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Important Numbers:

Borough 334-1160

Police Dept 334-1168

After Hours
Non-Emergency
334-8101

Rec Park 334-2028

Highway Dept 334-4666

GMA 334-6738



Mayor Bill Troxell

Gettysburg is very fortunate to have an extremely well qualified an experienced police department. All of our officers are Act 120 certified and annually receive a minimum of 16 hours of additional mandated training as well as periodic training in First Aid, CPR, and AED (automatic electric fibrillation). They also are required to qualify annually in the use of their firearms.

The department consists of a chief, two sergeants, a criminal investigator, and nine patrolmen. The officers are supported by 2 full-time civilian personnel—an administrative supervisor and a desk officer.

Our chief of police, Joe

Dougherty, has 41 years of public service. He has served as a lieutenant in the Reading, PA police department and as chief of police for two other communities before coming to Gettysburg. He also is a graduate of the FBI Academy—a certification that only one-half of one percent of all law enforcement officers has world wide.

Sgt. Kevin Wilson has 29 years of service and Sgt. Larry Runk has 28 years of service. All told, the police department officers have 214 years of experience.

Of the 15 municipalities in Adams County, Gettysburg is one of only five that provides 24/7 coverage for their communities.

The **Gettysburg Police Department** strives to foster positive interaction and understanding between businesses and residents and to proficiently provide services for the welfare and security of the citizens of Gettysburg.



2010

Borough Council

Mayor:

William Troxell

First Ward:

Michael Birkner
Alice Estrada
Ted Streeter

Second Ward:

Bob Krummerich
Holliday Giles
Claire Lewis

Third Ward:

Graham Weaver
John Butterfield
Susan Naugle

BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE

For many years, Council met on the 2nd Monday of each month to address citizen complaints, change ordinances, approve contracts, pay bills, make policy decisions and handle other affairs pertaining to the Borough. Due to the ever-increasing amount of business to be conducted and to respond in a timely manner to citizens and organizations who may be facing deadlines, the Gettysburg Borough Council recently decided to conduct 2 business meetings each month. Council intends to discontinue committees and try this new system for 6 months after which time we'll evaluate its success.

These meetings will be held on **2nd and 4th Mondays and will begin at 7:00 PM.** in the Council Chamber. Once renovation of 59 East High St. begins, the meetings will be held in the Community Room of the Sterner Building at the Rec. Park.

During this time, issues pertaining to public safety, public works, finance, and community development should be brought to the attention of **Borough Manager Peter Marshall** for resolution (334-1160, ext. 222). Should he not be able to resolve the problem to the satisfaction of the citizen, the individual should bring the issue to his or her elected councilperson or to the entire Council.

NEW BOROUGH SIGN ORDINANCE ENACTED

Borough News

In March, Borough Council approved revisions to our sign ordinance (Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances). The review, which began in March 2008, included much research, hours of internal discussion with the Borough's solicitor, consideration of comments and suggestions from community stakeholders, a public hearing, and many drafts. Many of the most important provisions remained unchanged. Here are some highlights of the new ordinance:

- The Chapter is reorganized for improved clarity and continuity.
- Requirements are now tied to zoning districts with some sign types prohibited or restricted in certain zoning districts.
- The process for review and approval is simplified and reduced from 30 days to 15 business days.
- Review by the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) is no longer required for signs proposed for the Historic District. However, if the sign does not conform to the Borough's Design Guide, HARB may be asked for a recommendation.
- Unsafe, abandoned and illegal signs are more clearly addressed.
- The maximum height of a sign remains at 9 ft. in the Historic District and 12 ft. outside the Historic District.
- The maximum sign area remains at 50 square feet except for billboards which increased to 100 square feet.
- Billboards are restricted to the Industrial District and must comply with the U.S. Business Route 15 Scenic Byway Ordinance.
- Internally illuminated signs were prohibited in the Borough but are now permitted outside the Historic District.
- Variable message electronic signs are now defined and permitted outside the Historic District but may not be programmed to flash, roll, blink or be animated in any fashion.
- The use of banners is now more clearly defined, both for temporary and more permanent display.
- Signs representing political, religious or personal messages placed on private property do not require a permit.

Signs are an important component of the "look and feel" of the community and an important tool for business. Millions of visitors come to Gettysburg each year to enjoy its history and many of them make repeat visits or encourage friends and family to also make Gettysburg a destination. They must like what they see. Balancing the importance of maintaining and enhancing Gettysburg's historic character with the needs of the local business community was the primary goal of the revisions.

2010 BOND ISSUE

Recently the Borough of Gettysburg issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$10,045,000. The bonds will be dated May 15, 2010 and the proceeds from the 2010 bond issue will be used to refund the 2004 sewer bonds for \$1,815,000, the 2004 water bond for \$4,370,000 and new money in the amount of \$3,860,000.

The new money will be used for a variety of things. The largest portion of the proceeds will be

used for the Borough Hall renovations which will begin this summer. Other capital projects include but are not limited to the purchase of public works equipment, revenue control equipment for the parking garage, installation of energy savings lighting in the parking garage, sidewalk assessments and ramp replacements in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and street assessment plan and improvements.

The bond issue was sold on an internet auction. This process al-

lowed the Borough to get the best possible interest rates. The bond issue garnered a lot of attention and active bidding due to many factors, one of which was our strong financial rating from Standard & Poor's. Another reason for the extra attention is that the bond market is very interested in short term issues.

The 2010 issue by the Borough has a maturity date of November 15, 2023. Our bond council and financial advisors are to be credited with a very successful borrowing.

**Recycling News to Use:**

The **Lion's Club** is collecting used eyeglasses at Laslow's Pharmacy, 6 Springs Ave.
The **Adams County Arts Council** is accepting used printer cartridges at 18 Carlisle St.

The **Ag Center** is accepting residents' used tires on May 29th. You must call 337-9827 prior to 5/19 to pre-register.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE REC PARK

Crews have been busy at the Rec Park preparing our seven baseball fields for spring play. The season is in full swing for Little League, Teener League and the Girl's Fast Pitch and Men's Softball Leagues. Midget Football will not be far behind with practices beginning in July. We thank those leagues that chipped in materials and volunteer hours to help ready the fields.

The Rec Park is again hosting the **Olde Getty Place Community Garden** with the garden doubling in size.

Our free 2010 **Summer Sunday in the Park Concert Series** will begin in June and end in mid August.

The **Biser Fitness Trail and Walking Trail** continues to be a favorite with residents. Enjoy a leisurely walk in the outdoors or get those muscles and heart in shape using the 10 fitness stations along the way.



We have **discount tickets** available for the following local attractions at price reductions ranging from \$1.95 to \$35.19 per ticket.

Baltimore Aquarium

Dutch Wonderland

Knoebels

Six Flags America (Bowie/Mitchelville, Md.)

Dorney Park

Hershey Park

Sesame Place

Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)

Pavilion and meeting room rental information is available by calling Rebecca at 334-2028.

UPCOMING REC PARK EVENTS

All Summer

Sunday in the Park Concert Series

See page 4 for a complete list of performers

June 14 - 17

Girl's Volleyball Camp

For girls entering 5th, 6th or 7th grades. Fee is \$45

GAHS Gym

12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

June 19

The Gettysburg Fringe Festival Band Fest

5:30 p.m.—10:30 p.m.

Amphitheater

June 20

1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Part of the 10 day Gettysburg Festival 6/18—6/27

June 29 - July 3

Fireman's Carnival

Evenings

Sept. 19

Adams County Heritage Festival

12:00 p.m.—5 p.m.

Call Rebecca at the Rec Park 334-2028 or email at rec-info@gettysburg-pa.gov for more info.

GETTYSBURG ALTERNATIVE SPORTS PARK

The **Gettysburg Alternative Sports Park (GASP)** is open following extensive maintenance and is planning improvements for every skill level later this season. Membership is \$5/mo (\$2.50 for May) or \$2 per visit (\$3 out of county visitors).

Hours:	May 1 - June 11	Mon-Thurs	3:00—7:00	Fri-Sat	2:00—7:00	Sun	2:00—6:00
	June 12	Mon-Thurs	4:00—8:00	Fri-Sat	3:00—8:00	Sun	2:00—6:00

GASP will be closed from June 25 thru July 4 during the Carnival. GASP is available for rental for private parties. **Contact Collaborating for Youth at 338-0300 ext. #20** for more information.

SUMMER SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

The Summer Sunday Concert Series is supported in part by the Adams County Arts Council's STAR Grant Program, which is funded by the Adams County Commissioners and the Borough of Gettysburg.



The
Adams County
Arts Council



ADMISSION IS FREE

7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY EVENINGS AT THE
GETTYSBURG RECREATION PARK AMPHITHEATER

*In the event of inclement weather or soggy ground, the concert will be held
in the Assembly Room of the Charlie Sterner Recreation Building.*

2010 SCHEDULED PERFORMERS:

JUNE:

6th The Barnstormers

13th Emmitsburg

Community Chorus

**** Fireman's Carnival June 29th thru July 3rd**

JULY:

11th Gettysburg Big Band

18th The C. B. Pickers

25th Apple Core Band

AUGUST:

1st Tall in the Saddle

8th Ray Owens

15th Voxology

22nd Freedom Valley Chorus

Gettysburg is fortunate to have generous individuals and businesses in the community who have contributed to this—the **27th year of the Summer Concert Series**. Because of their support, we have been able to increase the number of 2010 performances and continue to offer the concerts **free of charge** for all to enjoy. If you see your neighbors listed below in town or at the Rec Park, join us in thanking them for their donation to this program.

SPONSOR

donation over \$200

John & Judie
Butterfield

C.S. Davidson
Inc.

Gettysburg Garden
Club

The Pub &
Restaurant

SUPPORTER

donation of \$100—\$199

Roland & Joyce Offutt

Jane Parker Scott

Drs. Jan & Barry Towers

PATRON

donation of \$50—\$99

Mary & Jay
Brown

Dobbin
House

Wayne Hill Gettys-
burg Construction

Roland & Martha
Hansen

Nancy
MacMeekin

Anonymous

Mr & Mrs William
H. Scott, Jr.

Charles & Lynn
Skopic

FRIEND

donation to \$49

Mildred Beard

Larry, Eileen, & Cindy Cool

Anna M Swope

Nancy Locher

Chuck & Rochelle Lutz

Ruth E Ranalli

Lee Ann Larson

Robert & Marilyn Teeter

Drusilla J Warner

Sebastian R Hafer

Anonymous

MUSIC AT REC PARK

What's Happening?



From the Chamber of Commerce: Farmer's Market

Lincoln Square is a beautiful setting for a farmers' market on Saturday mornings! Come enjoy the ambiance of strolling around downtown Gettysburg while sipping coffee, enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of this thriving marketplace.

Nearly 18 vendors provide shoppers with home-grown produce, fresh fruit, coffees, baked goods, flowers, soaps, wine, goat cheese, herbs, farm-raised pork/lamb, salad greens, berries and much more!

Why shop at local markets? One reason may be that you are looking for more healthy choices for meals. Beyond that, there are many other reasons to support your local markets.

- **Freshness** – When it comes to flavor, there's simply no comparison—local fruit and produce taste much more delicious than products trucked in from thousands of miles away. And, picked at the peak of ripeness, local fruit and produce are more nutritious.
- **Variety** – Your local farms grow a wide variety of fruits, heirloom vegetables, flowers, berries, plants and more.
- **Community** – Enjoy your neighbors and community as you stroll through the market. And, when you buy locally, your dollars stay in your community—and so will the farmers! Now that's a great reason.

The market is open every Saturday from now until September 18 (except on May 22 due to the Outdoor Antique Show) **from 7 am to Noon.** Visit our website, www.acfarmersmarkets.org/gettysburg-farmers.html, for a detailed list of vendors and market happenings.

From Elm Street: 2010 "Olde Getty Place" Community Garden

The Olde Getty Place Community Garden is located in the Gettysburg Rec Park at the end closest to Colt Park. If driving south on Long Lane, park in the last parking area. It is located just a short walk away adjacent to the Biser Fitness Trail.

The size of the garden has doubled this year thanks to the Borough's donation of the remaining unused volleyball court to the program. Residents of the Elm Street Neighborhood will be given priority for garden spaces; however **anyone is welcome to request spaces.** We encourage our gardeners to donate any unwanted produce to the food bank or the soup kitchen. For novice gardeners, we can offer some gardening tips by volunteers from **Penn St Extension Master Gardeners.**

Applications can be obtained at the Elm Street office or by going on the website at www.adamscha.orgclick on Elm Street Program. All applications are to be returned to 40 East High Street, Gettysburg, PA. 17325.

Any Questions? Please contact the Elm Street Manager, Stephanie McIlwee, 717-334-1518, x269, smcilwee@adamscha.org or Vandessa Johnson, Chair of the Safe, Clean and Green Committee, at 717-334-2958.

From The Gettysburg Festival: June 18-27 More than half of the events are FREE

This annual 10-day festival offers more than 100 events celebrating arts, culture and cuisine. Highlight events include a concert by **Kevin Eubanks** of *Tonight Show* fame, ten unique culinary events designed by a former White House chef, a live taping of **NPR's From the Top**, swinging jazz with **John Pizzarelli**, the world famous **Boston Brass**, comedic **Gilbert and Sullivan** musicals, the magical **Cashore Marionettes** and much more.

The **Gettysburg Fringe Festival** is a community-wide festival showcasing about 40 diverse events. From the local music scene and folk art to garden tours and historic Gettysburg events, the Fringe Festival provides alternate programming—with local artistic flair. Events include a band fest at the **Rec Park** on Saturday, June 19 from 5:30—10:30 p.m. and on Sunday, June 20 from 1—6 p.m. Three up-and-coming local rock bands are featured and admission is free.

For more information on both festivals, visit www.gettysburgfestival.org or call 717-334-0853.

ROUTE 30 REPAVING PROJECT

PUBLIC WORKS

Residents have been painfully aware that travel on Route 30 through Gettysburg has been challenging over the past couple of months. A contractor for Columbia Gas replaced aging gas pipes (part of a 30-year plan to upgrade Columbia Gas lines) and the Municipal Authority took the opportunity to make necessary repairs to sewer pipes and sewer mains.

All this is part of a coordinated effort to prepare for the PennDot Route 30 repaving project **scheduled to begin in mid-May**. Route 30 will be repaved the length of the Borough including Lincoln Square, but will not include the metered areas on the square. The PennDot contractor will install new ADA compliant sidewalk curb cuts and ramps at all intersections with the cost shared by the State and the Borough. The Borough will use Community Development Block Grant Funds to cover our share of the cost.

In addition the four crosswalks located on Lincoln

Square will be removed by the contractor and paved. The Borough will be responsible for lining the crosswalks. The use of different materials at these heavily used crosswalks just has not worked and the Borough was faced with constant, costly repairs. This approach will reduce street deterioration and increase safety for pedestrians using the crossings, particularly at night.

While all this is happening, **traffic flow will be reduced to one lane in some areas and delays can be expected**. It is not anticipated that detours will be needed. Parking may be limited on some blocks as the project progresses. We hope that will not deter you from coming downtown to shop or eat or just to enjoy a summer walk. **Alternate parking will be available on side streets and in the parking garage**. The project is expected to be completed by late July. The reward for your patience will be a new, beautiful street free from bumps and pot-holes—at least for a few years.

BOROUGH PAVING SCHEDULE

It's paving season and the Borough has several projects on the schedule for 2010.



- West Wall Alley from S. Washington Street to Baltimore Street
- Court Alley from West High Street to South Street
- Warner Alley from West High Street to Cemetery Alley
- Schimmelpennig Alley from South Washington Street to Court Alley
- Culp Street from Steinwehr Avenue to Johns Street
- King Street from Steinwehr Avenue to Johns Street

All alley and street repaving projects will be completed by our Borough Highway Department. The street work will include upgrades to sidewalk crossing ramps at all intersections.

You may have already noticed some of these sidewalk crossing upgrades being completed on West High and Breckenridge Streets. The cost of the repaving projects will be covered by the bond issuance authorized by the Council in April. Community Development Block Grant Funds will be used to cover sidewalk work.

In an effort to minimize inconvenience for our motorists, the highway crews will be working at night during the month of May to repaint crosswalk markings, parking stall lines and residential parking permit lines throughout the Borough.

Please be prepared to drive with extra caution through the construction zones during the repaving projects. Your safety as well as that of our crew is imperative.

Effective May 1, the PA Department of Labor & Industry transferred responsibility for administering and enforcing the PA Uniform Construction Code (UCC) for commercial buildings to the Borough. This change will provide better service to our property and business owners and greater control over construction within the Borough. The Borough has contracted with Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. to be our third party inspection agency for both commercial and residential buildings.

The purpose of UCC is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. It applies to new construction and to any alteration to an existing building that results in structural changes; remove a wall, portion off a wall or a partition (commercial building), change a means of egress, or add or relocate plumbing, electrical wiring or heating/cooling system. The best rule of thumb is that any construction or repair beyond an ordinary repair is covered by UCC and will require a permit and inspection.

Applications for permits are available at the

Borough or on the website www.gettysburg-pa.gov. Once an application is received, a plan review is conducted by Commonwealth Code (CC) within 15 days (residential) or 30 days (commercial). Before the application can be submitted to CC, the Borough must review the project for compliance with zoning and/or Historic District requirements. A Land Use Permit must be issued by the Borough before a UCC Building Permit is issued.

A Commonwealth Code inspector will review the plan to verify that all UCC requirements are met. Once the permit is issued the Borough will notify the property owner. CC will invoice the property owner for the cost of plan review and inspections. Payment must be received before the building permit can be released. Once the construction has been completed and inspected by CC, a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.

If you need an application, information, or wish to check if a permit is required, email codeenforcement@gettysburg-pa.gov or mbush@gettysburg-pa.gov or call Merry Bush at 334-1160 #247.

GRANT UPDATE

On November 17, 2009 the Borough of Gettysburg received a \$250,000 Conservation Works Grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The funding was available for energy saving/conservation projects which is a high priority in the planning for the municipal building renovation. As a result of this ARRA funding, the cost to the Borough for the project has been reduced from \$2.25 million to under \$2 million.

With the recent approval of the 2010 Bond Issue and the UCC permitting transfer complete, the Borough is ready to send out RFPs for the project. Once the contract has been awarded, work will begin. The project will be completed by May, 2011.

WHY REQUIRE INSPECTIONS?

Inspections are about the health, safety and welfare of our residents and ultimately could save a life. We occasionally receive complaints from landlords about our inspection program for rental units. Why are these inspections important? This true account illustrates one purpose.

Borough Code Enforcement Officer Dale Gettel conducted an inspection of an apartment. He found the unit well-maintained except that it lacked a required **carbon monoxide detector**. He advised the owner to install a detector in order to pass inspection. The owner complied but the detector immediately sounded an alarm. Assuming the detector was faulty, he installed another one which also sounded an alarm. The fire company was called in to check the rental unit and finding a **hazardous level of carbon monoxide**, it was determined that a chimney had become blocked causing deadly gas to enter the home. **Inspections = Safety and Security!**



Borough of Gettysburg
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Fireman's Carnival Kitchen Menu



Gettysburg Fire Company volunteers
will be serving delicious meals at the
Charlie Sterner Recreation Building
every night during the Carnival.

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Tues June 29 roast beef or roast turkey, stuffing, mashed
potatoes and corn
Wed June 30 pork and sauerkraut with mashed potatoes
Thu July 1 ham, green beans and potatoes
Fri July 2 fish, stewed tomatoes and mac & cheese
Sat July 3 fried chicken, baked beans and slaw

On the menu every night:

chicken corn soup ♦ hot roast beef, hot turkey, fish, crab
cake, oyster and BBQ sandwiches
♦ assorted pies and drinks

Spring Brush Pick-up Begins May 24

Highway Crews will make 2 trips around the borough
for brush-up from May 24—May 28. To ensure that your
brush gets picked up, have it at the curbside or at the
edge of the alley behind your property by the 24th.
Leaves may be mixed with your brush for this pick-up.
**Do not bag your brush/leaves. Do not pile brush
where it blocks the sidewalk or on the street** as
this could result in clogged storm drains if it rains.

Brush pick-up is a service to Borough residents only.
Non-residents bringing brush into the borough are sub-
ject to fines. Please report any suspected abuses.

Remember, **you can take your brush to the High-
way Shed on Middle St at any time.** If you have any
questions or problems with pick-up, call the Highway
Dept at 334-4666.

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the newsletter by email and **in color!** Thank you to those who have already enrolled.

