



Spring, 2011

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**Important
Numbers:**

Borough 334-1160

Police Dept 334-1168

Emergency

911

After Hours

Non-Emergency
334-8101

Rec Park 334-2028

Highway Dept 334-4666

GMA 334-6738

Gettysburg

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER



*You Are Invited!
Come see our newly
renovated Borough Offices*

You are invited to an
Open House
Friday, June 10, 2011
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tours of Borough Departments
Light Refreshments

The eight-month renovation of the Gettysburg Borough Office Building has drawn to a close, below budget and on schedule. To celebrate the conclusion of the renovation project, an Open House, providing tours of the facility to the public, will be held on June 10.

The goals of the renovation were better use of space and staff resources, improved safety, preservation of the historic structure and increased energy efficiency. The project included: roof repair; new windows and carpet; lighting, heating, and cooling; improved accessibility features; and increased security in the police section. An upgraded phone system and computer network provide improved communication both internally and with the public.

Extensive repairs have not been made to the building since 1992.

Announcements

Meetings of the Borough Council as well as meetings of most Borough committees, boards, and commissions have returned to Council Chambers at 59 E. High Street.

In accordance with ADA guidelines, 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.

2011

Borough Council

Mayor:

William Troxell

First Ward:

Michael Birkner

Alice Estrada

Ted Streeter

Second Ward:

Holliday Giles

Bob Krummerich

Claire Lewis

Third Ward:

John Butterfield

Susan Naugle

Graham Weaver



NEW BOROUGH ORDINANCES ENACTED**REMEMBER, AS OF APRIL 1 – REAR STREET NUMBERS REQUIRED!****MANY PROPERTIES STILL LACK REAR BUILDING NUMBERS**

Our Code Enforcement Department reports they are sending hundreds of letters to property owners who have not complied with the requirement to have property numbers posted both front and rear. The requirement went into effect on April 1. The ordinance, enacted last year, provided six months to allow residents time to comply. The change was made so that police, fire and ambulance



drivers could quickly locate properties in cases of emergency. Property owners who fail to comply may be fined.

The requirement applies to properties that can be accessed by a public street or alley. Numbers are to be "conspicuously placed", must be plainly legible and visible, at least 3" high and on a contrasting background. Whether the number is at the front or rear of the property, it should be placed high enough so it is not obscured by parked cars or winter snows. We recommend that you check the number from across the street or alley to make sure it can be seen. If you need more details or have questions, you can contact Borough Code Enforcement at 334-1160 ext. 229 or at codeenforcement@gettysburg-pa.gov.

The New Special Events Ordinance

Almost every weekend during the height of tourist season, residents of the Borough can expect some type of special event in town. These events run the gamut from parades, festivals and carnivals to antique fairs, antique car shows and reenactments. We welcome the visitors since they make purchases, eat in our restaurants & stay in our hotels and motels. The money they spend fuels the economic engine called tourism which so many have come to depend on for their livelihood.

In the past, Borough taxpayers paid for the extra police and public works employees needed to plan the events and to ensure the safety of both participants and spectators. The money to pay these individuals came from property taxes paid by Gettysburg property owners.

When considering this dilemma, Borough Council members thought that the cost of these extra workers should be borne by the organizers and promoters of these events. Consequently in March, Council enacted an ordinance requiring the organizers and promoters to pay in advance for any anticipated support needed for their event. An Operations Plan is now developed for each event and the number of additional police and public works employees is calculated. The wages to be paid and a share of the employee's benefits are figured and the total cost is provided to the event organizer. He or she then must pay before an event permit is issued.

Council believes that this is a much fairer way to handle special events. Not only do we save money but it relieves the Borough taxpayer from financing these events.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE REC PARK



May 21 **Spring Community Yard Sale** 7am to 3pm
\$10 setup fee

June 13-16 **Volleyball Camp** 5th, 6th and 7th grades
At Gettysburg Senior High School \$45

June 5 **Summer Sunday Concerts Begin** 7pm
At the Park Amphitheater **FREE**

June 28-July 2 **Fireman's Carnival** Fireworks on July 1 at 11pm (rain date July 2)

Sept. 18 **Adams County Heritage Festival** Noon to 5pm

**REC PARK SUMMER
HOURS
IN EFFECT**
Monday – Friday
9:00 to 4:00

For more information about events or to schedule an event or rent a meeting room or pavilion, call Rebecca at Rec Park at 334-2028. Rentals are not available during the week of the Fireman's Carnival.

2011 SUMMER SUNDAY IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES

June: 5 -Wild Blue Yonder
12- Apple Core Band
19- Gettysburg Big Band
July: 10- The Willys

July 17- Williamsport MD Community Band
24- Gospel Sounds Ministry
31- Ray Owen
August: 7-Shippensburg Swing Band

FREE! All concerts begin at 7pm. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. In the event of inclement weather, concerts are held in the Charlie Sterner Recreation Building.

THE CONCERT SERIES NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Yes, I want to support the "SUNDAY IN THE PARK" SERIES!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Make checks payable to; BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG REC PARK
Mail to: 59 East High Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Gettysburg Alternative Sports Park Schedule

Skate boards, BMX bikes and roller blades are back at the Rec Park. While school is in session, the park will be open weekdays from 3:30 to 7pm, Saturday from 1-7pm, and Sunday 1-6pm. Summer hours begin June 11 with the park open daily 2-8pm and Sundays 2-6pm. The Alternative Sports Park will be closed during the Fireman's Carnival and during rain, thunder and lightning, a heat index of over 100 or a heat advisory.



GASP Membership:

\$5 per month for Adams County residents
Scholarships are available
\$3 per visit for non Adams County residents

The Park is available for private rentals and parties. For more information, contact Collaborating For Youth at 338-0300 ext 20.



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



****In the last issue, it was reported that Lowe's and Home Depot would accept light bulbs for recycling. In the interim of researching this fact and delivery of the newsletter, both companies changed their policies to only accepting CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs). We regret any inconvenience.****



Visit the Borough website for a complete list of recycling rules.
(gettysburg-pa.gov)

Spring Brush Collection – May 23-27

Our Public Works Department will be out in full force the week of May 23-27 to collect brush. Brush should be piled at the edge of the alley to the rear of the property. If the property does not have access to an alley, the brush should be placed on the grass strip between the sidewalk and street or at the edge of the yard. The Borough cautions residents not to pile brush where it blocks the sidewalk or street or obstructs a storm drain. Crews will make two trips around the Borough during that week, but having your brush ready by the 23rd will aid collection. There is no leaf pick-up in the spring.



Borough residents may take brush to the Borough's public works building on East Middle Street during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions or problems with pick-up, call the Public Works Department at 334-4666. Brush collection, either curbside or at the East Middle Street facility is available only to residents and property owners within the Borough.

Tire Collection Day (717-337-9827 to pre-register)

Saturday, May 21, 2011, 8 am–1 pm, \$1.00 per tire, must be pre-paid on or before May 11th (non-refundable), Adams County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, (Adams County residents only, no commercial businesses), up to 20 car or standard size truck tires per household, no oversized tires (tires exceeding 48 inches in diameter or 14 inches in width), tires must be off the rims and be free of mud and debris, extra tires not pre-registered may not be accepted.



STEP UP.. for FROM THE GROUND UP

You can help by joining **From the Ground Up** volunteers on Monday mornings at 8:00 am in front of the Majestic Theater. Volunteers will spend 1 to 2 hours picking up and sweeping up trash on selected Borough sidewalks and streets. Children under 14 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Clean-ups are not held on Monday holidays or if it is raining.

If you can help, contact Susan Naugle at 334-1142 or snaugle@gettysburg-pa.gov.

From the Ground Up is a joint project of the Borough of Gettysburg and Main Street Gettysburg.

****This issue of the newsletter is being delivered using the Postal Service's "Every Door Direct Mail Delivery". We will be reaching more residents at lower cost, but it means we will no longer offer an email delivery option. The newsletter is available on the website (gettysburg-pa.gov) in full color! ****



First Friday-Gettysburg Style has become a monthly tradition since its inception nearly nine years ago under the auspices of the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association (GARMA). Mark the dates: June 3 (Celebrate Summer), July 1 (Historic Walking Tour), August 5 (Sidewalk Carnival), September 2 (Fall Frolic), October 7 (Salsa on the Square), and November 4 (Salute the Veterans).

A New Look at the Parking Garage

Early this summer there will be some big changes at the Parking Garage. Whitaker Parking Systems was awarded the bid for upgrading the tolling system. All the entrances and exits will remain in the same location, but there will be new equipment that will accept credit and debit cards, as well as cash. The way it works is simple: the patron drives into the parking garage and pulls a magnetic-stripe ticket from the ticket dispenser, causing the parking gate to open, allowing the patron to enter the garage. When the patron's vehicle moves off the closing loop, the parking gate will close. The ticket is magnetically encoded with the time and date of entry. When the patron is ready to exit the garage, he/she will drive through the exit and insert the ticket into the Pay-in-Lane/Exit Pay Station. The pay-in-lane/exit pay station automatically calculates and displays the fee owed. This pay-in-lane station also recognizes validations and will automatically deduct the validation amount from the parking fee. The patron has the option of paying the fee with either cash or credit card with credit processing done in real time. If cash payment is selected, the patron pays in bills or coins and receives change. Once the transaction is completed, the pay-in-lane station will issue a receipt and the gate will open.

Monthly or debit card patrons will be assigned a proximity card. When entering the garage, the proximity card is "waved" in front of the proximity reader. The card number is sent to the facility server for verification. The patron uses the proximity card in the same manner to exit.

In addition to the new tolling system, lighting will also be part of the overall upgrades. The Borough received a grant from First Energy to replace the old garage lights with more energy efficient bulbs. This will greatly improve the level of lighting in the garage and save costs on energy bills.

Sale of Train Station Remains a Goal

The U.S. House of Representatives will again consider legislation expanding the boundary of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the historic Gettysburg Train Station. Representative Todd Platts introduced H.R. 1335 on April 1. The bill is currently with the Committee on Natural Resources. The House passed similar legislation in 2010, but the measure failed to pass the U.S. Senate after it was attached to a larger omnibus budget bill. The Borough Council's Legislative Committee (Councilors Streeter, Krummerich, and Weaver) is actively engaged in getting an identical bill introduced in the Senate. We are very appreciative of Rep. Platts' efforts on our behalf.



Expansion of the GNMP boundary is a necessary step which will move the Borough closer to selling the property to the National Park Service. Currently, the Borough is leasing the Train Station to the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau which has returned to operate its visitor information center on the first floor.

Public Works Projects

STREET PROJECTS – The latest word

West Middle Street – The contractor has added more manpower and crews are working longer hours to upgrade water and sewer lines. Now that macadam is available, faster street restoration will allow crews to move onto the next block more quickly. We are still anticipating that the PennDot contractor will have sufficient time following the water and sewer line work to rebuild and pave all of West Middle yet this year. In the meantime, all that Middle Street traffic is streaming to alternate routes. Expect delays throughout the summer.

Steinwehr Avenue – Major infrastructure and sidewalk work from Baltimore to Washington Streets is on track for an early July completion. New street lights, trees, benches, trash and recycling cans will go in soon (if not already installed), followed by the installation of new traffic signals at the intersections. It will be a noticeable improvement!

South Washington Street – This resurfacing project from High Street to Breckenridge will begin once the crosswalk work at High Street is completed. This will be a relatively quick project with traffic limited to one lane during paving.

Crosswalks Everywhere – The Borough has contracted with Kinsley Construction for work on 13 intersections to bring 26 sidewalk ramps into compliance with ADA standards. They have been working on multiple intersections simultaneously with all work scheduled for completion by June 7.

Summer Alley Paving Schedule – Alleys to be repaved: Linbro Alley, Zerfing Alley (between Fifth and Sixth Streets and Franklin and Washington Streets), Hudson Alley (between Fourth and Sixth Streets) and Weaver Alley.

Reporting Pot Holes

Spring weather seems to always bring those unwelcome pot holes and our Public Works Department needs your help to locate them so they can be filled. Any pot hole, small or large, should be reported to the department at 334-4666 or dhilliard@gettysburg-pa.gov.

Complete and regular updates on road construction are available on the website: gettysburg-pa.gov

New Signage in the Borough



Borough Public Works crews recently installed 60 way finding signs to assist visitors to locate various destinations both inside and outside the Borough. The large signs (right) are vehicular directional signs, while the smaller signs (left) are intended for pedestrians. Two kiosk signs will be erected on the square. The signs are a joint project of the National Park Service, Gettysburg Borough, and Main Street Gettysburg.

Borough Streets and Alleys in Poor Condition

It was not much of a surprise when Chad Claibough from C.S. Davidson presented to Borough Council a report detailing the condition of our streets and alleys – 57% of streets and 58% of alleys were determined to be in poor condition. Only 8% of streets and 21% of alleys were judged to be in good or excellent condition.

There are approximately 15 miles of streets which the Borough must maintain. Alleys represent another 8.5 miles of paved road service. In 2011, the Borough will receive \$123,172 in State funds from a liquid fuel tax on gasoline based on qualifying street mileage. Total cost for street upgrades is estimated at \$7.8 million. Work includes preventative maintenance on our best streets because spending \$1 for preservation can save up to \$10 down the road.

How the Borough will meet these costs is not easily solved. Some suggested strategies include seeking loans and grants and widening alleys so they qualify for state funds. The report provides a recommended repair schedule for the next five years and cost estimates for each year. It was funded with money from the 2010 bond issuance and will be an important tool for budget planning. Funds from the bond will also be used to jump start the first year of the street and alley maintenance schedule.

Important Info

What do you get for your Gettysburg Tax Dollar?

Public Safety	.37
Fire Protection	.25
Public Works & Recreation	.18
Code Enforcement	.02
Administration & Finance	.18
Total	\$1.00



Two Farmers' Markets in Gettysburg!

Farm fresh local produce is now available two days each week in Gettysburg. The **Gettysburg Farmers' Market** on Historic Lincoln Square is open on Saturdays from 7am until Noon. (Closed for the Gettysburg Antiques Show.) Check it out on Facebook under: Gettysburg Farmers Market.

Wednesday's Market at the Rec Park is a new market that opened on May 4th. Wednesday hours are 2:30pm until 7:00pm. It is located at the parking lots on Long Lane. Wednesday's Market accepts EBT, Debit & FMNP. More information is available at www.acfarmersmarkets.org or on www.facebook.com/AdamsCountyFarmFreshMarkets. **Shop Local, Buy Local!**



The Adams County Transit Authority (ACTA) has announced a new **rabbitEXPRESS** service between the Gettysburg area and Harrisburg, beginning Monday, June 6. Designed for commuters, **rabbitEXPRESS** hopes to alleviate the stresses of travel including increasing fuel prices, inclement weather and vehicle wear and tear. The service will operate two round trips on weekdays.

The service will be offered from the Gettysburg Transfer Center, Gettysburg Gateway, a Park and Ride lot that is still being identified along Route 234 and a Park and Ride location in Dillsburg. ACTA is asking potential customers to log on to the **rabbitEXPRESS** website, www.rabbittransit.org/express, to provide feedback through a survey on the proposed route and schedules.

A new feature of the service would include WiFi access onboard the vehicles. There is also currently an Emergency Ride Home Program. This program would guarantee registered participants who commute to work at least twice a week a free ride home, up to six times per year, in case of an emergency. The service is a reimbursement program. For more information, please visit www.rabbittransit.org/express.



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Gettysburg Festival

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GETTYSBURG
FESTIVAL JUNE 10-19 2011

More than 50 Free Events!

Celebrate American arts, culture and cuisine
throughout historic Gettysburg.

Several free concerts take place at the Festival Main Stage at Gettysburg College. Bring your lawn chairs! For more information on all 75+ events, or to join the Festival as a volunteer: gettysburgfestival.org, 717-334-0853.

Gettysburg Festival's Community Companion: The Gettysburg Fringe Festival

Don't miss a full lineup of 25 Adams County events comprising this year's **Gettysburg Fringe Festival**, also June 10-19.