Hilliard asks that leaves be piled at the edge of the alley to the rear of your property or curbside in the grass strip or edge of your lawn. **Please keep leaves off streets and sidewalks and away from storm drains!** Do not mix brush with your leaves. Brush will clog the equipment and slow the collection process. Crews will make two trips around the borough that week.

Gettysburg property owners can take brush to the Public Works building on East Middle Street during business hours, M-F from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Shop in Town!**  
**4 to 8 pm**



*Look for the First Friday Flag!*

- Dec 6      **Cookie Walk**
- Jan 3      **Warm up in Gettysburg**
- Feb 7      **Chocolate Walk**
- March 7    **March into Spring**
- April 4     **Baseball**
- May 2      **Mother's Day**

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### Hearing Scheduled for York Water Connection

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) has scheduled a public hearing for November 13, 2013 beginning at 2:30 pm. The hearing will be held at the Pennsylvania Capital, Room 8E-B, East Wing, Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg, PA.

The hearing will take public comment regarding the Gettysburg Municipal Authority's request to purchase water from York Water Company. The connection, if approved, will divert up to 3 million gallons per day from the Susquehanna River Basin into the Potomac River Basin.

Those planning to comment at the hearing should contact Richard A. Cairo, SRBC, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1788 (717-238-0423 or [rcairo@srbc.net](mailto:rcairo@srbc.net)). Documents describing the diversion are also available from Mr. Cairo or by access to the SRBC Water Resource Portal at [www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net). The written comment period will be open until November 25, 2013.

### Consider Volunteering

We are always eager to talk with citizens who are interested in serving on one of our authorities, boards and commissions. Currently, we have a vacancy on our Planning Commission. *Contact Rebecca Brown at 334-2304 or [bbrown@gettysburg-pa.gov](mailto:bbrown@gettysburg-pa.gov)*