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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

Introducing the new Borough Manager, Florence (Flo) Ford

In August, the Borough welcomed Florence Ford as its new Borough Manager. Ms. Ford was selected from more than 80 applicants for the job. After all the screening and interviewing, the Council unanimously agreed that the applicant with the experience and skills to best meet the needs and challenges of the Borough was, actually, right next door. Ms. Ford had been the manager for Cumberland Township since 2004.

Flo has been in the municipal management business since 1994 when she became the Assistant City Administrator for Cheney, Kansas, a community of 1,800 located in south central Kansas. During her 6 years with Cheney, she gained valuable experience with managing water, sewer and gas utilities, police, fire and rescue, budgeting, planning, grant writing and project management.

The skills learned in Cheney served her well when she became the General Manager of a planned community, Star Valley Ranch, in Wyoming and later in Pennsylvania as the Interim and then Assistant Township Manager of Lower Providence Township, PA. Lower Providence Township is located in Montgomery County and is home to Valley Forge National Military Park. The municipal government provides a full range of services to a population of about 23,000.

In addition to her Masters Degree in Public Administration, Flo has a Bachelors Degree in American history. It was the combination of love of history and her calling to municipal management that brought her to Cumberland Township. The rural setting of Adams County was also the perfect place to follow another favorite pastime – owning and riding horses. Best of all for Gettysburg – She Loves a Challenge!

BOROUGH BUILDING UPDATE

(See proposed first floor plans on page 4.)

- The planned renovation of the historic Gettysburg Borough Hall began on August 23rd, and while services will still be available at 59 East High Street, Council meetings will temporarily take place at the Rec Park's Charlie Sterner Building on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00.
- The area housing the Police Department will be radically modified with efficiency and safety at the forefront. It will accommodate the federal requirement that juveniles and adults be separated during interview processes.
- A new entrance foyer will allow a central greeter to direct visitors to police or administrative areas thus providing the additional security to the staff.
- Placing offices for paying bills and traffic tickets and obtaining permits, licenses, and information on the first floor will allow for limited public access to management on the second floor.
- The Mayor's office and the Council Chambers will remain on the first floor for easy public access.
- The building, which was first a prison and then the Adams County Public Library, dates back to the 1850s, and has not seen renovations since it was transferred from the library to the Borough in 1992.

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Borough Council

Mayor:

William Troxell

First Ward:

Michael Birkner

Alice Estrada

Ted Streeter

Second Ward:

Holliday Giles

Bob Krummerich

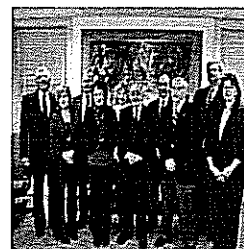
Claire Lewis

Third Ward:

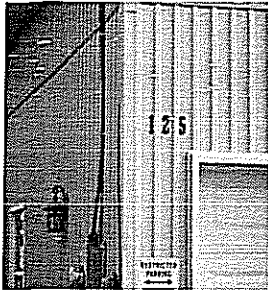
John Butterfield

Susan Naugle

Graham Weaver



NEW BOROUGH ORDINANCES ENACTED



New Requirements for Building Numbers

There is nothing new about requiring properties within the Borough to be identified by placing approved address numbers at the front of the property. What is new is a requirement that numbers also be placed at the rear of a property if there is access by a public street or alley. This new requirement, enacted by Council in July, **will go into effect on April 1, 2011**. After that date, property owners will be cited if not in compliance.

The additional requirement resulted from a request from emergency responders as well as our code enforcement department. Police, fire, ambulance and code enforcement often find themselves at the rear of properties and unable to quickly locate the appropriate building. With the health and safety of our residents a key concern, Borough officials agreed that rear numbers are needed.

The rules for both front and rear numbers are pretty simple. The numbers must be Arabic numbers or alphabet letters, be at least 3 inches high on a contrasting background and, most important, must be "plainly legible and visible" from the opposite side of the street or alley. Numbers are to be "conspicuously placed". When placing your numbers, think about where an emergency responder will most likely look. In the front, we suggest numbers be placed close to the main entrance. At the rear of the building, numbers should be close to the alley on a building (a garage or shed will work), fence or gate, or mounted on a pole. Whether in the front or at the rear, keep the numbers high so winter snow will not cover them. Finally, check from across the street to make sure your numbers are clearly visible. If you have any questions about placement of building numbers, contact our code enforcement department at extension 229 or codeenforcement@gettysburg-pa.gov.

Smaller Fire Extinguishers OK

After input from residents and landlords, the Borough has taken a second look at the International Fire Code requirement for a 10 lb. (capacity) fire extinguisher in rental units. Agreeing that some residents may not be able to easily handle a 10 pounder (which actually weighs 20 lbs), the Council recently approved the use of a smaller extinguisher – the 2A:10B:C type. This extinguisher has a 5 lb. capacity, is about half the size and less costly, and weighs about 12 lbs.

Bicycles, Skateboards, and Scooters on Sidewalks

The new Bicycle, Skateboard and Scooter Ordinance adopted by Borough Council in August has safety as a guiding principle. We wanted families to feel safe biking with young children. **Bicycles are now permitted on sidewalks** with the exception of the heavy pedestrian areas of Lincoln Square, one block out from the square in all directions, Baltimore Street and Steinwehr Avenue. Bicycles are regulated by the PA Vehicle Code so many of those requirements have been included in the ordinance, such as helmets for kids under age 12, adequate braking systems, and lights at night. Most of the new language in the ordinance emphasizes safe operation whether it is on the street with traffic or on the sidewalk. Scooters are treated the same as skateboards. Placing ramps on public streets or sidewalks is prohibited as is the operation of a skateboard or scooter on private property without permission or after sunset or before sunrise or when visibility is limited to 100 feet. Wearing headphones or ear phones while operating a bike, skateboard or scooter impedes the ability to hear traffic and is prohibited as well. The ordinance also covers parking these devices so as not to block business entrances or pedestrian travel.

Recycling News to Use:

Cardboard should be cut to the size that will fit in the recycling bin.

It is mandatory that newspapers, cans, bottles, and plastic containers be recycled.

Home Depot will recycle light bulbs of every type.

The Adams County Arts Council is accepting used printer cartridges at 18 Carlisle St.

Paint cans should be left open for paint to completely harden and then placed in trash.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE REC PARK

Sept 9 – Dec 16 Advanced Rec 4X4 Volleyball 7PM to 10 PM
Gettysburg Middle School Gym – Fee is \$130 per team
Contact Greg Deaner 334-9625

Sept. 19 Adams County Heritage Festival noon to 5PM

12:30 Shippensburg Blaskapelle (German Brass Band)
1:15 Svitanya (women's Eastern European vocal group)
2:00 Sunshine Dance Club (Chinese dancers)
2:30 Special Request with Tyrone Burrwell
3:15 Grupo Folklorico San Jose
4:10 Children's play: Ann Griffith as Mary Jemison

Everyday

Biser Fitness Trail

Dusk to Dawn

The Gettysburg Alternative Sports Park (GASP) will be open until the end of November, depending on the weather. Membership is \$5/mo or \$2 per visit (\$3 out of county visitors). GASP is available for rental for private parties. **Contact Collaborating for Youth at 338-0300 ext. #20** for more information.

Hours: Mon-Fri 3:00—6:00 Sat 2:00—6:00 Sun 2:00—6:00

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

**Heritage Festival Set for September**

Despite a funding setback, the Adams County Heritage Festival will feature a terrific program on September 19, at the Gettysburg Rec Park, Long Lane. There will be music, dance, children's activities, ethnic food, craft demonstrations and non-profit information-sharing. The long-time mission of the Adams County Heritage Festival is to celebrate unity and appreciate ethnic diversity in our area through music, food and the arts. From noon until 5 p.m., the tents will be up and crowds will bring chairs and blankets to listen to great music from a variety of traditions. See the schedule of events above.

To learn more about the Festival or to obtain a vendor application form, call 717-334-0752. Information is also available on the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice website at <http://www.icpj-gettysburg.org>. Be sure to attend the festival and put a pin in the map marking the country of your heritage!

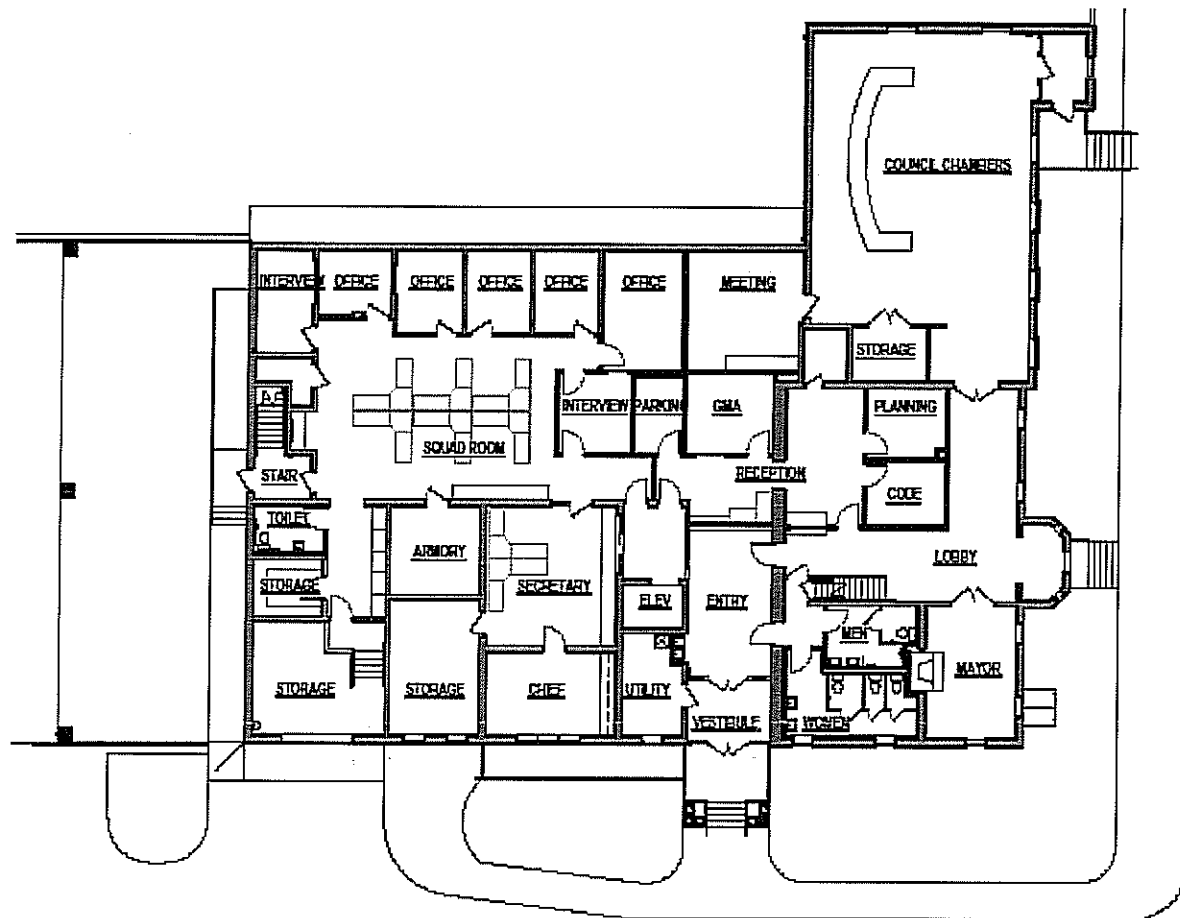
Police Contact Number Magnets Available

Residents are invited to pick up a free magnet courtesy of our Police Department. The magnet lists the three ways to contact our police department. Magnets are available at locations throughout the Borough including Borough Hall and the Rec Park. Here are some basic guidelines for using the numbers:

911: *emergency or life threatening situations where police presence is needed immediately*
334-8101: *situations not considered an emergency but needing police action*
334-1168: *general information or questions during normal business hours*

Help us cut future costs by emailing your name and address to newsletter@gettysburg-pa.gov to receive the newsletter by email and in color!

BOROUGH OFFICE BUILDING PLANS

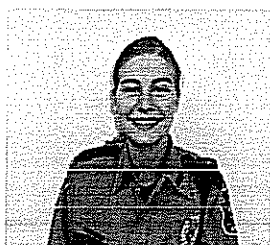


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MEET OFFICER SANGSTER

In this edition and future articles of the newsletter we plan to introduce you to the members of our police force. These are the men and women who respond to a multitude of events and crises – both large and small. We thought you would like to know who they are.

Officer Katherine Sangster is the newest member of our police force. Katherine was born in Baltimore, Md. She has lived in Hanover since 1990 and graduated from South Western High School in 2004. She graduated from Gettysburg HACC in Dec 2006 with an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. In 2009, she graduated from the 96th police academy in Harrisburg at HACC. Katherine has a six year old daughter who is the world to her and one sister and a niece. She likes reading true-crime novels and going bike riding on the rail trail in York. When she is not patrolling the streets of Gettysburg she is spending time with family and friends.

NEIGHBORHOOD MESSAGES**STEINWEHR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS**

In late November, work is expected to begin on the first block of Steinwehr Avenue from Baltimore Street to South Washington Street. The upgrades are designed to improve both traffic and pedestrian travel, provide safer pedestrian crosswalks, and generally upgrade and beautify this important commercial area. This is the first step in a long-term plan to revitalize the entire Steinwehr Avenue corridor. Cost of the project is covered by a \$2.5 million Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative grant awarded to the Borough. A \$300,000 Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan will cover engineering and design costs. C.S. Davidson has been awarded the contract for engineering the project. Delta Development Group, Inc. of Mechanicsburg is assisting with project planning. Construction is expected to be completed by late April 2011 – just in time for peak tourist season. Improvements include storm water drainage improvements, brick sidewalks and new curbing, new cross walks, traffic directional devices (chicanes and curb bumps), new street lights and parking meters, new benches, trees, and trash and recycling containers. South Washington Street at Tommy's Pizza will be closed for a portion of the project. All improvements are designed to bring the Borough into compliance with ADA standards.

Columbia Gas will relocate gas lines to the rear of properties and main water lines will run under sidewalks. Unfortunately, funding was not sufficient to cover the cost of relocating above ground utility poles and lines. Relocating the lines underground is very expensive. However, it may be possible at some future time to move the poles to the rear of properties at an additional cost of about \$500,000.

ELM STREET 2010 "OLDE GETTY PLACE"

The Gettysburg Elm Street program recently introduced a brochure launching a self guided walking tour featuring several historic sites located within the boundaries of "Olde Getty Place". The goal is to encourage tourism and pedestrian traffic in the designated eight-block target community. The neighborhood is rich in history and diversity, being the location of the first Black settlers in Gettysburg prior to the battle.

There are 13 stops featured along the walking tour in the areas of West High, West Middle, Breckenridge and South Washington Streets. Stops include the Lincoln Cemetery, St. Paul AME Church, the John "Jack" Hopkins House, and the home where Jennie Wade (the only civilian casualty of the battle) was raised at 49-52 Breckenridge Street. The entire walking tour is expected to take up to 1.5 hours.

Brochures are available at the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau, Adams County Library, the Gettysburg Borough Offices, and the Elm Street office located within the Pennsylvania Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. building at 40 East High Street.

"Olde Getty Place" Fall Clean Up set for Saturday, October 9 from 9am - 1pm weather permitting.

As winter approaches, consult the Borough Web Site, www.gettysburg-pa.gov , for up-to-date information on snow plowing schedules and sidewalk snow removal rules.

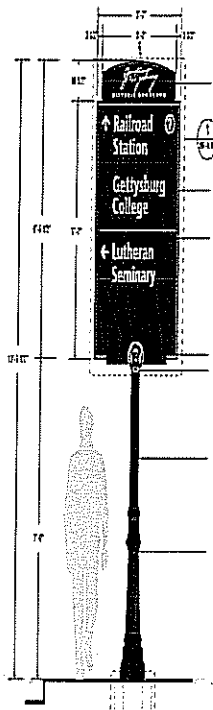
Highway Dept. is Now Public Works

Wayfinding signs

The Borough of Gettysburg is working with the National Park Service, PennDOT, the Adams County Transportation Authority, Gettysburg Tours, and Main Street Gettysburg on a new wayfinding system of signs directing pedestrian and vehicle traffic to points of interest throughout Gettysburg.

With clarified directional signage, it is felt that more visitors will experience the downtown, exposing them to additional businesses.

The Borough of Gettysburg is contributing an estimated \$80,000 in in-kind labor for installation of the signs which is expected to begin this October. A total of 53 signs will be included, with 33 signs dedicated to vehicular traffic and the rest dedicated to improving the pedestrian experience.



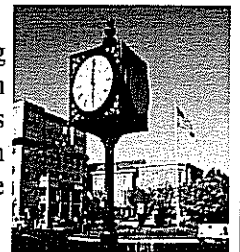
Paving Alley Ramps

The Public Works Department has been paving alley ramps for ADA compliance. Working the project have been Department Director Dan

Hilliard, Foreman Rob Harbaugh, Francis Dutrow, Randy Heflin, Jeff Gastley, and Ron Rosensteel.



Many thanks to the Gettysburg Garden Club for their work in the beds and planters downtown and to Musselman Greenhouses for donating the plants and flowers.



Fall Brush Pick-up



Borough officials have advised that public works crews will collect brush during the week beginning October 18. This marks a change from prior years when collection occurred around Labor Day. According to Public Works Director Dan Hilliard, the change

is in response to input from borough residents. "We had a number of residents tell us that it would be better if we collected closer to the end of the growing season. I think this will work better for everyone," he said.

The Borough advises residents to have their brush at the edge of the alley to the rear of the property by October 18. If the property

does not have access to an alley, the brush should be placed curbside. Brush should not be put out earlier than two weeks before collection. Hilliard cautions residents not to pile brush where it blocks the sidewalk or street or could obstruct a storm drain. He advises that the brush must be kept separate from leaves.

Leaf pick-up will be done separately in November with dates to be announced later.

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 and leaf collection are services of the Borough and are available only to properties within the borough.

GETTYSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND EXPANSION

Contracts for much-needed upgrades and expansion at the Gettysburg Wastewater Treatment Plant will soon be awarded. Construction for the \$17million project could begin in October. Gettysburg is one of more than 160 treatment facilities that required upgrade to meet increasingly stringent state and federal water quality standards in connection with the Chesapeake Bay cleanup effort.

The Gettysburg treatment facility on S 6th Street will be upgraded to a capacity of 3 million gallons per day (3MGD) by utilizing Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) technology that does not require expansion of the plant site. The design also controls project construction costs by using existing tankage. Upon completion after a 20-month construction window, the treatment process will rely upon well-established biological nutrient removal (BNR) technology to reduce harmful phosphorus and nitrogen from effluent that flows into Rock Creek, which is a tributary of the Potomac River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

Project costs, which are supported by a \$5 million H2O-PA grant, include design, engineering, permitting, construction and contingency.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Mark your calendars now!

2nd Annual Olde Getty Place

Halloween Parade

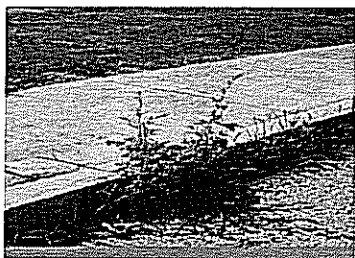
Tuesday October 26, 2010 7:30 PM

Rain date: Wednesday October 27, 2010

For registration call Stephanie McIlwee
at 334-1518 ext 269 or email smcilwee@adamscha.org



Cash prizes in several categories



CURB WEEDS

It's hard to believe that anything can grow in that hot, dry crack between the curb and the street, but weeds popped up everywhere this summer. And, they were greener than most lawns! According to Borough property maintenance rules, those weeds cannot exceed 8 inches in height (same as grass height). It is the property owner who is responsible for trimming them, pulling them or eradicating them with weed killer. Even the Borough received a friendly reminder from our code enforcement officer on this one!

ROUTE 30 REPAVING UPDATE

Robert Burns wrote, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft awry," and lots went "awry" with Columbia Gas Company's work on Chambersburg Street. Mistakes in materials, discovery of underground tanks that had to be removed, and other issues caused the company's work to take much longer than expected. This delayed the PennDOT's paving efforts and the "completed by the end of July" hopes were dashed. Watch for completion updates on the Borough website.



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Town Hall Meeting, October 19th

Ward 3 Council members John Butterfield, Susan Naugle and Graham Weaver will host a town hall meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM at the Charlie Sterner Building at Rec Park. This is an opportunity for residents of Ward 3 to ask questions and share ideas for improving Borough services. New Borough Manager Florence Ford and new Public Works Director Dan Hilliard and others will be available to respond to questions.

Recycle: It's the law!

Residents are reminded to get their blue recycling bins from the Borough and to pick up a copy of the many materials Waste Management will accept.

Gettysburg Borough wishes to thank *TNP* and the *Gettysburg Times* for once again providing the printing service for the Borough Newsletter.

