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Important Numbers:

Borough
334-1160

Police Dept
334-1168

After Hours
Non-Emergency
334-8101

Rec park
334-2028

GMA
334-6738

Gettysburg

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to all Borough residents! I hope 2010 will be at least as prosperous as 2009!

As you may have heard, former Borough Manager John Lawver retired after 29 distinguished years of service. The interim manager is **Peter Marshall** who will serve while his company conducts a nation-wide search for a replacement. If everything goes smoothly, we estimate it will be about 6 months before a new manager is named. If you have a chance, stop by 59 East High Street & say "Hello" to Peter.

The plans for the renovation of our historic Borough administrative building are finished and will go out for bid very soon. The architect believes that it will take about 7 months to complete the job. The plan is that offices will be moved within the building as construction proceeds from one area to another. **Customers will still be able to pay bills and obtain applications at 59 E. High St., however you may need to**

go to a different location within the building. The Borough Council and its various committees will be temporarily meeting in the Sterner Building at the Rec. Park. When this occurs it will be announced in the newspaper and will be posted on the Borough website.

www.gettysburg-pa.gov

I know everyone joins me in thanking the Borough Highway department for the first-rate job they did clearing the streets and alleys of snow from the two big storms we had. They worked overtime and at night plowing and removing snow from the downtown area so that residents and guests could park their cars and conduct business in the various stores. If you see Danny Hilliard or any of his hard-working team, please take time to tell them "Thank You" for a job well done.

As always, if you have questions or comments about our community, please contact the Borough Manager or your elected Councilperson.

John D. Butterfield
Borough Council President



2010 Borough Council

Mayor:

William Troxell

First Ward:

Michael Birkner
Alice Estrada
Ted Streeter

Second Ward:

Bob Krummerich
Claire Lewis
Holly Giles

Third Ward:

Graham Weaver
John Butterfield
Susan Naugle

REORGANIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL

State law requires that municipalities "organize" on the first Monday of January in even-numbered years. The Borough Council met on January 4th with Mayor William Troxell presiding over the meeting until the Council elected its president. This year, the gavel passed to John Butterfield as Council President with Holliday Giles continuing in her role as Vice President. We also welcomed a new face to Council — Graham Weaver representing the Third Ward. Graham is a Navy veteran and served in a number of communication related positions with the federal government, including the Department of Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency. He retired to Gettysburg in 2004 to pursue his interest in the Civil War.

Getting organized also includes making appointments to various Borough positions, such as secretary, treasurer, auditor, solicitor, etc., and setting the date and time for future meetings. Most of the positions remain the same as 2009 with one notable exception. The January meeting marked the final Council meeting for retiring Borough Manager, John Lawver. The Council appointed Peter S. Marshall as the Interim Manager until the Borough can recruit and hire a permanent manager.



TRANSITION TO A NEW MANAGER

On January 4, long-time Borough employee John Lawver said goodbye to his job as Borough Manager. With 29 years of service to the Borough, John understood the workings of the Borough better than anyone. At the request of Council, John will be available, as needed on a contract basis, to help the Borough with some of the projects that began during his tenure.

To guide us through this important (and challenging) transition, the Council hired Peter S. Marshall, Managing Consultant for Municipal Resources of PA, to provide interim management services and to recruit a permanent manager. Mr. Marshall has a Masters in Government Administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and 40 years experience as a municipal manager. He retired as Manager of the Borough of State College in 2007 and now does consulting work for municipal governments. When he is not spending his 20 hours per week as our manager, he is home in Boalsburg, PA.

As Interim Manager, Mr. Marshall sees his role as one "to support the Council in achieving the priorities that have been identified or the objectives that have been established." Hiring an Interim Manager gives the Council an opportunity to conduct a thorough and thoughtful search for a permanent manager. As our Interim Manager, Mr. Marshall will develop a keen understanding of the needs of the community as he also assists the Council with recruitment and selection. Conversely, the Council and the community can benefit from his experience managing other communities ranging in population from 3,500 to 39,000.

This is an important transition for our community. Selection of a new manager could well be the most important decision this Council will make. We are fortunate to have Mr. Marshall to guide us. In his role as recruiter, Mr. Marshall will advertise the position, review and screen all applicants, and determine the finalists to be interviewed. He will assist the Council through the interview process, conduct final reference and background checks, and help the Council develop the terms and conditions for the selected candidate. The process is expected to take about six months. Mr. Marshall has been very impressed with our town; he sees it as a great place to live and work and is optimistic that many well-qualified candidates will recognize the borough manager position as a unique opportunity.

DEP GRANT AWARD

On November 17, 2009 the Borough of Gettysburg was awarded a grant from the PA Conservation Works! program administered by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

The Conservation Works! Grant program has been made available through the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** for

the 2009 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. Its purpose is to assist local government and non-profit entities in funding renewable energy efficiency projects that result in a minimum of 25% conservation of all energy used.

The funding in the amount of **\$250,000** will be used toward the borough municipal building's

energy conservation project scheduled to begin this summer. The grant will cover a portion of the new insulation, new energy efficient windows, new HVAC equipment, as well as the new energy efficient lighting system and the low water consumption plumbing fixtures.

This grant will reduce funds needed to complete the project by May 2011.



How can you reduce your impact? If every American home replaced its 5 most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs in them with Energy Star qualified lighting, we would save close to \$8 billion each year in energy costs and together we'd prevent the greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from nearly 10 million cars.

UPCOMING REC PARK EVENTS

March 13 Maple Sugaring by Strawberry Hill 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, and 3:30

Join Strawberry Hill naturalists to see and learn the process for making maple syrup. Contact Strawberry Hill at 642-5840 to register.

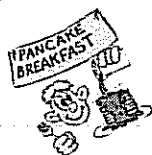
See page 5 for more details.



March 13 Pancake Breakfast at the Park 8:00am—11:00am

Bring the entire family and join your neighbors for this first time event and help support recreation programs.

See page 5 for details.



May 8 17th Annual National Association of Letter Carrier Food

Drive Noon—5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Letter Carriers with the United Way of Adams County as a community partner.



May 15 Spring Community Yard Sale 7 am to 3 pm

\$10 SET-UP FEE

Call Rebecca at the Rec Park 334-2028 for more information

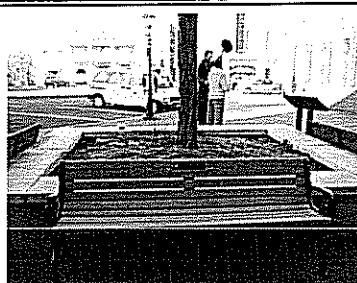
Be Counted in 2010

United States
Census 2010
IT'S IN OUR HANDS

April 1, 2010 is **CENSUS DAY** and every household and person living in the Borough as of that date must be counted. It is estimated that for every person not counted approximately \$1,300 in annual funding will be lost.—grants for needed services; planning for hospitals, roads, schools, etc.; and developing local initiatives. Over 10 years that amounts to \$13,000. For just one household of four not counted, the loss is \$52,000. It's just 10 questions — the shortest questionnaire in history. The questionnaires, by law, will not be shared with any other government agency.

→ **Do your part. BE COUNTED!**

Rotary Donates New Bench



The **Rotary Club of Gettysburg** has purchased a bench and plaque in Memoriam of Deceased Rotarians.

In January, the Highway Dept. placed the bench on the Lincoln Sq. Southeast quadrant.

→ www.gettysburgrotary.org

Earned Income and Local Services Tax

The **Earned Income Tax** is a tax levied only on residents' earned income such as wages, salaries, or other reimbursement for work performed. Currently, the total **Resident Earned Income Tax** amount for **Gettysburg Borough** is **1.7%**. Of this total, the **Municipal Resident EIT** is **0.5%** and the **School District Resident EIT** is **1.2%**. The current **Local Services Tax** total is **\$52** —the municipal sum is **\$47** and the school district sum is **\$5**.

Gettysburg residents filing local tax returns should remit the **Municipal Resident EIT** amount and the **LST** amount to **Centax**. (www.centaxgroup.com) The **Gettysburg School District Resident EIT** amount should be remitted to **York Adams Tax Bureau** (www.YATB.com). Please contact the tax collection agencies for more information.



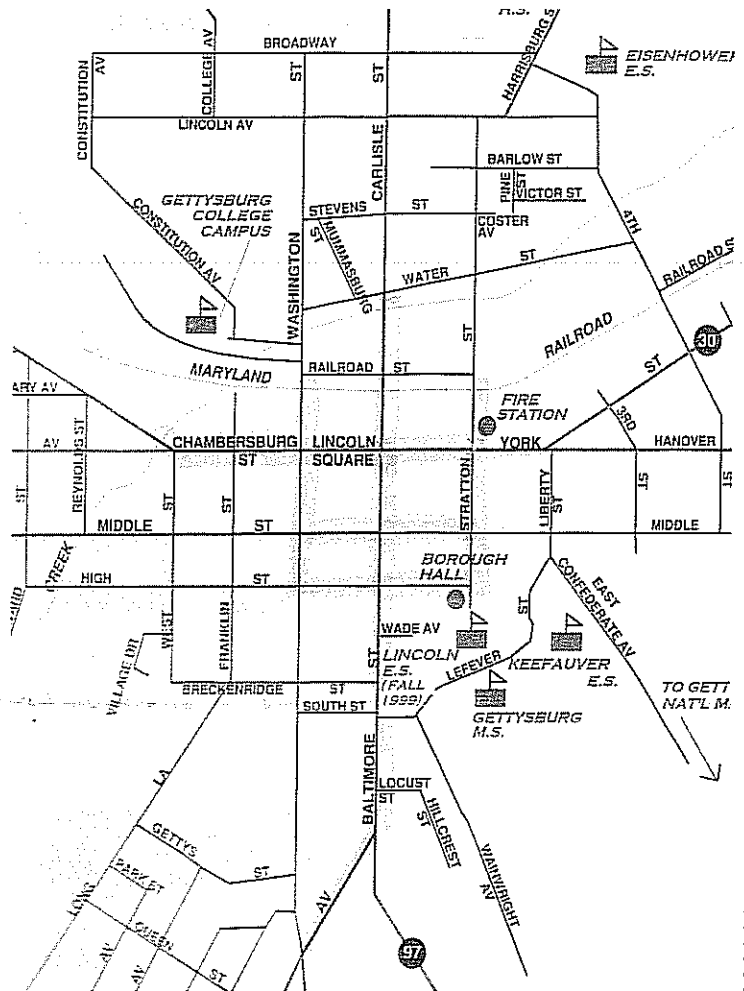
RULES FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

This winter, most Borough residents have extra time to clear sidewalks of snow and ice due to a change enacted by Borough Council in November 2009. **Sidewalks within the shaded area on the map must be cleared within 12 hours after the snow/ice event stops** – no alteration there. However, outside the shaded area, property owners now have up to **24 hours** to clear their sidewalks. In all areas a path of at least **30 inches** must be cleared.

The faster sidewalk clearance is needed in business and metered areas so our Highway Department can work quickly to remove and haul snowfalls of 5 inches or more. Snow removal is not only important for our businesses; it also helps to prevent flooding.

If snow/ice cannot be cleared because of packing or freezing, you must apply sand or a similar anti-skid material to insure the sidewalk is safe for pedestrians.

 * Anti-skid materials *
 * such as UREA and *
 * CALCIUM CHLO- *
 * RIDE will not harm *
 * the sidewalk! *



Where can I put the snow?

If you have a yard, that is the ideal place to shovel or blow your snow. If you have a grass strip between your sidewalk and the curb, pile the snow there. If no grass strip is available, you may pile it along the gutter line of the curb. Here are a few important don'ts:

- Don't throw snow out into the street.
- Don't pile it near a fire hydrant or within 5 feet of a storm drain.
- Don't push snow out of parking lots and across the street. Snow should be piled somewhere within the parking lot.

Your highway crew is committed to keeping our streets safe and clear.

Remember, spring is just around the corner!
Spring Brush pick-up is the week of May 24.

What is Happening?

Strawberry Hill's Maple Sugaring Programs at Gettysburg Recreation Park March 13th 2010

Come out and enjoy a hands-on experience suitable for all ages. Participants will have the opportunity to experience all facets of maple sugaring- selecting a tree, drilling into it, tapping, collecting sap and finally tasting freshly cooked syrup! The program also includes a sing-along and a fun-filled taste test in which you will sample a variety of syrups.

Programs at - 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm & 3:30pm
Children under 3 FREE
Ages 3-12 \$3.00
Adults 13 and up \$6.00

Pre-registration Ends on February 19th
\$5.00/adult \$3.00/child

Please contact Strawberry Hill at (717) 642-5840 or info@strawberryhill.org to register

Pancake Breakfast at the Rec Park March 13th 2010 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

The Gettysburg Recreation Department invites you to attend our first Pancake Breakfast at the Charlie Sterner Recreation Building. Enjoy all you can eat pancakes and scrambled eggs with sausage and beverages. Combine this with Strawberry Hill's Maple Sugaring Program or walk our Biser Fitness Trail for a fun family event. **All proceeds will benefit recreation programming.**

Children under 5 FREE
Ages 5-12 \$3.00 Adults \$6.00

RECYCLING WORKS!

The items that you recycled resulted in less trash being hauled to the landfill and lower costs for our solid waste hauler. When the new contract with Waste Management was negotiated, those savings were passed on to our residents resulting in a **decrease in residential rates of about 12 percent** - almost unheard of these days.

New Tag-a-Bag Program

The 2010 waste hauling contract with Waste Management of Central Pennsylvania is similar to the previous contract with one notable difference. The new contract provides for a per-bag service for households with low trash volume. (Regular residential service allows for the equivalent of three loaded containers weighing not more than 75 pounds each, nor exceeding a volume of 32 gallons each.) Households using the regular residential service may purchase tags for extra trash disposal.

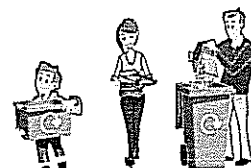
The **new tag service cost is \$3.75 per tag** with a minimum purchase of 12 tags when purchased from Waste Management. The tags may be purchased in smaller quantities, beginning in March, at the Borough office cashier's desk and Kennie's Market. Residents under the Tag-a-Bag plan can place as many bags out as they wish, as long as they are tagged properly. **Tagged bags must be placed in a trash can for pick up.**

Both plans include large item pick up and, most importantly, **recycling at no additional cost.** All customers may put one large item out for pick up by Waste Management each week. The exception is any item containing Freon, such as refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. and tires. For disposal of these items, customers must call Waste Management to schedule the pick up. Waste Management will remove these items on the date scheduled with the customer. The scheduled pick-up date will be within one week of the customer's call. Spring cleaning, anyone?

Contact Waste Management's call center at 1-800-634-4595 to enroll in the Tag Plan or to schedule a large item pick-up.

Did you know?

The three arrows in the recycle symbol signify "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle." What you can do to recycle and reduce waste? Visit <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/wywd/index.htm>





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newsletter via email, send request to
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Weather Emergency

At its February 8th meeting, the Borough Council unanimously voted to declare a disaster emergency due to the severe winter weather. Interim Manager Peter Marshall asked for the declaration because storms threatened to create problems "greater in scope than the Borough may be able to handle."

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the declaration authorizes the Manager to act as necessary to meet the demands of the emergency. This could include rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, hiring temporary workers, and contracting for services to assist with snow removal. The declaration may also help qualify the Borough for possible **state or federal aid** to help defray the cost of responding to the emergency. The Council also granted authority to the Borough Manager to open the **Borough Parking Deck on Race Horse Alley** to downtown residents in the event of heavy snowfalls like the one earlier in February. This will help the Borough Highway Department clear snow from downtown streets more efficiently.

Property Reassessment

If you own property in the Gettysburg Borough you already have or soon will be asked to provide information about your property as part of the Adams County Reassessment Project. Data collectors from 21st Century Appraisal, Inc. will measure and photograph the property **but will never ask to enter your residence.**

They will have County issued ID badges and reassessment signs on their vehicles. If you need to verify the identity of a data collector or have questions, **please contact 21st Century at 717-338-1700.**

For more information, log onto to
www.adamscounty.us

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