



Winter/Spring, 2012

# Gettysburg

## BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

### No Tax Increase for 2012 Budget

After several budget workshops which led to the Borough Council adopting Gettysburg's 2012 budget last December, Council members were heard to exclaim, "Thank goodness, no new taxes!" For the second consecutive year, residents will not see their property taxes rise but will continue to receive the same high-quality Borough services.

This year's \$4.41 million budget is virtually identical to last year's budget. The principal source of income is still the local property tax and all taxes combined will make up about 61% of revenue. The remaining 39% will come from charges for services (parking garage and meters, business licenses, building permits, etc.), grants from the state and federal governments and fines levied for violation of local ordinances and other small sources of income.

The bulk of our expenses pay for protection to persons and property in the form of our Police Department. Payment for wages, benefits, training, vehicle maintenance, supplies, etc. constitute 39% (\$1.64 million) of our budget. Public Works is our next most costly department, costing taxpayers \$847,745 for wages, benefits, equipment and supplies and all that goes into maintaining streets, alleys, the Rec Park and all other Borough public property and amenities. Other funded categories include recreation and parks and grounds, administration and finance, and planning and zoning.

The old saying, "You get what you pay for" certainly applies to Gettysburg and in this case, your Borough Council believes that the tax payers are getting full value for their hard-earned dollars.

#### Borough Council

##### Mayor:

William Troxell

##### First Ward:

Michael Birkner

Rebecca Brown

Alice Estrada

##### Second Ward:

Kyle Leinbach

Claire Lewis

Jacob Schindel

##### Third Ward:

John Butterfield

Susan Naugle

Graham Weaver

##### Borough Manager

Florence Ford



### Invitation to Residents

## Public Meeting

Share your thoughts and ideas for the  
Gettysburg Area Recreation Park Master Site Plan

**Wednesday March 21, 2012**

Sterner Building at Rec Park- 6:30 PM

J.T. Sauer and Associates will present several design options for future changes at Rec Park. Public input is critical to creating a realistic blueprint for future park improvements and usage. Help us create a park that fits the needs of the community.

*This is a joint project between the Borough of Gettysburg  
and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*

#### **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

### Announcements

To view the Borough Newsletter in its entirety and in color, visit the official Borough website at [gettysburg-pa.gov](http://gettysburg-pa.gov)

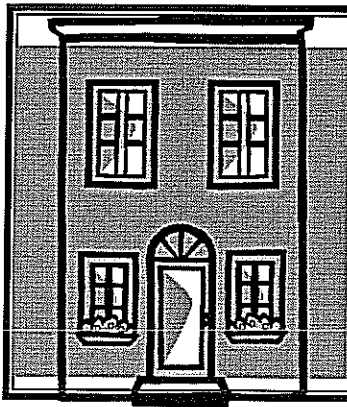
*In accordance with ADA guidelines, if anyone needs special accommodations when attending any Borough meeting, please notify the Borough Secretary (334-1160 ext. 240) at least five (5) business days prior to attending the meeting.*

### Streetscape Enhancement Project

Just when everyone thought downtown construction was over, it will begin again! In 2007, Main Street Gettysburg obtained a \$229,000 Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant for "context sensitive" improvements to the first block of West Middle Street. In layman's terms, this means brick pavers, coach lantern fixtures similar to those found around Lincoln Square, benches, trash cans and trees. The original plan was for the Borough's Public Works Department to do the work but this did not meet federal grant requirements. Faced with insufficient funding to complete the project, Borough Manager Florence Ford contacted PennDOT for additional funding.



As a result of Manager Ford's effort, PennDOT has approved an additional \$300,000 in Federal Transportation Enhancement funding. A contractor will be selected in a competitive bid process and work is expected to begin by late summer. While we can expect temporary inconvenience to pedestrians and restrictions on street parking, we do not anticipate any street closure to vehicles except in those rare instances when supplies and equipment are delivered for the project. The project should take approximately 60 days to complete and, when finished, will upgrade and beautify yet another Borough street, making it every bit as attractive as our downtown Lincoln Square.



### The Borough is accepting nominations for the 2012 Historic Preservation Awards

Is there a building you walk by that just amazes you? Is there a house that has recently received a wonderful paint job? The Historic Architectural Review Board is looking for your input. Please send us the address of any property within the Borough that you feel deserves to be recognized for work undertaken by the property owners. Please indicate what it is about the building that you find appealing. Send your nominations to HARB Awards, 59 E. High Street, Gettysburg PA 17325 or by email to mbush@gettysburg-pa.gov.

### From the Ground Up Needs Volunteers!

Are you willing and able to join us one morning each week, April through October, to help keep downtown Gettysburg free of litter and debris? Is your company or business willing to sponsor the From the Ground Up program? Contact Susan Naugle at snaugle@gettysburg-pa.gov or 334-1142 for more information or to volunteer.

**Special Thanks** to everyone who helped out in 2011, especially weekly volunteers Susan Naugle, John Butterfield, Sonda Newby, George Bender and employees of The Merchandiser. Thanks to the crew from the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau for lending a hand from time to time to expand the effort. And, a big "Thank You" to The Pub and the Gettysburg Hotel whose employees are out every day making sure their quadrants of Lincoln Square look great.



### First Friday 2012

#### In Downtown Gettysburg

March 2	March into Spring
April 6	Green Friday/Earth Day
May 4	Flower Walk
June 1	Celebrate Summer
July 6	GARMA Allstars
Aug 3	Local Produce

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**GETTYSBURG**  
**FESTIVAL**  
 JUNE 8-17 2012

A celebration of the arts, culture and cuisine with many events held in town including the *Brass Band Festival* and *History Meets the Arts*. For details and event schedule go to [www.gettysburgfestival.org](http://www.gettysburgfestival.org) or call the Festival office at 334-0853.

## COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND REORGANIZES

### New Committee Structure and Meeting Dates

#### College/Community

Claire Lewis, Michael Birkner,  
Jake Schindel  
4th Wed. 5:00 (Feb, Apr, Sept,  
Nov)

#### Community Development

Alice Estrada, Becky Brown, Kyle  
Leinbach  
4th Wed. 4:00

#### Finance

Jake Schindel, Alice Estrada,  
Graham Weaver  
4th Wed. 3:00

#### Human Resources

Claire Lewis, Becky Brown, Su-  
san Naugle  
Meets as needed

#### Legislative

Graham Weaver, Susan Naugle,  
Jake Schindel  
Meets as needed

#### Public Safety/Public Works

Michael Birkner, Susan Naugle,  
Kyle Leinbach  
4th Mon. 3:00

Borough Council looks very different in 2012. Three members, Holliday Giles, Ted Streeter and Robert Krummerich, decided not to seek reelection in 2011, creating two open seats in Ward 2 and one in Ward 1. John Butterfield continues his role as President, and Susan Naugle was named as VP, filling the position vacated by Holly Giles. While we lost years of experience and historical memory, we gained new energy and new perspective with three new Council members.

**Kyle Leinbach** was born and raised in Adams County. As a student of government and philosophy at George Mason University, Kyle was a member of the GMU Policy Debate Team (should come in handy for Council deliberations!). He is also a downtown business owner. He and his fiancée, Catherine Meador, own and operate Tipton's Grill on Baltimore Street. In addition to Council duties, Kyle is serving on the Community Development and Public Safety/Public Works committees. As a member of Gettysburg's business community, he brings perspective on the opportunities and the challenges for Borough businesses.



**Rebecca (Becky) Brown** was born in the suburbs of Chicago, but has spent her last 20 years in Gettysburg. Becky is a graduate of DePauw University and of Evanston Hospital School of Medical Technology. Her varied work experiences included hospital lab work, crossing guard, taste panelist (um!) and book reviewer. For 17 years, she worked at the Adams County Library, spending the last 15 in acquisitions for adult fiction and nonfiction. For most of her life, Becky has enjoyed art. She teaches at the Adams County Arts Council and her work can be found at local exhibitions and at the Spirited Ladies on Chambersburg Street. Becky also volunteers as a tutor for the Literacy Council.



Becky has a grown daughter, son and step-daughter, and four grandsons. Her husband, Richard Ezell, is a local storyteller and daffodil grower, a hobby that takes them to daffodil shows around the country. She serves on the Council's Community Development and Human Resources committees, a good fit to match her interest in the visual and community interaction aspects of Gettysburg.

**Jacob (Jake) Schindel** is well known in the community as the owner/operator of the Ragged Edge Coffee House on Chambersburg Street, at the YWCA and at HACC Gettysburg Campus. He has been active with the downtown business community and the Saturday Farmers Market and successfully rebuilt his business following damage from two separate neighboring fires.

Jake was born in Harrisburg and raised in Orrtanna. Following graduation from GASD in 1997, he moved into the Borough. In 2001, he opened the Ragged Edge while pursuing his education at Gettysburg College where he graduated in 2003. In 2006 and 2007, he served as a member of the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board. Jake has stepped up to assume the chairmanship of the Finance Committee and also serves on the College Community and Legislative committees.



## Council Appoints New Members to HARB

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **James McCabe** and **Philip Goble** to vacant seats on the Gettysburg Borough Historic Architectural Review Board. Mr. McCabe is a local artist with a Masters in Architecture from Yale and a keen interest and appreciation for the Borough's architectural landscape. Mr. Goble is a retired Marine Officer with experience in historic restorations in the suburban Washington D.C. area. He and his wife spent two years restoring their historic home on Middle Street.

If you are interested in serving the Borough as a volunteer, contact Sara Stull at ext. 240 and request a Volunteer Application. Becoming a member of a Board or Commission is a great way to serve your community!

## Around the Borough

### Phase 1 Complete!

#### for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion



The Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) is pleased to report that Phase 1 of the \$16+ million upgrades and expansion of its wastewater treatment plant is complete. Operation of the upgraded facility began in February. Improved facilities include a new Headworks Building (at left), housing wastewater screening and grit removal equipment, and a new Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) treatment process.

Phase 2 construction is underway. The second phase will include upgrading the existing Oxidation Ditch treatment process, raw sewage pumping and sludge processing, and storage facilities. A new, state-of-the-art computerized process control system will allow automatic control and monitoring of the treatment process. These upgrades are scheduled to be completed later this summer.

Gettysburg is one of more than 160 treatment facilities in Pennsylvania that required upgrading to meet stringent state and federal water quality standards connected to the Chesapeake Bay cleanup effort. Upon completion, the upgraded process will be capable of removing nitrogen and phosphorus from wastewater discharged into Rock Creek, which is a tributary of the Potomac River and, ultimately, the Bay. The new SBR process increases treatment capacity to 3 million gallons per day without requiring expansion of the plant site. The design also controlled project construction costs by utilizing existing tank facilities.

Total cost to complete the upgrades and expansion is over \$18.3 million. The project is funded with a \$5 million H2O grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority and the issuance of bonds guaranteed by both GMA and the Borough of Gettysburg. Increases in sewer rates paid by over 3,000 GMA customers will be used by the Authority to pay off the 20-year bonds.



On average, 10 gallons per day of your water footprint (or 14% of your indoor use) is lost to leaks. One of the easiest, most effective ways to cut your footprint is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets. (Source: nationalgeographic.com)

More water saving tips at [www.gettysburgma.com](http://www.gettysburgma.com)

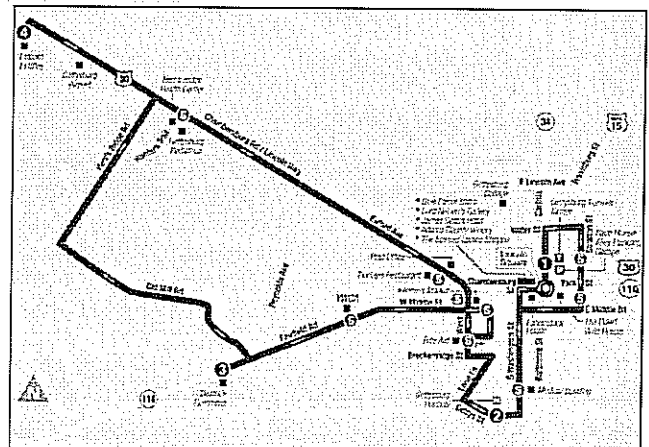
## Transit Update

### Freedom Transit is now FREE!

Need to visit the doctor? Have lunch with a friend? Get to work? Ride **FREE** on all Freedom Transit vehicles. Check out the Blue Line and see what you can do with the Blue.

Get additional information and see maps for all lines at [www.ridethetrolley.com](http://www.ridethetrolley.com).

Call 1-800-632-9063 for all your transit needs.



**COMMUTER SERVICES**  
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Commuter Services helps commuters find carpool partners through a confidential ride matching database. Carpooling with just one other person could cut your costs in half. If you carpool at least twice a week, Commuter Services provides reimbursement for an emergency ride home.

**SAVE MONEY AND STRESS!** Call 1-866-579-RIDE or check them out at [www.pacommuterservices.com](http://www.pacommuterservices.com)

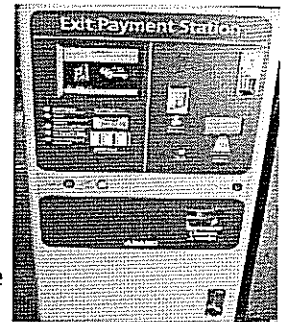
***Those Parking Garage Blues...by Borough Manager Florence Ford***

The Borough has found some common errors that patrons who use the parking garage may encounter. In order to help speed you on your way, we have put together some Parking Garage Tips:

- Tip 1: Have your ticket and form of payment ready** – this seems obvious but we have observed many patrons rolling up to the pay station, then fumbling through their purse, wallets, etc. to pay the fee. This slows the process down for EVERYONE.
- Tip 2: If at first you don't succeed, do not try, try, and try again!** Put your parking ticket in the machine with the magnetic (black) stripe facing up and to the right - We have observed patrons who continue to feed the ticket through the same way. If the pay station does not accept your ticket, please follow the voice and pictorial instructions given. Also, magnetic stripes become damaged if they are in your pocket or purse and get scratched, bent, etc. We suggest placing your ticket in your visor.
- Tip 3: Credit/debit vs. Cash** – Paying with a credit or a debit card takes less than 25 seconds. Paying with cash can take considerably longer.
- Tip 4: Security** – Credit and debit card payments are totally secure and encrypted. There is little to fear that your credit card information and identity can be stolen when making a credit or debit transaction at the pay station.

Following these simple tips can get you and your fellow parking patrons home sooner. In the very near future, the Borough will be offering the option of a prepaid parking card. You pay up front and the card simply deducts your parking fee each time you use the garage. This is a great option for people who don't wish to use their credit or bank debit cards.

The Borough is adding a "credit card/debit card/prepaid card" ONLY pay station at the eastern entrance/exit to the garage. We hope the added equipment will help patrons exit the garage quicker. We are also installing new signage and line painting to assist patrons in navigating the garage.



Lastly, please remember that the parking garage was not designed for mass exodus. There are back-ups and slow downs nationwide at theaters, sports arenas, etc. and our parking deck is no different. Plan your evening accordingly.

### **Meet Desk Officer Ozzie Colon**



For over 10 years Ozzie Colon has been the face of the Police Department for those who visit the Borough Office. As Desk Officer for the Department, Ozzie provides vital administrative support that keeps the department running smoothly. In addition to responsibilities as the Dept's dispatcher, he communicates with County Emergency Services; processes, maintains and archives records; collects evidence; and reviews all complaints to assure that accurate, complete information is presented to the court. He sees his "calming" communication skills as an important asset in dealing with the public.

Before joining the Department, Officer Colon spent 30 years with NASA where he was Operations Manager for the Hubble Telescope Project at Goddard Space Center. His job involved managing personnel, equipment and computers needed to capture data from Hubble which would be transformed into amazing photos of the cosmos.

Ozzie has volunteered for the Adams County Special Olympics for over 25 years and is a certified coach in four programs. He is Commander of the American Legion Post 202. He enjoys golf, fishing, camping and time with his wife Carol and daughter Tracy and family, including two grandsons.

**The Saturday Farmer's Market on Lincoln Square will open April 28<sup>th</sup> - 7 am to noon.**  
Come downtown and buy local produce, baked goods and more!



## Streets, Sidewalks, and Alleys

**Spring Brush Collection begins MAY 21**  
**Pile your brush at the edge of the alley**  
**or curbside for pick-up.**  
**Collection ends May 25.**

### Street and Alley Upgrades for 2012

**Sorry, Howard Avenue residents. . . . .** You will soon lose your designation as living on the worst street in the borough. A 2010 evaluation of streets and alleys by C.S. Davidson judged West Howard, from Middle to Prince, to be the poorest of the poor. The study found 60% of our streets to be in poor condition. The good news is that the study resulted in a five-year plan to begin fixing streets using funds from our 2010 bond fund combined with gasoline tax dollars provided by the State (about \$130,000 per year). This year Howard Ave. will be completely rebuilt to include upgraded storm drains, new curbing on the western side and ADA compliant sidewalk ramps. Borough crews will replace storm drains. Street rebuilding and paving will be contracted out through a competitive bid process.

Repaving is also scheduled for the following alleys: Brickyard; Smith; Hudson from 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.; Wye from 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.; Zerfing from 5<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.; and Zerfing from S. Franklin St. to S. Washington St. Completion of work will depend on how far Public Works can stretch the \$40,000 budget.

In addition, seven streets and seven alleys will be microsurfaced. This involves crack sealing and base repair by Borough crews followed by the application of a 3/8 inch coat of asphalt. Microsurfacing is a quick process and will extend the life of the street, saving the Borough money in future years. Parking will be restricted but streets should remain open to traffic. The streets and alleys are:

#### Streets

Sunset Ave  
 Long Lane (Highland to Sunset)  
 Park  
 Liberty  
 Fifth  
 Franklin  
 S. Washington  
 (Steinwehr to Hospital Alley)

#### Alleys

Noonan  
 Bickle  
 Mayor  
 Schoolhouse  
 Cannery  
 Pfeffer  
 Dobbin (South to  
 Hospital Bldg.)

### Managing Street Trees

It's soon time for sprouting leaves and thoughts of planting. The Borough ordinance defines street trees as "trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues or ways within the Borough." Generally, a street tree is one that is planted in or along a sidewalk at the curb edge and is not on private property. Street trees are regulated by the Borough and any request to plant, remove or alter a street tree must be reviewed by the Borough's three-member Shade Tree Commission. If the request is granted, the Commission will assist the requesting property owner with arrangements for planting, removal or professional pruning. Not all trees are suitable for urban planting and the Commission has a list of recommended trees from which to choose. Also, the Borough may find it necessary to remove a street tree because it is a danger, obstructs a crosswalk or has lifted a sidewalk. The Commission will work with the Public Works Department to determine the best action.

Street trees are good for business and good for the environment. They reduce urban noise pollution and contribute to a more livable and attractive community. This year the Borough has budgeted \$16,000 to be administered by the Shade Tree Commission to remove, plant and prune trees. The Borough has also benefited from projects which include the planting of trees, such as Steinwehr Phase 1. If you have questions about a street tree contact Dan Hilliard, Public Works Department, or [dhilliard@gettysburg-pa.gov](mailto:dhilliard@gettysburg-pa.gov).

### Doggie "Doo" and Don'ts



Walking your dog is great exercise for both you and your pet. Most pet owners are very respectful of their neighbors and the community and faithfully clean-up after their pets. Unfortunately, that is not always the case and doggie "doodoo" can be seen in yards, at Rec Park, and on sidewalks and streets. Very unsanitary and unsightly! Chapter 2 of the Borough Code of Ordinances requires that dog feces be removed immediately, carried away and disposed of properly. Offenders can be fined up to \$1000. An exception is made for a blind person using a service dog.

**Remember:** Dogs in the Borough must be on leash at all times, including at Rec Park. A dog "at large" can be impounded by police and the owner fined.

## What's New at the Rec Park?

### COUNCIL NAMES NEW RECREATION BOARD

For many years, recreation activities were governed by a very active and engaged Recreation Board. The Park was viewed as a resource to area residents, not just Borough residents, and Board membership represented a mix of Borough residents and representatives from surrounding municipalities. Unfortunately, meeting attendance gradually dropped and months went by without enough interest to conduct meetings. In 2004, the Borough officially disbanded the board.

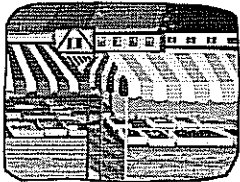
Last fall, Borough Council approved an ordinance to create the Gettysburg Area Park and Recreation Board and named nine area residents to fill board seats. The new members represent individuals and groups committed to seeing the park become a hub of recreation and community activities.

#### Recreation Board Members

Jill K. Herr, *Wellspan/Gettysburg Hospital*  
 Randy Smith, *Complex Group, Inc.*  
 Chris Hastings, *Gettysburg Area School Dist*  
 Stephanie McIlwee, Chair, *Olde Getty Place*  
 Phil Cosden, Vice Chair, *Gbg Little League*  
 Roger Heyser, *Gettysburg Fire Department*  
 Gareth (Lefty) Biser, *Community At-Large*  
 Steve Fehringer, *Manos Unidas*  
 Susan Naugle, Secretary, *Borough Council*

Thru April 13	Indoor Walking Track – GASD High School Mon & Wed – 7pm to 8:30pm
April 22	Annual MS Walk 9am to 5pm
May 19	Community Yard Sale -space rental \$10.00
June 26	Annual Fireman's Carnival begins
June - Aug	Sunday Concert Series - 7pm

**REC PARK SUMMER HOURS begin in March**  
 Monday – Friday  
 9 am to 4 pm  
 For info and rentals  
 call 334-2028



**Wednesday's Market at the Rec Park opens in Mid-May**  
 2:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**EBT, SNAP, Debit & FMNP accepted!**

More information is available at [www.acfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.acfarmersmarkets.org) or  
 on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AdamsCountyFarmFreshMarkets>.

## What's New with Recycling?

There are several new developments in recycling opportunities for Borough residents:

- By January of 2014, waste haulers will be required by law to become certified in recycling electronics. According to officials, Waste Management will seek such certification by that date. In the meantime, The Adams Rescue Mission is the area's only certified drop-off point for Freon-free electronic items to be recycled. They will accept, at no charge, desktop & laptop computers (Any computers collected will have their hard drive data destroyed), monitors & printers, televisions, stereos, toasters, coffee makers, etc. The Mission, located at 2515 York Road, is open Monday-Saturday, 8a.m.-4p.m. (717) 334-7502
- Lowes and Home Depot in Hanover will recycle rechargeable batteries and CFL (curly topped) lightbulbs.
- Schaedler/YESCO in New Oxford will accept long florescent bulbs. Call ahead (334-0106).
- Totally Stainless/Doc. Garrett in Biglerville will accept Styrofoam products. Call ahead (677-8811).
- Recycle your old prescription eyeglasses at Kennie's Market or Laslow's Pharmacy.
- The Arts Council and the Public Library will accept empty ink cartridges to recycle.



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#### **"SMART PARKING" THIS SUMMER**

Testing will begin this summer on a new "smart parking" system designed to direct visitors to alternate parking sites when lots at the GNMP Museum and Visitor Center begin to fill up. The computerized system will activate signs directing visitors to alternate parking lots. Freedom Transit buses will provide transportation from the alternate parking to the museum and other sites in Gettysburg. The system will reduce traffic congestion, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and improve the visitor experience. Increased visitor awareness of the benefits of using Freedom Transit will also benefit our in-town businesses while reducing overall traffic.



The project is a joint effort by PennDOT, the York Adams Transportation Authority, the Gettysburg Foundation and others. The system is expected to be fully functional by the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. Thanks to the Gettysburg Foundation, all rides on Freedom Transit are free through 2013.

**Don't forget to vote on Primary Election Day April 24th.**  
Polling sites are:

Ward 1: Gettysburg Fire Hall  
Ward 2: College Union Bldg Room 126  
Ward 3: Sterner Building, Rec Park



#### **News from *Olde Getty Place***

Watch for big improvements to South Street and South Washington Street (between Breckenridge and South Street). Street lamps, matching the ones downtown, and planters full of spring and summer flowers will be installed as well as new trash/recycling bins. Façade improvement projects continue as part of the revitalization of the Elm Street neighborhood.

Upcoming events:



**Spring Clean-up** - Date to be announced

**Olde Getty Place Easter Egg Hunt** - Sponsored by GUMC on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Rec Park

**Gettysburg Craft Brew Summit** - Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
.....more information to follow

**Olde Getty Place Picnic and BBQ** - Sponsored by GUMC on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Park

For more information about *Olde Getty Place*.....  
contact Stephanie McIlwee at 334-1518 ext 229 or at  
[smcilwee@adamscha.org](mailto:smcilwee@adamscha.org)